IMPORTING FOOD AND BEVERAGES INTO CANADA

Importing goods across international borders does not have to be a challenging process. With thorough preparation and professional guidance, it can become a hassle-free experience with Farrow.

When it comes to imported goods, food and food-related products stand out due to their unique requirements. Unlike other products, food items are typically time-sensitive and demand extra attention during the import process. Not only do they go through standard customs procedures, but they also undergo rigorous inspection by various governmental departments and agencies. These additional measures are put in place to ensure the safety and quality of the food products being imported.

Did you know...

Canada's largest fruit import is bananas?

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IMPORTING FOOD PRODUCTS INTO CANADA: PROCESS AT A GLANCE

The following flow chart illustrates the process to import food and food related products into Canada.

IMPORTER

- Create shipment documentation
- Do you or your vendor have a Safe Food Licence through Canada Food Inspection Agency?
- Are your products covered by this licence?
  - **a.** Includes key data on commercial documents
  - **b.** Provides the data/documents directly to the broker and carrier

CARRIER

- Create Cargo Control Number (CCN) in Canada through Pre Arrival Review System (PARS) and provide to broker
- Determine port of entry
- Determine E.T.A.
- File ACI & Apply trip #
- Send all conveyance information to Farrow

FARROW

- Review invoice for accuracy
- Transmit Entry including CFIA and Safe Food Licence data to CFIA & Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA).

CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY (CFIA)

(Participating Government Agency)

- CFIA reviews transaction
- This process could take 1-3 hrs

approved

rejected

CANADA BORDER SERVICE AGENCY (CBSA)

(Government Agency)

- CBSA accepts or rejects entry submission
- This process usually takes 1-2 hrs

approved

rejected

BROKER / IMPORTER / CARRIER

- Notification to Farrow in form of acceptance notification
- Importer/Carrier can receive notification through Farrow's PARS tracker

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