



# **Land/Rail/Marine/Air Preclearance Agreement**

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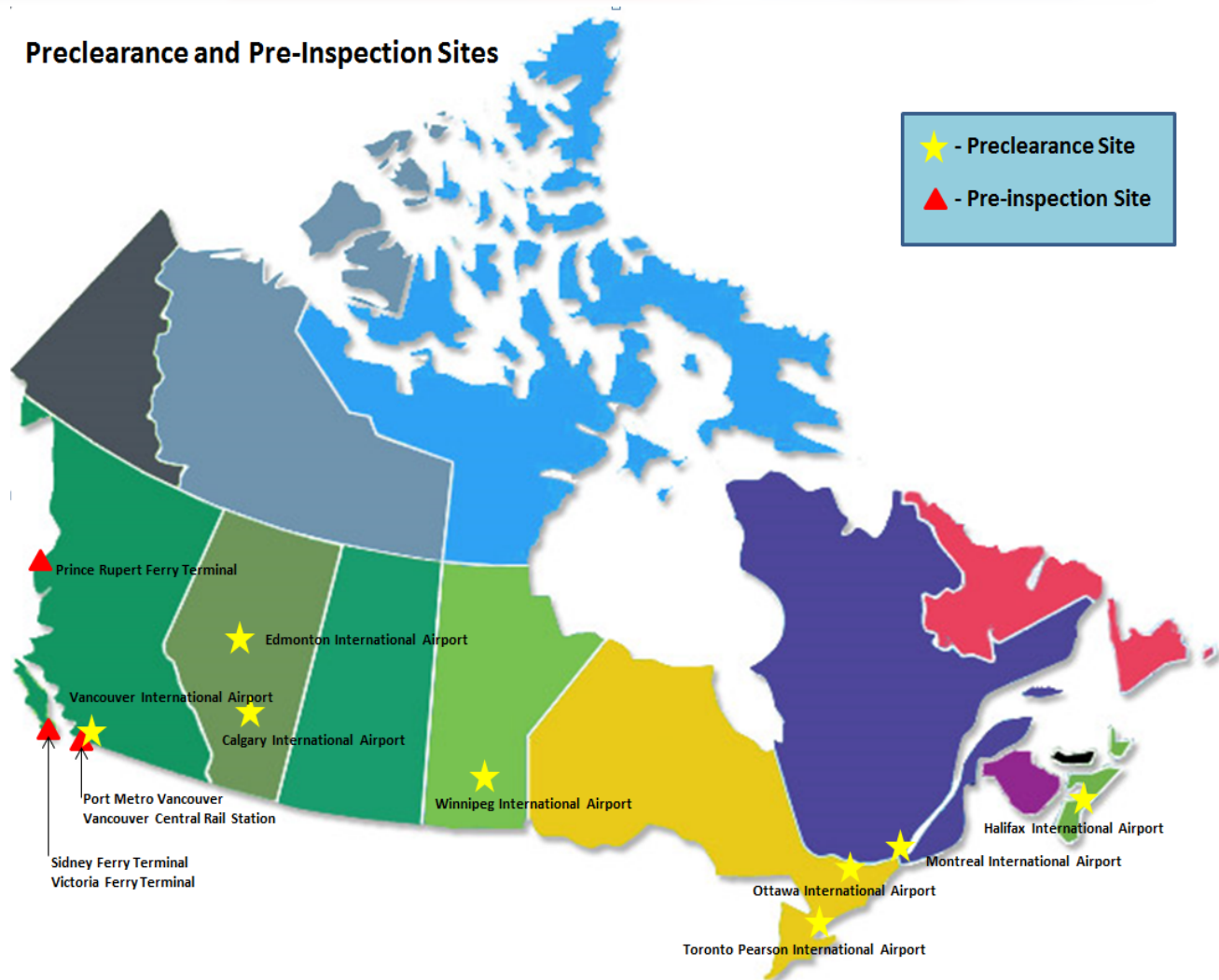
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# Background

- Preclearance enables one country's border officers to carry out customs and immigration in the territory of another country
- In the air mode since the 1950s
- Pre-dates 9/11 aviation security context and does not always reflect operational challenges
- Strong market demand for expansion in all modes

