



The following is a brief overview of what you can expect if your shipment has been selected for examination by Customs and Border Protection or the U.S. Government.

U.S. Code

Under title 19, section 1467 of the U.S. Code the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) under the direction of the U.S. government, has the right and responsibility to physically examine, any or all, shipments entering or leaving the United States.

According to U.S. Code it is the responsibility of the Importer or Importers Agent to make all goods available for examination and bear the cost of such examinations.

Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

After September 11, 2001, a new combined organization of Border Patrol, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Customs Service became Customs and Border Protection (CBP) within the Department of Homeland Security.

CBP is one of Homeland Security's largest and most complex components. The agency processes all people, vehicles and cargo entering or leaving the United States and makes sure that, where appropriate, all duties and fees are paid.

Domestically, CBP works with thousands of companies who are members of the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, (C-TPAT) to emphasize security in the supply chain, so that cargo examinations can be targeted and selective.

The CBP's mission is to protect our borders and ports of entry from terrorism, smuggling, illegal immigration and agricultural pests, while facilitating the movement of legitimate travel and trade.



What Types of Examinations Does the Government and CBP Perform?

(MET) Merchandise Examination Team performing Trade Fraud Examinations

CBP is looking at imported trade products for Visa requirements, duty, verifying invoices against product, checking for product compliance, copyright, licensing and counterfeit products.

(CBPa): Customs and Border Protection Agriculture (AQI) Examinations

CBPa is looking for pests and insects in wood packaging products and shipping containers.

(FDA): Food and Drug Administration Examinations

FDA is looking at food products allowed into the United States and for the possible smuggling of prohibited products or foodstuff.

(A-TCET): Anti Terrorism Contraband Enforcement Team

CBP is looking for illegal cargo, smuggling, weapons of mass destruction, and other contraband. An (A-TCET) Intensive Examination requires complete unloading and staging of the shipment for piece by piece examination of the cargo.

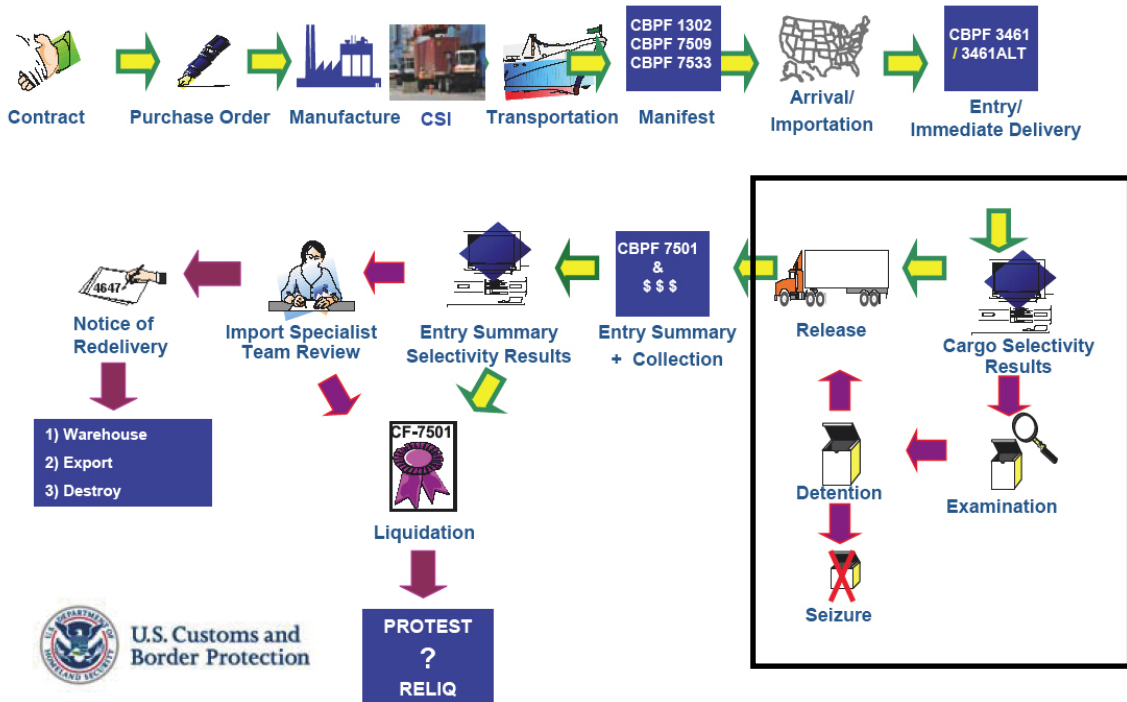
What is a Centralized Examination Station (CES)?

