

BEYOND THE BORDER ACTION PLAN NEWS OCTOBER 2013

Welcome to the second regular Beyond the Border Action Plan email update. These are being sent periodically to provide you with information on work to advance the Action Plan.

BEYOND THE BORDER CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

The Chicago Council of Global Affairs will host a major stakeholder engagement conference on the progress of the Beyond the Border Action Plan on November 4, 2013, in Chicago. Senior officials from Canada and the United States (U.S.) will participate, including representatives from agencies responsible for the implementation of the Beyond the Border Action Plan as well as representatives of major corporations and business associations on both sides of the border. Additional information will be made available once details are finalized.

RECENT PROGRESS ON INITIATIVES

- Canada and the US have worked closely on the [Integrated Cargo Security Strategy \(ICSS\)](#) over the last 15 months, and have launched a number of pilots.
 - The [Prince Rupert pilot](#), announced in [October 2012](#), targets offshore cargo that is destined for the U.S. before arrival at the marine port of Prince Rupert and allows for examinations at the perimeter before the cargo moves by train to the Canada-U.S. land border.
 - The [Montreal pilot](#) focuses on marine cargo that is destined to the U.S. via truck. It is based on a harmonized approach developed by Canada and the U.S. which allows for the screening of inbound cargo arriving from offshore.
 - The [Pre-load Air Cargo Targeting \(PACT\)](#) pilot is a joint initiative between the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Transport Canada that tests the ability to risk assess and mitigate threats to air cargo prior to the cargo being loaded on Canada-bound aircraft at foreign airports.

- In support of the ICSS initiative, on September 4, 2013, the Government of Canada announced \$46.6 million in investments under the Border Action Plan in two new [marine container examination facilities](#) to meet the anticipated growth in container volume through Deltaport, BC. These new facilities will help reduce processing times, related to security screening, resulting in savings for Canadian and foreign businesses, while protecting the health, safety and security of Canadians. These projects are an integral part of improving container logistics flow in the Lower Mainland. A further \$3.3 million in funding under the Asia Pacific Gateway and Trade Corridor Initiative (APGTI) was also announced at the same time.
- Canada and the U.S. have continued to work on preclearance and pre-inspection initiatives.
 - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) launched Phase I of the [truck cargo pre-inspection pilot](#) on June 17, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding signed [March 14, 2013](#). The project is a collaborative effort by CBP, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Public Safety. The Canadian Preclearance Act is the legal framework governing the pilot, under which Canadian laws continue to apply while in CBP's pre-inspection zone on Canadian soil.
 - Canadian and U.S. negotiators continue to meet to negotiate a comprehensive preclearance agreement in land, rail and marine modes and to review and update the air agreement, as necessary.
 - Canada and the U.S. have developed solutions to operational impediments to CBP preclearance operations in eight Canadian airports.
- A [pilot](#) extending Free and Secure Trade (FAST) benefits at the Sarnia, Ontario border crossing has been completed. This pilot allowed Partners in Protection (PIP) and Customs Self Assessment (CSA) trusted traders to use the FAST lanes/booths without having to be members of both programs, which is the current requirement. Evaluation is underway and results are expected by the end of the year
- Critical Infrastructure: Expansion of the Regional Resilience Assessment Program is underway across Canada, featuring site assessments of critical infrastructure facilities in order to strengthen readiness to respond to, and recover from, disruptions when they occur.

