



Canadian Food  
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne  
d'inspection des aliments

## Canadian Food Inspection Agency



### **Our vision:**

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

### **Our mission:**

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

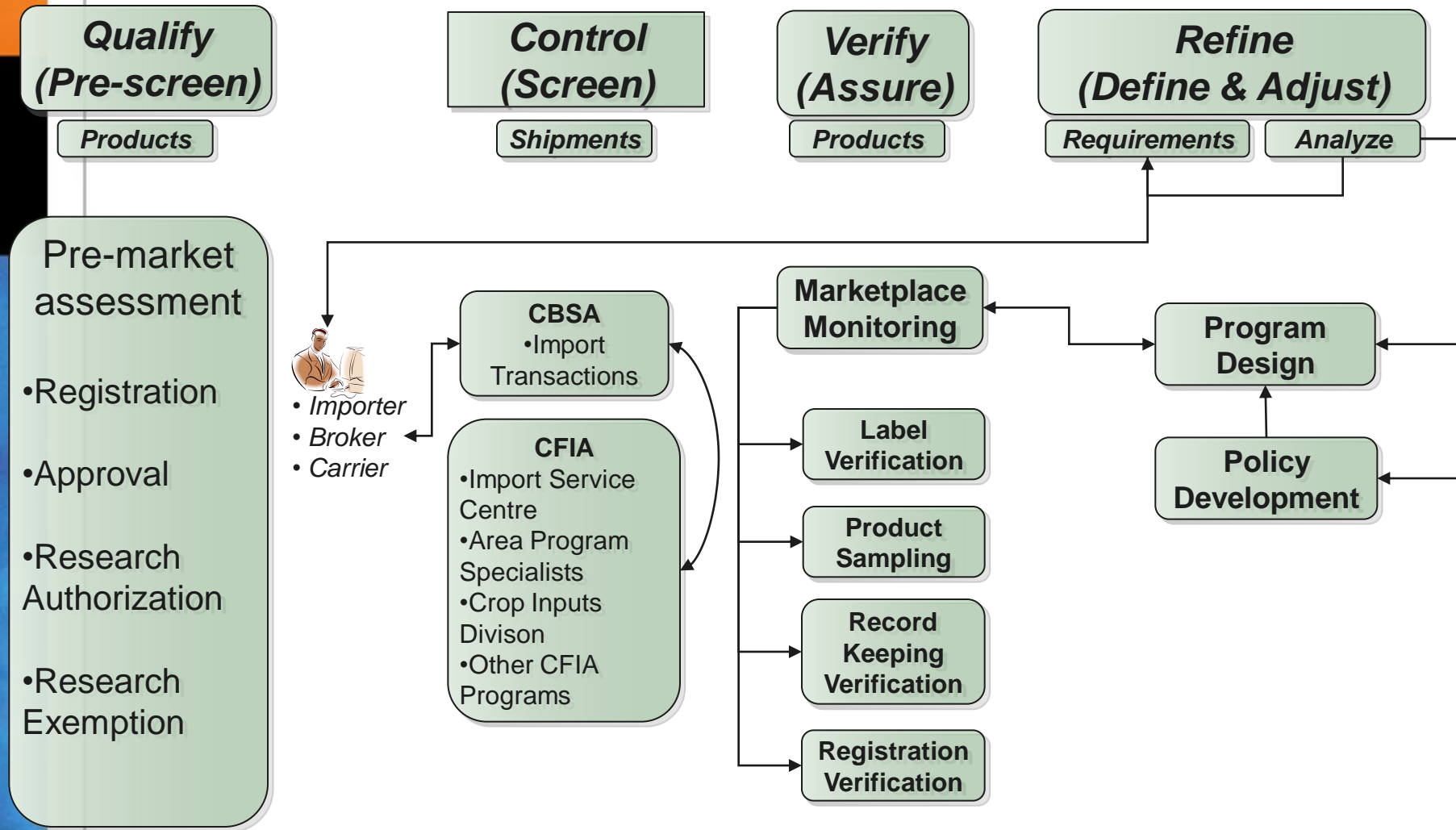
## ***Importation Process for Fertilizers and Supplements***

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# Import Model



# Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

## OGD Single Window Interface

- Joint initiative between the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and other government departments (OGDs) and agencies wishing to receive release information electronically on commercial import data.

