

- (1) Heads of Diplomatic Mission on their first arrival in, and final departure from, Canada, and their accompanying dependents;
- (2) Heads of Foreign States, Heads of Foreign Governments, and Ministers of Foreign Governments on official visits to Canada, their accompanying dependents, and their accompanying officials.

In other cases the diplomatic or consular mission may communicate directly with the offices of the airport managers to arrange the use of courtesy (V.I.P.) lounges.

Diplomatic and consular personnel meeting visitors for whom the use of courtesy (V.I.P.) lounges has been arranged do not have access to the customs and immigration areas unless arrangements have been made through the appropriate Offices of Protocol for the visitors' courtesy customs and immigration clearances.

6.3. Meeting Diplomatic or Consular Couriers

Diplomatic and consular personnel desiring to meet diplomatic or consular couriers in restricted areas shall notify the offices of the airport managers, which will provide information on the procedures to be followed.

6.4. Security Measures

The diplomatic or consular mission should be aware that Canadian and foreign air carriers operating in and out of Canada apply stringent security measures to safeguard flights from possible acts of unlawful interference. Such security measures include the screening of passengers and their checked and cabin baggage by metal-detecting devices and, where considered necessary, personal search. It should be noted that the screening of checked and cabin baggage is not a customs inspection, but is required as a condition for boarding any aircraft.

Diplomatic and consular bags shall be exempt from examination provided that they bear visible external marks of their character and provided that the diplomatic or consular couriers carry official documents indicating their status and the number of packages constituting the diplomatic or consular bags. Diplomatic or consular couriers shall identify themselves to the air carriers' representatives on checking in, which shall be at least one hour before the scheduled flight departure, to facilitate arrangements for such exemption.