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NEW CIC REQUIREMENT FOR CREW MEMBERS ARRIVING BY AIR

Dear Member,

Please note that Citizenship and Immigration Canada is introducing a new requirement under which visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada BY AIR will need an Electronic Travel Authorization as of **March 15, 2016**. The ETA requirement does NOT apply to visa-exempt foreign nationals who arrive in Canada by sea or land.

Members should therefore keep this new requirement in mind when handling crew changes in which crew members arrive in Canada by air in order to join their ship.

To find out which countries the ETA requirement applies to, go to <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>. If a foreign national is from a country that needs an ETA, they need to fill out the on-line form ("the "Apply for an ETA" button after the country of origin has been selected). The cost of an ETA is \$7 and it is normally valid for seven years. In most cases, the ETA will be approved within minutes of applying.

Sincerely,

[Karen Kancens](#)

Director, Customs and Immigration

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