

Q10. What exactly do you mean when you say "appropriate authorities"?

A. Appropriate powers would ensure that:

Preclearance officers working in either Canada or the United States have sufficient authority to determine the admissibility of people/goods entering their country.

Adequate deterrents exist to counter illegal activities.

Enforcement tools at preclearance sites are similar to those at land border entry points, so as not to create havens for cross-border smuggling at the airports.

Essential laws of the host country, e.g. the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, apply.

Enforcement of criminal laws is the responsibility of the host country.

Q11. What is reasonable force?

A. The legislation provides that a preclearance officer is justified in using necessary force for the purposes of conducting their duties. Their actions must be performed in good faith and based on reasonable grounds.

Reasonable would be determined by the courts, taking into consideration all relevant circumstances of a situation.

Q12. Will American customs officers be allowed to carry guns in Canadian Airports?

No.

Q13. Will U.S. Preclearance officials be authorized to escort travellers to automated teller machines?

A. No. Preclearance officers will not be provided with the authority to escort persons outside the preclearance area.