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# SHIPPING TO CANADA





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## Importer of Record and CARM

### Context

1. Importers and owners are required to account for goods imported into Canada. Customs brokers may account for the goods on an importer's or owner's behalf, declaring their client or themselves as the importer of record. A person authorized may account for goods in lieu of the importer or owner and become the importer of record under the Courier Low-Value Shipment Program.
2. The CBSA recognizes customs brokers and persons authorized as authorized agents.
3. To transact business with the CBSA, commercial entities must have a business number (BN) with an import/export account number (RM). Those together identify the importer of record.

### Business Registration and CARM

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/services/carm-gcra/import-export-importation-exportation-eng.html>



### Canadian Business Number

Business Number (9 digits)	Identifier as importer or exporter	Unique number (usually 0001)
123456789	RM	1234

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## Businesses wishing to import must have an import/export account number (RM)

### BN9: A business number for all businesses

A nine (9)-digit number designated by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as a common client identifier for businesses. (e.g., 123456789).

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### RM program identifier: Identifies a company as an exporter or importer

The RM is a 6-digit number (e.g. RM0001)

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### BN15 or RM15:

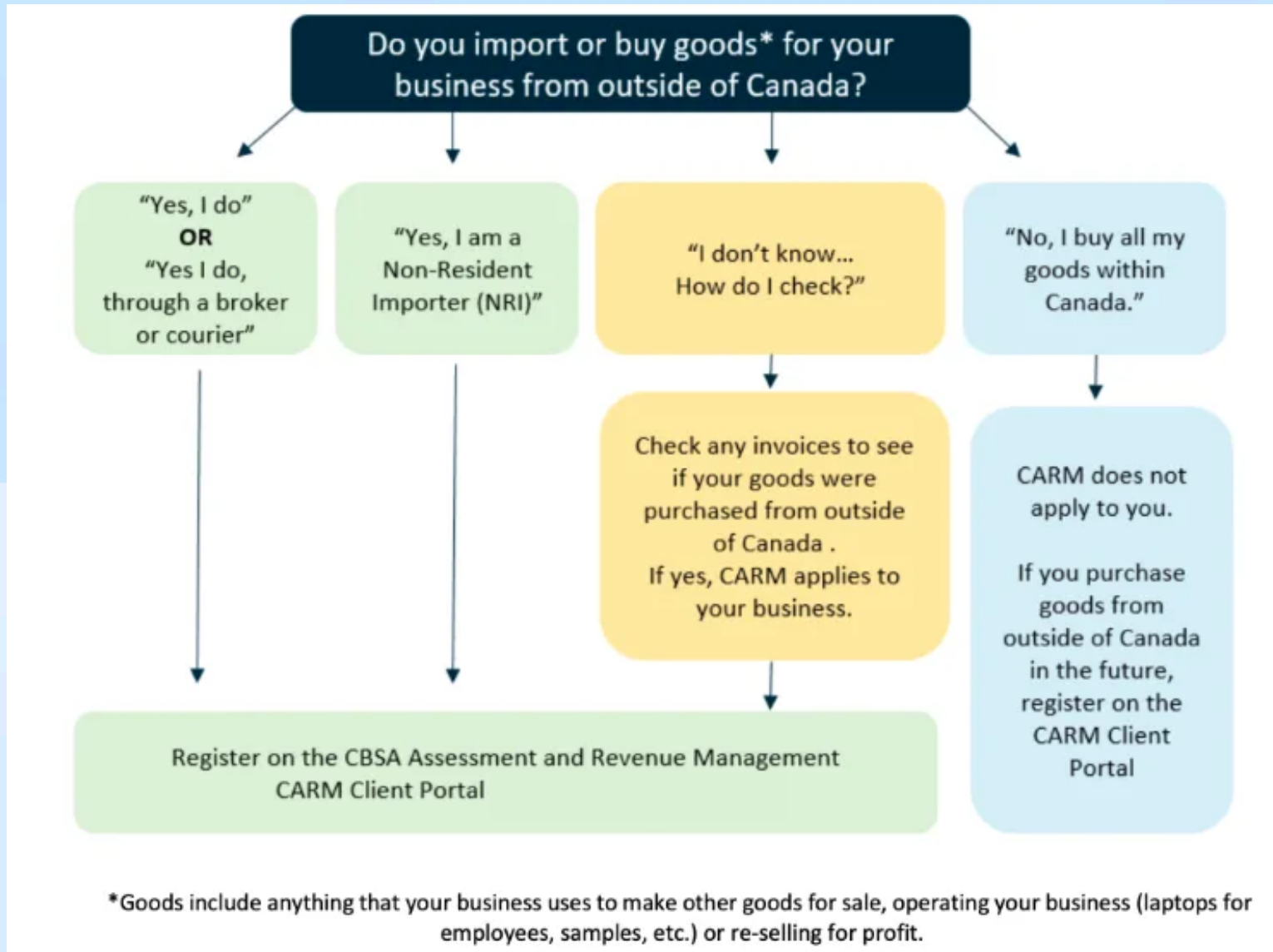
The BN15 is made up of the BN9 + RM identifier (e.g. 123456789RM0001) and is also known as the RM15.

