

## Mandate of CIFFA's Customs Committee

The CIFFA customs committee continues to have an ever-increasing interaction with the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the various other government departments (OGDs) involved with the CBSA in controlling the movement of goods. CBSA continues to augment and focus their programs on security-related factors and its reliance on EDI exchange of data for risk assessment purposes.

The customs committee plays a vital role representing the interests of all CIFFA members to ensure the design and implementation of these programs continue to reflect the commercial realities of freight forwarders and our clients, and to ensure that our ability to efficiently and economically facilitate trade and the movement of goods is not compromised.

The customs committee through on-going dialogue with regional committees also provides both operational feedback and strategic direction on CBSA programs to the CIFFA Executive.

All regular and associate members interested in this topic are invited to contact the chairman, Paul Courtney, Courtney Agencies Ltd., at paul@courtney.ca.