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Our mission:

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AGENDA

1. CFIA Import process

2. Initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance

3. New Requirements



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Overview of the CFIA Mandate

CFIA is the Government of Canada's key science-based regulator for the following:

**food safety
animal health
plant protection**

*** In partnership with Health Canada**





Overview of the CFIA Legislation

Plant protection act
Health of animals act
Seeds act,
Feeds act
Fertilizer act
**Canadian food
inspection act**
**Plant breeders' rights
act**
**Administrative monetary
penalties act**

**Canada Agricultural
Products Act**
Meat Inspection Act
Fish Inspection Act
**Consumer Packaging
and Labelling Act ***
Food and Drugs Act *
*** As it relates to food**
**Plus 29 sets of
*Regulations***



1. CFIA Import process

Programs and services for commercial importers

- National Import Service Centre
- Automated Import System (AIS)
- Automated Shipment Inspection Status Search Tool (ASISST)
- Pre- Arrival Review System
- Info Kit for Brokers

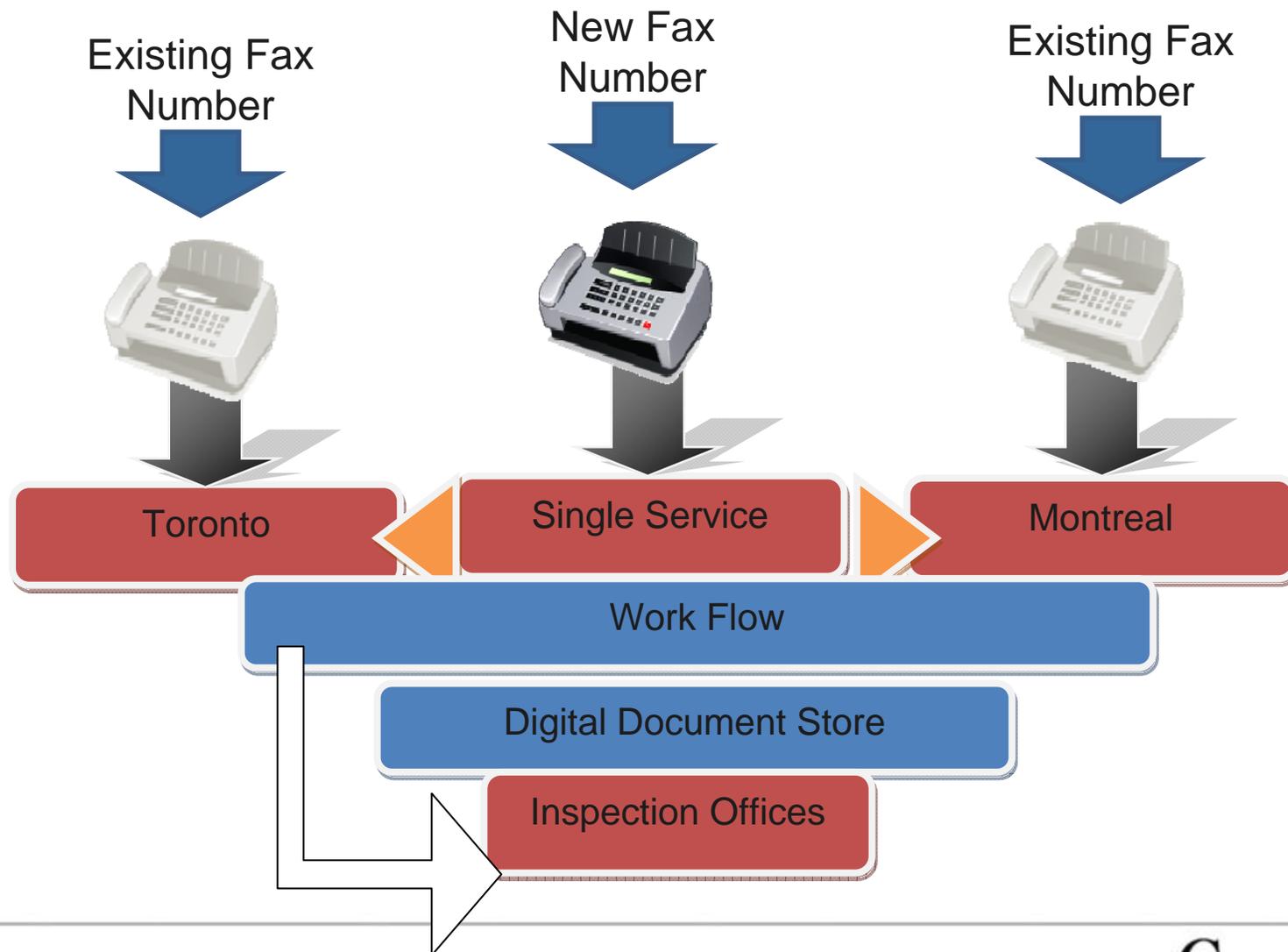


CFIA Import process

National Import Service Centre (NISC)

- Reviews import request documentation and notify CBSA of entry and inspection decisions.
- Staff handle inquiries regarding import requirements for all commodities regulated by the CFIA and, when necessary, coordinate inspections for import shipments.

CFIA Import Process (contd.) National Import Service Centre (NISC)



CFIA Import process (contd.)

Automated Import System (AIS)

1. AIRS

2. EDI

3. IRS
& ICTS



CFIA Import process (contd.)

Automated Import Reference System (AIRS)

- **AIRS is a resource tool for CBSA, brokers, importers and the general public only available through internet and must be used by Importers/ Brokers to generate the electronic request.**

- **AIRS is updated on a regular basis and therefore download / saving on personal computer is not recommended.**



CFIA Import process (contd.)

Automated Import Reference System (AIRS)

- **Allow users to search for import requirements by commodity name or first six digits of the International Harmonized System (HS Code)**
- **Display documentation and or registration requirement, permits, certificates, licenses and information regarding the release procedures.**
- **Provide the CFIA contact numbers for help or additional information.**

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- Eggs and Eggs Products
- Exports
- Fish and Seafood
- Food Recalls
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
- FSEP / HACCP
- Honey
- Imports
- Labelling



Food

