

U.S. to Canada

Get the efficiency and economy of electronic customs clearances working for you.

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 Canada 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 Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). The EDI Bill of Lading must also cite all relevant export permit numbers required by government and regulatory agencies.
- Your customs broker should use the Pre-Arrival Review System (PARS) service option when filing entry on the manifest.
- Shippers must verify with the "Intermodal Shipment Status" option on the CN website at www.cn.ca that the shipment is "OK" to be brought for in-gate.

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 Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). The EDI Bill of Lading must also cite all relevant export permit numbers required by government and regulatory agencies.
- Your customs broker should use the Pre-Arrival Review System (PARS) service option when filing entry on the manifest.

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.

