



Business Resumption Planning at the Border

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Security and Prosperity Partnership

- ❖ Announced by Heads of Governments - Canada - USA - Mexico - March 2005
- ❖ Detailed Action Plan announced - June 2005
- ❖ Approximately 300 deliverables
- ❖ CBSA leads 44 deliverables
- ❖ CBSA implicated in 102 deliverables

Item 9.2.7 - Business Resumption Planning at the border

Definition of Initiative

- ❖ Develop coordinated business resumption protocols at the border (POEs) in the event of an unexpected disaster and/or increased alert levels. (dual binational).
- ❖ Planned completion June 2006

Actions to Date

- ❖ CBSA and US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) identified project leads
- ❖ Preliminary meetings held to scope project
- ❖ Project plan
 - CBSA and CBP have identified areas to address (December 2005)
 - CBSA and CBP have engaged other government departments in preliminary discussions (March 2006)
 - Begin to engage private sector stakeholders in April 2006
 - Publish (to extent possible) protocols by June 2006
- ❖ Subsequent meetings to establish principles and draft protocols

CBSA's Concepts of Border Contingency Planning

- ❖ Concentric circles of border management
 - Apply border management issues at earliest possible point before arrival at the border
- ❖ Many players – Many roles
- ❖ Need to establish clear understanding of what can be controlled/managed
 - How to create predictability while maintaining security of plans

Avian Influenza / Pandemic

- ❖ Both Canadian and US governments have tasked departments with development of plans
- ❖ Plans to address how to prevent, respond, and recover
- ❖ CBSA and CBP desire to use SPP 9.2.7 to link border Avian Influenza / Pandemic plans

Communication during time of Emergency

- ❖ What information should be communicated?
- ❖ When should it be communicated?
- ❖ How should it be communicated?
- ❖ Who should communicate the information?
- ❖ Who should receive the communication?
- ❖ Is technology the answer?

Key Concepts

- ❖ For consideration in detailed CBP/CBSA Protocol.
 - The importance of ensuring that trusted traveller and trader programs remain operating, even during times of heightened security
 - The need to align measures to respond to identified risk events, or to understand the reasons for differing measures
 - The need to work with crossing operators and local authorities to design traffic management procedures that ensure access to the border for participants in the trusted traveller and trader programs, and to allow the identification of priority shipments
 - Development of a means to ensure common messages when communicating with stakeholders, and to establish effective means of getting our messages out to industry

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