

[Timelines for Importing Commercial Cargo into the United States](#)

Timeline (General Cargo)

Mode of Transport	U.S. Customs	Russell A. Farrow (U.S.)
Truck	PAPS = 1 hour prior To arrival	PAPS = 3 hours prior to arrival
	FAST/PAPS = 30 minutes prior to arrival	FAST/PAPS = 3 hours prior to arrival
Rail	2 hours prior to arrival	4 hours prior to arrival
Air	4 hours prior to arrival or “wheels up”	6 hours prior to arrival or “wheels up”
Ocean/Sea	24 hours prior to loading At foreign port	Up to 5 business days prior to arrival

Timeline (Goods subject to FDA)

Mode of Transport	U.S. Customs	Russell A. Farrow (U.S.)
Truck	2 hours prior to arrival	1 – 4 Commodities = 3 hours Prior to arrival + 5 commodities = 5 hours Prior to arrival
Rail	4 hours prior to arrival	1 – 4 Commodities = 5 hours Prior to arrival + 5 commodities = 6 hours Prior to arrival
Air	4 hours prior to arrival	1 – 4 Commodities = 5 hours Prior to arrival + 5 commodities = 6 hours Prior to arrival
Ocean/Sea	8 hours prior to arrival	5 business days prior to arrival

Notes:

1). U.S. Customs law states that the timeline begins after general cargo has been “certified” within customs system. FDA law requires prior notice confirmation prior to arrival at the first port of entry.

2). Is it *highly* recommended that carriers confirm customs “certified” and/or FDA confirmation at least 2 hours PRIOR to proceeding to a U.S. port of entry. Failure to confirm the status of a shipment’s advance information prior to arrival may result in significant delays and/or penalties being assessed.

3). The above referenced Russell A. Farrow (U.S.) timelines are offered as general guidelines only and may be subject to change at any time due to uncontrollable events.

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