

# Pricing Update



To: BNSF Carload Customers

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## Customs Fee Increase for Freight Originating In Canada and Mexico Effective November 7, 2009

The U.S. government mandates that all rail traffic originating in Canada and Mexico must undergo inspection upon entering the United States. In accordance with the government's examination fees, effective January 1, 2008, BNSF began charging carload customers with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) fee and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection Service Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) fee. (See the 2007 [BNSF Pricing Update](#) for more information on these fees.)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will now increase this fee from \$7.75 for each loaded railcar to \$8.75 per loaded railcar. **Effective Saturday, November 7, 2009**, BNSF carload customers will be charged an **\$8.75 APHIS user fee for each loaded railcar** arriving from Canada or Mexico, per item 3520 of [BNSF Rules Book, 6100-series](#). This charge will appear as a surcharge on the freight invoice.

If you have questions regarding these fees, please contact your BNSF Sales Representative at 888-428-2673. Your business is important to us. Thank you for choosing BNSF as your transportation service provider.

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