



Fact Sheet: Single Window Initiative - Integrated Import Declaration

The Single Window Initiative (SWI) is a Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) led project that aimed to improve the efficiency of the border process through a new import declaration process called the Integrated Import Declaration (IID). The IID provides commercial importers/brokers with a single portal to submit all import information and documents required to meet federal government import regulations, and obtain an admissibility decision electronically.

Benefits of the IID

Using the IID reduces time and paperwork for import declarations and allows for timely release decisions. Rather than having to send the same import declaration to multiple parties, the IID is submitted to the CBSA for validation and then information is transmitted to all appropriate government departments. A single release decision is made and shared with the party that submitted the IID and to any party that subscribes to the Release Notification System (RNS).

The IID also:

- acts as a single release service option for both pre and post arrival processing
- allows importers to transmit their declaration up to 90 days in advance
- can be used alongside CFIA systems that verify import requirements, such as the Automated Import Reference System (AIRS) and the AIRS Verification Service

Important deadlines

Come January 1 2019, those who declare imports electronically to the CBSA must have completed testing and be certified to transmit their import declarations through the IID. To become certified, please contact the CBSA's Technical Commercial Client Unit:

- Tel: 1-888-957-7224
- Fax: 343-291-5482
- Email: TCCU-USTCC@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

Importers who use a service provider should contact their service provider to discuss the testing process and how to get involved.

Two existing Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) service options currently used to declare CFIA regulated imports, called Other Government Department (OGD) Pre-Arrival Review System (PARS) and Release on Minimum Documentation (RMD), currently used to declare imports will be decommissioned for CFIA clients on April 1, 2019.



As well, after the decommissioning of OGD release options 463 (EDI PARS) and 471 (EDI RMD), mandatory use of the IID will be implemented on a gradual basis. After April 1, 2019, the only available release service option for goods regulated by CFIA, Natural Resources Canada and Transport Canada will be the IID. Goods regulated by the remaining PGAs may be released using the IID or service option 125 (EDI PARS) or service option 257 (EDI RMD).

Those who require an import permit can sign up for a My CFIA account to request the required permission. For more information about My CFIA, visit inspection.gc.ca/mycfia. For more information more about the IID, visit the [SWI-IID website](#).