

Documentation

What is in this Section?

This section explains how the standard forms used in international trade are used for shipments to Mexico. It also describes the special permits that are required for some types of goods under Mexican law.

Every shipment from Canada to Mexico must be accompanied by the standard set of documents required for all international trade. In addition, most exporters will need documents to prove eligibility for preferential treatment under the NAFTA. Shippers may choose to include additional documents that can expedite clearance at the border.

Exporting to Mexico: General Requirements			
Documents required in each country			
Document	Canadian Customs	US Customs	Mexican Customs
Commercial invoice	Always	If goods enter US	In Spanish, with customer's <i>Registro Federal de Causantes (RFC)</i> , taxation registration number
Export declaration (Form B-13A)	If goods will enter US or cost C \$2,000		
Bill of lading	Always	If goods enter US	Always
Import permit			For certain goods only
Transportation and Exportation (T&E) bond		If goods enter US	
Packing list			If the invoice is not fully itemized and there is more than one package
Special certificates			For goods subject to product standards or health regulations (see special certificate and permits)
NAFTA certificate of origin			If NAFTA preferences are claimed
General certificate of origin			For non-NAFTA goods that are subject to countervailing duties in Mexico