Process Chart

For Mexico Bound (Southbound) Traffic



U.S. shipper loads car destined for Mexico and sends invoice, packing slip, etc. to forwarding agent and to Mexican Customs Broker.



Shipper or forwarding agent files Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) electronically using AESdirect. Paper SEDs presented to BNSF rep at border



Shipper or forwarding agent receives ITM number from US Census and furnishes the ITM number to BNSF.



Shipper's agent at border or Mexican Customs broker submits documentation to BNSF declaring unit has been documented to exit U.S. and enter Mexico. (BNSF system is updated.)



Unit arrives at the border, where cleared units are interchanged to Mexican rail carrier.



Upon entry into Mexico, Mexican Customs scans entry documents and decides if shipment must be examined.

Units selected for examination may have to be off-loaded for complete exam to verify piece counts, product description, etc. Many bulk commodities, such as grain or coal, only require a cursory visual verification. If everything is correct as declared, the unit will be released for furtherance to final destination.

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