

The Import Process

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CBP Mission

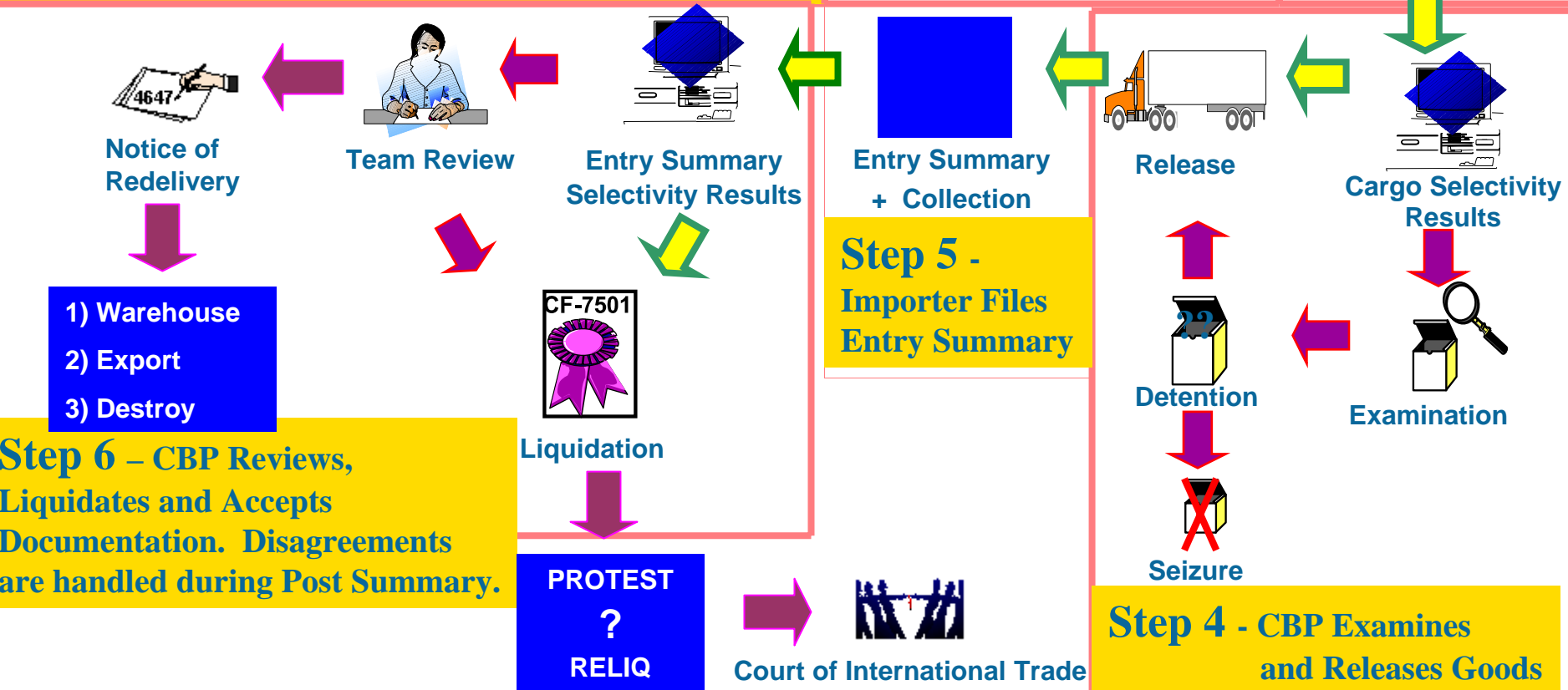
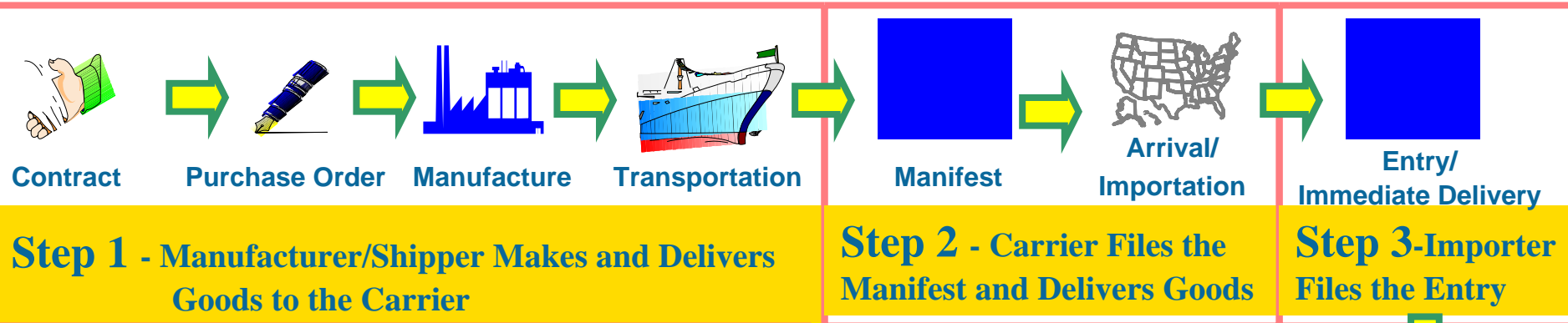


- The priority mission of our organization is to prevent the entry of terrorists and the instruments of terror into the United States while ensuring the speedy, orderly, and efficient flow of lawful trade and commerce.



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Process for Importing Goods



CBP Programs for Cargo Security and Trade Facilitation

- CTPAT- Customs and Trade Partnership Against Terrorism
- FAST - Free and Secure Trade
- CSI - Container Security Initiative
- ACE - Automated Customs Environment
- NARP - National Agriculture Release Program



CBP Agriculture Inspections



- Section 421 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 transferred to the Department of Homeland Security certain USDA APHIS functions related to agricultural imports and entry inspection.



CBP Agriculture Inspections



- CBP Agricultural Specialists have extensive training and experience in agricultural and biological inspection. Their historic mission of preventing the introduction of harmful pests and diseases into the United States provides CBP with the expertise to recognize and prevent the entry of organisms that could be used for biological warfare or terrorism.



CBP Agriculture Inspections

CBP Agriculture Specialists:

- Review manifests and hold shipments of agriculture concern
- Determine entry requirements
- Inspect shipments for pests, diseases, contaminants and contraband, including fruit cutting to validate offshore treatments
- Determine if shipments meet entry requirements, review documentation (certification, permits, and statements from shippers and producers)
- Safeguard commodities prior to treatment, re-export or destruction
- Monitor destruction or re-export per established guidelines



Agriculture Inspections at the Laredo Field Office (LFO)



66,250 Regulated Agriculture Inspections

26,875 Regulated Agriculture Clearances

59,207 Shipments Processed Under Border Cargo Release Program (National Agriculture Release Program precursor)



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Agriculture Inspections at the Laredo Field Office

Top ten agriculture commodities imported through the LFO during FY 2006

Commodity	Number of Shipments	Weight
Broccoli*	16,738	220,953,478
Peppers	12,476	68,831,280
Persian limes	14,736	279,361,021
Avocados*	7,459	136,723,275
Watermelons	8,648	165,004,539
Mangos	5,828	114,665,460
Okra	5,326	42,239,761
Squash	4,997	20,657,313
Onions	4,388	77,672,546
Coriander	3,775	22,835,837

*Includes frozen or processed product





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