Preclearance and Pre-Inspection Sites





## Benefits of Preclearance - Economic

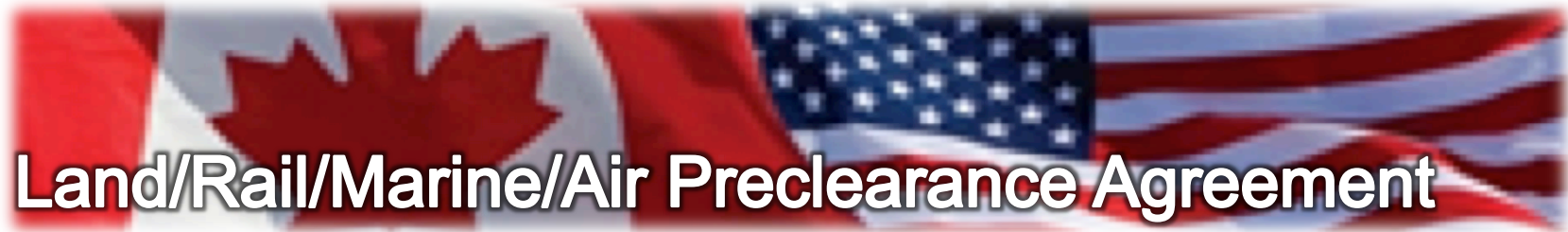
- Proven **economic benefits** for local regions/industries:
  - Canadian preclearance facilities processed approximately 13.8 million passengers and crew in Fiscal Year 2016
  - Provides domestic-style arrivals to non-international airports enabling direct routes (such as those to Reagan Airport)
  - Relieves congestion at U.S. “gateway” airports, reducing delays for passengers, airports, and airlines
  - Provides faster connections once in the United States





# Benefits of Preclearance - Security

- Prevents terrorists, terrorist instruments and national security threats from gaining access to the Inspecting Country.
- Supports an extended border for the U.S. and Canada
- Protects agricultural infrastructure from foreign pests, disease and global outbreaks.
- Fosters cooperation with foreign (host) authorities in diplomatic, law enforcement and international security issues.

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# Land/Rail/Marine/Air Preclearance Agreement

- Agreement on Land, Rail, Marine and Air Transport Preclearance (LRMA) signed in March 2015 by the U.S. Secretary of Department of Homeland Security and the Canadian Minister of Public Safety
- LRMA is a fully **reciprocal** agreement that:
  - Allows for expansion to new modes
  - Permits co-location at small and remote ports, creating efficiency gains
  - Provides Inspecting Country officers with comparable authorities to Host Country officers
  - Formalizes existing pre-inspection locations in B.C. to transition to full preclearance
  - Enables Canada to establish preclearance in the U.S.
  - Operational costs for new sites and expanded service covered by the facility



## Progress to Date

- Canadian legislation passed the House of Commons in June 2017 and is currently before the Senate
- United States passed legislation in December 2016
- Met with pre-inspection sites and the four new potential sites to help them plan their transition to preclearance
- Consulting with stakeholders responsible for policing, justice and public safety to on how to operationalize the shared jurisdiction framework



## Joint Canada-U.S. Announcements

- March 2016: Joint Statement of Intent to expand passenger preclearance to four new Canadian locations contingent upon meeting all terms and conditions of the LRMA
  - Montreal and Rocky Mountaineer Rail
  - Quebec City and Billy Bishop airports
- Spring 2017: Joint Statements to explore a path forward to pursuing cargo preclearance or pre-inspection, including identifying potential pilot sites



- Canadian legislation has been referred to the Senate; GOC working to develop the necessary regulations
- Canada/U.S. cooperation on:
  - Implementation issues such as the cost recovery framework, personnel vetting, officer training, design standards, and identifying other opportunities to expand preclearance
  - Work with facilities to prepare for implementation
- Bring the LRMA into force
  - In the meantime, existing framework continues to apply



## Next Steps - continued

- Canada examining potential sites for pilots in the U.S.
  - Likely will solicit inputs from stakeholders
- Canada and U.S. implementing innovative technology in airports in coordination with private sector to facilitate travel for all travelers without compromising security
  - Automated Passport Control
  - Mobile Passport Control





Questions?