



## *PARS Customs Clearance System*

### ***What is it?***

- The most efficient method of cargo clearance at the border.
- **Pre Arrival Review System:** Allows customs broker to prepare and present release to customs while driver is in transit from origin to the border.
- Established by Canadian Customs, the PARS clearance program applies on shipments being imported into Canada from the United States of America.

### ***Why use it?***

- It avoids the delays of the normal border clearance process.
- Most customs brokers located at the border clear shipments 24 hours a day, compared to inland customs brokers which operate only between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.
- Avoids inland sufferance warehouse charges.

### ***How does it work?***

- **Canada Customs Invoice (CCI)** or equivalent, with the affixed PARS sticker (which indicates bar code and cargo control number) is faxed to the importers broker not less than two hours and not more than five days before the shipment arrives at the border.
- At origin, the driver is given the original CCI with the PARS sticker affixed and a photocopy of the CCI.
- When shipment arrives at the border driver gives the two CCI's to the Customs Officer who "wands" the bar code.
- The Customs Officer either stamps the CCI copy as "cleared" or sends the driver to secondary (not cleared). Secondary is simply the process of further inspection of a "not cleared" shipment, which requires that the driver have freight inspected, or contact the concerned broker (located at border) regarding a problem with the PARS clearance.

### ***Reasons for Non Clearance.***

- Documentation missing or inaccurate.
- Importer owes money to broker who holds up clearance pending payment.
- Broker has not presented release in time to meet drivers arrival at border.
- Broker does not have office at border and their border agent does not have sufficient information to clear shipment on their behalf.
- Some brokers do not accommodate PARS clearances outside of their regular business hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM). Most PARS are submitted after 5:00 PM.
- Type of product is on Customs inspection list.

### ***Where do the PARS Bar Code Stickers come from?***

- Kingsway Transport supplies the PARS stickers, and also applies them to the CCI document and faxes to broker on behalf of the customer. In some cases, the shipper may apply the Kingsway PARS sticker and fax the CCI directly to the broker.

### ***Who can give me more information?***

- Your Kingsway Transport sales representative or customs broker.