

USA IMPORT



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Types of Entries for USA Imports

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Two Broad Categories of “Consumption Entries^{*}”



- Consumption Entry vs in-bond transit and foreign trade zone entries

Informal Entry < \$2500

Formal Entry > \$2500

- + Restricted Goods - regardless of value - including:
 - agricultural products, pharmaceuticals and other controlled substances.
 - Goods that involve Partner Government Agencies

- Broker needs to get approval from importer to make entry on their behalf
- Customs Bond
- Subject to audit 5 years following entry

Formal Entry Required for Restricted Goods



Imports Requiring Approval
from
Partner Government Agencies



The customs ACE program provides
an entry point for submitting
documentation required by both
CBP and PGAs

Customs Bond Necessary for a Formal Entry

What is a Bond?

Surety /Customs Bond

Ensures payment of duty and other fees to the Government

Single Entry Bond: For a single shipment

Continuous Entry Bond: Secures all transactions over a 12 month period.

Transporting Goods In-bond

The in-bond process allows imported merchandise to transport from a port of entry without requiring a "consumption entry".

Transport is via a bonded carrier. At the destination port, the merchandise is entered or exported.

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<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/priority-issues/revenue/bond>

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Necessary Data

Informal Entry

< \$800

Section 321

- Details regarding the shipper & consignee
- Product Description and Value
- Pieces and weight of the consignment

< \$2500

All the above, plus:

- HS Code
- Country of Origin
- Number of units and value per unit
- Certification of origin if duty free import via a free trade agreement

Formal Entry

> \$2500

All of the above plus

- Name of manufacturer (if wearing apparel or importing from China)
- Importer's tax ID (EIN / SS#)

Informal Entry for E-Commerce Imports

	Up to What Value	Mode of Shipping	Customs charge per Shipment	Ports of Entry	Notes
Postal	<\$2,500	UPU/ Postal Partners	-	Ports with Postal Import Facilities	Section 321 entry up to \$800
Express Consignment	< \$800	Air	Yes	Ports with express facilities	FedEx, UPS, DHL and some independent facilities. Efficient processing for informal entries as well
Container Freight Station CFS	< \$800	Air	-	Ports with express capabilities and local port approval of CFS for Section 321.	Usually linked to an express facility
Type 86	< \$800	Air, Truck, Ocean	-	All Ports	Available to all brokers

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Importance of Preparation Prior to Shipping: Time is of the Essence!



- Storage charges can begin within 12 to 24 hours after arrival
- Storage Fees are extraordinarily high
- Entry must be made within 15 calendar days of arrival
- Some ports now use a CES (Central Exam Station) for any examinations.



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