

2026 Canada Handbag Import Checklist

HS 4202 Classification + CUSMA Guidance + DDP Documentation

1. Before You Order

& Confirm HS 4202 subheading for your primary material:

Leather = 4202.21 (11% MFN), Textile = 4202.22 (17.5%), Synthetic/Vegan = 4202.29 (6.5%)

& Verify material composition percentage

Essential for mixed-material bags — dominant material determines classification

& Check CUSMA eligibility

China-made bags generally do not qualify, but North American components (leather, hardware) may trigger partial relief

& Confirm your Canada Revenue Agency business number

Required for GST/HST input tax credit recovery (up to 15% of landed cost)

& Review cold-climate requirements

Specify if testing to -30°C is needed (ASTM D6182 for leather, ASTM B117 for hardware)

2. During Sampling & Production

& Approve 3D digital sample

Review construction, dimensions, and material rendering before physical cutting (48-72 hour turnaround)

& Review physical prototype photos + video walkthrough

Confirm stitching details, hardware finish, lining attachment, and overall hand feel (5-7 day turnaround)

& Sign off on golden sample

This becomes your production reference — all units must match. Ship to your Canadian address for in-hand inspection.

& Confirm AQL 2.5 inspection gates

Raw material arrival !' in-line at 30% !' pre-finishing !' final pre-shipment audit

& Arrange third-party inspection if required

SGS, Bureau Veritas, Intertek — full facility access, reports within 24 hours

3. Before Shipment (DDP Checklist)

& Verify landed cost breakdown

FOB + ocean freight + customs brokerage + MFN duty + GST/HST + last-mile delivery = one invoice

& Confirm DDP routing

Vancouver (18-22 days) or Montreal (28-32 days) via Shanghai/Ningbo transshipment

& Pre-classify shipment with Canadian-licensed broker

HS 4202 subheading, country of origin, and value declared before container loading

& Prepare supporting docs

Commercial invoice, packing list, certificate of origin, material composition sheets, test reports

& Confirm GST/HST recovery plan

Registered businesses recover GST/HST as input tax credit — ensure your BN is on file with CBSA

4. HS 4202 Quick Reference Table

Material	HS Code	MFN Duty	GST	Landed (est.)
Full-grain leather	4202.21	11%	5%	~\$31.50 CAD/unit
Split leather / coated	4202.21	11%	5%	~\$27.00 CAD/unit
Textile (cotton/canvas)	4202.22	17.5%	5%	~\$22.80 CAD/unit
Synthetic / PU / Vegan	4202.29	6.5%	5%	~\$21.50 CAD/unit
Mixed materials	4202.29	6.5%	5%	~\$25.20 CAD/unit

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Confirm all tariff classifications with your Canadian-licensed customs broker before import.