



Special Certificates and Permits

DOCUMENTATION

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- ☞ certificate of compliance (*NOMs*)
- ☞ sanitary and phytosanitary certificates
- ☞ emergency regulations for meat and Christmas trees
- ☞ Secretariat of Health sanitary import authorization
- ☞ Secretariat of Agriculture sanitary import authorization




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Shipping

Well in advance of the planned export shipment, the exporter should take steps to find out if the product is subject to any special import requirements. If it is, the exporter must work with the agent or importer to obtain all of the necessary permits and certificates.

The Government of Mexico regulates the quality and purity of a wide range of products. In general, the purpose of these regulations is to ensure that the products are safe for use by consumers. In some cases, they also require that consumers be provided with certain product information, including instructions for use and handling. This includes requirements for product labelling as well as point-of-sale material.

These standards apply to imported as well as domestically-produced goods. In addition, special certificates are required at the border for many products. Technically, compliance is the responsibility of the importer, so strictly speaking, these certificates are not “shipping documents”. However, Mexican officials require them before the goods can cross the border and exporter-provided information is required to get them. So for practical purposes, the onus for compliance falls on the exporter.

Since even minor deficiencies in the documentation may lead to serious delays, the exporter should ensure that all special certificates are in the hands of the Mexican customs broker before the goods leave Canada. Normally, a Canadian customs broker will make arrangements with the Mexican broker well in advance.