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China: Exit procedures for leaving China; whether one passenger may present another's passport when proceeding through exit controls, thereby permitting exit of the country without having to speak to any exit control official

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In a 15 June 2006 interview, a consulate officer from the Consulate General of Canada in Guangzhou provided the following information on exit procedures for leaving China:

If the exit control officer ... perceives that two passengers are travelling together, it is possible for one of the two passengers to present both passports to the officer and to do all the talking.

In 21 June 2006 correspondence sent to the Research Directorate, the consulate officer indicated that it is up to the discretion of the exit control officer whether to allow two persons to proceed together through exit controls (Canada 21 June 2006). The consulate officer noted that it may be "more appropriate or efficient" to process two persons at the same time, for example, if there are "perceived language barriers or other reasons" (ibid.).

The consulate officer added that these exit control procedures apply at airports, as well as at seaports and land border crossings (ibid.).

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