

From: s.22
To: [Minister, JEDC JEDC:EX](#)
Subject: 149112 Separated from my Fiancé
Date: May 6, 2020 3:47:46 PM

Hi there, my name is s.22 British Columbia.s.22
s.22 We came home from our trip together in s.22 only a few days before the border closed. He went to s.22 and
I went to s.22 with the impression we were going to see each other soon. We have now been separated for over 2 months
with no end in site. I am asking you today if there has been any talk of dealing with this issue, as I have heard of many other
couples also in our situation. I miss him deeply and it is causing me much grief. I am hearing on the news that it may be
months still until the border opens. I cannot imagine spending numerous more months away from him. Thank you so much
and I look forward to your response
s.22

From: [Minister, JEDC JEDC:EX](#)
To: ["Brent Johnston"](#)
Subject: RE: Import export small business cross boarder
Date: May 26, 2020 3:22:00 PM

Ref: 149154

Brent E. Johnston
Dazzling Coins
Email: s.22

Dear Brent Johnston:

Thank you for your email of May 11, 2020. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you and to let you know that this Government recognizes how difficult it is to own a small business during this unprecedented time. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to you, and to all small business owners, for being so diligent in helping stop the spread of COVID-19.

Businesses like Dazzling Coins are the heart of BC's communities and are vital to our economy. Our Government knows that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the business community and that business owners and workers are facing immense pressure right now.

Protecting British Columbians and working on an effective response to this pandemic remains our priority. Our Government is also committed to doing everything we can to support businesses and keep our economy strong. We are working closely with the Federal Government to ensure supports are available for impacted businesses.

We are also working across sectors to build an economic recovery plan to help folks get back to work safely. Small businesses will be a key area of focus as we take steps to restart the economy and move forward with BC's economic recovery plan.

I have referred your email to the Small Business Branch within this Ministry and asked them to follow up with you directly to address your concerns and provide you with more details on the supports and services that are in place for small businesses.

In the meantime, you may find the Supports for Businesses and Individuals guide helpful as it provides an at-a-glance overview of the various programs in place to help businesses like yours. Here is the link: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/employment-business-and-economic-development/business-management/small-business/covid-19_small_business_supports.pdf.

Be safe, take care of each other, and remember that we will all get through this together.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall
Minister of Jobs, Economic Development

and Competitiveness

From: Brent Johnston s.22
Sent: May 11, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Minister, JEDC JEDC:EX <JEDC.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Import export small business cross boarder

Dear Mr. Mungal

My wife and I own a small business that requires us to import and export our product into and out of the USA.

As our products are shipped to the USA, we are required to pick them up and return to Canada with them.

The COVID 19 blockade of the boarder has stopped us from receiving our goods from the USA. I am sure there are other companies like ours that do business in Washington state. I know that travel is restricted, but as we have a specific pattern to our activities in the USA, I would like to submit a suggestion to make some changes to how we could resume our business in the USA.

We ship and recieve our product from "Ship happens" in Sumas and The US Postal service in Maple Falls Washington.

My proposal is that if a business can provide an itinerary outlining their reason, destination and, time they will be in the USA it would make it possible for us to reopen our operations. In our case we would be going to Washington state.

We would be making one stop at the post office in Maple Falls then proceed directly to our property there. At that time we would organize our products and wait for other confirmed shipments coming in the next 3 to 4 days. At no time would we be leaving our property for other then business and essentials. We have very limited contact with anyone else other then the postal workers.

We are isolated at our property in Canada and the USA.

Neither my business partner or I have left isolation in compliance with the COVID 19 lockdown process.

As a small business it would assist greatly if we could provide a travel itinerary so we would be able to restart and access our inventory in the USA.

Yours Sincerely
Brent E. Johnston
Dazzling Coins

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Sent from Outlook Email App for Android

From: [Irwin, Paul JEDC:EX](#)
To: [Genzale, Morgan JEDC:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Canada-US border restrictions
Date: June 17, 2020 5:40:01 PM

Hi Morgan – below is my response to Mr Johnston. Would you mind connecting this to the eApps and closing it off? Many thanks! /Paul

From: Irwin, Paul JEDC:EX
Sent: June 17, 2020 2:19 PM
To: s.22
Subject: Canada-US border restrictions

Dear Mr. Johnston,

Thank you for your email of May 11, 2020, addressed to the Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness. I have been asked to follow up with some additional information.

We recognize the economic impact that border restrictions are having on many small businesses in B.C. As you are aware, decisions on lifting of border restrictions are made at the federal level between the Governments of Canada and the United States. At this time, the restriction on all discretionary travel at the Canada-U.S. border, initially implemented on March 21 has been extended until July 21, 2020. Regular updates on Canada-US border restrictions and other Border Information Services are available on the Government of Canada's website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html#must-travel>

Under BC's Restart Plan, the BC Government is working closely with public health officials, the business community and other organizations to carefully lift restrictions in phases, gradually allowing for more economic activity, while closely monitoring health information to minimize the risk to the public. Already in phase two of this plan, the next phase will further open additional business activities in the coming months, if transmission rates remain low or in decline. More information on BC's Restart Plan can be found at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan>

I also wanted to draw your attention to information for small business on COVID-19, including support services and programs announced by both the federal and provincial governments.

