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GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

ROYAL ASSENT OF CUSTOMS ACT GOOD NEWS FOR TORONTO PEARSON

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TORONTO— The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) is pleased that Bill S-2, an Act to Amend the Customs Act, received Royal Assent last week, a sure sign of the Government of Canada's commitment to border security. This legislation will pave the way for implementation of the Customs Controlled Areas, which will improve security in Canada's airports, allow for opportunities to provide better service for the travelling public, and improve the competitiveness of Canada's airports.

"The GTAA has long supported the provisions contained in Bill S-2," said Lloyd McCoomb, President and Chief Executive Officer of the GTAA. "By providing Canadian Border Services Agency with these additional enforcement tools, we will be better able to efficiently and securely process passengers at Toronto Pearson International Airport and allow the airport to better compete for traffic."

These changes will provide border services officers with the flexibility to examine goods and question and search people anywhere within Customs Controlled Areas. Before these amendments to the Customs Act, CBSA was only able to exercise this authority at exit points. The GTAA is eager to assist CBSA with the implementation of customs controlled areas at Toronto Pearson as soon as the necessary regulations are in force.

The GTAA is the non-share authority that operates Toronto Pearson. All revenue generated by the GTAA is reinvested back into the airport. In 2008, 32.3 million passengers travelled through Toronto Pearson.

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