

SHIPPING TO CANADA



Documents Needed:

- Canadian Customs invoice obtained from the seller
- NAFTA Certificate of Origin
- Bill of Lading

Information Needed To Complete Documents:

- Canadian Customs Broker: name, phone & fax
- Consignee name & address
- Date of direct shipment
- Specification of commodities
- Conditions of Sale/Terms of Payment/Currency
- Selling Price/Declared Value/Freight Charges
- Classification
- Restricted Merchandise Permit/License

Shipping To Canada - Frequently Asked Questions

What is a NAFTA Certificate?

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between Canada, Mexico and the United States is a reciprocal agreement that permits certain goods to move duty free between those nations. If you are not sure if your goods qualify, contact your broker.

What is a Customer Broker and do I need one?

The importer has the option to do the customs entry or hire a customs broker who acts as an agent on your behalf.

Your goods will be crossing the border on a commercial vehicle. Therefore, Customs needs to have the information about your shipment transmitted in advance or at time of crossing so that can determine if the goods are eligible for entry into Canada and that all the accounting requirements are met. Your broker can ensure these requirements are met and can pre-notify you if there are any problems which may delay your shipment.

Why is it important to include broker information on my Canada Customs Invoice?

The importer's name and account number must appear on the customs invoice. If the broker information is not available when the driver crosses the border, the driver will have to put the freight in-bond to a bonded warehouse until the goods can be cleared and authorized for delivery by CBSA. This may delay the delivery of your shipment.

Why do I need an American and a Canadian Broker?

American brokers are licensed to clear goods into the United States and they have offices or a representative at the US port of entry where goods will cross. Canadian brokers are licensed to clear goods in Canada and they have offices or a representative at the Canadian port of entry the goods will cross.

Who is responsible for duty and taxes?

The importer of the record (the owner or purchaser of the goods) is responsible for paying duty and taxes.

Does the carrier clear the freight?

No, only Customs can clear freight. The carrier is responsible for moving the freight from origin to destination and they will assist the broker with proper information to clear the freight.