

CHAPTER 514

UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND (USNORTHCOM)

This chapter identifies regulations or directives and establishes Customs/Border Protection requirements and procedures and organizational POCs responsible for the entry/exit of material and personnel from the various countries listed.

A. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCESSES

This section provides the most up-to-date overseas customs process information that has been obtained for the following countries:

[The Bahamas](#)

[Canada](#)

[Mexico](#)

[Puerto Rico](#)

[Virgin Islands](#)

B. BAHAMAS, THE

1. [Passengers](#). See the [DoD Foreign Clearance Guide](#) available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>. From the left column, select “North and South America” and then “The Bahamas”.
2. [Cargo](#). No country-specific details.
3. [Personal Property](#). See the PPCIG at <https://tops.ppcigweb.sddc.army.mil/ppcig/menu/home/warning.do>. Select the “Query CG” tab; select the “County Instructions” tab; at the “Country” drop-down box under “Custom Selection”, select “The Bahamas”; and submit. Click on the detail icon on the upper, right-hand side to review the shipping requirements.

C. CANADA

1. [Passengers](#). See the [DoD Foreign Clearance Guide](#) available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>. From the left column, select “North and South America” and then “Canada”.
2. [Cargo](#). Shipments to Canada (via all modes) must clear both CBP (for export) and Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (for import). The CBP monitors exports of defense articles from the United States to Canada. Most DoD shipments to Canada are exempt from requiring an export license under 22 CFR 126.5, [Canadian Exemptions](#). However, items on the USML must be shipped using a CBL and must have an EEI filed electronically either through direct interface with AES or through AESDirect. Refer to Chapter 508 for additional information on U.S. export documentation requirements and EEI preparation.
 - a. CBL annotations depend on the category of shipment. Shipments to Canada fall into two categories: U.S. Government-owned or items procured by the Canadian Department of National Defense (DND).
 - (1) When shipping U.S. Government-owned material that will remain so while in Canada, the CBL will be annotated with the following statement: “Free entry under Canadian customs, Tariff Item No.9810.00.00. Value for Canadian customs purposes \$ (dollar amount).” When a U.S. military vehicle is carrying this shipment, no other

documentation is required other than an additional copy of the vehicle manifest for Canadian customs purposes, which must be presented to Canadian customs upon entry. When a commercial TSP transports a shipment consigned either to either a U.S. military unit collocated with a Canadian DND unit or directly to a Canadian DND unit, the following are required: a copy of the CBL, the name of the commercial TSP transporting the material, when the material will enter Canada, and which border crossing will be used. Fax this information to the National Defense Headquarters Canada Forces (NDHQ CD) Customs 1-800-306-1811. If necessary, contact the NDHQ CD Customs section at 1-855-210-5149.

- (2) When shipping items procured by the DND, an EEI is required to be filed with references to each DD Form 1348-1A, Issue Release/Receipt Document, [Figure 514-1](#), including the Document Identification, description, and value. Attach a copy of each DD Form 1348-1A to the CBL. The CBL must include the external transaction number or ITN number for the EEI. The commercial TSP must be Canadian customs bonded. The DND broker for Canadian customs clearance must deliver all shipments “In Bond”.
 - (3) When shipping USML items to commercial contractors in Canada under 22 CFR 126.5, the contractor must be registered with the Canadian Controlled Goods Program. Registered companies using the Controlled Goods Program can be located at <http://ssi-iss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/dmc-cgd/index-eng.html>.
3. Personal Property. See the PPCIG at <https://tops.ppcigweb.sddc.army.mil/ppcig/menu/home/warning.do>. Select the “Query CG” tab; select the “County Instructions” tab; at the “Country” drop-down box under “Custom Selection”, select “Canada”; and submit. Click on the detail icon on the upper, right-hand side to review the shipping requirements.
 4. Cargo Description. For movements between a CONUS location and Canada for export, the shipment description from the origin CONUS location to Canada must meet the following requirements to ensure compliance with customs requirements upon the shipment’s arrival at the border crossing and preclude shipment delays:
 - a. For export shipments, shippers must provide an accurate, in-the-clear description of the items to be transported from the requisition source data presented to display this description on the shipment documentation.
 - b. Using terms such as “NOS” (not otherwise specified), “STC” (said to contain), “FAK” (freight all kinds), “Consolidated Cargo,” or “General Merchandise” or providing no description/leaving the field blank is not acceptable for customs clearances purposes. Generic descriptions such as “aircraft part” or “electronic part” may result in delays in the customs clearance process and must not be used. The best available nomenclature based on NSN and other data presented by the supply activity must be used.

D. MEXICO

1. Passengers. See the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>. From the left column, select “North and South America” and then “Mexico”.
2. Cargo. No country-specific details.
3. Personal Property. See the PPCIG at <https://tops.ppcigweb.sddc.army.mil/ppcig/menu/home/warning.do>. Select the “Query CG” tab; select the “County Instructions” tab; at the “Country” drop-down box under “Custom Selection”,

select “Mexico”; and submit. Click on the detail icon on the upper, right-hand side to review the shipping requirements.

4. **Cargo Description.** For movements between a CONUS location and Mexico for export, the shipment description from the origin CONUS location to Mexico must meet the following requirements to ensure compliance with customs requirements upon the shipment’s arrival at the border crossing and preclude shipment delays:
 - a. For export shipments, shippers must provide an accurate, in-the-clear description of the items to be transported from the requisition source data presented to display this description on the shipment documentation.
 - b. Using terms such as “NOS” (not otherwise specified), “STC” (said to contain), “FAK” (freight all kinds), “Consolidated Cargo,” or “General Merchandise” or providing no description/leaving the field blank is not acceptable for customs clearances purposes. Generic descriptions such as “aircraft part” or “electronic part” may result in delays in the customs clearance process and must not be used. The best available nomenclature based on NSN and other data presented by the supply activity must be used.

E. PUERTO RICO

1. **Passengers.** See the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>. From the left column, select “North and South America” and then “Puerto Rico”.
2. **Cargo.** No country-specific details.
3. **Personal Property.** See the PPCIG at <https://tops.ppcigweb.sddc.army.mil/ppcig/menu/home/warning.do>. Select the “Query CG” tab; select the “County Instructions” tab; at the “Country” drop-down box under “Custom Selection”, select “Puerto Rico”; and submit. Click on the detail icon on the upper, right-hand side to review the shipping requirements.

F. VIRGIN ISLANDS

1. **Passengers.** See the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>. From the left column, select “North and South America” and then “Virgin Islands”.
2. **Cargo.** No country-specific details.
3. **Personal Property.** See the PPCIG at <https://tops.ppcigweb.sddc.army.mil/ppcig/menu/home/warning.do>. Select the “Query CG” tab; select the “County Instructions” tab; at the “Country” drop-down box under “Custom Selection”, select “Virgin Islands”; and submit. Click on the detail icon on the upper, right-hand side to review the shipping requirements.

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Figure 514-1. DD Form 1348-1A, Issue Release/Receipt Document