A CES is a privately owned and operated facility where merchandise is made available to CBP personnel for physical examination. The CES, at the request of CBP, the Importer or Importers Agent, the Customs House Broker (CHB) can provide bonded transportation of cargo from the Port or Container Freight Station (CFS) to the CES.

The CES concept fulfills the need of both CBP and the Importer/CHB by streamlining the cargo inspection process which ultimately allows CBP to clear higher volumes of cargo in a timely fashion.

The Price Transfer Group of dedicated CES facilities including FCL Logistics serves the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach and Phoenix Arizona. Price Transfer has been a CES contractor for U.S. Customs and now CBP Homeland Security since the inception of the CES Program in 1985.

The Importation Process



The Trade Act of 2002 set forth requirements for all carriers to electronically provide cargo information prior to the arrival of the cargo in the United States. An importation occurs when a conveyance laden with goods arrives within the port limits with intent to discharge cargo. Once articles arrive within the U.S., CBP requires certain information from the carrier who transported the articles and the individual importing the articles. The carrier must also furnish CBP with a electronically filed manifest. The manifest contains a list of all the cargo being transported. Its purpose is to control and account for all the cargo on the conveyance. Once a manifest is filed with CBP, an Officer reviews it and targets certain shipments for examination.

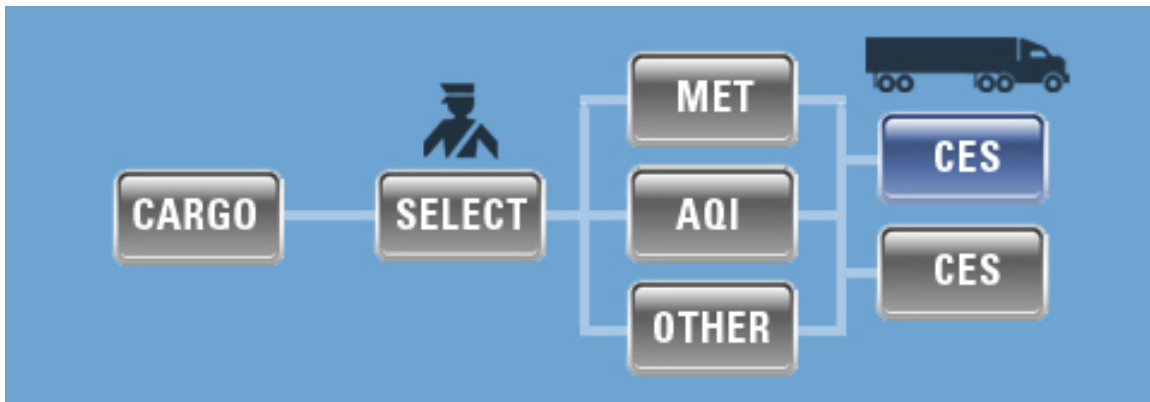
It is this examination process that we will look at in more detail.

The Cargo Examination Process

CBP determines whether a shipment will be selected for examination based on various factors including a Non-Intrusive X-Ray Inspection (NII), review of Manifests and review of Broker/Importer Entries.

In actuality, the selection and physical examination of cargo amounts to 3% - 5% of all merchandise being imported and exported.

