

US Import Taxes and Duties Fact Sheet



M.P.F: Merchandise Processing Fee - *0.21% of value of goods* (Air and Sea Freight)
- Min \$25.00 - Max \$485.00

The merchandise processing fee (MPF) is 0.21 percent ad valorem on formally-entered imported merchandise subject to a minimum fee of \$25 per entry and a maximum fee of \$485 per entry

The following changes in the MPF are effective for entries submitted on or after January 1, 1994:

* Goods imported directly from Canada that qualify under NAFTA for marking as goods of Canadian origin are not assessed the MPF. This applies to all MPF fees: formal, informal, manually prepared, or automated.

* The formula previously used to prorate mixed Canadian/non-Canadian goods is discontinued. All entries containing any goods which do not qualify under NAFTA will be assessed the appropriate MPF.

H.M.F: Harbor Maintenance Fee - *0.125% of value of goods* (Sea Freight ONLY)

The harbor maintenance fee is an ad valorem fee assessed on port use associated with imports, admissions into foreign trade zones, domestic shipments, and passenger transportations. The fee is assessed only at ports that benefit from the expenditure of funds by the Army Corps of Engineers for maintaining and improving the port trade zones. The fee is 0.125 percent of the value of the cargo and is paid quarterly, except for imports, which are paid at the time of entry. Customs deposits the harbor maintenance fee collections into the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. The funds are made available, subject to appropriation, to the Army Corps of Engineers for the improvement and maintenance of United States ports and harbors.

US Customs Bond

Any corporation, company or individual wishing to import goods into the United States, or engage in other import related activities or operations, is required to post a surety bond or its cash equivalent with the U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP). The bond guarantees that the importer will faithfully, and in a timely manner, abide by all laws and regulations governing the importation of merchandise into the commerce of the United States.

The bond is not designed or intended to protect the importer (rather it protects the people and government of the United States), nor does it relieve the importer of any of their obligations. The surety company, by bonding the importer, assumes the same duties and responsibilities of the importer.

The surety company will be called on for payment when an importer cannot or will not fulfill his obligations to the U.S. government. The surety company has the right of full recovery from the importer for any loss. Hedley's Inc liaises with the surety company on the clients' behalf at no cost to ensure smooth and quick clearance.

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Types of Customs Bonds

At the discretion of the importer, the bond form can be used to cover imports on either a single transaction or continuous basis. When the bond is completed for single transactions, the bond covers only one import entry. When executed as a continuous bond, it will normally cover all your transactions at all U.S. ports (excluding anti-dumping and countervailing duty entries).

Different types of bonds are required for various activities coming under the jurisdiction of customs.

<p>Activity 1 – Bond for an Importer or Broker <i>(most common type of customs bond used by Hedley's Inc, will be noted on the invoice)</i></p>	<p>Entries for Immediate Delivery; Temporary Importations; In-bond moves; Warehouse Withdrawal/Entries; Consumption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Entry Bond When completed for single transactions, the bond covers only one import entry. • Continuous Bond – 2 yr Continuous bonds will normally cover all import transactions at every U.S. Port.
<p>Activity 1a – Bond for Drawback Payment Refunds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerated Drawback - Bond allows the importer to immediately collect refund of customs duties paid before customs makes a determination as to the validity of the claim. • Same Condition Drawback - Goods imported into the United States. Duty is paid, product is not altered in any way, and product is later re-exported. By posting a bond, importer can claim refund of the duties paid.
<p>Activity 2 – Custodian of Bonded Merchandise <i>(Not commonly used by Hedley's)</i></p>	<p>Bonded warehouses; container freight stations; bonded cartman; bonded carriers.</p>
<p>Activity 3 – International Carrier <i>(Not commonly used by Hedley's)</i></p>	<p>For clearance or entry of vessels or aircraft arriving from outside of the United States.</p>
<p>Activity 4 – ISF Late Filing</p>	<p>For Sea Freight ONLY. For clearance of containers arriving to port from an unknown agent that has not complied with ISF 10+2 Importer Filing Regulations.</p>

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Duty

Various rates; applicable upon arrival. For more information please submit product type, description and full customs value.

Furniture/artwork less than 100 years items: 1910-1980

- Tables / chairs / armchairs / night tables / desks / commodes
Duty Free
- Mirrors 6.5%
- Lights / Chandeliers
9405.10 Chandeliers and other electric ceiling or wall lighting fittings, excluding those of a kind used for lighting public open spaces or thoroughfares:
Of base metal
9405.10.40 of brass 3.9%
9405.10.60 other 7.6%
9405.10.80 other than Brass..... 3.9%

9405.20 Electric table, desk, bedside or floor-standing lamps:
Of base metal
9405.20.40 of brass 3.7%
9405.20.60 other than of brass 6%
- Paintings / lithographs.
Duty Free