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CUSTOMS NOTICE 13-019

Additional Eligibility Requirements for the Courier Low Value Shipment (LVS) Program

1. This notice formally announces that the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has implemented additional eligibility requirements for participation in the Courier Low Value Shipment (LVS) Program.
2. Participation in the Courier LVS Program is restricted to couriers that are approved Partners In Protection (PIP) members as couriers/carriers; in addition, Courier LVS Program shipments must be imported and transported by approved PIP carriers.
3. Participation in the Courier LVS Program is restricted to couriers that will allow the CBSA the use of their proprietary systems for the report/release functions and for risk assessment capability.
4. According to paragraphs 2 and 3, the courier will be required notably to demonstrate the following:

(a) Control requirements:

It must maintain a high-degree of control over their expedited shipments through the use of internal security, logistics and tracking technology; it must maintain a closely integrated administrative control over the shipments with operations that are sufficiently integrated at both ends of the service, i.e. from the time they are picked-up for export from the foreign exporter to the time they are physically delivered to the Canadian importer, so that it is exercising a high-degree of control over the shipments, particularly in regard to the reliability of the information that is supplied for CBSA purposes;

(b) Service requirements:

It must offer a service to the public under advertised, reliable, timely delivery on a door-to-door basis;

(c) Tracking requirements:

It must be able to track and control the expedited shipments at every point during their conveyance, and it must maintain the capacity to locate the shipments at any point in their conveyance and to obtain current information on the estimated delivery time of those shipments.

5. Participation in the Courier LVS Program is restricted to couriers that will be able to transmit the shipments' pre-arrival cargo data to the CBSA as they do today for high value shipments (**note**: this criteria will be brought into force at a later time).
6. In addition, a low risk sub-process has been created within the Courier LVS Program; it is dedicated solely for the importation of casual U.S. mail-order/direct marketing goods. Participants in this low risk sub-process are only authorized to import personal internet shopping goods. The program's exclusion of prohibited, restricted or controlled goods is also valid for this sub-process.
7. Please direct questions relating to the Courier LVS Program to:

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