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TRAVELING WITH LULAV AND ESROG TO THE UNITED STATES

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Department of Homeland Security) have made inspectors at border posts between Canada and the United States aware of the upcoming Succos Holiday. At the same time, arrangements have also been made at Montreal's Pierre Elliot Trudeau International Airport.

People who are traveling with Lulav and Esrog will be questioned as to these items, which can be brought into the United States for personal use only. Once these items have been cleared and are free of pests and/or diseases, they will be released. Members of border inspection are sensitive to the handling of these items, and will ensure at all times that the passenger opens, unwraps and rewraps the Lulav (including Hadassim & Aravos) & Esrog. In order to avoid delays, the Lulav and Esrog should be easily accessible.

We have been asked to remind all travelers to have all of their travel documents well prepared and up to date. US citizens, who are traveling by car, with birth certificates and not passports, should please ensure that these are original or a very clear, legible copy. Please be aware that inspectors will process passengers as quickly as they can, but delays could occur with unclear documentation.

We take this opportunity of wishing you and your families a good Yom Tov.

Yours Sincerely,

Rabbi Saul Emanuel
Executive Director

