

BORDER COLLABORATION INITIATIVE

AKWESASNE RESIDENTS REMISSION ORDER SUMMARY

In 1991 the Akwesasne Residents of Remission Order, commonly known as the “Remission Order,” was negotiated between the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Its intention was to recognize the dual citizenship of Akwesasne and the location of the Akwesasne community directly on the U.S. – Canada border. The remission order essentially gives Akwesasne the right to bring personal goods into Canada from the U.S. without paying duty or customs tariffs.

This Remission Order only applies to the Cornwall Port of Entry, not to any other CBSA crossing or point of entry.

The Remission Order’s conditions are, in summary:

1. That the goods are declared (reported) at CBSA when being brought into Canada. (Community members must declare the goods they have but won’t be charged duty.)
2. That the Akwesasne resident has appropriate identification (which will validate their rights to the Remission Order).
3. That the goods are for personal use only or use by another Akwesasne resident.
4. That the goods are not sold or transferred within 12 months to a non-Akwesasne resident.
5. That when duty is paid, an application for remission is submitted to the Minister of National revenue within two years.

The Remission Order also applies to Akwesasne community stores when the intention is to sell the goods to Akwesasne residents, and also applies to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne or an MCA-authorized entity that is importing goods in connection with education, hospital or social needs. The same conditions as above apply.

The Remission Order applies to the following categories of goods:

- Bedding
- Books, magazines and newspapers
- Clothing apparel and footwear
- Cosmetics
- Diapers and baby products
- First aid products

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- Foodstuff and edible products
- Household cleaning products
- Hygiene products
- Indian craft articles, such as baskets and beaded work
- Iron workers' tools, such as tool belts
- Light bulbs
- Light hardware, such as hammers, nails and paint brushes
- Personal needs products
- Sporting goods, such as hockey sticks, fishing gear and protective sports equipment
- Art supplies and stationery and paper products such as writing paper
- Waste disposal bags

Please read the full content of the Remission Order on the Government of Canada website: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-91-412/FullText.html>

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