



Canada Border Services Agency  
International Events and Convention Services Program  
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The Association for Research in  
Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
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In response to your correspondence dated August 3, 2018; the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) - International Events and Convention Services Program (IECSP) officially recognizes the following event:

<p><u>ARVO, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting</u> April 28 - May 02, 2019 Vancouver Convention Centre Vancouver, BC</p>
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Your request for Border-to-Show privileges has been granted. The CBSA 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.

The information provided to the CBSA states there will be approximately 11,500 attendees to which 98% are foreign to Canada and that the event is closed to the general public with sales of merchandise.

As outlined in your correspondence, this event is expecting approximately 118 foreign exhibitors who are importing display booths, computers, printed advertising materials and other convention materials for use at the event.

Non-Canadian exhibitors may import display items and exhibit booths temporarily as outlined in the provisions of tariff classification **9993.00.00.00** duty free, on the condition that the goods will be exported from Canada upon the completion of the event.

It has been determined that this event qualifies under the provisions of the *Foreign Organization Remission Order* as outlined in tariff classification **9830.00.00.00**. Conference materials (i.e. office paraphernalia, souvenirs, printed matter, pens, decorations, etc.) may enter Canada free of duty and taxes, provided the items will be exported upon the completion of the event.



Foreign exhibitors importing goods into Canada from the United States should consult with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) prior to shipping any convention materials. It is required that goods valued over \$2000USD be reported to USCBP. USCBP may document the goods on a form 4455 in order to identify the goods upon return to the US.

The IECSP has been informed that Freeman Expo, partnered with North American Logistics Services Inc. has been designated as the official customs broker for this event. If you have any questions regarding importing meeting materials into Canada or if you wish to inquire as to the brokerage services provided, please contact Sunny Salas at 416-989-9527.

CBSA requires everyone seeking admission into Canada to properly declare themselves to CBSA by providing accurate identification. CBSA will accept a valid passport as proof of citizenship. Persons who have been convicted of any criminal offences may be inadmissible to Canada. For more information please visit:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/inadmissibility/index.asp>

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

To ensure that organizers and participants of your event are aware of requirements for entry to Canada, the information provided to the CBSA may be shared with CIC. The CIC may, in turn contact event organizers to confirm details of your event and provide further direction regarding admission to Canada for those attending your event.

To facilitate border procedures it is recommended that foreign exhibitors and foreign attendees be provided a copy of this letter for presentation to a CBSA Border Services Officer upon their arrival to Canada.

In conjunction with the presentation of this Recognition Letter, an itemized list of goods including a description, country of origin, quantity and value is required for presentation to CBSA. If your event materials will be imported by a commercial carrier or courier service, a copy of this letter should also be attached to any shipping documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Sheila A. Curran

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cc : Sunny Salas, Freeman Expo

*The information you provide in this document is collected under the authority of **Section 107(9) of the Customs Act** for the purpose of the facilitation of border coordination services for organizers of international events being held in Canada. The information may be disclosed to Other Government departments and/or Agencies (e.g. Citizenship and Immigration Canada) for the purposes of providing assistance with admissibility requirements.*

*Individuals have the right of access to, the protection and correction of their personal information under the **Privacy Act – Section 12**. The information collected is described under the **International Events Personal Information Bank CBSA PPU 040** which is detailed at [www.cbsa.gc.ca/agency-agence/reports-rapports/pia-efvp/atip-airp/infosource-eng.html](http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/agency-agence/reports-rapports/pia-efvp/atip-airp/infosource-eng.html)*