## EDI (electronic data interchange)

- Instead of presenting paper packages at the CBSA's office of release, importers and brokers who have gone through the required testing can send transactions with CFIA requirements electronically.
- All information flows from the Importer/Broker to CBSA, the information is received by the CBSA system known as ACROSS (Accelerated Commercial Release Operating Support System).

# Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

## Benefits of the Single Window and EDI interface include:

- Simplified release process for agricultural goods;
- Reduced paper burden;
- Increased accessibility to EDI for release of agricultural goods;
- Consistent treatment of imports with CFIA requirements;
- Increased focus on high-risk shipments; and
- Provision of timely release information for matching and tracking purposes.

# Flow of Information

CBSA sends the release request to CFIA **only** if it is built in to the requirements. Once the CFIA has made its decision regarding the admissibility of the goods, the CFIA transmits its decision directly to the CBSA inspector. The **CBSA then makes a final decision.**



# Process and References

What does the importer/broker do?

- The Importer/Broker connects to an online version of the Automated Import Reference System (AIRS) tool which is a searchable database of all CFIA import requirements.

How does the Broker determine EDI codes?

- Once the Importer/Broker has run through AIRS, the system will generate a set of codes based on the selections the Importer/Broker has made.
- AIRS provides an **EDI** button which summarizes the codes based on the Importer/Brokers particular selections.

# Building AIRS message and EDI codes

Requirement ID : 50280  
Version : 1  
HS Code : 310100  
OGD Extension : 401000  
Origin :  
Destination :  
End Use : 73  
Miscellaneous : 049

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CODE REGISTRATION

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59 Fertilizer Registration Number  
589 Canada Customs Invoice or  
Commercial Invoice

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Once the Importer/Broker has completed their selections in AIRS the requirement(s) is(are) displayed.

The importer can press the **EDI** button to obtain a summary of all the codes necessary to construct their EDI message for CBSA and CFIA.

This process is repeated for every commodity in a given transaction.

# Automated Import Reference System (AIRS)

AIRS can be accessed from the CFIA website [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca):

- Click **Plants** under subject on the left menu bar.
- Click on the **Imports** link on the left.
- Now click the link to AIRS in the middle of your screen.
- From this page we can **launch AIRS**.

Import Details for Requirement : 50280 Version : 1

HS Description : 310100

⊕ 31 Fertilizers  
Animal or vegetable fertilizers, whether or not mixed together or chemically treated; fertilizers produced by the mixing or chemical treatment of animal or vegetable products.

⊕ 01  
Animal or vegetable fertilizers, whether or not mixed together or chemically treated; fertilizers produced by the mixing or chemical treatment of animal or vegetable products.

OGD Extension : 401000

⊕ 4010 Fertilizer - with ground/processed plant materials (except bark), no animal materials and no supplements that require registration

End Use: 73

⊕ 73 For agricultural use (product not listed in Schedule II, mixed fertilizer)

Miscellaneous: 049

⊕ 049 GRADE (N-P-K) : % N + % P + % K < 18% (e.g., 5-5-5 = 15%)

## IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

Find Commodity

Search

HS Description  HS Code \*  Alternate Description  Key Words  Latin Names

\*Note: When doing a search by HS Code, use only the first six digits.

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### HS Description

- 30 Pharmaceutical products  
Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic uses; antisera and other blood fractions and modified immunological products, whether or not obtained by means of biotechnological processes; vaccines, toxins, cultures of
- 02
- 90 Other

### OGD Extension

- 0182 Microorganism - plant pathogen - bacteria
- 01 Plant microorganism - bacteria - rhizobium and Bradyrhizobium spp.

Please select an End Use

- Canadian goods returning to Canada
- Educational use
- Industrial use (i.e. is not commercial use)
- Other end uses
- Scientific use (Research)

The AIRS has  
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verifying its accuracy, please contact the [Import Service Centre](#).

Date Modified : 2008-11-14

[Important Notices](#)

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End Use: 01

◆ 01 Other end uses

**Recommendations to CBSA/Documentation and Registration Requirements**

Refer to CFIA-ISC (must be accompanied by the following documents\registrations):

...Fertilizer Registration Number

**Importer / Broker Instructions**

CONDITIONS OF IMPORT

-Material must be identified as being Rhizobium sp. or Bradyrhizobium sp.

May be subject to packaging and labelling requirements.