Food safety is the CFIA's top priority. The CFIA, along with many [federal](#), [provincial](#) and [municipal](#) organizations, is working to improve the overall health of Canadians. The CFIA develops and delivers programs and services designed to ensure that the food we eat is safe and of high quality. In emergency situations, the CFIA is aware of--

Product sectors we regulate include:

- [dairy products](#)
- [egg and egg products](#)
- [fish and seafood](#)
- [fresh fruits and vegetables](#)
- [honey](#)
- [labelling](#)
- [maple products](#)
- [meat and poultry products](#)

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Overview

Acts and Regulations

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Food

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Dairy Products

Eggs and Eggs Products

Exports

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency regulates the imports of food products. The [Guide to Importing Food Products Commercially](#) provides an overview of the federal regulatory and policy requirements for the commercial importation of food into Canada.

Additional information is available on products such as:

- [dairy products](#)
- [fish and seafood](#)
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Highlights

Automated Import Reference System

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Canada Has a Robust Risk-Based Import Control System

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IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

Find Commodity

HS Description HS Code * Alternate Description Key Words Latin Names

* Note: When doing a search by HS Code, use only the first six digits.

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IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

Find Commodity Search

HS Description HS Code * Alternate Description Key Words Latin Names

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The AIRS system is used for...
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of interpreting and...
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There are five options, HS Description, HS Code, Alternate Description, Key Words and Latin Names. The default is set to HS Description, and will usually be sufficient to find what you are looking for. If not, select the other options and repeat the search.

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Address http://airs-sari.inspection.gc.ca/AIRS/airs_requirements.asp

EDI

Import Details for Requirement: 28742 Version: 9

HS Description: 03

- 03 Fish and shellfish, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, fresh or chilled
- 07 Meats, edible, whether in shell or not, fresh, chilled, frozen or cooked

End Use: 02

- Further processing

Recommendations to CBSA Requirements

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When you click on the "EDI" button you will be shown the list of data elements required for EDI and any permits, certificates or declarations that are required for importing the shipment to Canada.

