

# Canada to U.S.

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## Critical transborder data requirements

1. Equipment initial/number
2. Actual shipper name, address, city, province/state
3. Final consignee, address, city, province/state
4. Importer name, address, city, province/state
5. Customs broker name, address, city, province/state
6. Total number of pieces and package type
7. Complete and accurate description of goods
8. Total weight and unit of measure
9. Invoice value and currency
10. Country of origin of the goods
11. Complete route
12. Seal numbers

*Note:*

4 – Required only if different from final consignee  
9 & 12 – Required only if moving in the U.S. in-bond

## Intermodal

Prior to in-gate at the origin CN Intermodal terminal:

- Shipper's EDI Bill of Lading with all critical transborder data must be provided to CN to generate the rail waybill and electronically transmit the manifest to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The EDI Bill of Lading must also cite all relevant export permit numbers required by government and regulatory agencies.
- Shipper or their customs broker must electronically file Prior Notice with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for shipments of human or animal food imports (see CN Customs Bulletins at [www.cn.ca/customs](http://www.cn.ca/customs)).
- Customs broker must file entry on the manifest and CN receive electronic confirmation of the filing from CBP.
- Shippers must verify with the "Intermodal Shipment Status" option on the CN website at [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca) that the shipment is "OK" to be brought for in-gate.

## Applicable to all shipments

Shipper or importer must directly provide to their customs broker all customs invoices and related documentation required to customs-clear their shipments.

## Carload

Prior to release of shipment from the shipper's carload siding:

- Shipper's EDI Bill of Lading with all critical transborder data must be provided to CN to generate the rail waybill and electronically transmit the manifest to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The EDI Bill of Lading must also cite all relevant export permit numbers required by government and regulatory agencies.
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