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Pediatric Academic Societies
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Dear Kathy Cannon,

This is in response to your letter of November 21, 2008, as the CBSA Conventions Services Program has officially recognized your event and granted permission to import goods for this event only.

Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting

April 28 – May 6, 2010
Vancouver Convention Centre
Vancouver, BC

You have requested Border-to-Show for your event. I am pleased to authorize this service for your event. CBSA - CSP has advised its ports of entry to allow your goods to move directly to the show site (once they have been reported to CBSA at the first port of entry) where officials will perform the necessary clearance procedures.

According to your letter, your event is closed to the general public and expecting 6000 attendees. There will be 130 non-Canadian and 2 Canadian exhibitors, who will be importing for display purposes only, pediatric research and educational materials, as well as convention materials such as promotional literature, videos and newsletters. Additionally, you have confirmed there will be no sales of merchandise on the showroom floor and you will have giveaways such as tote bags for your delegates, each valued at \$3.20 CAD. Please note that any/all goods staying in Canada will be assessed duties & taxes accordingly.

Your event qualifies as a foreign event under classification **9830.00.00.00** and any imported conference materials (i.e., official paraphernalia, souvenirs, printed matter, pens, decorations, etc.) can enter Canada free of duty and taxes providing the items are exported at the end of the event. To enjoy this tax-free status on imported goods it is important that the event is not open to the general public.



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Additionally, you may import display items and exhibit booths temporarily under the provisions of tariff item **9993.00.00.00** so long as **the goods will be exported** at the end of the event.

Nationals of other countries may engage in exhibiting, selling or displaying goods without a work permit from Citizenship & Immigration providing they are not selling to the general public. Direct sales to the public at large require a work permit. Exhibitors engaged in direct sales to the public, where goods are delivered at the time of sale, are considered to be entering the labor market and a work permit is required. Additional information on work permits is available on the CIC Web site at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/work/index.asp>.

CBSA requires everyone seeking admission into Canada to properly declare them self to CBSA by providing accurate identification. CBSA will accept a valid passport or birth certificate along with supporting documents to establish citizenship.

If you will have attendees from visa requiring countries <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp>, contact the Special Events Unit of Citizenship and Immigration Canada at special.events@cic.gc.ca with the specifics of your event. They will assess the visa requirements for your event.

If you have been convicted of a criminal offense, you must contact the Canadian Embassy in your area or check the website below, to confirm requirements for entry into Canada. <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/faq-inadmissibility.asp>

To facilitate Customs procedures at the time of entry into Canada, we suggest a copy of this letter be given to each exhibitor who is importing goods into Canada for this event.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions or require further assistance. We are available at (604) 775 - 5379, or facsimile (604) 666-4470.

Regards,

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