Rail Shipment Guide

To ensure timely processing of your rail shipments it is imperative that import documents be provided to Livingston immediately following shipment billing with the rail carrier. This will ensure Livingston International receives both the shipment information from the rail carrier and the import documents which are both necessary for timely processing. Many carriers assess costly fees for late entry filing by the broker. Timeframes vary carrier to carrier. CBP and other government agencies also have timeframe requirements to ensure compliance. Again, we stress the importance of Livingston receiving the import documents immediately following rail billing.

1. Rail Bill of Lading: Show **LIVINGSTON INTERNATIONAL** as **BROKER** in your rail billing of lading when transmitting shipment information to your rail carrier. (ie: segment N1 in the EDI 404). If you are not the party who transmits the rail bill of lading, please ensure this instruction is forwarded to the party(s) to ensure Livingston International receives the shipment information from the rail carrier.

2. Import Documents: Send all import documents to Livingston's National Rail Center: railcenter@livingstonintl.com (EDI invoices should be transmitted to Livingston in the same timeframe)

3. Timing of import doc receipt: Timely receipt of import documents is critical in order to avoid processing delays and shipment holds which result in costly carrier fees. Import documents should be sent to Livingston immediately following shipment billing with your rail carrier.

4. Line Release C4 code(s): If your shipments are approved for line release it is recommended that you include the C4 code in the rail bill of lading transmission to the carrier. (ie: segment N9 09 in the EDI 404). Livingston Intl will provide you with the C4 code(s) applicable to your shipment(s). Some carriers do not want to manage the application of your C4 code. Providing the line release C4 code information in your rail billing is the preferred method and ensures that you control application and compliance.

CP Rail: Requires the C4 line release code be included in the rail billing (bill of lading, EDI 404 transmission). Contact your CP Representative for further information. Contact information provided below.

CN Rail: Does not at this time 'require' the C4 code be included in the rail billing, but they strongly suggest and prefer it be included.

Livingston Rail Center: railcenter@livingstonintl.com 1-810-984-4114 x1

CP Rail assistance: How to include the C4 line release code in your bill of lading transmission (rail billing) and other questions.
echannel_services@cpr.ca 1-888-333-8111
eb_support@cpr.ca 1-877-277-3227

CN Rail assistance: How to include the C4 line release code in your bill of lading transmission (rail billing) and other questions.
ebusiness@cn.ca 1-800-361-0198
Customer Service: 1-888-333-8111

Rail carrier tariffs and associated fees can be found on their websites.