

COLORS, DYES & STAINS:

Basic Documentary Requirements For Customs Entry

Commercial Invoice The Invoice must contain many elements of information needed to inform Customs of the details of the transaction between you and the seller. General information required to be on the Invoice is as follows:

- full name and address of the seller and the consignee (buyer) of the goods
- terms of sale with the currency used and exchange rate (if agreed to)
- the country of origin of the goods and the language used on the Invoice must be English
- articles should be described in terms sufficient to allow a layman to determine what the articles are
- Quantities of each of the articles must be declared along with the unit values and extended values.
- Weights and measures of the articles are required if they are necessary to ascertain duties or Quota issues.
- Discounts must be clearly shown.
- The following charges must be indicated and noted as to whether or not they are part of the invoice value: packing costs, ocean or air freight, marine insurance, Assists, buying and or selling commissions.
- Finally, the name of a responsible employee of the exporter, who has knowledge of or can readily obtain knowledge of the transaction, should be shown on the invoice document.

Packing lists Customs requires the following information on packing lists: Marks and numbers of all of the cartons, pallets, drums, etc. in the shipment, as well as the measurements and the gross and tare weights of each item. The importance of this information is magnified if Customs elects to examine a portion or the imported cargo.

Bill of Lading This document or any other documents that provide evidence of your right to make entry to Customs. Generally a Bill of Lading or Air Way bill is tendered to Customs to show right to make entry. The Bill of Lading should indicate the notify party so that they may be notified upon arrival of the freight at the port. If an original bill of lading is issued, one of the Originals must be endorsed and tendered to the Steamship Line. We suggest that your surface shipments move under Waybills or Cargo receipts to avoid any delays caused by Steamship hold on your shipment. Special note on your Airfreight shipments: You should insist that the AWB and HAWB show you as the consignee. Avoid having a bank, shipper or 'To Order' consignee.

For colors, dyes, stains and related products provided for under heading 3204, HTSUS, the following information is required:

- (1) Invoice name of product
- (2) Trade name of product
- (3) Identity and percent by weight of each component
- (4) Color Index number (if none, so state)
- (5) Color Index generic name (if none, so state)
- (6) Chemical Abstracts Service number of the active ingredient
- (7) Class of merchandise (state whether acid type dye, basic dye, disperse dye, fluorescent brightener, soluble dye, vat dye, toner or other (describe)
- (8) Material to which applied (name the material for which the color, dye, or toner is primarily designed).