




The Zero Customs Delays Audit


Ensure your commercial invoices clear the border in seconds, not days.

Readiness Checklist





Shipper & Consignee Details

 **Must Have:** Full Name, Address, and Phone Number for both sender and receiver.


 **Why:** Carriers (DHL/FedEx) will reject data with missing phone numbers.

EORI Numbers (The "Golden Key")


 **Must Have:** Sender's EORI (if in UK/EU) AND Receiver's EORI (if B2B).


 **Check:** Is the EORI format correct for the destination? (e.g., GB for UK imports).

VAT / Tax ID

 **Must Have:** Seller's VAT number. For B2C to UK/EU, include your IOSS or UK VAT registration if collecting tax at checkout.


Incoterms (Terms of Trade)


 **Must Have:** Explicitly state DAP (Receiver pays duties) or DDP (Sender pays duties).

 **Alert:** If left blank, customs defaults to DAP, often causing customer refusal.


Detailed Goods Description

 **Fail:** "Clothes" or "Samples" or "Gift".

 **Pass:** "Men's Cotton T-Shirt, Size M" or "Plastic Phone Case".

 **Why:** Vague descriptions trigger manual physical inspections (2-5 day delay).


HS Codes (Harmonized System)

 **Must Have:** The 6-to-10 digit classification code for every line item.

 **Check:** Does the HS Code match the description?


Country of Origin

 **Must Have:** Where the product was manufactured, not just shipped from.

 **Why:** Essential for claiming "Zero Tariffs" under the UK-EU Trade Deal (Rules of Origin).

Value & Currency

 **Must Have:** Unit value and Total value per line item. Distinctly state the Currency (USD, EUR, GBP).

 **Note:** You cannot declare \$0 value. For samples, declare a nominal value (e.g., \$1.00) and mark "Samples - No Commercial Value".

STOP CUSTOMS DELAYS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN!



ShippyPro Helps You...

- **Automate Customs Documentation**
Generate error-free Commercial Invoices,
- **Prevent Border Delays** Upload "Paperless Trade" documents digitally to 180+ carriers
- **Validate addresses and EORI numbers** in bulk to ensure 100% compliance during peak season.

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