Process Chart

For US Bound (Northbound) Traffic



Mexican shipper loads car destined for the U.S. Shipping instructions provided to the Mexican rail carrier must include both the Mexican and U.S. Customs Brokers.



When the railcar reaches the border, the Mexican Customs Broker is notified.



The Mexican Customs Broker generates the Customs Export Declaration and submits it to Mexican Customs.



Mexican Customs processes the Pedimento de Exportacion and may select the document for exam. If selected for exam, railcar may be unloaded to verify contents.



On the U.S. side, the U.S. Customs Broker must pre-file entry documentation for the railcar before the railcar is allowed entry into the U.S. Find more information on the Rail AMS page



Upon entry into the U.S., U.S. Customs advises the importing carrier and the responsible U.S. Customs Broker whether the railcar has been released or the railcar must be held for examination.