



Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism

Bulletin

FAST Lane Requirements at Land Border Ports of Entry

The Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program is issuing this bulletin to remind its Highway Carrier Partners of the terms and conditions of the Free and Secure Trade (FAST) program and to their commercial drivers as to the importance of adhering to all FAST lane requirements. In recent weeks, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has seen an increased number of violations to the terms and conditions of the FAST Commercial Driver agreement.

The C-TPAT FAST Benefit

Expedited border crossing privileges are granted to C-TPAT highway carrier Partners in certified/validated status. FAST lanes are dedicated lanes to C-TPAT Partners at many Canada and Mexico land border ports of entry. C-TPAT highway carrier Partners view the FAST lanes as a substantial benefit because these lanes save them considerable time in crossing the border. Moreover, since FAST highway carriers are transporting cargo from C-TPAT importers, these shipments are considered low risk and are therefore subject to lower examination rates.



FAST Terms and Conditions

FAST clearance can only be used if a FAST-approved driver carries eligible goods for a C-TPAT approved carrier and importer. On the U.S.-Mexico border, the Mexican manufacturer must also be C-TPAT-certified.

In addition, commercial drivers that use a FAST lane to enter the United States must:

- Comply with all customs and immigration laws, and any other laws that are enforced by CBP;
- Carry at all times and show when requested your FAST Commercial Driver card, personal identification, and any necessary immigration documents;
- **Make sure everyone in your vehicle has a valid FAST Commercial Driver card before you reach the border. If any passenger in your vehicle is not carrying a FAST Commercial Driver card, you must use the regular service lanes;**
- Not transfer your FAST Commercial Driver card to another individual;
- Not violate the customs and immigration regulations of the United States concerning ‘Cabotage’ – or ‘point to point’ movement of commercial shipments.

When you are no longer a participant in the FAST Commercial Driver Program you must close your FAST account using the Global Online Enrollment System (GOES) or return the FAST Commercial Driver card to a FAST Enrollment Center.

Lost/Stolen or Damaged/Defective Cards

- You must notify a FAST Enrollment Center at once if your card has been lost or stolen. To be re-issued a card, you will be required to pay U.S. \$25.
- Damaged or defective cards will be replaced free of charge at any FAST Enrollment Center. The defective card must be surrendered.

Penalties

CBP officers will strictly enforce the law. Any time you enter the United States you are subject to compliance and enforcement checks. If you are found in violation of any conditions of the FAST program, or of any law of the United States, officers may:

- Revoke your FAST Commercial Driver card.
If your card is revoked, you must wait 90 days before you can re-apply to the FAST Commercial Driver Program;
- Seize any undeclared goods and the vehicle you used to transport those goods;
- Issue penalties;
- Initiate administrative procedures; and,
- Initiate criminal prosecution.



You must notify CBP in person at a FAST Enrollment Center if there are any changes to the information you submitted as part of your FAST Commercial Driver application. The only exceptions to this requirement are address changes and new commercial driver's license information, both of which may be submitted online using GOES. For additional information on the FAST program, please follow this link:

[C-TPAT Program](#)

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