



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Free and Secure Trade Program (FAST)

FACT SHEET

The Free and Secure Trade program, or FAST, is a commercial clearance program for known low-risk shipments entering the U.S. from Canada and Mexico. Initiated after 9/11, this innovative trusted traveler/trusted shipper program allows expedited processing for commercial carriers who have completed background checks and fulfill certain eligibility requirements.

More than 78,000 commercial drivers are enrolled in the FAST program nationwide. FAST enrollment is open to truck drivers from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.



FAST vehicle lanes process cargo at land border ports of entry that serve commercial cargo: 17 ports on the northern border and 17 on the southern border. The majority of dedicated FAST lanes are located in northern border ports in Michigan, New York and Washington state and at southern border ports from California to Texas.

Participation in FAST requires that every link in the supply chain, from manufacturer to

carrier to driver to importer, is certified under the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism program, or C-TPAT.

C-TPAT is a voluntary government-private sector partnership that establishes clear supply chain security criteria for members to meet and in return provides incentives and benefits like expedited processing.

CBP routinely conducts on-site visits to domestic and foreign C-TPAT member facilities to evaluate and validate their supply-chain security measures. More than 10,000 companies worldwide are certified C-TPAT members. Applications for C-TPAT certification can be filed online at [CBP.gov](https://cbp.gov).

Applications for FAST can be completed and submitted at the GOES website. <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov>

The cost to apply for FAST membership is \$50 U.S. or Canadian for 5 years.

Among the key benefits of FAST enrollment are:

- Access to dedicated lanes for greater speed and efficiency in processing transborder shipments;
- Reduced number of inspections resulting in reduced delays at the border;
- Priority, front-of-the-line processing for CBP inspections; and,
- Enhanced supply chain security while promoting the economic prosperity of the U.S., Canada and Mexico. ■

