



## Importer Responsibilities: The Canada Revenue Agency Business Number

As an importer, your Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Business Number (BN) is a vital component of the information declared to Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) by your broker, Farrow, at the time of importation. CBSA now utilizes the BN as the basis for their interaction with you for all accounting, payment and compliance matters. When Farrow arranges for the release of your goods, and transmits this number to CBSA, we, as your broker, are stating who the Importer of Record is. This establishes the party ultimately responsible for the payment of the duty and taxes associated with the import, and the completeness and accuracy of the trade data transmitted. This data includes the tariff classifications, countries of manufacture, and product values, to name but a few.

Let our certified customs brokers and shipping agents ensure your business meets Canadian and U.S. customs clearance and trade compliance.

**Call 1.519.252.4415 to speak to a Farrow Business Development Consultant today or email [sales@farrow.com](mailto:sales@farrow.com)**

In the last few months, the accuracy of your BN has taken an even more prominent role.

In February of 2019, CBSA announced it will no longer reduce or “offset” the monthly duty and tax payment with refunded amounts owing to the importer. Instead, CBSA have chosen to forward money owing to the importer via a cheque sent through Canada Post. This change in process emphasizes the need for your BN to reflect the correct company name and address.

If you need to verify the information tied to your Business Number, Farrow recommends you phone the CRA’s business unit at **1 800 959-5525**. The portion of your BN for importing purposes is the suffix starting with “RM” (i.e. 123456789 RM0001). If you are advised of any errors by CRA, please contact Farrow immediately, so that we can update your records.

Should you have any questions regarding this change, please contact your Client Partnering representative with Farrow.

Farrow thanks you for your continued support. If there are areas where you require assistance, please feel free to contact us.