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IMPORTING FOOD AND BEVERAGES INTO U.S.A.

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...

U.S.A.'s largest fruit import is berries?

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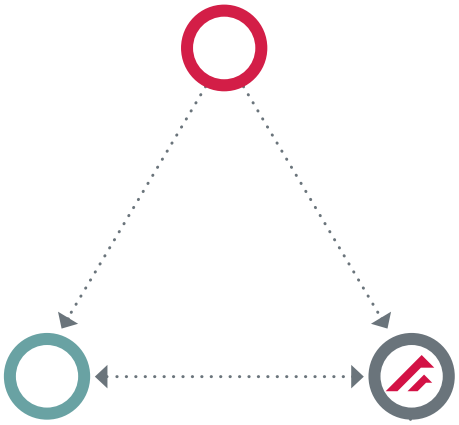
IMPORTING FOOD PRODUCTS INTO U.S.A.: PROCESS AT A GLANCE

The following flow chart illustrates the process to import food and food related products into the United States,



IMPORTER

- Create shipment documentation
- The FDA Prior notice can be transmitted by the importer or it can be filed with the entry, for an additional fee.
- Identify key data elements to satisfy FDA requirements:
  - **a.** Includes key data on commercial documents
  - **b.** Provides the data directly to the broker

CARRIER

- Create and add Pre Arrival Processing System (PAPS) and Shipment Control Number (SCN)
- Determine crossing point
- Determine E.T.A.
- Apply trip #
- Send invoice to Carrier and/or Farrow

FARROW

- Review invoice for accuracy
- Transmit Entry including FDA Data and Customer provided PN confirmation number or including Prior Notice data.
- Transmit Food & Drug Administration (FDA)
- Prior Notice requested to FDA

FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)

(Government Agency)

- FDA reviews file

approved

rejected

CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION (CBP)

(Government Agency)

- CBP accepts or rejects entry submission

approved

rejected

BROKER / IMPORTER / CARRIER

- Notification to Farrow/Importer/Carrier

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