

Free and Secure Trade (FAST)

FAST is the first completely paperless cargo release mechanism that was put into place by Customs and Border Protection. It is achieved through electronic data transmissions and transponder technology. FAST allows for the expedited release of highly compliant cargo from major importers, reducing congestion at our land borders.



- Designed to ensure security and safety while enhancing the economic prosperity of both the United States and Mexico
- The two countries coordinate their commercial processes for clearance of commercial shipments at the border
- Promotes free and secure trade by using common-risk management principles, supply chain security, industry partnership, and advanced technology to improve the efficiency of screening and clearing commercial traffic at our shared border.

How it Works

- Only low risk participants are enrolled as members
- Expedited clearance to carriers and importers enrolled in Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)
- Reduces Customs' information requirements, allows for dedicated lanes at major crossings, utilizes technology, and physically examines cargo transported by the members with minimal frequency allows for the expedited clearance.
- Registration for manufacturers, importers, carriers and commercial drivers

Benefits

- Dedicated lanes
- Reduced number of examinations for continued compliance with Customs FAST requirements
- Strong and ongoing partnership with the Mexican and Customs (C-TPAT) administrations
- Enhanced supply chain security and safety while protecting the economic prosperity of both countries

Qualifications

- C-TPAT approved carrier
- Carrying qualified goods from C-TPAT approved manufacturer or importer
- Driver must possess a valid FAST-Commercial Driver Card

Dedicated FAST lanes in our region:

Hidalgo, TX

Reynosa, Tamaulipas

Enrollment Centers in the Rio Grande Valley:

Pharr, TX

Brownsville, TX

Laredo, TX