

ACE and AUTOMATED SYSTEMS	The Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) is the primary system through which the trade community reports imports and exports and the government determines admissibility
AES	Automated Export System, used to file SED'S
Agent Aduanal	Customs Broker, U.S. or Mexican
Almacen Fiscalizado	Bonded warehouse within the Customs Bonded Area
Arancel	Customs Duties
Border Zone	An area 21-28 kilometers into Mexico along the U.S. Border; includes ALL OF BAJA CALIFORNIA
Carta Cupo	Document used by a Mexican Bonded Warehouse located outside of the Customs Bonded area to move cargo in-bond to their warehouse
Certificate	A statement authenticating the country of origin of the product
Certification OEA	Operadores Economicos Autorizados is a Security Certification similar to CTPAT
Commercial Invoice	Invoice showing the product description, value and quantities of each product sold
Commercializadora	A Mexican trading company used to import goods when the consignee is not a registered importer
CTPAT	Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism; is a voluntary supply-chain security program let by U.S. Customs and Border Protection focused on improving the security of private companies' supply chains in respect to terrorism
Cuota	Fee
Custodial Bond	A Transportation Company's bond used to move cargo to the destination without having to pay duties
Diario Oficial	Newspaper published daily reporting newly passed laws
DTA	Mexican customs port usage fee
Duties	Monies paid to a Government for importing goods from a foreign country
Factura	Commercial Invoice
FAST LANE	The Free and Secure Trade program is a commercial clearance program for known low-risk shipments entering the United States from Canada and Mexico
Fianza	Surety bond needed on all Foreign-Owned trailers taken beyond Border Zone
Foreign Trade Zone	An area which goods can be brought and stored without paying import tax before being exported to another country
Honorarios	Mexican Broker Fees
I.E. (customs form #7512)	Document used for immediate export within the same port
I.T. (customs form # 7512)	Document used to move goods from port of entry to a bonded facility
IMMEX	A Mexican import/export program that allows qualified companies to import goods into Mexico on a temporary basis. (formerly known as Maquiladora or Pitex program)
Impuestos	Duties or Taxes
In-Bond	Movement of cargo on Custodial Bond
IVA	Acronym for Mexican Federal Tax - a value added tax
Maquiladora	A manufacturing operation, where factories import certain material and equipment on a duty free and tariff free basis for assembly, processing, or manufacturing and then exports assembled, processed or manufactured product back to the country of origin
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
Nom Certification	Certifies that imported products meet Mexican Standards
P.A.M.A.	Mexican customs document detailing irregularities found upon inspection (see RED LIGHT)
Packing List	Itemized list of products being shipped
PARS	The Pre-arrival Review System (PARS) is a Canadian Federal Government customs program that allows importers, or customs brokers acting on their behalf, to submit cargo information to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) for review and processing before their goods arrive in Canada
Pedimento	Mexican Customs document detailing duties and taxes
Power of Attorney	Form Customs Brokers use to act on the importer/exporter's behalf
Recinto Fiscalizado	Customs Bonded Area
Red Light	Physical inspection of goods in Mexican or U.S. Customs compound
Registered Importer	A permit that allows a company to import Foreign goods
Revision	Classification and inspection of product and paperwork by a Mexican broker
RFC #	Mexican Tax Id number
SED/Shippers Export Declaration	Document required on U.S. origin shipments when the commercial invoice value is over \$2500.00
I.T. (customs form # 7512)	Document used for goods traveling through U.S. on a temporary basis
Transito Consolidado	LTL In-bond Shipment in Mexico
VAT	Value Added Tax (see IVA)

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