

### Crossing the Border? Use Nexus & FAST

The Nexus and FAST programs are designed to expedite US and Canadian border crossings for individuals and goods.

#### **NEXUS**

NEXUS is a joint customs and immigration program for frequent travellers that both the Canadian and American governments have implemented. The NEXUS program is designed to simplify border crossings for pre-approved, low-risk travellers.

As a NEXUS member, you will be able to use dedicated lanes at various border crossings, and may not be regularly subjected to the usual customs and immigration questioning. These lanes are provided in an effort to reduce traffic congestion and delays at bridge and land crossings while maintaining a safe and secure border.

Once approved by both Canada and U.S. as low-risk travellers, NEXUS members will enjoy a simplified entry process while travelling back and forth across the Canada/U.S. border.

For more information about NEXUS please call toll free -866-639-8726 or [www.ccra.gc.ca/nexus](http://www.ccra.gc.ca/nexus) to find a Nexus application form.

#### **Free and Secure Trade (FAST)**

FAST supports moving pre-approved eligible goods across the border quickly and verifying trade compliance away from the border. FAST focuses on greater speed and certainty at the border and reduces the cost of compliance by:

- Reducing the information requirements for customs clearance
- Eliminating the need for importers to transmit data for each transaction
- Dedicating lanes for FAST clearances
- Reducing the rate of border examinations
- Verifying trade compliance away from the border
- Streamlining accounting and payment processes for all goods imported by approved importers (Canada only)

The three major participant groups who are eligible for FAST include importers, carriers and drivers.

For more information about FAST, call 866-340-3278 or go to the CCRA web site at: [www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/customs/business/importing/fast/menu-e.html](http://www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/customs/business/importing/fast/menu-e.html)

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