



UPS Supply Chain SolutionsSM

The Advance Commercial Information (ACI) initiative is a major part of the Canadian Customs Action Plan launched in April 2000. The Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA) will require key data to be transmitted electronically before the goods arrive in Canada.

ACI will be delivered in phases:

- Phase 1 is for marine cargo information. Effective April 19, 2004, marine carriers/freight forwarders electronically transmit marine cargo data to CBSA 24 hours prior to the loading of the cargo in the foreign port. The CBSA assesses the data for possible risk, and also reaches agreements with foreign customs authorities to examine any shipments identified as a potential security threat.
- Phase 2 covers all air (regardless of origin) and marine shipments loaded in the U.S. This phase came in force December 5, 2006 with full implementation expected by June 26, 2006. CBSA will require electronic transmission of all cargo & conveyance information for all air (regardless of origin) and marine shipments loaded in the U.S.

Phase 2 Timeframes:

- Air (for flights more than 4 hours): 4 hours prior to arrival
 - Air (for flights less than 4 hours): "Wheel's up", at time of take off
 - U.S. Marine (U.S. loaded Marine cargo data from carrier): minimum 24 hours prior to arrival (or time of departure if trip is less than 24 hours).
- Phase 3 covers all highway and rail shipments. The scheduled date for implementation has not yet been determined. CBSA will require electronic transmission of all cargo and conveyance information, including all required commercial data and applicable HS tariff codes.

Phase 3 Timeframes:

- Highway (for non-FAST shipments): 1 hour prior to arrival.
- Highway (for FAST shipments): no advance reporting requirement - Canada bound.
- Rail: 2 hours prior to arrival.

Regardless of the transportation mode, any cargo or conveyance viewed to be "high-risk" may be held for additional information or exam at the first port of arrival. Please also be aware that if the required CBSA data is not provided within the specified timeframes the shipment may be subject to examinations, future "high risk" status, refusal of entry, shipment holds and/or AMPS penalties.

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Are you ready for ACI ?

The CBSA will require electronic transmission of cargo and conveyance information prior to the arrival of shipments in Canada. This data will be processed through a targeting tool to detect high-risk shipments. Transmission of commercial data and applicable HS tariff codes will be determined at a later date.

The ultimate goal of CBSA is to process all cargo & conveyance information prior to the shipment's arrival at the first point of arrival in Canada. Any threats, examination and/or discrepancies will be dealt at that time, thereby preventing potentially high risk goods from entering the country.

For comprehensive information on ACI, please log on to the CBSA website at: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/advance/menu-e.html>.

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