

Importing in the United States

The process of importing in the United States can be a confusing one for young companies to navigate. TRG has created this introduction to help clarify the basics of importing.

The Entry Process Timeline



Entry Document Checklist

- Entry Manifest (CBP Form 7533) or Entry/Immediate Delivery (CBP Form 3461)
- Evidence of right to make entry
- Commercial invoice, obtained from the seller, showing the value and description of the merchandise.
- Evidence of a Customs Bond; single or continuous
- Packing lists, if appropriate, or other documents necessary to determine merchandise admissibility
- Entry Summary (CBP Form 7501)
- Payment of Estimated Duties, Taxes, and Charges

The Right to Make Entry

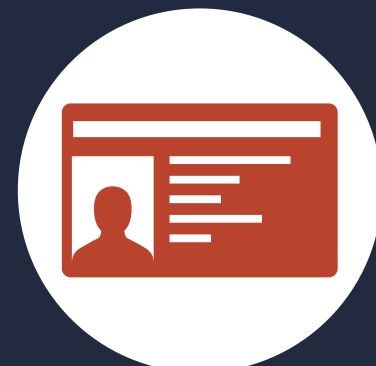
Merchandise arriving in the United States by commercial carrier must be entered by one of the following:



Owner of Goods



Purchaser of Goods



Licensed Customs Broker
With an Active Power of Attorney

★ In the majority of cases, the entry is made by a person or firm certified by the carrier bringing the goods to the port of entry. In these cases, the certified entity is considered the "owner" of the goods for Customs purposes.

How to Declare Entry



Entry for Consumption

This type of entry is used when goods are imported for use in the United States and going directly into the commerce of the U.S. This includes goods entered for commercial, business, or personal purposes and encompasses 95% of goods.



Entry for Warehouse

If the importer wishes to postpone the release of the goods, they may be placed in a CBP bonded warehouse. The goods may be kept in the warehouse for up to five years with duties not payable until the goods are withdrawn,



Transportation of Merchandise in Bond

In the case that the importer prefers to enter the goods in a different location within the U.S., they will need to be transported to that location. In this case, the goods must travel in a bonded status by a carrier that accepts it under its bond.

Don't get lost in the process, make sure you are informed on the latest updates to remain compliant with Customs. TRG is proud to be your source for industry news and updates. We know the process of importing in the United States can be confusing, so let us help you make the process easier.

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