

HOW TO AVOID CUSTOMS DELAYS TO THE USA

Getting your paperwork right helps guarantee speedy transit. It also makes sure the receiver pays the right taxes and duties. It means we can deliver on time and you can keep promises made to your customers.

6 essential items for your commercial invoice

- 1 Attach it in English**
 Attach all customs paperwork - completed in English - to the first piece of your consignment.
- 2 Description of goods**
 Make it clear and accurate. Describe what it is, what it's made of, and what it's used for.
- 3 HS code**
 Use the correct code for your goods. It determines which taxes, duties and restrictions apply.
- 4 Location of origin**
 State where the goods were produced, not where you're shipping them from.
- 5 Receiver contact details**
 Provide accurate contact details so that we can obtain any required information in order to complete customs clearance.
- 6 Employer ID number (EIN)**
 Ask the receiver for their 9-digit EIN. You must include it under "Additional information".

How do I write a description of goods?



Cotton t-shirts



Men's long sleeve t-shirts, 80% cotton, 20% polyester



Receiver details					Receiver details (if different from receiver)				
Company:					Company:				
Address line 1:					Address line 1:				
Address line 2:					Address line 2:				
Postcode / City:					Postcode / City:				
Location:					Location:				
Receiver name:					Delivery contact:				
Telephone:					Telephone:				
					Email:				

Description of goods	Quantity	Unit weight (kg)	Unit value	HS code	Location of origin	Total weight (kg)	Total value

Number of packages in shipment:	Total shipment value:
<input type="text"/>	Discount:
	Subtotal:
	Shipping costs:
	Insurance costs:
	Other costs:
	Total declared value:

Declaration		
I declare that the content of this invoice is true and correct.		
Name and Signature	Company and Job Title	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Additional information (e.g. hazardous details, EORI number, ECCN number, etc.)
<input type="text"/>

And, of course, always declare the true accurate value of goods - even if they are being sent as a sample*, return or repair.

*Any mention of samples must also specify whether they are mutilated or marked, and anything not mutilated/marked should not state sample at all.

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

For certain categories of goods, additional regulations apply when shipping to the USA.

FDA-regulated goods

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates a wide range of goods. Details of these shipments must be submitted to US Customs electronically prior to arrival at the border.

- Food (except meat & poultry)
- Drugs
- Biological substances
- Cosmetics
- Medical devices
- Electronic devices that admit radiation
- Eyeglasses and sunglasses

Other restricted products

Certain goods require additional paperwork or information on the commercial invoice. Check our website before sending any of the following products to the USA.

- Vehicles and vehicle equipment
- Clothing and textiles
- Watches
- Circuit boards
- Alcohol, tobacco and firearms
- Footwear
- Art and antiques
- Electronics
- Films and DVDs
- Chemicals

For more information and to see videos explaining how to ship to the USA and the different rules and regulations please [click here](#)

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