

IMPORTING AND EXPORTING

SHIPPING TO CANADA LEARNING OGD REQUIREMENTS

Ensure your shipments clear the Canadian border quickly and efficiently by understanding Other Government Department requirements.

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Avoid wasting time and money because your shipment gets delayed at the Canadian border.

Neglecting to include the proper paperwork with your shipment can lead to costly delays at the Canadian border especially when Other Government Departments (OGDs) are involved. Departments such as Environment Canada and Agriculture and Agri-foods Canada require extra paperwork in order to release your goods.

The Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) assists OGDs, providing day-to-day frontline support for import, in-transit and export of various commodities. There are certain steps that you can take to ensure that you are compliant, and avoid costly delays at the border.

Identify goods that require special permits and obtain them

Many goods subject to OGD requirements need special permits, certificates or other paperwork, in addition to the standard customs documentation. In some cases, shipments may require examination by customs officers to verify proper marking or labeling. In others, qualified inspectors, working on behalf of the OGD in question, must review the documentation and/or examine the goods prior to release. Often the data needed to satisfy OGD requirements is not normally provided with the shipment. It must then be supplied by the importer to the customs broker at the time of customs entry.

OGDs update regulations often - ensure your customs agent is aware of new regulations

OGDs are becoming more stringent with regard to imports. In addition, new OGD requirements are being implemented

Learn how to find out about new regulations and remain compliant to avoid incurring fees and lengthy wait times at the border.

all the time. Your customs broker should be aware of these regulations to ensure correct processing and compliance of your shipments subject to OGD requirements.

Send your data electronically

By sending your shipment information electronically, you can help ensure that you have the necessary information in a timely manner.

Industries subject to OGDs:

Industry	Canadian Other Government Department
Food and food-related products	Agriculture and Agri-foods Canada
Apparel goods, textile articles, steel products	International Trade Canada
Animals, plants and certain wood products	Environment Canada
Energy consuming products	Natural Resources Canada
Pre-packaged consumer products	Industry Canada
Motor vehicles and tires	Transport Canada
Drugs, medical devices, hazardous products	Health Canada

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