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## CBSA Assessment and Revenue Management



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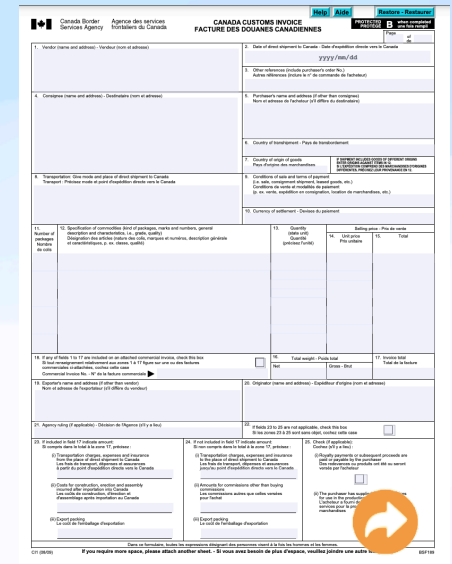
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## Commercial Invoice / Invoice for Customs

The Most Fundamental of All Documents Necessary for Import!

Necessary data elements include:

- Seller and Consignee full name, address, phone and email
- Detailed description of each item being shipped
- Net and gross weights (net weight excludes packaging)
- Unit and total value (specify currency)
- Shipping Terms and terms of payment
- Date of shipment
- Reference or order number
- Import license (if applicable)
- Freight charges and insurance (C.I.F. Value)



The image shows a sample of a Canada Customs Invoice form. The form is titled 'CANADA CUSTOMS INVOICE' and 'FACTURE DES DOUANES CANADIENNES'. It includes fields for 'Importer Name and Address', 'Exporter Name and Address', 'Country of Origin', 'Description of Goods', 'Quantity', 'Value', and 'Weight'. There are also checkboxes for 'Exempt from Duties' and 'Exempt from GST'. The form is numbered '1' and '2' in the top right corner.

Invoice can be via a Canadian Commercial Invoice (CCI) or Commercial invoice that includes necessary data.



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## Export Declaration from Origin

**Be Aware that Shipper / Sender / Exporter likely will have to complete an export declaration**

- Cargo shipments from most countries require an export declaration
- Information necessary for export is similar to information necessary for import
- A packing list may be necessary
- The HS classification for export may differ to the Canadian classification



**Most shipments USA to Canada are exempt from the Export Declaration Requirement**

FTR\* exemption: 30.36: Shipments destined to Canada

The exemption does not apply to shipments requiring an export license/permit, sent for storage in CA but ultimately destined for a third country, of rough diamonds or commodities controlled by USML or ITAR.

