

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Changes to shipments entering Canada effective Oct. 15, 2007

Starting on October 15th, 2007 commercial imports entering Canada at ALL border points must be presented to Customs electronically. Old style hard copy "Release on Minimum Documentation" (RMD) and Pre Arrival Review Service (PARS) requests will no longer be accepted.

Beginning Monday, October 15th, the only valid customs release options will be:

- EDI Pre-Arrival Review System
- Frequent Importer Release System (FIRST)
- CSA/FAST
- EDI RMD

Exceptions are limited to shipments such as goods requiring permits or certificates from Other Government Departments (OGD), temporary imports, live animals or used goods. These select commercial import shipments can still be presented using traditional paper hard copy methods.

CBSA believes this change will help move the information "to an environment that focuses on safety, security and facilitation of trade." Allowing brokers ample time to process paperwork for these new requirements will prevent future problems.

For recommendations on meeting these new requirements, contact Speed Global Services at 1-800-447-3033 or email Jim Trubits at jtrubits@speedgs.com.