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Canadian Border Service Agency

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About the CBSA

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) was established in 2003 as a response to the need for increased border services in a post-9/11 society, and brought together functions from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the former Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

The CBSA Mission

The CBSA's mission is to ensure the security and prosperity of Canada by managing the access of people and goods to and from Canada.

Responsibilities

The CBSA administers over 90 pieces of legislation that govern the admissibility of people and goods into and out of Canada. The CBSA:

- Offers services at approximately 1,200 points across Canada and over 30 international locations
- Manages over 100 land border crossings
- Runs marine operations at four major ports (Halifax, Montréal, Vancouver and Prince Rupert)
- Forms part of over 20 Integrated Border Enforcement Teams (IBET) across the country
- Manages postal services at three mail centres (Vancouver, Toronto and Montréal)
- Operates detention centres located across Canada

In a Typical Week, the CBSA*:

- Welcomes 1.7 million travellers
- Examines over 105,000 travellers
- Seizes drugs worth over \$7 million
- Seizes an average of over \$780,000 in undeclared currency
- Intercepts 1000 food, plant and animal products that pose a threat to Canada's agriculture
- Removes 250 people who are inadmissible to Canada, including over 30 criminals
- Collects \$75 million in import duties, and \$330 million in GST/HST

*Based on FY 2008-2009 data. All data is approximate.

Personal exemptions

When you return to Canada, you may qualify for a personal exemption. This allows you to bring goods of a certain value into the country without paying regular duty and taxes, except for a minimum duty that may apply to some tobacco products.

The CBSA has agreements with some provinces and territories that allow the CBSA to collect provincial and territorial taxes, levies and fees on goods that have a value higher than your personal exemption.

If you reside in one of the provinces or territories that has an agreement with the CBSA and you return to Canada at a port of entry in your province or territory of residence, the goods that you import in excess of your personal exemption will be subject to a provincial/territorial assessment. If you bring in more than the allowance for alcohol, you will have to pay the provincial/territorial assessment in the province or territory where you enter Canada, even if it is not your province/territory of residence.



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