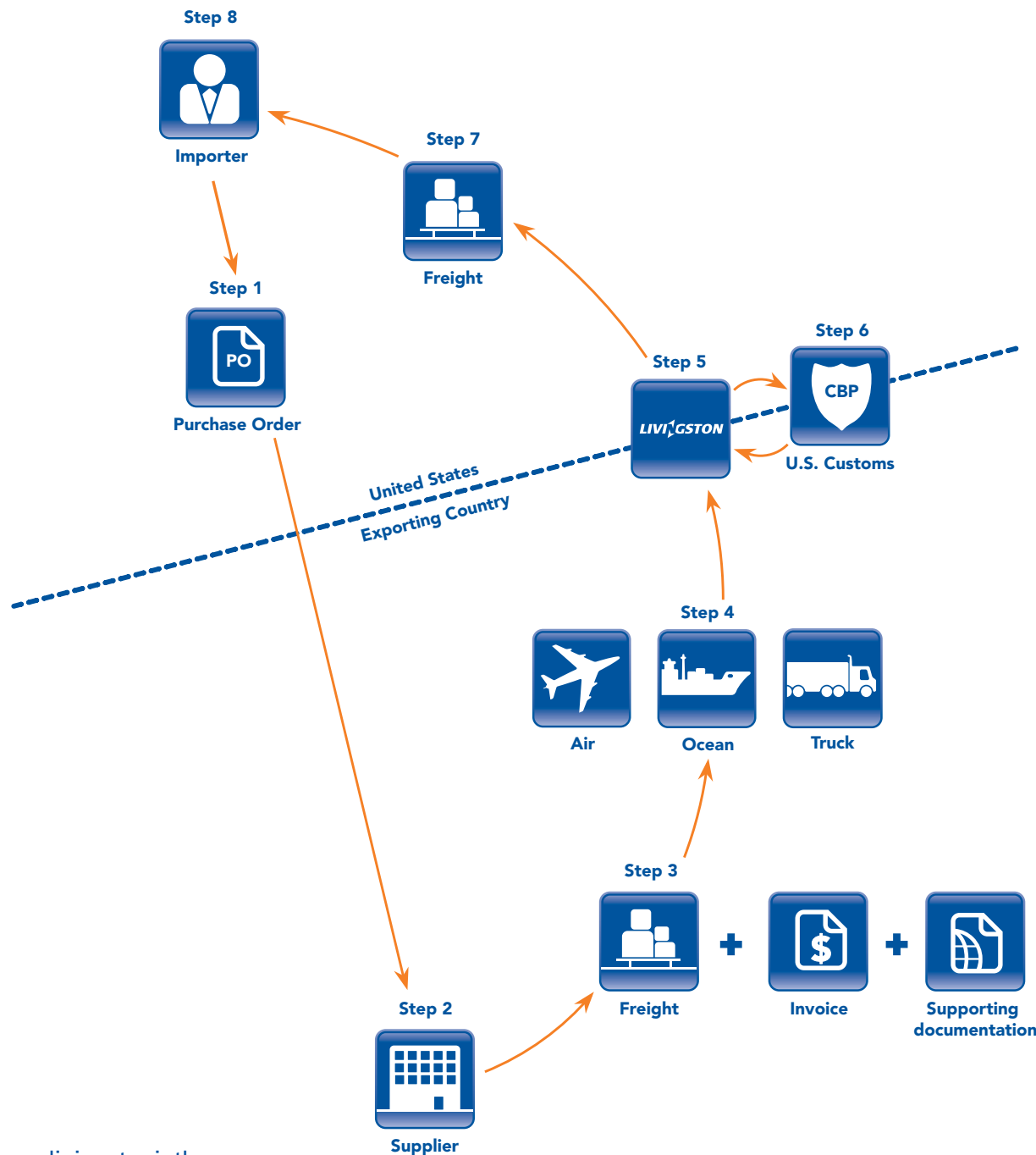


Importing into the U.S.: Process at a glance



- Step 1.** The importer issues a Purchase Order to the supplier.
- Step 2.** The supplier readies the order for shipping. They also prepare the Bill of Lading, Commercial Invoice, and any required supporting documentation.
- Step 3.** The supplier gives the invoice and supporting documents to the carrier when the shipment is picked up. Many importers will also transmit the shipment information directly to Livingston.
- Step 4.** If the shipment information wasn't previously transmitted electronically to Livingston, the carrier, supplier, or importer will send the customs documents to us well in advance of arrival.
- Step 5.** Before arrival, Livingston will prepare your customs entry on your behalf and transmit it electronically to Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
- Step 6.** When your the shipment arrives at the border, CBP determines whether to release or inspect the goods.
- Step 7.** Once released by Customs, your the shipment is delivered to you the importer by the carrier.
- Step 8.** Upon receipt, you the importer verify verifies that the quantities and products were accurately reflected on both your the supplier's invoice and on your the Customs Entry.