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## Understanding HS Codes

# HS Codes

TARIFF CLASSIFICATION  
Harmonized Code

3307	Pre-shave, shaving or after-shave preparations, personal deodorants, bath preparations, depilatories and other perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations, not elsewhere specified or included; prepared room deodorizers, whether or not perfumed or having disinfectant properties:
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7301	Sheet piling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched or made from assembled elements; welded angles, shapes and sections, of iron or steel:
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3926.20.60	00	Plastic rainwear, including jackets, coats, ponchos, parkas and slickers, featuring an outer shell of polyvinyl chloride plastic with or without attached hoods, valued not over \$10 per unit
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8416.20.00	Other furnace burners, including combination burners
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4417.00	Tools, tool bodies, tool handles, broom or brush bodies and handles, of wood; boot or shoe lasts and trees, of wood:
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3926.20	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (including gloves, mittens and mitts):
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7611.00.00	Aluminum reservoirs, tanks, vessels, heat exchangers and similar articles, of aluminum or other non-ferrous metal (other than compressed or liquefied gas, or other material exceeding 300 liters, whether or not lined or heat insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment)
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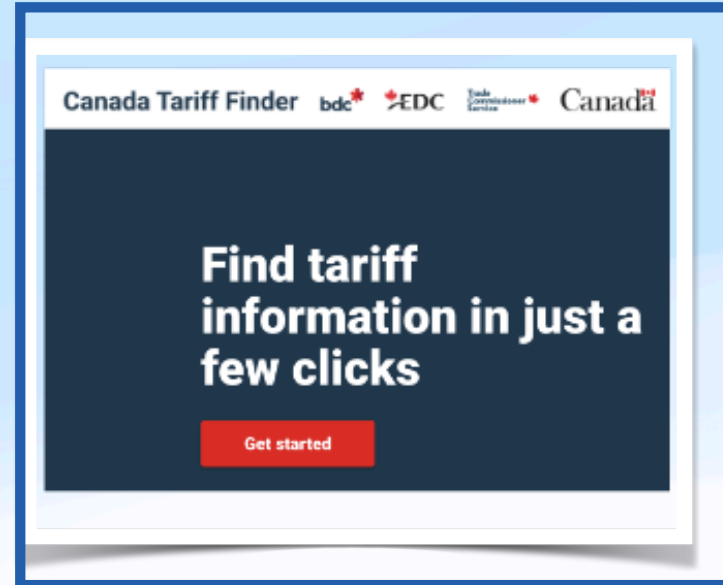
[USEFUL INFORMATION REGARDING HS CODES](#)


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## Canadian Tariff Classification for Export



### Canada Export Development Corp



Getting a Tariff Classification from CBSA: Advance rulings for tariff classification assign a 10-digit tariff classification number to imported commercial goods and include a rationale to explain why that number is the correct one to use. 

Visit: [Jet Worldwide blog on HS Codes](#). Including a link to Canada's tariff and other resources 

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## Country of Origin

### From Where Goods Ship ≠ Country of Origin

The “Country of Origin” most often refers to where the goods were manufactured or “wholly obtained.”

Just the purchase and shipping of goods does not define their country of origin with respect to preferential import.

#### All Imports - Regardless of Where they Ship From:

- Standard import processing
- “Most Favoured Nation” / default rate of duty (unless they qualify as originating)
- Restrictions on specific categories including food, drugs and alcohol

Useful information on  [from goods ship versus their country of origin](#)

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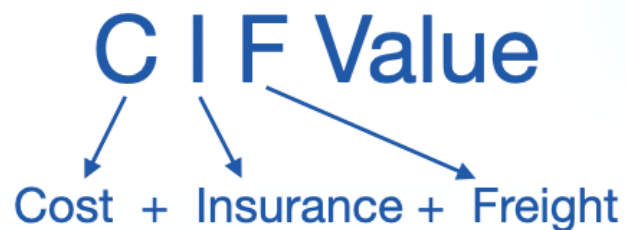
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## Valuation / Value For Duty Transaction Value

In the majority of the cases, the correct value for import to Canada is the “transaction value.” The transaction value is the price paid - or payable - for the goods.

Customs considers the cost shipping and insurance as part of the transaction value (known as CIF value).

Inter-company or transactions between related entities require other methods of valuation.



The diagram consists of a white rectangular box with a blue border. Inside the box, the text 'C I F Value' is written in a large, bold, blue font. Below this text, three arrows point downwards and outwards to the words 'Cost', 'Insurance', and 'Freight', which are separated by plus signs. The entire diagram is set against a light blue background.

