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TO: Whom It May Concern

RE: Port Metro Vancouver Labour Disruption

On February 26, 2014, the United Truckers Association withdrew their services from the Port of Metro Vancouver affecting the Centerm, Vanterm, Deltaport and Fraser-Surrey Docks Terminals. On March 12, 2014, unionized container truck drivers (UNIFOR) also withdrew their services, increasing the impact of the service disruption. Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has received numerous requests from importers, exporters, brokers, freight forwarders and carriers, who are seeking alternative avenues to ensure their cargo is not unnecessarily held and that releases can be facilitated. As a result, companies are requesting diversion of cargo to a U.S. port of entry in order to discharge cargo for delivery to Canada via truck or rail.

Previous Procedures:

In the past, the CBSA was able to utilize a contingency plan named "V Number Privilege" to facilitate the ease of passage through the frontier ports for diverted freight.

New Procedures:

In our current environment, with Advanced Commercial Information (ACI) processing, the previous contingency plan can no longer apply. As a result, clients must ensure that they continue to follow all existing guidance documents such as D-Memorandum and ACI Participants Requirements Documents. As we continue to expect diversions, the CBSA advises clients that all elements of the *Customs Act* and its regulations will be enforced.

For containers that have already received a release from the CBSA and were subsequently laden on board a vessel diverted to the Port of Seattle or Tacoma, we ask that brokers/importers prepare and submit a Value Included (VI) release request. This will provide proof to the border services officer (BSO) that the goods have been released.

Cargo shipments that do not meet the ACI requirements may be subject to CBSA enforcement actions. All other laws and regulations enforced by the CBSA are applicable to these shipments and conveyances. In addition, the CBSA would like to remind clients that all shipments must continue to comply with the regulations of other government departments, where applicable.

Please direct all questions regarding this memorandum to:

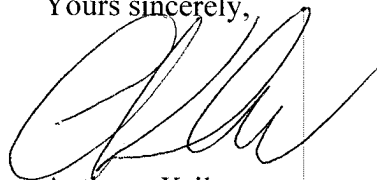
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Thank you for your co-operation during this service disruption.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AK', written over a thin vertical dotted line.

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