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# Customs Self Assessment (CSA)

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# Program Overview

## Current Status



Allows for:

- Expedited clearance option:
  - Must use CSA approved carrier and registered driver;
  - Restricted to pre-approved goods shipped from United States (US) and Mexico – does not include Other Government Department (OGD) goods or goods from offshore countries; and
  - Must use other release options for the remaining shipments.
- The following apply to all imports regardless of the clearance/release option used:
  - Consolidated reporting of all importations;
  - “Self-assessment” of revenues including offsets; and
  - Electronic Adjustments.


# Statistics



## 2008 Highlights:

- CSA importers accounted for \$83 billion in value for duty out of a total of \$400 billion for all importers, for a total of 20% of all goods imported.

## As of September 28, 2009:

- Total CSA Importers = 72
  - Total Fast and Secure Trade (FAST) Importers = 56
  - Total CSA approved carriers = 815
  - Total FAST approved carriers = 673
  - Total FAST approved drivers = 81,822
  - Total Commercial Registered Driver Program (CDRP) drivers = 5,274
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# Current Benefits

- A comprehensive choice for Canadian importers who will be able to make the investment choice between eManifest or CSA;
- CSA shipments are exempted from meeting eManifest requirements such as providing pre-arrival information;
- Lower costs to bring goods into Canada, as most transactional data is not be required;
- Facilitated clearance option that provides greater certainty for low risk importers;
- Reduced delivery times;
- Reduced examinations;
- Increased accuracy in accounting by CSA importers;
- Able to self assess and do monthly reporting; and
- Ability to do electronic adjustments.

# Enhancements



Importer Requirements	Enhancements
<p>Expansion of expedited “clearance option” to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Goods coming from US and Mexico going to all industry sectors.</li><li>• Intermediary locations for release of CSA shipments.</li></ul>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>

# Offshore Proposal



- The CSA importer will be required to provide Importer Admissibility Data through an enhanced Trade Chain Partner (TCP) profile.
  - Profile information will be required once before offshore shipments can be granted CSA status. The profile must be updated when changes occur.
  - Carriers will be required to provide Advance Cargo Information (ACI) cargo, conveyance and crew information transactionally.
  - Importers will be required to provide their business number and cargo control number on a transactional basis to confirm that the shipment is legitimate.
  - Shipments will be released at the First Point of Arrival and liability will be transferred to the CSA importer.
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# Offshore Proposal Continued



- CBSA met with a group of CSA importers in June and September 2009 to discuss an offshore proposal for the CSA program and to review industry's comments.
- Industry fully supports the current proposal and is anxious to work with CBSA towards implementation.
- The offshore proposal has been submitted to senior management for approval – discussions are still on-going.

# Next Steps



- Continue to seek approval from senior management to expand CSA to include offshore goods.
  - If approved, initiate broader consultations with trade on detailed design and implementation of the proposal.
  - Consider how CSA aligns to the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) model.
  - Look at ways to increase participation and benefits for Trusted Trader Programs.
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# Contact Information

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