

SINGLE WINDOW INITIATIVE

Streamlining commercial import data

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) established the **Single Window Initiative (SWI)** to provide a simplified method of sharing information between government agencies and importers.

It balances the needs of government departments and agencies with today's globally competitive business environment.

Along with the CBSA, there are nine participating government departments and agencies representing 38 government programs.

SWI will allow for more streamlined communications, while eliminating paper waste.



What you need to know about the SWI

All information will need to be disclosed on an Integrated Import Declaration (IID) at the time of import, rather than individually to the CBSA and Partner Government Agencies (PGAs).

An IID requires more information than previous forms, however it consolidates this into a single report which directs the relevant information to the PGAs.

Program Benefits

- Simplified import process
- Reduced paper burden
- Decreased cost of doing business

Did you know?

In October 2019, the Canada Border Services Agency will decommission legacy Other Government Department (OGD) release service options 463 (OGD PARS) and 471 (OGD RMD).

Participating Government Agencies (PGAs) in Canada

- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Fisheries and Ocean Canada
- Global Affairs Canada
- Health Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Transport Canada

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