

Calgary Chapter Seminar

Are You Compliant? Customs Updates & Industry Case Study

May 25, 2009, Bennett Jones, LLP, Banker's Hall, 855 - 2nd Street SW Calgary

7:45am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:15 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks	<i>David Bosse, Director Consulting, Cole Group & Chair, I.E.Canada's Calgary Chapter</i>
8:20 am	Internal Reviews and Trade Verification Audits This session will discuss the preparation/review necessary to ensure a successful outcome to a CBSA audit. The topics covered will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Adjustments and Voluntary Disclosures • Multiple versus Single Program Verifications • Priorities and Trends in Customs Audits • Common operational challenges importers face • Common problems in areas such as: H.S.Classification, Origin Declaration, Valuation of Goods, SIMA/Embargoed Goods, Duties Relief • Disputing a Decision 	<i>Darrel Pearson, Partner, Bennett Jones, LLP: International Trade and Investment Group</i>
9:30 am	Refreshment Break	
9:45 am	Canada Customs Update—ACI/eManifest, PIP/C-TPAT The new modernized PIP program came into effect on June 30, 2008 and is closely aligned with the C-TPAT program in the U.S. Current members of PIP were not grandfathered into the new PIP program were given a deadline of December 31, 2008 to re-apply. In this session, you will learn about the new minimum-security requirements, including business partner requirements and container seal guidelines, application procedures, and mutual recognition with C-TPAT. Phase III of ACI is intended to enhance highway and rail security and expedite trade processing at the border by developing and implementing electronic manifest reports. However, under eManifest not only will highway carriers have to transmit data electronically to CBSA pre-arrival, importers/brokers will also have to transmit an importer admissibility data set one hour in advance of arrival of the conveyance at the border. In this session, you will hear about the latest eManifest developments, including the proposed data sets, deployment schedule, and web portal design, and critical issues from a trade community perspective, such as first point of arrival and broker download.	<i>Jesse Goldman, Partner, Bennett Jones, LLP: International Trade and Investment Group</i> <i>Loretta Flood, Intelligence, PIP Program, CBSA, Calgary</i> <i>Renee Griffiths, Senior Advisor, Business Transformation—eManifest, CBSA</i> <i>Liz Pasieczka, eManifest Coordinator for the Prairie Region, CBSA</i>
11:15 am	U.S. Customs Update In this session learn about the latest developments in U.S. Customs procedures and requirements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits of the C-TPAT program: Importer Self Assessment (ISA) and the Fast NCAP program. • Implementation of the new declaration for all imports of plants and plant products under amendments to the Lacey Act; • Status of the new 10+2 Security Filing and the impact on Canadian importers, and; • New conformity certification requirements for imports of consumer products under the Consumer Product Safety Act. 	<i>Rochelle Anderson, Manager US Client Services, Western Region, Livingston International</i>
12:00 pm	Keynote Luncheon Address: RCMP International Anti-Corruption Crime Unit	<i>Constable Lloyd Schoepp, RCMP, Commercial Crime Section, International Anti-Corruption Unit</i>
1:30 pm	US Compliance and Customs Audits In this session you will hear from a customs and trade law expert on the topic of US compliance and customs audits. Ms. Polino has played a lead role in Canada/US NAFTA origin matters and will provide insight and advice to exporters regarding NAFTA rules of origin, tariff shifts, NAFTA treatment of duty free goods, and how to protect your firm financially if an invalid certificate is issued. She will also discuss the concept of "reasonable care" under US Customs law and CBP's focused assessment (audit) program.	<i>Teresa Polino, Counsel, Hogan & Hartson LLP, Washington, DC</i>
3:00 pm	Refreshment Break	
3:15 pm	Building a "World Class" Customs Department: Encana To maintain an excellent compliance record and ensure an efficient supply chain, timely and accurate information is critical. Find out how Encana created the ideal customs department, the "best practices" it chose to implement, and how you can introduce these changes in your company.	<i>Nicole Stewart, Customs Lead, EnCana Corporation</i>
4:15 pm	Closing Remarks	<i>David Bosse, Director Consulting, Cole Group & Chair, I.E. Canada's Calgary Chapter</i>

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