

CANADA:

Line Release Project

Another Canadian release procedure is the Line Release Project. This is a program designed to streamline release procedures by lessening the paper burden and cutting down on the waiting time for the clearance of goods through customs. The Line Release Project has two separate features. They are:

- ❖ PARS - The Pre-arrival Review System
- * FIRST - The Frequent Importer Release System

❖ PARS

PARS, the Pre-arrival Review System is designed to eliminate truck congestion. Essentially, the documentation is processed prior to the arrival of the goods. PARS is similar to the RMD Documentation and the following steps must be taken:

1. The importer or broker will provide a bar-coded cargo control number for all shipments to be released prior to the arrival of the goods.
2. The exporter prepares Customs documents.
3. The exporter applies the bar-coded cargo control number to the top of 2 copies of the Canada Customs Invoice.
4. A copy of the bar-coded invoice is faxed to the Canadian importer or broker. The carrier retains the original copy.
5. Two hours prior to the shipments arrival, the broker or importer submits a PARS release package to customs. Cadex requires two sets of documentation. Non-Cadex participants only need one set. The release package includes:
 - a. Importer/broker lead sheet that indicates PARS in bold type.
 - b. The fax copy of the invoice that came from the shipper.
 - c. Permits, certificates, etc.
 - d. Documentation.

6. Customs reviews the PARS release package. If the system accepts the bar-coded package, the driver can continue on into Canada. If not, he/she is directed to a bonded compound.

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FIRST, The Frequent Importer Release System, was designed to process repetitive importations of low risk shipments. The program does not cover the processing of goods that require permits or certificates. You must:

1. Submit an application to the Regional Collector for approval.
2. If Customs accepts the application, it will provide an Authorization Number for each approved application. When an application is not accepted, Customs will provide the reasons and identify areas for improvement to the applicants.
3. A Lead Sheet will be required for all first releases. Lead sheets will include bar coded authorization and transaction numbers. An invoice will complete the release package.
4. When the driver reports to customs, he/she will submit the release package.
5. If the goods are to be released, Customs will date stamp the original lead sheet and give the driver a stamped copy. The driver can then deliver the goods. If the goods are not released, the driver must proceed to a Customs compound.
6. If the shipment is released, Customs will forward the original Lead Sheet and invoice to the importer or broker.
7. The importer or broker will be required to transmit or confirm the release documentation.