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To: All Travel Agents

Electronic Travel Authorization - Flights to Canada

The Government of Canada has recently introduced a new entry requirement, known as an **Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)**, that applies to visa-exempt foreign nationals* travelling to or transiting Canada by air.

Effective March 15, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals must obtain an eTA before they can board a flight to Canada.

To complete your application for an eTA, you will need your passport, a credit card and an email address. An eTA costs \$7 CAD and is valid for up to five years.

Among those exempted from this new requirement are U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid visa. To see if the citizens of your country need an eTA or to apply for one, visit the Government of Canada's Electronic Travel Authorization website for details:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>

(English) <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-facts-en.asp>

(Chinese) <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-facts-zh.asp>

* A visa-exempt foreign national is a person who is not a citizen of Canada and is not required to obtain a visa for the purpose of travel based on their country of nationality.

Reminder: - Passengers who are holding valid HKGSAR passport or British National (Overseas) (BNO) passport that are visa-exempt in travelling to or transiting Canada by air are highly recommended to obtain an eTA before issuing tickets.