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# CUSTOMS NOTICE 658

## B3 Coding Requirements for Imports of Rough Diamonds

1. The purpose of this notice is to inform importers of rough diamonds about new coding requirements for the B3, *Canada Customs Coding Form*, that will come into effect on November 27, 2006. This change applies to imports of rough diamonds that are classified under tariff item Nos. 7102.10, 7102.21, 7102.31 and 9813.00.00.41. The Kimberley Process Certificate (KPC) that is required for imports of rough diamonds has a unique identification number. This identification number must be entered in field 26 (special authority) of Form B3 at the time of accounting.

2. In most cases it will be possible to enter the KPC number in field 26 of the B3 as it appears on the certificate. However, as the format of the KPC number varies among the participating countries and because there are field limitations, it may be necessary for the importer to modify the number before entering it. The following rules apply when completing field 26:

(a) The KPC number must begin with the country code. If the number does not include the country code, it must be added to the beginning of the number.

(b) The KPC number must be no more than 16 characters. If it is longer than 16 characters, then the appropriate number of characters should be deleted from the end of the number.

(c) The KPC number should not contain any dashes, hyphens or slashes. These characters must be removed from the number.

3. Clients using Customs Automated Data Exchange (CADEX) and Customs Declaration (CUSDEC) should refer to the mapping requirements in their participants' requirements document to obtain information on how to input this number into field 26 (special authority) of Form B3.

4. Additional information regarding the importation of rough diamonds may be found in Memorandum D19-6-4, *Kimberley Process – Export and Import of Rough Diamonds*.

5. Please direct any questions regarding this notice to:

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