

# FREIGHTWAY LOGISTICS

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## PARS / PAPS CROSS-BORDER GUIDE

### ***What is PARS?***

The Pre-Arrival Review System (PARS) is used by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) for goods entering Canada. It allows customs brokers to submit documentation before the shipment arrives at the border, enabling faster clearance.

### ***PARS Process***

1. Carrier provides a PARS barcode/number to the customs broker
2. Broker submits release documentation to CBSA electronically
3. CBSA reviews and pre-approves the shipment
4. When the truck arrives at the border, the barcode is scanned
5. If pre-cleared, the truck crosses with minimal delay

### ***What is PAPS?***

The Pre-Arrival Processing System (PAPS) is the U.S. equivalent, used by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for goods entering the United States from Canada.

### ***PAPS Process***

1. The U.S. importer provides entry data to their customs broker
2. Broker electronically files the entry with CBP
3. A PAPS barcode/number is assigned to the shipment
4. The barcode is presented at the U.S. port of entry
5. If cleared, the truck proceeds without delay

### ***Documents Typically Required***

- Commercial Invoice
- Packing List
- Bill of Lading
- Canada Customs Invoice (for Canadian imports)
- Certificate of Origin (if applicable)
- Any applicable permits or licenses

### ***Tips for Smooth Border Crossings***

- Ensure all paperwork is complete and accurate BEFORE departure
- Work with your Freightway account manager to coordinate timing
- Allow extra time for first-time cross-border shipments
- Keep copies of all documentation with the driver
- Contact us at 416-694-4447 for cross-border assistance