



## **FAST Driver Requirement For BRASS Shipments**

U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has advised the trade of their enforcement procedures for BRASS (Border Release Advanced Selectivity System) entries where the driver does not present a valid FAST (Free and Secure Trade) card. Merely having applied for a FAST ID card will not excuse the driver from the violation.

To prevent the unnecessary return of, delays with, and/or penalties to your BRASS shipments, you must contact your BRASS carrier(s) and confirm that only drivers who have received FAST ID cards will transport your BRASS shipments.

Please be advised carriers arriving with BRASS shipments but lacking the required FAST cards cause problems for all parties involved. Such shipments are in violation of the US Advance Electronic Cargo Information rules, and will likely lead to penalties to the carrier. **PBB is not liable and will not be held responsible for any penalties or charges for delays associated with these carrier violations.**

If your BRASS carrier has not yet obtained FAST cards for their drivers, they must be prepared to participate in the Pre-Arrival Processing System (PAPS). This will provide an alternative means of legal release of shipments during the processing of their FAST applications. PAPS shipments require the use of a unique barcode label (pre-approved by Customs) that the carrier attaches to the invoice and the truck manifest while the merchandise is still in Canada. This information, which includes the carrier's US Standard Carrier Alpha Code and Pro-Bill number, is then faxed to PBB no less than 4 hours before the arrival of the shipment at the US port to be entered into the Automated Customs System (ACS). When the truck arrives at the border the barcode is scanned and the Customs inspector views the information.

Please note that PAPS barcode labels are not interchangeable with BRASS C4 labels.  
**Do not attach C4 labels to shipments that are being cleared through the PAPS!**

Further information on PAPS and FAST is available on the Customs website at [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/commercial\\_enforcement/ctpat/fast/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/commercial_enforcement/ctpat/fast/) or refer to our fax of February 14, 2005, "BRASS and FAST Card Deadline".

If you have any concerns regarding the above, please contact your US PBB release office at [http://www.pbb.com/en/contact\\_us/contact\\_us\\_usa/](http://www.pbb.com/en/contact_us/contact_us_usa/).