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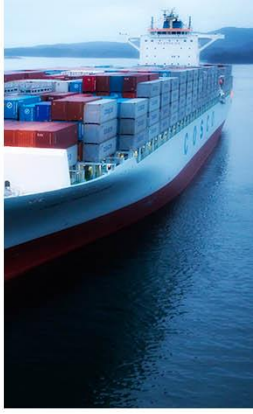









Electronic Hazardous Waste Manifest (e-Manifest) Requirements for Cross-Border Shipments Between Canada and the United States

To support compliance with applicable hazardous waste transportation regulations in the United States and Canada, CN requires customers shipping hazardous waste by rail to provide the appropriate hazardous waste manifest number(s) in their billing transactions.

Depending on the shipment origin and destination, customers may be required to provide:

- *EPA e-Manifest Tracking Number*
- *Ontario e-Manifest Number*
- *Provincial Movement Manifest Number*

Customers must ensure all required manifest information is accurately submitted to CN before the shipment is offered for transportation.

➢ Customer Requirements

Prior to offering a hazardous waste shipment for transportation, the customer (shipper) must:

- Create and submit all required hazardous waste manifest documentation in accordance with applicable federal, state, provincial, and local regulatory requirements.
- Submit rail billing instructions to CN through EDI or CN Shipping Instructions (SI) Online.
- Include the required manifest number(s) in the billing transaction using the fields identified below.

➢ Required Billing Information

- **Shipments Within the United States**:
  - Shipments Originating in the United States and Destined to the United States
    - LHR*MDN → EPA e-Manifest Number (Required)
    - LFH*ADI* → Not Required
- **Cross-Border Shipments**:
  - Shipments Originating in the United States and Destined to Ontario
    - LHR*MDN → EPA e-Manifest Number (Required)
    - LFH*ADI* → Ontario e-Manifest Number (Required)
  - Shipments Originating in Ontario and Destined to the United States
    - LHR*MDN → Ontario e-Manifest Number (Required)
    - LFH*ADI* → EPA e-Manifest Number (Required)
  - Shipments Originating in the United States and Destined to Canada (Excluding Ontario)
    - LHR*MDN → EPA e-Manifest Number (Required)
    - LFH*ADI* → Provincial Movement Manifest Number (Required)
  - Shipments Originating in Canada (Excluding Ontario) and Destined to the United States
    - LHR*MDN → Provincial Movement Manifest Number (Required)
    - LFH*ADI* → EPA e-Manifest Number (Required)

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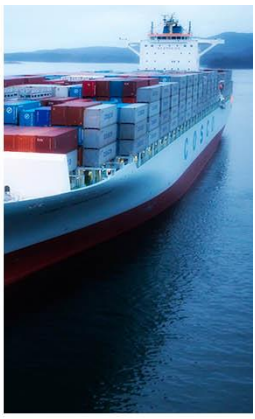









➢ **Required Notification to CN**

If any portion of the waste movement is completed using a provincial paper waste manifest, customers must email the following information to: HazWasteManifest@cn.ca.

Required information:

- Shipper Name
- Contact Telephone Number
- Contact Email Address
- Rail Car Number(s) (e.g., SHPX 123456)
- Copy of the Provincial Movement Manifest
- EPA e-Manifest Number (required for any cross border hazardous waste movement)
- Ontario e-Manifest Number (if applicable)
- Provincial Movement Manifest Number (if applicable)

➢ **Compliance and Shipper Responsibility**

Shippers are responsible for complying with all applicable regulatory requirements and for ensuring that complete and accurate e-Manifest information is submitted before the shipment is offered to CN.

CN recognizes that customers may require time to adapt their processes and systems to meet these new requirements. Therefore, a **six (6) month transition period** will be provided from the implementation date of this requirement. During this grace period, CN will work collaboratively with customers to support compliance efforts, identify data quality issues, and promote readiness. Customers are expected to actively prepare for full compliance during this period.

Following the end of the grace period, failure to comply with e-Manifest requirements may result in one or more of the following:

- Refusal of shipment acceptance by CN
- Delays in transportation
- Additional handling, storage, or administrative charges in accordance with CN's published Optional Service Charges, including:
  - CN 6800 – Rules and Regulations for Rates and Acceptance of Intermodal Traffic
  - CN 9000 – CN Shipping Regulations and Optional Services – Carload
- Civil penalties, fines, or other sanctions imposed by the EPA or other applicable regulatory agencies

Any costs, penalties, delays, or liabilities resulting from incomplete, inaccurate, or missing e-Manifest information remain the responsibility of the shipper. CN encourages all customers to review their current processes and engage with their service representatives as needed to ensure readiness before the compliance enforcement date.

➢ **Important**

Effective November 01, 2026, CN will require shippers offering cross-border hazardous waste shipment to comply with e-Manifest requirements. Shippers should review their shipping and billing processes in advance of the effective date to ensure uninterrupted service.

➢ **Questions**

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact CN Customs Brokerage team at 1-866-890-1931