The Version Number is used by CFIA-AIS to verify that the Broker/Importer is using the most recent import requirement data.

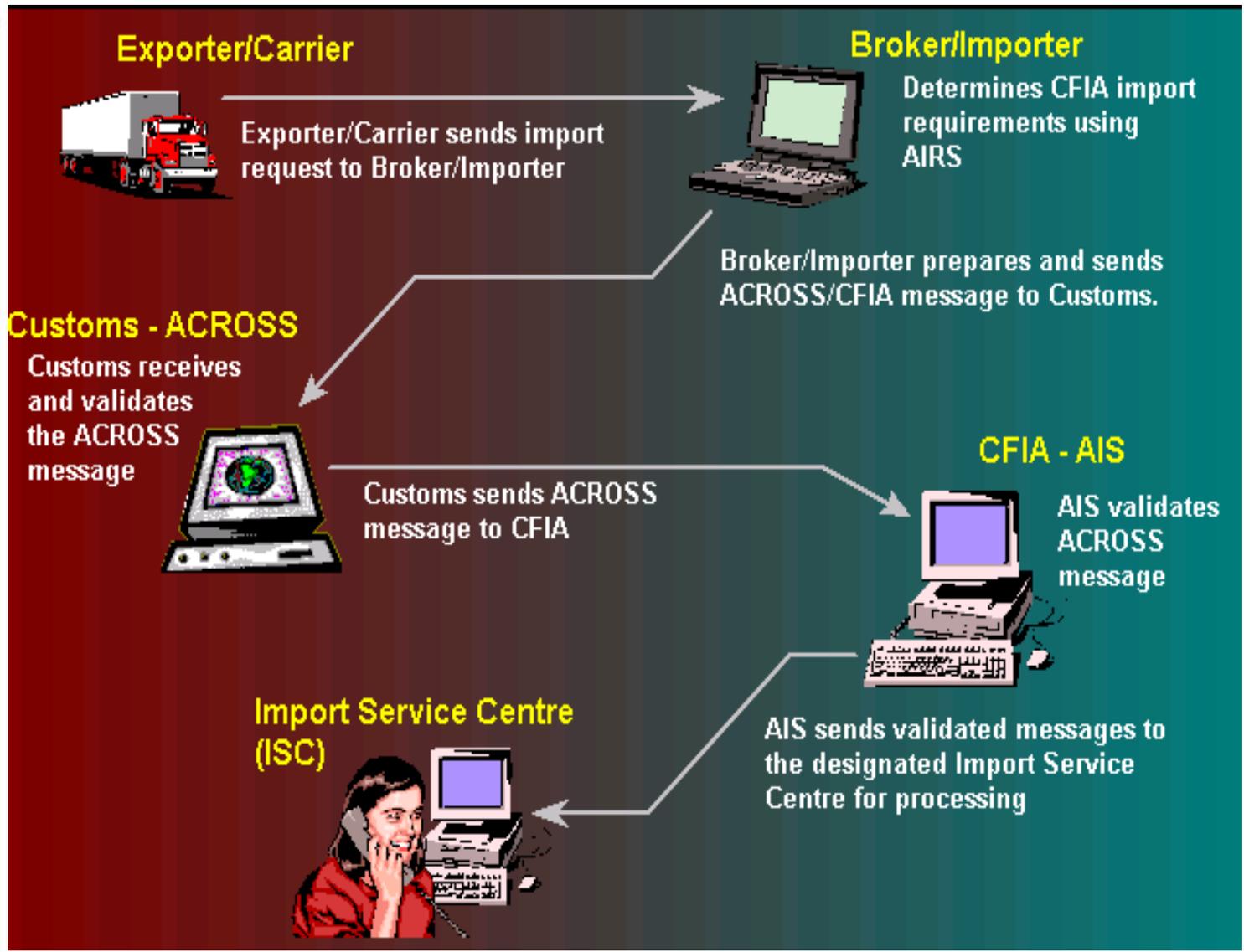
The Requirement ID is a unique number for each combination questions.

