



Border Clearance Tips for Drivers/Carriers Crossing at the Ambassador Bridge April 2008

Ambassador Bridge Security & Service Enhancement Initiative

Effective January 31, 2008 **FIRST** was eliminated nationally as a service option. Alternative forms of clearance at the Ambassador Bridge would be PARS or CSA/FAST.

When presenting PARS at the Primary Inspection Line please ensure drivers state the number of PARS or shipments on board, this will assist in processing and verification. **Drivers should not leave CBSA control without verifying paperwork and all PARS have been stamped.**

It is imperative that drivers follow officer's instructions when being referred to the Secondary Kiosk, Offsite, or rejected back to the United States. **Failure to report as instructed will result in penalties and increased monitoring on future crossings.**

Carriers may authorize the use of their **bonded carrier code** to a second carrier for reporting cargo to CBSA. The contracted/secondary carrier must have a letter of authorization to use the **bonded carrier code** for both inland and frontier release. The letter of authority must be printed on company letterhead and be readily available for CBSA verification when reporting at frontier border. (This only applies to **bonded carrier codes**, 7000 series do not qualify). It is the responsibility of the carrier authorizing the use of its code by another carrier to control the distribution and validity of letters of authorization. <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/cn-ad/cn402-eng.html>

Carriers who do not have a carrier code are encouraged by CBSA to apply on application form E369. <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/forms-formulaires/e369.pdf>

Oral declarations alone are no longer acceptable to prove identity and citizenship when entering the United States. Canadian citizens require a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's licence, plus proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate or citizenship card, to enter the United States by land or water. Canadian citizens can also use a passport, a NEXUS or FAST card or an enhanced driver's licence. For those 18 and under, only a birth certificate is required. Document requirements for entry into Canada have **NOT** changed. <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/media/nr/2008/nr20080131-eng.aspx>

Advance Commercial Information / E-Manifest Highway - The ACI program is about providing CBSA officers with electronic pre-arrival cargo information so that they are equipped with the right information at the right time to identify health, safety and security threats related to commercial goods before the goods arrive in Canada. <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/prog/aci-ipecc/menu-eng.html#a1x3>

FAST Placards - Only when meeting the qualifications to use the FAST Dedicated Lane should the FAST Placard be displayed in windshield of truck and trailer hazard lights flashing. This will indicate to the traffic director that a FAST shipment is on and should be directed into the FAST Dedicated Lane. PARS shipments do not qualify for the FAST Lane even if the Carrier and Driver are FAST Approved.