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CBP Announces Summer Hours for Churubusco and Cannons Corners Border Crossing

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Champlain, N.Y. – U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announces a change in the summer operating hours for the Churubusco and Cannons Corners border crossing locations. Effective May 1, 2012, the new hours of operation will be from 8:00 am to midnight. These new hours will remain in effect until October 31, 2012.

Travelers are encouraged to prepare for cross border activity in advance. Travelers can obtain local border traffic conditions by visiting the CBP website. (CBP) Wait time information is updated hourly and is useful in identifying periods of light use/short waits. Travelers should familiarize themselves with the "Know Before You Go" section of the CBP website and consult the border wait times page. (Know Before You Go) (Wait Times - Airport and Border) Travelers should have their approved travel documents available for inspection and be prepared to declare all items acquired outside of the United States.

In compliance with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) implemented on June 1, 2009, all travelers, including U.S. and Canadian citizens, need to present an approved-travel document to enter the U.S. by land and sea. These documents include a valid Passport, U.S. Passport Card, Trusted Traveler card (NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST) or an Enhanced Driver's License. Children under the age of 16 can present an original or copy of their birth certificate. Please visit the WHTI website for additional information. (WHTI)

WHTI-compliant, RFID-enabled documents help reduce the time it takes to process travelers at the border. No personal identification information is stored on the RFID chip embedded in the cards – only a series of ones and zeros that points to information in a secure CBP database.

CBP also reminds U.S. lawful permanent residents that the I-551 form (green card) is acceptable for land and sea travel into the United States.

Frequent cross-border travelers are encouraged to participate in the NEXUS program, which allows pre-screened, low-risk travelers to proceed with little or no delay into the United States and Canada. Application forms are available on the Canada Border Services Agency website and travelers can apply online at CBP website. (CBP) Additionally, NEXUS information is available toll-free at (866) NEXUS 26 (1-866-639-8726).

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.

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