

Canada Border Services Agency Email: media@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

May 7, 2024

Re: Request to replace "immigration consultant" with UAP when referring to Maneet 'Mani' Malhotra

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC), while I would like to thank the Agency's crackdown on unauthorized practitioners (UAPs), I also I would like to bring to your attention a significant issue with the news release in "CBSA investigation leads to conviction of immigration consultant for fraud" dated May 6, 2024.

In the headline, the term "immigration consultant" was used to describe this unauthorized practitioner (UAP) who committed the offence prescribed in <u>s 91(9)</u> the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, SC 2001, c. 27 (IRPA). However, after the coming into force of the *College of Immigration and Citizenship Act*, SC 2019, c. 29, s. 292 (the College Act), "immigration and citizenship consultant" becomes a designation for licensees, namely, RCICs or RISIAs, of the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants (CICC). In addition, any variations of the designation, including "immigration consultant" are only to be used to refer to the RCICs or RISIAs. Please refer to <u>s 2</u> and <u>77(a)</u> to see the stipulations mentioned.

CAPIC respectfully requests the Agency to make the necessary changes to the text and replace "immigration consultant" with the appropriate term "unauthorized practitioner" (UAP), which describe persons like Maneet 'Mani' Malhotra who carry out immigration services without legal authorization.

I trust the above clarifications are helpful to both the Agency and the general public.

Being the sole association recognized by the Government of Canada as the voice of RCICs, CAPIC is committed to promoting the ethics and competence of our members and protecting the integrity of the RCIC profession and the Canadian immigration



system. If CAPIC may further assist with the Department, we will be glad to work with you and your team.

Yours Truly,

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Good Afternoon Mr. Zhang,

Thank you for your email. The Canada Border Services Agency has already updated the tle of our News Release to clarify, including our social media.

Warm regards,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm sending this letter on behalf of the CEO, Mr. Dory Jade, of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC).

Mr. Jade would like to thank the Agency's crackdown on unauthorized practitioners (UAPs). He also would like to bring to your attention a significant issue with the news release "CBSA investigation leads to conviction of immigration consultant for fraud" dated May 6, 2024.

Respectfully, he requests the Agency to replace "immigration consultant" with "unauthorized practitioner".

Please see the enclosed letter for details. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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