

# Importing from US to Canada Cross Border

## Summary

Overall you should charge for the person receiving in Quebec ~ **\$18.75**,

- \$15 CAD (Cross Border Import and Processing) / 4 = \$3.75
- \$15 CAD Shipping to Quebec

If you drop tracked shipping and we make the package a little smaller it would cost, ~**\$10.75**

- \$15 CAD (Cross Border Import and Processing) / 4 = \$3.75
- \$6.50 CAD Shipping to Quebec

And if you want to understand calculations it's all below.

And if you declare as a gift under \$60 CAD it would be a very small savings of ~**17.75** and ~**8.75**.

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We use [Cross Border Pickups](#) which provides a manned US address. Upon arrival there is a two step process.

### A - Calculate Duties

This is for the most part trust based. We fill into their portal the **product type, country of origin, cost and number of items**, which then charges **import duties** based on that. It roughly follows the [Canada Duty Calculator](#), base on province. Importing to Ontario for a \$60 CAD value of T-Shirts would be, **\$5.20**.

There are random checks to verify the content as as for cost - though I've never seen it in all my years - where have the right to ask for a digital receipt. I believe they have some kind of agreement with the Border Authorities and bring over and declare a bunch at a time.

Most of our friends ship marking as a gift which gives an exception following,

- Total Value of Items is under \$60 CAD
- Must not be sent by a business
- Must be sent personally and include a card or other notice indicating that it is a gift - I usually drop in a written sticky note saying Enjoy in good health with a personal from and to.
- I always declare in the shipping label as gift too.

If the gift is over \$60, you pay duties only on the difference.

Finally there is a rarely invoked option of [Personal Effects](#), for example you've forgotten an item during travel and a friend is sending it back to you. If the item is brand new and packaged you'll likely get fined, but otherwise it should be fine. For expensive items like watches for example, I imagine they might ask if you have proof of a transaction, serial card or ownership etc... but in Canada I've never heard of such an event.

### B - Release and Pay Overhead

Cross Border publishes [basic rates](#) on their website but also some hidden costs and options to reduce import costs by grouping shipments together.

I need to capture the exact fee on the next transaction... I recall some small minor administrator fee on top. But, overall, expect to pay about **\$9 CAD** (it's \$7.50 + TAX) per shipment . And if you consolidate multiple shipments of 3 more, the price goes down to **\$6** (\$5 + TAX) per shipment.

### A + B Total

So assuming the above costs it'll look to be about **\$15** total assuming we don't declare as a gift.

# Shipping in Canada

There are two forms of shipping for the t-shirt package,

- 12.50" x 9.5" x 1" at 0.34 kg aka 340 g

## Tracked

Use the [Find a Rate Website](#) to determine.

Usually the rates are about the same from Province to Province. Just use google an a random postal code in the area to if you don't know the exact address.

Shipping form Ontario to Quebec the best option is 2 day at **\$14.97 CAD**.

**Xpresspost™ - 2 business days (Guaranteed) - \$14.97**

Options		Rate Summary	
<b>\$12.51</b>		Regular price	\$12.51
<input type="checkbox"/> Collection on Delivery	\$7.25	Coverage	<input type="text" value="0"/> <a href="#">Update</a> \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Tube	\$2.00	Options	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delivery Confirmation	Incl.	Fuel Surcharge	\$1.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Signature Option	\$1.75	Tax	\$0.71
<input type="checkbox"/> Unpackaged	\$18.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14.97</b>

\*Coverage Details: Up to \$100.00 included. Maximum \$5,000.00 @ \$2.25 per \$100.00.

Please note:  
These prices are estimates and subject to adjustment by Canada Post.  
Limitations to size, weight and coverage vary for international destinations (See [Postal Guide](#) )  
Pickup is available in your area if you are a business customer. - [Request a pickup](#).

[Send a package](#)

Shipping from Ontario to Hamilton is only slightly farther is **\$16.63**.

## Regular Mail

The package does not meet the [weight but not quite the size requirements](#), but is close. If you can bring the measurements down to **14.9 inches x 10.6 inches x 0.8 inches** it would meet [Other \(Non-standard and Oversize\) Lettermail](#) and the cost - but no tracking, would be, **\$6.50 CAD** (\$5.75).