- Product must be registered under the Fertilizers Act
- Registration number must be indicated on the release documentation or in the EDI data elements.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

\*\*\* Please note that border lookouts and targets take precedence over import requirements indicated in AIRS.

- Any import inspection services provided by CFIA staff are subject to a CFIA user fee.
- May be subject to requirements of Other Government Departments (federal, provincial or territorial).
- Contact an Import Service Centre for further information.

WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL (for all origins except Continental United States):

Brokers / Importers should attach to one of the following with respect

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# Roles and Responsibilities

All importations must be reported to CBSA @ point of arrival or prior to arrival by fax or through an EDI system

CBSA Reviews information provided and compares against AIRS requirements using the system ACROSS and either:

- Approves without further documentation
- Approves pending documentation
- Refused when not allowed to be imported
- Refers to CFIA - ISC via Fax or Electronically(EDI) if CFIA regulated commodity

# Roles and Responsibilities

## ISC staff receive information:

- CFIA-ISC Request for Release Approval form
- Manifest, Cargo Control Document or Commercial Invoice
- If Registration is required, the Registration Number
- Import Declaration, if mandatory information is not stated on any of the above-mentioned documents
- Import permit (when applicable)
- Certification documents (when applicable)
- Proof of Process (list of ingredients)

**and compare against AIRS requirements and policy directives**

# Border Lookout

Provides information and direction required to reduce or manage imports with identified risks.

Risk-based approach to effectively utilize CFIA resources

Perform the controls and apply appropriate corrective actions as required

Takes precedence over import requirements indicated in AIRS.

# Inspection of recent imports

CFIA has access to certain EDI/CBSA information

Triggers used to identify certain targeted products

- Search of Websites, history of non-compliances, quantity, values, end-use

Inspection at importer address

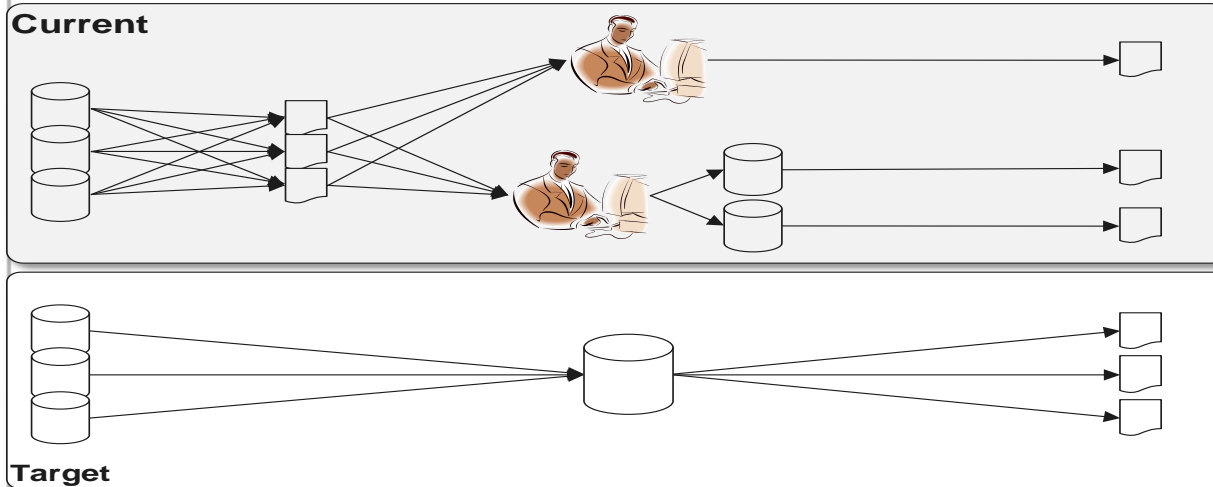
- Import declaration vs labels and representation in the market

# Agency Reporting Initiative

• **Centralize & Standardize Systems Data**

• **Reduce information handling**

• **Focus on information usage**



- *Senior Management*
- *Secretariat*
- *Inspectors*
- *Supervisors*
- *Clerks*
- *Analysts*
- *Managers*

- Currently trying to pull data using a mix of older technology
- From a large number of Agency built applications

# ARI - Benefits

- Web based and single sign on
- Evidence based decision making
- Resource efficiencies \$\$\$
- Ability to integrate data from multiple sources
- Increase in data completeness
- Improved data quality
- Ad hoc reporting (build a report in minutes!)
- Ability to analyze data

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