



Canada Border Services Agency  
International Events and Convention Services Program  
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BC Grape Wine Council  
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Kate Durisek,

In response to your correspondence dated December 06, 2016, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) - International Events and Convention Services Program (IECSP) officially recognizes the following event:

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Enology & Viticulture Conference & Tradeshow  
July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Penticton Trade and Convention Centre  
Penticton, BC

According to your letter, your event is open to the general public, with the exception of the tasting workshops (which will be closed to the public) and you are anticipating approximately 20 U.S. exhibitors. Exhibitors will be importing grape growing and winery related equipment, such as machinery, stainless steel tanks, irrigation systems, labels and corks for display. Some international guest speakers may be importing sample quantities of wine for the closed workshops. It is noted that there will be no sales of merchandise at your 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.

Items imported to be given away or sold at this event will require formal customs accounting documentation and any applicable duties and/or taxes will be collected at the time of importation.

Customs may require a deposit on an E29B form to ensure the re-exportation of these items.

Any foreign exhibitors importing goods into Canada should check with U.S. Customs prior to shipping your convention goods, as the requirement is any goods over \$2000. U.S. must be reported to U.S. Customs. They can document your goods on the form 4455 so they can identify the goods on your return to the U.S.



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.

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.

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>.

To facilitate border procedures it is recommended that exhibitors 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,

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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-aiprp/infosource-eng.html](http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/agency-agence/reports-rapports/pia-efvp/atip-aiprp/infosource-eng.html)