CFIA Import process (contd.)

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

- Communication interface between CFIA-and CBSA to enable electronic transfer of data.
- The information is entered into an electronic message and transmitted to CBSA.





Import Service Centre (ISC)



The CFIA Import Service Centre processes the request

Broker / Importer / Carrier

Receives release notification message



Shipment Delivered

ISC returns an import decision to ACROSS via CFIA-AIS



Customs - ACROSS

ACROSS processes the returned message



Customs sends the ACROSS-CFIA message to the Customs Inspector

Once processed, the message is returned

Customs Inspector

Customs Inspector processes the message



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CFIA Import process (contd.)

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

APPROVED, Shipment is permitted into Canada

REJECTED, DATA with the transaction is incorrect

REFUSE, Shipment is not permitted into Canada

DETAIN TO DESTINATION, shipment must be inspected at destination point

NO CFIA REQUIREMENTS, Shipment has no CFIA requirements



CFIA Import process (contd.)

Import Tracking Systems

Import Control Tracking System (ICTS) and Import Retrieval System (IRS) are two internal tracking systems to track and report all imports coming into Canada.



2. Initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance

Pre- Arrival Review System (PARS)

PARS is one of many initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance. It is available at all automated CBSA commercial offices.

- Waiting time at the point of importation are significantly reduced.**



Initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance (contd.)

Pre- Arrival Review System (PARS)

Importer Benefits-

- **No driver delays, waiting times at the point of importation are significantly reduced .**
- **If the documentation is unsatisfactory, transaction is rejected and returned for correction**



Initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance (contd.)

AIRS Verification Service (AVS)

- **AVS performs a check/validation on AIRS information that is transmitted to the service.**
- **A response message is generated identifying which commodity requires correction.**
- **AVS help clients and CFIA minimize the number of rejects encountered in EDI transactions.**

Initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance (contd.)

AIRS Verification Service (AVS)

Broker Benefits-

- No driver delays
- No customer complaints

Ease of Use –

- Extremely easy to use, training takes minutes





Initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance (contd.)

Automated Shipment Inspection Status Search Tool (ASISST)

- **USDA inspects and certifies all meat shipments is exported to Canada. CFIA conducts random inspections of incoming meat shipments.**
- **ASISST is a new web designed to find out if US meat shipment requires CFIA inspection.**
- **ASISST can be used only for shipments presented on EDI.**





Initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance (contd.)

Automated Shipment Inspection Status Search Tool (ASISST)

CBSA Transaction #

or

Official Meat Inspection Certificate (OMIC) number

Inspection Status : Yes or No

Registered Inspection Establishment Number, if it is a full inspection.





Initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance (contd.)

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Harmonized System Code Filter List

- **HS Code List has been developed outlining HS Codes that must be transmitted to CFIA. This list is located at CBSA website.**
- **HS is an international goods classification system developed by the World Custom Organization and used by Canada to classify imported and exported goods.**

Initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance (contd.)

Harmonized System Code Filter List

- **Broker Benefits:**
- Accurate classification of goods
- No driver delays

- **Economical Benefits**
- Crucial component of a healthy and prosperous economy.
- Enables governments to monitor the state of the economy and establish appropriate policies.
- Ensures a level playing field for all participants



Initiatives aimed at improving service and compliance (contd.)

Broker Information Kit

Outlines the:

- **role and responsibilities of main partners involved i.e. brokers, CFIA and CBSA.**
- **Various transportation modes (land, air, sea)**
- **transmission modes (paper, EDI)**
- **Contact names**



3. New Requirements

Import notification requirements for commodities regulated under the Food and Drugs Act and Regulations.

Licensing requirements for the Non Federally Registered sector.

Aquatic Health import requirements

IMPORT: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The industry, the importers, the brokers, the transporters and all the participants to the international trade plays an important role in keeping Canada's animals, plants and food safe.



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Thank You

“Border Controls – a Canadian Perspective”

