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World Jade Symposium Association  
Suite 901 – 123 East Keith Road  
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Dear Brian Matheson,

This is in response to your letter dated November 21-23, 2014, as the CBSA Convention Services Program has officially recognized your event and granted permission to import goods for this event only.

**World Jade Symposium**

November 21-23, 2014

UBC Robson Square, BC Showcase and BC Hosting Facility  
Vancouver, BC

According to your letter, you are expecting approximately 1,000 attendees and your event is open to the general public. It will feature approximately 60 non-Canadian exhibitors, who will be importing various works of art in jade, for display and exhibit purposes only. It is noted that there will be no sales of merchandise at this event.

Non-resident exhibitors may import display items and exhibit booths temporarily under the provisions of tariff item **9993.00.00.00**, as long as **the goods will be exported** at the end of the event. These items qualify for full GST relief under GST Code 51.

Any 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.

Any U.S. 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.

To facilitate border procedures it is recommended that your non-resident delegates be provided a copy of this letter for presentation to a CBSA Border Services Officer upon their arrival to Canada.

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>.

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.

Regards,

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