

Waybilling Instructions & Examples

For US Bound (Northbound) Traffic

There are two methods of billing shipments imported from an interior Mexican origin to a U.S. destination.

Most traffic originating in Mexico moves on a single waybill, similar to what we normally see throughout the rail industry. The FXE or TFM originates the billing of the railcar and sends an EDI417 message to other rail carriers in the route. In this case, the shipping instructions that are furnished to the FXE or TFM must include the US Customs Broker at the gateway where the railcar will enter the US.

In the second and most common scenario, the Mexican shipper delivers shipping instructions to the origin Mexican rail carrier showing the destination to be the Mexican border station, e.g., Nuevo Laredo (across from Laredo, TX) or Piedras Negras (the border point across the river from Eagle Pass, TX). The Mexican Customs Broker must be shown. This Mexican waybill gets the railcar to the border. There must also be a shipping instruction provided to the US rail carrier to move the rail car from the border to final destination. These instructions are oftentimes provided by the Importer's US Customs Broker or by the Importer via fax or electronically. The shipping instruction furnished to the US rail carrier must include the:

US Customs Broker who will be clearing the shipment on behalf of the importer
Mexican shipper and origin station of the shipment

For Customs purposes, piece counts and commodity descriptions must be accurate. The use of FAK is not allowed.

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Example of a car rebilled at the border:

Shipper (SH)	Juan Valdez, Eagle Pass, TX, (or El Paso, TX or Brownsville, TX)
Consignee (CN)	John Doe, Chicago, IL
Shipped from (SF) or prior point (PP)	Chihuahua, CI (the Mexican origin is a US Customs requirement)
Customs Broker (XU)	US Customs Requirement
Routing - BNSF	

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