

FCL SHIPPING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO

You want a shipment transported from somewhere in Canada to The Bahamas or The Caribbean – so what do you do first? And what do you need to know to make the process as smooth and efficient as possible?

FCL CHECKLIST

When booking your shipment, the following information will be required.

- Destination
- Shipper & contact information
- Consignee name
- Commodity description
- Piece count and weight
- Identity of all required special services (such as release of liability forms, phytosanitary certificate, etc.)
- Hazardous specifications, if applicable. A note about hazardous containers being returned to CN Rail: It is required that you fax your hazardous manifest, including the booking, container number and weight, directly to Tropical a minimum of three (3) hours prior to the container arriving at the CN Rail gate. Fax to 866.876.7742. If paperwork is not received properly, the container will be refused by CN Rail



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Toll-Free from Canada 866.767.6576

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HOW TO SHIP

FCL Cargo (Full Container Load) From Canada



*From documentation to
delivery, moving cargo
is smooth sailing with
Tropical Shipping*

*To ensure the
safety and
proper handling
of your cargo
from Canada,
Tropical Shipping
has trained,
locally staffed
customer service
representatives in
each port location.*

HOW TO SHIP

Full Container Load (FCL) Cargo

Full Container Load (FCL) cargo, whether dry or refrigerated, can be shipped from anywhere in Canada via truck, railway or a combination of both, to one of our receiving locations

Once cargo arrives at a Tropical Shipping Receiving Station in Canada, it will be shipped to any of our Bahamian or Caribbean port destinations using reliable, fixed-day sailing schedules and fast ocean transit.

BOOK YOUR CARGO

Contact our Canadian Customer Care Group in Saint John at either 506.644.6300 from Saint John or toll-free 866.767.6576 outside of Saint John.

EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITY

- 20- and 40-foot dry and refrigerated containers
- 20- and 40-foot open top containers
- 20- and 40-foot flatracks

CARGO RECEIVING STATIONS

Halifax
Midland Terminal
Port of Halifax

Toronto
CN Rail
Brampton, Ontario

Montreal
CN Rail
Montreal, Quebec

Cargo cut-off

- Toronto – Thursday 5:00 p.m. EST (Refrigerated Cargo – Thursday 12:00 p.m. EST)
- Montreal – Thursday 8:00 p.m. EST (Refrigerated Cargo – Thursday 12:00 p.m. EST)
- Saint John – Friday 4:30 p.m. AST

Documentation cut-off

- Toronto – Thursday 12:00 p.m. EST
- Montreal – Thursday 12:00 p.m. EST
- Saint John – Thursday 12:00 p.m. AST
- Consolidated Cargo – Wednesday 5:00 p.m. EST

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed Bill of Lading
- Canada Customs now requires exporters to report their shipments prior to cargo being exported from Canada. Please contact your local Customs office or visit www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca for more information. If you choose to report your shipment using the paper B13A you are required to have it stamped by a Customs official and then it must be faxed to us at (506) 644-6351. If you file your shipment using CAED or summary reporting, please include the proof of report number on your Bill of Lading instructions.
- Fax your Bill of Lading to 866.876.7742 or 506.644.6351

PAYMENT METHOD

- By credit. If you wish to apply for credit with Tropical Shipping, please complete a credit application and fax it to 506.644.6351. Credit, when established, will only apply after your first shipment; therefore, it will be necessary to receive payment before your documentation will be released.
- By any other method. Should you choose not to apply for credit, all shipments will require payment before documentation will be released.

SHIPPING AT ITS BEST

For more than 40 years, Tropical Shipping has delivered the most reliable and complete cargo transportation services to The Bahamas and The Caribbean. Our customers transport everything imaginable. From small packages to millions of tons of grocery products and building materials, Tropical Shipping can handle it all – in full or less than container load shipments.

QUESTIONS?

For rates, bookings and information please call our customer service department at 506.644.6300 or toll-free from Canada at 866.767.6576.