



CIRCULAR NOTE NO. NMD-001

The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development presents its compliments to Their Excellencies the Heads of Diplomatic Missions and notified Chargés d'affaires, a.i. accredited to Canada, and has the honour to provide updated information regarding the implementation of the Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) and related links.

Canada's eTA, a new electronic document requirement for visa-exempt travellers seeking to enter Canada by air, unless otherwise exempted, will be mandatory as of **March 15, 2016**. Affected travellers will have the opportunity to apply online for the eTA starting August 1, 2015.

In the event that foreign missions, international organizations and special representative offices have questions concerning the eTA, they should contact Citizenship and Immigration Canada at CIC-eTA-AVE@cic.gc.ca. Additional information on the eTA is available on the *Canada Gazette* website at: <http://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2015/2015-04-22/html/sor-dors77-eng.php>.

The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (Office of Protocol) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Their Excellencies the Heads of Diplomatic Missions and notified Chargés d'affaires, a.i. accredited to Canada the assurances of its highest consideration.

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