

CASE STUDY: HOW FORTESSA TABLEWARE SOLUTIONS KEEPS ITS TABLEWARE FRONT AND CENTER IN CANADA

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THE SHIPPER

Since its founding in 1993, **Fortessa Tableware Solutions** (FTS), a Virginia-based producer of high-end dinner and glassware, has become a leader in its marketplace. The company's wide array of products, including cutlery and delicate stemware, can be found today in restaurants, hotels and homes across the globe.

THE STRATEGY

To ensure that its Canadian customers receive their orders in time, which can range in size from pallets to packages, FTS streamlines much of its cross-border operations by having **its warehouse designated as a foreign trade zone** and by handling its own customs clear-ance.

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In order to reduce costs and improve efficiency, FTS consolidates its large and small orders into a daily shipment with just one bill of lading that is then handled by Averitt and its Canadian partner Polaris Transportation. Averitt drivers pick up and bring FTS shipments to its nearby facility to consolidate with other Canada-bound freight that moves in bond. From the Averitt facility, Polaris picks up the shipments and makes the overnight trip to Toronto.

Once in Toronto, Polaris deconsolidates the freight and delivers the larger shipments to locations in the region. Fortessa's smaller orders, which arrive already labeled and packaged, are delivered by a parcel carrier. For the company's west-bound shipments, a third-party carrier handles the transportation across the country.

With Averitt's guidance, **FTS has been able to develop and execute a seamless cross-border solution** between the U.S. and the company's customers in Canada.

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