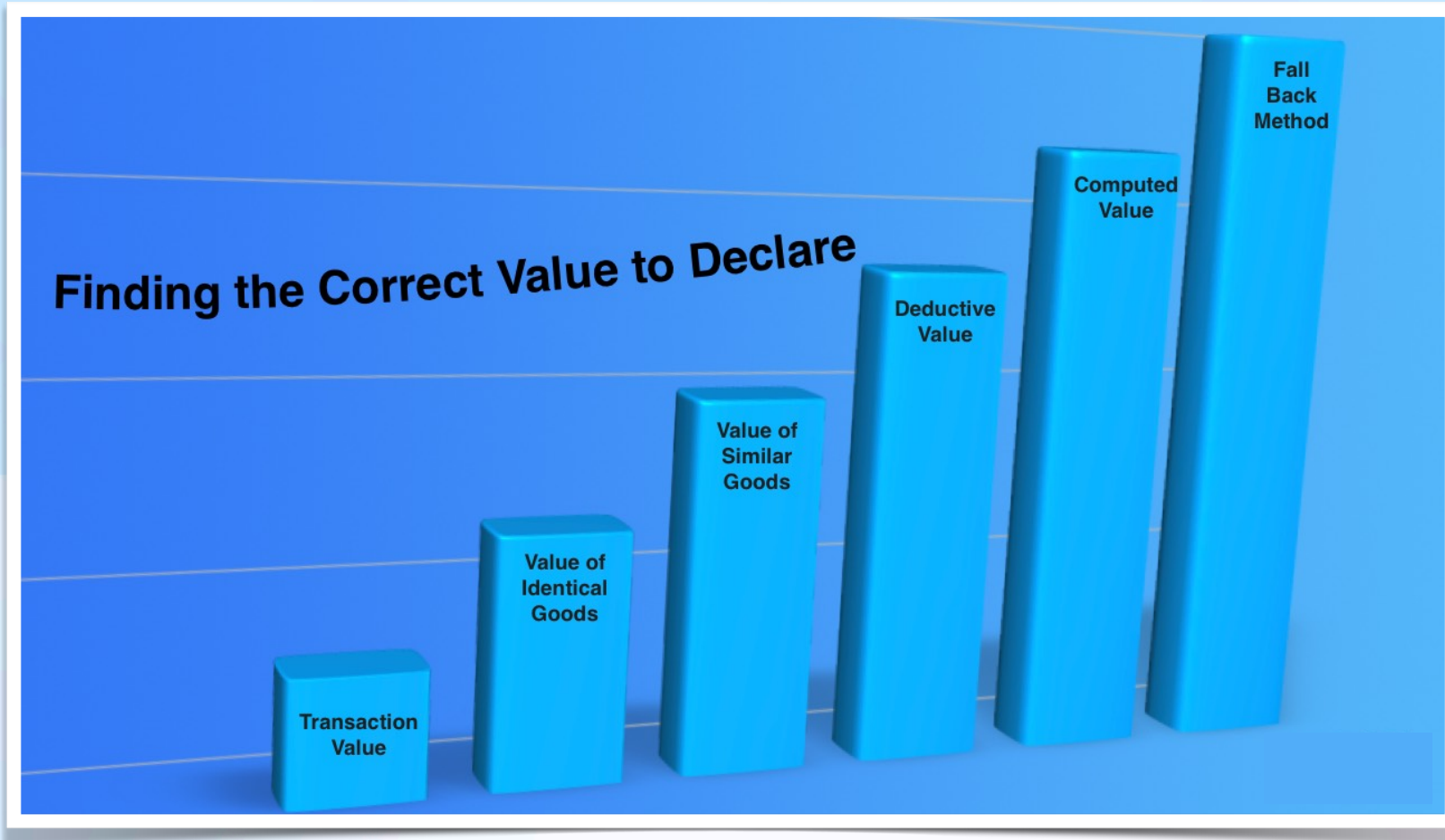
**C I F Value**  
Cost + Insurance + Freight

“This means that the sum of all payments a purchaser makes to or for the benefit of a vendor must be included in the transaction value, even when the payments are not included in the price shown on the commercial invoice or in the contract for the imported goods.”

Source: <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/valuation-valeur/customs-val-douane-eng.html> 

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## Establishing a Value for Importing Goods



Useful information  [declaring value for customs](#)



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## Canada's Import Tariffs / Duty

Import Duty is primarily determined by three main factors

- HS Code / tariff classification
  - Country of Origin
- = % Duty

$\% \text{ Duty (x) Value} = \text{Resulting Duty Assessment}$

\* Note that duty is sometimes based on volume, weight or other measurements rather than value

## Other Canadian Import Fees

- Federal and Provincial Sales Tax
- Entry Preparation and Related Fees
- Carrier Disbursement Fee

Useful information  
 [Canadian import fees](#)

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## Canada's Import Tariffs / Duty