This information is available on the Small Business BC website at:

<https://covid.smallbusinessbc.ca/hc/en-us>

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Paul Irwin

Executive Director, Stakeholder Engagement

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ID: 2009, Title: Import/export business requesting to be able to cross US border in order to restart

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Approval Route:

Assigned To: McColeman, Dylan **Rush:** No **Category:** Correspondence - Email **Signature:** Reply Direct

Branch: SBJW - ADM **Other Number:** 149154 **Link:**

Due Date: 6/16/2020 **Date Completed:** 7/8/2020 **Date Initiated:** 5/11/2020 **Date Reply Sent:** N/A

Title	Comments	Date
Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX [Colleague of Irwin, Paul] has closed this item for the following reason: Completed.		7/8/2020
Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Irwin, Paul for action	Hi Paul! Tracy has approved. Are you able to send this out via email to the inquirer? Once complete, i will close the logs. Thanks!	6/17/2020
Campbell, Tracy [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX for action	The link still states that borders closed until June 21. I know that it's been extended until July. Is it just a delay in updating the site or does the link need updating?	6/17/2020
Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Campbell, Tracy for action	Hi Tracy, the request that came to us was for direct reply.s.13	6/17/2020
Campbell, Tracy [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX for action	Comment within. Is program signing this letter or MMM?	6/17/2020
Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Campbell, Tracy for action	Hi Tracy, Paul has made edits. For your approval. Thanks	6/16/2020
Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX deleted a document: 149154 - Reply Direct Starter draft.docx		6/16/2020
Irwin, Paul [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX for action	I've adjusted the message;s.13	Thanks! 6/16/2020
Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Irwin, Paul for action	Hi Paul, Are you able to review the attached draft provided by TRS? Just a heads up this is due tomorrow... let me know if that is not do-able and ill reach out to CB. Thanks!	6/15/2020
Campbell, Tracy [Assignee] did not approve the item and forwarded it to Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX for action	Some comments within. Suggest having Paul review. He's very familiar with approved language re: COVID etc... Thx	6/15/2020
Walters, Hailey [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Campbell, Tracy for action	Hi Tracy - for your approval please! Thanks!	6/11/2020
McDonald, John [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Walters, Hailey for action	For ADMO review	6/11/2020
Cagic, Nina JTT:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to McDonald, John for action	No Comment	6/10/2020

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Anholt, Jim JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Cagic, Nina JTT:EX for action		6/4/2020
Anholt, Jim JTT:EX added a document: 149154 Brent Johnston Dazzling Coins.docx		6/4/2020
Cagic, Nina JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Anholt, Jim JTT:EX for action	Let me now if you see three items in total. Thanks.	6/2/2020
McDonald, John [Colleague of Delimedac, Melisa JEDC:EX] approved the item and forwarded it to Cagic, Nina JTT:EX for action	Nina, can you have someone your side craft response -	5/28/2020
Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Delimedac, Melisa JEDC:EX for action	Hi Melisa, can you please check in with your ED/Branch to see if this is something TRS can assist with? Direct reply due June 16th. Thanks!	5/27/2020
McColeman, Dylan [Site Admin] forwarded an eApprovals item to Genzale, Morgan JTT:EX for action	SBB advises this falls under Trade. Reply direct due by June 16. Min-sig interim response sent May 26.	5/27/2020
Rioux, Luke JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Correspondence Services for action	Please redirect to IITD, as advised by SBB	5/26/2020
Loo, Sandra JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Rioux, Luke JTT:EX for action	Please re-direct to Trade. Thanks.	5/26/2020
Summers, Patricia JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Loo, Sandra JTT:EX for action	Redirect to trade. This should not have been assigned to SBB.	5/26/2020
Loo, Sandra JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Summers, Patricia JTT:EX for action	For assignment	5/26/2020
Rioux, Luke JTT:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Loo, Sandra JTT:EX for action	Hi Sandra, COVID19 Reply Direct requested - Brent Johnston Please complete by June 16th. Thanks	5/26/2020
Rioux, Luke JTT:EX added a document: 149233 - Reply Direct Starter draft.docx		5/26/2020
McColeman, Dylan created this item	For reply direct. Interim Minister response sent. Due by June 16.	5/26/2020
McColeman, Dylan added a document: 149154 import export small business cross boarder .msg		5/26/2020
McColeman, Dylan added a document: 149154 Johnston Min Interim Response.msg		5/26/2020
McColeman, Dylan has created a new eApprovals item and assigned it to Rioux, Luke JTT:EX		5/26/2020