



# 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.

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## **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).

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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).

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## **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?

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## **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).

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## **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".

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**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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