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2012-2016 PROGRESS REPORT: BEYOND THE BORDER ACTION PLAN

Trade Facilitation, Economic Growth, and Jobs

- Negotiated and signed a **Land/Rail/Marine/Air Preclearance Agreement** to provide the legal framework and reciprocal authorities for each country to conduct preclearance in a consistent manner in all modes, and procured the necessary implementing legislation. Agreed in principle to expand preclearance to: Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Québec City Jean Lesage International Airport, Montreal Central Station, and Rocky Mountaineer rail
- Successfully concluded two phases of a **cargo pre-inspection pilot** in which CBP Officers pre-inspected U.S.-bound trucks in Surrey, British Columbia and in Fort Erie, Ontario; completed the analytical phase of the pilots
- Launched a **Known Employer pilot** to assess a streamlined process for employers seeking to hire certain workers through employment-based visa categories, and announced a **new filing option for business travelers** applying for admission to the United States
- Released an **Inventory of Canada-U.S. Border Fees** and published an **economic impact assessment** study
- Published a **Trusted Trader Tier II Stakeholder Joint Consultation Report** to enhance trade compliance and expedite border and accounting processes, and released a **Review of the Importer Self-Assessment and Customs Self-Assessment Programs** to expedite the movement of trusted businesses across the border
- Released a joint report on **Facilitating the Conduct of Cross-Border Business** and implemented training and procedural improvements to help business travelers benefit from more efficient and predictable border crossing
- Increased and **harmonized the value thresholds** for expedited customs clearance to \$2,500 reducing transaction costs for trade by millions of dollars each year
- Simplified the renewal process for NEXUS members and expanded trusted traveler benefits, including **opening NEXUS lanes** at the eight Canadian preclearance airports and **expanded TSA Pre✓™** to members. Amended the residency rule for Canadian NEXUS applicants, and increased NEXUS membership to over 1.4 million
- Launched technology to **track border wait times** to enhance the border-crossing experience
- Established **Joint Port Operations Committees** at eight Canadian airports as well as at the 20 largest land border ports of entry, to support cross-border travel and trade
- The U.S. tested a new in-bond module for processing **in-transit/in-bond cargo** traveling by truck

Addressing Threats Early

- Jointly developed protocols to exchange information on those who present a clear threat, including **exchanging our respective “No-Fly” lists**, with appropriate protections for the handling and dissemination of such information and redress processes to correct inaccurate information
- Launched a **joint entry/exit initiative** whereby we share entry data on foreign nationals crossing at common automated land ports of entry, with a commitment to expand to all travelers by 2018. Canada has begun sharing entry information on U.S. citizens crossing the land border
- Achieved **mutual recognition of our respective air cargo security programs** to improve air cargo security and eliminate rescreening except for cause
- Developed and piloted an **Integrated Cargo Security Strategy** to address threats at the perimeter and facilitate lawful cross-border trade under the principle “inspected once, cleared twice”
- Shared relevant information to improve immigration and border determinations through implementation of automated checks of biographic and biometric visa and immigration information under the 2012 **Visa and Immigration Information Sharing Agreement**

	Developed a system by which Canada can systematically and in real time verify whether a traveler to Canada holds a valid visa in the United States to improve visa fraud detection and to advance travel facilitation initiatives
	Canada developed a mechanism for incorporating security screening of visa-exempt travelers through its Electronic Travel Authorization and Interactive Advance Passenger Information systems
	Eliminated the need to routinely recheck passenger baggage on connecting flights upon arrival in the United States through Canada's deployment of TSA-certified Explosive Detection Systems at preclearance locations in Canada
	Signed an MOU to establish a Canadian-U.S. communication process for shared information related to animal health risks in third countries, which will better protect the U.S. and Canada from animal and plant health risks
<u>Cross-Border Law Enforcement</u>	Tested cross-border emergency communication systems interoperability to share alerts, warnings and incident information to improve response coordination during binational disasters
	Implemented a binational radio interoperability system pilot in two locations between Canadian and U.S. border enforcement personnel to efficiently coordinate binational investigations
	Deployed Shiprider integrated cross-border maritime law enforcement operations in Vancouver/Blaine, and Windsor/Detroit, St. Lawrence, and Victoria
<u>Critical Infrastructure and Cybersecurity</u>	Developed and published annual joint Border Infrastructure Investment Plans to establish a mutual understanding of recent, ongoing, and potential border infrastructure investments
	Developed a joint Cybersecurity Action Plan to better protect shared cyber infrastructure and enhance collaboration with the private sector
	Completed a cross-border Regional Resilience Assessment Program (RRAP) to enhance joint critical infrastructure security in Maine/New Brunswick, and an RRAP in Alaska-British Columbia-Yukon. Officials are scoping a third RRAP focusing on the shared Northeastern electric grid
	Developed and released a land border traffic management guide to provide a planning framework for managing the flow of traffic near the border during a disruption caused by an event or incident
	Published and updated a Compendium of U.S.-Canada Emergency Management Assistance Mechanisms to increase cross-border emergency preparedness
	Canada ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime , commonly known as the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime
<u>Implementation and Oversight</u>	Released a joint Statement of Privacy Principles to inform and guide the provision, receipt, and use of personal information exchanged pursuant to Beyond the Border initiatives
	Ensured continued transparency and accountability by releasing public Beyond the Border Implementation Reports for 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015
	Formed an Executive Steering Committee composed of senior officials from both countries which meets annually to guide implementation of the Beyond the Border Action Plan
	Developed a Beyond the Border Forward Plan that introduces new or enhanced initiatives to build upon initial Beyond the Border successes and lessons learned.