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Zipments Debuts Instant CARM Bond App to Help Canadian Importers Maintain Release Privileges

LAS VEGAS, NV - February 10, 2026 - Since CARM (CBSA Assessment and Revenue Management) required importers to purchase their own bond to maintain Release Prior to Payment (RPP) privileges in May 2025, Canadian importers have been responsible for maintaining their own financial security to clear goods efficiently. As renewal cycles approach, many businesses are discovering how burdensome traditional processes can be - manual paperwork, PDFs, billing coordination, and last-minute compliance stress.

Importers without an RPP bond in place may be unable to clear goods at the border, resulting in shipment delays, storage fees, and unexpected penalties.

Zipments today debuted its **Instant CARM Bond App** at Manifest 2026 to eliminate that friction.

"CARM didn't just change compliance - it created an ongoing operational burden," said **James Burke, Principal Product Manager at Zipments**. "Renewals, paperwork, billing, follow-ups - it adds up fast. We put the entire process online to take the guesswork out of purchasing and maintaining a bond. Importers can quickly understand how much security they need, secure it in minutes, and move on."

A Five-Minute Digital Workflow

The Zipments CARM Bond App provides a structured, easy-to-use workflow for securing and managing required financial security - without manual paperwork, confusing forms, or back-and-forth email chains.

The Zipments bond renewal experience is built for both importers and the trade partners who support them:

1. Importers can secure and manage their CARM bond directly through Zipments' self-serve platform at zipments.io/carm, with a streamlined interface optimized for mobile, tablet, and desktop use.

2. Trade partners - including brokers, forwarders, carriers, marketplaces, and logistics providers - can embed the same bond renewal experience into their own portals in minutes through Zipments' no-code widget, making bond compliance available wherever customers already transact. Learn more at zipments.io/widgets.

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Key Capabilities

Guided Bond Requirement Sizing - Helps importers determine appropriate bond amounts based on import activity and CBSA requirements.

Digital Bond Application - Complete the process through a structured online workflow - no paper forms or manual PDFs.

Fast Turnaround - 99% of bonds are in place within 24 hours, helping importers avoid release delays.

Renewal & Bond Management - Track bond status, manage renewals, and maintain required financial security in one organized system.

Error-Reduction Checks - Built-in validation helps ensure applications are complete and accurate before submission.

Partner-Embedded Access - Logistics providers can offer the CARM Bond App directly on their website via a no-code widget, simplifying client onboarding while adding immediate self-serve compliance value.

Real Usage, Real Impact

Since CARM requirements took effect, Zipments has supported the issuance of thousands of CARM bonds for importers into Canada. The app is now embedded on more than 20 freight forwarder, customs broker, and trucking company websites, extending fast, digital access to required financial security across the cross-border logistics ecosystem. The solution simplifies the process, improves compliance readiness, and reduces administrative burden and last-minute renewal stress.

About Zipments

Zipments, recognized on the **FreightWaves FreightTech 10**0 (2026) list, is demonstrating the app at **Manifest 2026, Booth #2139**. More information is available at www.zipments.io.

Founded in 2022 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Zipments builds modern automation tools for cross-border trade across North America. The platform supports over 11,000 user accounts and delivers digital workflows that simplify compliance while helping logistics providers modernize their customer experience.

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