



ERB TRANSPORT COMPANY 2ND IN CANADA TO RECEIVE FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

New Hamburg, ON, August 8, 2005 — Already a family-owned Canadian success story in the transport industry, the Erb Group of Companies is pleased to be only the second carrier in Canada to receive a coveted **Certificate of HACCP Compliance** for best practices in food safety. This HACCP Certification includes all of the Erb Group facilities: terminals in seven Ontario cities, as well as one each in Quebec, Manitoba and Pennsylvania – Baden, Barrie, North Bay, Ottawa, Thunder Bay, Toronto, Trenton, Montreal, Winnipeg and Elverson (USA).

Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP)¹ is a safety valve for the increasingly complex journey that our food makes from farm to table. To ensure that consumers are protected, food safety measures are being put in place at the different links involved in the food chain. The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA)² developed the Trucking Food Safety Program in partnership with Kasar Canada Ltd³. The program's goal is to deliver a practical, cost-effective and results-oriented program for ensuring food safety within the Canadian trucking community. HACCP is the food safety self-auditing system at the core of the Trucking Food Safety Program.

HACCP is a system that is preventive – its purpose is to identify potential hazards that are most likely to cause illness and look to control or prevent those hazards. It combines up-to-date technical and scientific information with step-by-step procedures to evaluate and monitor the safety of food products.

“HACCP is the wave of the future. We wanted to ensure that the trucking industry was ready to meet the increasing demands of our clients. We believe the program developed by the food safety experts at Kasar Canada Ltd, which has been pilot tested by carriers under the guidance of federal officials, will meet or exceed any food shippers' expectations.” said Ron Lennox, CTA's Vice President of Trade and Security.

Wendell Erb, General Manager of the Erb Group of Companies, states: “Undertaking the rigorous audit process to receive HACCP Certification is not required for transport companies yet, but it is a further service to our customers, assuring them of the finest possible protection for their food shipments. Our

customers include household names within the food manufacturing industry, whose reputations rely on the expertise of our refrigerated transport to maintain the integrity of their products. Being able to deliver above and beyond our customers expectations is something we always strive for at the Erb Group and having this level of strict quality assurance is just good business.”

The Erb Group of Companies developed from a one-man company in 1959 to one that currently employs over 1100 employees and 140 owner/operators. Today companies rely on Erb transportation for the delivery of time and temperature-controlled products to over 24,000 consignees. To anticipate and meet our customers’ needs, we offer over 600 power units and 1000 refrigerated trailers.

The Erb Group now includes: the original company, Erb Transport Limited, a less-than-truckload (LTL) and truckload transportation and distribution company; Erb International Inc. a primarily truckload operation covering 48 American states, from our terminals in Canada; Erb Expedite Inc., offering emergency/expedite/courier services; and Erb Transport Inc. in Elverson, Pennsylvania, a regional truckload carrier serving the mid-Atlantic region of the U.S.

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Note 1: HACCP has been endorsed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the National Academy of Sciences, the CODEX Alimentarius Commission (of the World Trade Organization, WTO), and the US National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Food (NACMCF) and is an internationally recognized and recommended approach to ensure food safety.

Note 2: CTA is a federation of Canada’s provincial trucking associations. Representing approximately 4,000 motor carriers, CTA is dedicated to serving the national and international interests of Canadian motor carriers.

Note 3: Kasar Canada Ltd. develops and implements food safety programs for the food production and distribution industries. The company has been in operation since 1998 and serves a number of national and regional clients. www.kasarcanda.com