



September 23, 2004

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Dear Sir:

As you may be aware, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has been working to develop regulations to implement Customs Controlled Area (CCA) legislation. The regulations have been proposed to allow the federal government to provide better protection to Canadians by establishing areas of increased security in locations where goods and persons subject to customs control are present. This will be achieved by extending existing CBSA authorities currently exercised at border crossings to specific areas within air, rail, land and marine ports, as well as various locations along the Canadian coastline and St. Lawrence Seaway.

A preliminary version of the regulations to implement CCA legislation has been prepared and is attached for your review. Also included are related legislative changes and the CCA designation instrument. If you require clarification or wish to comment on these documents, you may contact the CBSA at cca-zcd@ccra-adrc.gc.ca or by mail at CBSA, Enforcement Branch, 191 Laurier Avenue W., 13th floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0L8. All comments received by the CBSA will be considered.

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The proposed regulatory regime for CCA is an important component of Canada's National Security Policy. It is anticipated that the draft regulations will be published in the Canada Gazette, Part I in the Fall 2004.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed by

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Attachments