- On [June 26, 2013](#), the [Progress Report on Facilitating the Conduct of Cross-Border Business](#) was released by Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, Vic Toews, former Minister of Public Safety, and Janet Napolitano, former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Secretary. The report detailed progress on how the Canadian and U.S. governments are working together to meet the six commitments set out in the Action Plan to ensure business travellers benefit from more efficient and predictable border clearance processes, and committed to ongoing dialogue with stakeholders, to be launched later in 2013.
- In June 2013, the collaborative law-enforcement program known as Canada-U.S. Shiprider became operational in coastal waters near Windsor-Detroit and Vancouver-Blaine. Shiprider removes jurisdictional road blocks associated with law enforcement in the shared waterways between Canada and the U.S. It allows specially trained and cross-designated Canadian and American law enforcement to work side by side, on both sides of the border, while under the direct supervision of a host-country officer and under host-country laws. In addition to regular Shiprider operations in those two locations the following joint patrols have been conducted as “surge operations”:
 - From [September 13-15, 2013](#), the RCMP’s maritime unit in Kingston, Ontario and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) station in Alexandria Bay, New York, conducted a joint law enforcement patrol along St. Lawrence Seaway. As a result of the three-day operations, several vessels were stopped and boarded by specially trained and designated members of the RCMP and USCG.
 - From [September 4-6, 2013](#), the RCMP’s maritime unit in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario and the USCG station in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan conducted a joint law enforcement patrol along the St. Marys River.
 - On [August 26-27, 2013](#), the RCMP’s maritime unit in St. Andrew's, New Brunswick and the USCG station in Eastport, Maine conducted a joint law enforcement patrol along the St. Croix River, offshore to the Grand Manan Channel.
- On [June 30, 2013](#), the CBSA and the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), began implementation of [Phase II of the Entry/Exit initiative](#). Under Phase II, the CBSA and DHS are exchanging entry data collected on third-country nationals (those who are citizens of neither Canada nor the U.S.), permanent residents of Canada who are not U.S. citizens, and lawful permanent residents of the U.S. who are not Canadian citizens, at all automated land ports of entry along the common border, including all major

land border crossings. This phase continues to support the Entry/Exit concept: that entry into one country confirms the exit from the other.

- Emergency Management Communications Interoperability: A report and a [video](#) on a Canada–United States Cross–Border Technology Demonstration, named Canada/United States Exercise (CAUSE) Resiliency, were released in July. [CAUSE Resiliency](#) successfully tested interoperability between the two countries' situational awareness systems: Canada's Multi–Agency Situational Awareness System and the United States Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS).
- The Health Security initiative committed Canada and the US to develop a set of measures to reduce the impacts of shared health security risks. A workshop and facilitated discussion were held September 25–26, 2013, in Ottawa, bringing together Canadian and U.S. partners involved in Beyond the Border Health Security to complete elements of the work plan and validate the work accomplished with a view to implement this item, which is to be completed by the end of this year.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events:

- On October 6–8, 2013, the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance will hold a three–day conference in Washington, D.C.: U.S./Canadian Border: A Unified Focus. A number of Canadian and American officials will present updates on a range of trade, transportation and border management issues, including an update on work under the Beyond the Border Action Plan.
- On October 9, 2013, Beyond the Border Action Plan officials will meet with members of the Homeland Security and Defense Business Council and the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C.
- On October 22, 2013, in Boston, the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank, in cooperation with the Canadian Consulate, will be hosting a day–long event where officials responsible for the implementation of the Regulatory Cooperation Council and the Beyond the Border Action Plans will be on–hand to provide an update on progress and discuss next steps for both initiatives. The day will also include panel discussions with business leaders from General Electric, Philips Healthcare and others.

- The North American Innovation and Competitiveness Conference will be held in San Diego, California, from October 27 to 29, 2013. Senior Canadian and U.S. officials will participate in a panel on October 28, 2013: North American Borders in the New Global Economy.

Recent Engagement

- On September 12–13, 2013, officials responsible for the implementation of the Border Action Plan, provided updates at the [U.S./Canada Border Conference](#), in Detroit, Michigan.
- On July 16, 2013, senior officials from Canada and the U.S. gave a [joint presentation](#) at the [23rd Annual Summit of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region \(PNWER\)](#) Anchorage, Alaska. The presentation focused on progress to date under the Action Plan and 2013 milestones.
- Domestic Cybersecurity: Senior officials from Public Safety Canada, presented the Government's ongoing work with international partners to ensure the resilience of cyber systems vital to Canadian and global security, and our economic prosperity at CrossTech: Cyber Defence in the 21st Century, June 11–12, 2013. This conference brings together a select group of respected industry leaders, policy makers, business executives, technical experts, military and government representatives from Canada, the US, Australia, New Zealand and the UK.
- Canadian officials responsible for the implementation of the Border Action Plan continue to meet individually and collectively with other business and community stakeholders in Canada and the U.S. Since May, these have included events with business stakeholders in Bellingham, Washington, the Council of State Governments–West, in Las Vegas, the California Chamber of Commerce in Sacramento and the Annual General Assembly of Investment Cornwall, Cornwall, Ontario,

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Reference Documents

- [Beyond the Border Action Plan News – May 2013](#)
- [Canada–United States Beyond the Border Action Plan Implementation Report](#) (December 2012)
- [Beyond the Border Action Plan](#): A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness (December 2011)
- [What Canadians told us: A Summary on Consultations on Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness](#) (August 2011)

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