

## ***Changes to P.I.P. (Partners in Protection) Program Announced***

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### **Changes to PIP**

The CBSA has provided a draft of the transition strategy for the modernized PIP (Partners in Protection) program. Major changes are being made to PIP and will be effective on June 30, 2008.

The modernized PIP program will include new mandatory security criteria, policies and procedures that will bring Canada's program in line with the U.S.'s Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program.

As a result, all current PIP members will have to re-apply to the modernized PIP program after it is implemented on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The draft transition strategy (provided on the page following) outlines the timelines and policies for the re-application process.

## **Transition Strategy for the Modernized Partners in Protection (P.I.P) Program**

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### **Definitions**

Current PIP member: Any approved member of the program as of June 30, 2008

Re-application period: The period of time current PIP members will have to re-apply to the PIP program from June 30, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Transition: The activities required to modernize the current PIP program

Transition period: Period of time during which current PIP members will be re-assessed under the new security criteria – from June 30, 2008 until a member is approved, denied or cancelled (December 31, 2009 at the latest)

### **Outline**

- November 5, 2007 All PIP members and new PIP applicants notified (via standard mail) of upcoming changes.
- October 2007 to December 31, 2007 Public consultation on MOU and Security Profiles
- January 15 to February 20, 2008 Industry associations and PIP members consulted on transition strategy
- By March 31, 2008 Update PIP web site with finalized Security Profile(s) for information, along with final details of transition
- January to April 2008 Public consultation on the appeal, deny and cancel policies
- June 2008 Results of consultation and changes to policy and procedures will be posted on the PIP website
- June 30, 2008 Modernized PIP program in effect
- September 1 and December 1, 2008 Reminder (via email/letter) to current PIP members who have yet to submit their Security Profile that deadline is coming up
- December 31, 2008 Deadline to submit Security Profile
- December 31, 2009 Target date for completion of transition