Once selected for examination, the shipment is moved to a Customs Exams Site (CES), such as Price Transfer or FCL Logistics. If a shipment is selected for Trade (MET), Agriculture (AQI) or other Government Examinations, the Importer/CHB selects the exam site (CES) and the trucker used for pickup and delivery of the shipment to the exam site.



If a shipment is selected for an (A-TCET) Contraband Examination, it is moved to the (A-TCET) exam site (CES) by the exam site operator (Price Transfer) within 24 hours of selection. Due to the sensitive nature of A-TCET Intensive Examinations, all possible efforts must be made to preserve the confidentiality of the examination until such time the cargo is identified at the CES. Therefore, Price Transfer is not made aware of who the Importer/CHB is and must obtain all relevant information from the steamship line or terminal.





After arriving at the exam site (CES) the CES operator unloads the shipment from its original container and presents the merchandise to CBP for examination. **Only CBP personnel examine a shipment.** After examination the shipment is either cleared or placed on hold for further evaluation. If cleared the shipment is reloaded and made available for pickup.

For A-TCET Examination, Price Transfer (CES) is required to obtain steamship line, terminal and pickup trucker releases along with copies of the 3461 from the CHB/Importer, showing overall CBP clearance before a shipment can be released.

Expected Time Frames

Price Transfer and FCL Logistics track and monitor each stage of the examination to ensure the timely processing of the examination shipment. Most examinations are completed within 24 hours of arriving at the Price Transfer and FCL Logistics (CES) Facilities. Some examinations require follow up investigation, review, laboratory analysis and will take longer to clear. Steamship Line/Terminal holds for charges, documentation or interchange verification of the pickup trucker can cause additional delay to the release process. Be assured that the combination of FCL Logistics' fully equipped facilities and experienced personnel will assist you in minimizing any disruption should it occur.



Why Choose Price Transfer or FCL Logistics?

Price Transfer and FCL Logistics facilitates the following CBP Inspections:

- > Trade Fraud Examinations also called (MET) Merchandise Examination Team
- > Anti-Terrorism Contraband Enforcement Team Examinations (A-TCET)
- > Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Examinations (CBPa)
- > Outbound Export Examinations when selected by CBP
- > Food and Drug Administration Examinations (FDA)
- > FDA Refusal Examinations (7512)
- > Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC)
- > U.S Department of Fish and Wildlife (F&W)
- > Agricultural Marketing Service Inspections (USDA AMS)
- > Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Price and FCL provide the following value-added cargo handling and logistics services:

- > Faster through-put to clear shipments because of facility size, configuration, staff experience and on-site CBP Offices and Inspectors.
- > Warehouse and yard equipment including a 67,000 lb. capacity top handler for flipping loads on or off container chassis or flatbed trailers.
- > Price Transfers Information Technology System provides web-based, real time tracking of current examination progress and status, 24/7/365.
- > In-house messenger servicing Customs House Brokers and Importers.
- > Laboratory Room for detailed examination of cargo by Government Agencies.
- > Container Yard access for pickup and delivery of cargo. 24/7/365
- > Refrigerated Container Electrical Plug In Outlets
- > Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS)
- > Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ)
- > Cargo Fumigation Services (USDA)



Online Tracking

To save a phone call, the CHB or Importer may monitor this process through our on-line, real time tracking system (24-7-365).

Please visit <http://webportal.pricetransfer.com> or <http://webportal.fcllogistics.com> for online examination tracking. To sign up, click on the New Customer link and fill in the requested information. Our Technical Team will process the request and email your login credentials.

For questions or issues related to the tracking website contact our IT Department, Login@pricetransfer.com or (310) 223-3440.

Further Questions

If you have further questions regarding the CBP examination process:

Please contact us at (800) 39.PRICE and ask for an Examination Manager or Email the following groups:

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Thank You!

We look forward to handling your examination, transportation and warehousing requirements in the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.