The default duty for most imports: MFN Tariff

Goods that qualify as originating via a free trade agreement can benefit from preferential tariffs

Tariff Item	SS	Description of Goods	Unit Meas.	MFN Tariff	Applicable Preferential Tariffs
2710.20.10 00	--	-Lubricating oils put up in packings for retail sale	LTR	5%	CCCT, LDCT, GPT, UST, MXT, CIAT, CT, CRT, IT, NT, SLT, PT, COLT, JT, PAT, HNT, KRT, CEUT, UAT, CPTPT, UKT, Free
2710.20.90 00	--	-Other	LTR	Free	CCCT, LDCT, GPT, UST, MXT, CIAT, CT, CRT, IT, NT, SLT, PT, COLT, JT, PAT, HNT, KRT, CEUT, UAT, CPTPT, UKT: Free

Note: The General Tariff rate that applies to goods of this tariff item is the Most-Favoured-Nation Tariff rate.

**-Waste oils:**

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## Canadian Free Trade Agreements (FTA's)

The United States and Mexico **USMCA-CUSMA-TMEC ,CETA, CPTPP, CUKTCA.....**

+ Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Germany, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lichtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Vietnam.

For merchandise or goods, goods that qualify as “originating” can import duty free to Canada.

Free Trade Agreements have general rules of origin and more specific requirements for certain categories

### Concepts to take into consideration:

- Regional Value Content (RVC)
- Labor Value Content (LVC)
- De Minimis Rule
- Rules for specific categories of goods

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## Free Trade

### Key take aways:

- Origin rules can be complicated, but...
- If is made, grown, extracted or raised in country sharing a free trade agreement with Canada, it likely qualifies for duty free import to Canada
- The certification paperwork paperwork is easy to prepare and include with the shipment

 [Canada's Free Trade Agreements](#)

Canada has  
Free Trade Agreements  
with 51 countries

CUSMA / USMCA / T-Mec



CPTPP



CETA



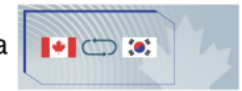
Chile



Israel



South Korea



United Kingdom



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## Non-Resident Importer/ NRI

The NRI program allows foreign businesses to get a Canadian Business Number (BN). This is the most common way for foreign companies to import goods to Canada.

As a non-resident importer, foreign companies can act as their own distributor across Canada.

The requirements include record keeping, posting of a surety bond to benefit from customs release prior to payment of import fees, and reporting.

Note: Different valuation methods and value for duty may apply to non-resident imports

**Non-resident businesses must obtain a Business Number (BN9) before registering on the CARM Client Portal (CCP)**

Visit CBSA website

.... or contact a  [Canadian customs broker](#) or an accounting firm for more information.

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## Best Shipping Modes: The USA to Canada



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## Shipping Options and processes: The USA to Canada

### Ground Vs Air to Canada

- Air shipments via FedEx and UPS usually includes customs entry declaration/ preparation
- Ground does not include entry preparation

#### FedEx International Ground Shipments

##### Clearance Entry Fees: U.S.-to-Canada Shipments

Value for Duty (CAD\$)	Fee (CAD\$)
\$0-\$40	\$0
\$40.01-\$60	\$17.25
\$60.01-\$100	\$21.25
\$100.01-\$150	\$27.50
\$150.01-\$200	\$32.25
\$200.01-\$500	\$54
\$500.01-\$1,000	\$62
\$1,000.01-\$1,600	\$71.50
\$1,600.01-\$3,300	\$82
\$3,300.01-plus	\$82 plus \$7.50 for each additional \$1,000

#### For shipments arriving via UPS Standard® or via other couriers/transportation companies\*

Value for duty			
\$ 0.00	to	\$ 40.00	0.00*
\$ 40.01	to	\$ 60.00	\$ 19.10
\$ 60.01	to	\$ 100.00	\$ 22.75
\$ 100.01	to	\$ 150.00	\$ 30.40
\$ 150.01	to	\$ 200.00	\$ 34.70
\$ 200.01	to	\$ 350.00	\$ 66.90
\$ 350.01	to	\$ 500.00	\$ 74.45
\$ 500.01	to	\$ 750.00	\$ 88.70
\$ 750.01	to	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.25
\$ 1,000.01	to	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 118.30
\$ 1,600.01	to	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 134.55
Each additional		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 9.30

#### Useful information



[Canadian import fees](#)



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