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Optimist International  
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USA

Attn: Ronda Vaughn

Dear Ms. Vaughn,

In response to your correspondence dated February 7, 2018 the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) - International Events and Convention Services Program (IECSP) officially recognizes the following event:

**100<sup>th</sup> Annual Optimist International Convention**  
**July 7 – July 10, 2018**  
**Shaw Centre**  
**Ottawa, Ontario**

The information provided to the CBSA states there will be approximately 2500 attendees to which 85% are foreign to Canada and that the event is not open to the general public with sales.

As outlined in your correspondence, this event is expecting approximately 420 foreign exhibitors who are importing display booths, books, brochures and pamphlets for use at the event.

It should be noted that, non-Canadian exhibitors may import display items and exhibit booth 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, badges, flags, brochures, etc.) may enter Canada free of duty and taxes, provided the items will be exported upon the completion of the event.

Goods imported as “giveaways” must be accounted for at time of release on a [Form B3](#), *Canada Customs Coding Form* with all applicable duties and/or taxes collected at the time of importation.

Under certain circumstances, the CBSA may waive the requirement for goods being temporarily imported to be documented on the Temporary Admission Permit (Form E29B) as well as the posting of a security deposit.

At the time of exportation, goods granted temporary admission on a Form E29B or Carnet must be presented along with importer's/owner's copies of the appropriate documentation to CBSA for verification and certification. This presentation may occur at a CBSA office inland or at the port of export, depending on the circumstances involved and is necessary for you to receive a refund of any securities posted. Please note that the refund is not immediate.

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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: [www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/inadmissibility/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/inadmissibility/index.asp)

If you have attendees from visa-requiring countries ([www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp)), please contact the Special Events Unit of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) 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.

Visa-exempt foreign nationals, **excluding U.S. citizens**, now require an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. For more information please visit: [www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp)

**To facilitate border procedures during entry into Canada, each participant should have a copy of this letter and be in possession of an itemized list of articles stating description, quantity and value for presentation to CBSA officials.**

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

Sincerely,



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