

EARTHENWARE & CROCKERYWARE: BASIC DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR CUSTOMS ENTRY

Commercial Invoice: A commercial invoice is required to include many elements of information that are needed to inform Customs regarding the details of the transaction between you and the seller. Information required for the Invoice:

- The full name and address of the seller and the consignee (buyer) of the goods
- the 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.
- The 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
- The name of a responsible employee of the exporter, who has knowledge of or can readily obtain knowledge of the transaction.

Packing lists: Information required for Customs normally found on packing lists include:

- Marks and numbers of all of the cartons, pallets, drums, etc. in the shipment
- The measurements, as well as 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: A bill of lading or any other document that shows evidence of your right to make entry to Customs is required. Generally a Bill of Lading or Airway bill is tendered to Customs to show right to make entry. The Bill of Lading should indicate the notify party so that this party 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.

Earthenware or crockeryware: composed of a nonvitrified absorbent body (including white granite and semiporcelain earthenware, cream-colored ware, stoneware, and terra cotta, but not including common brown, gray, red or yellow earthenware), embossed or plain; common salt-glazed stoneware; stoneware or earthenware crucibles; Rockingham earthenware; china, porcelain, or other vitrified wares, composed of a vitrified nonabsorbent body which, when broken, shows a vitrified, vitreous, semi-vitrified, or semivitreous fracture; and bisque or parian ware (T.D. 53236)

- (1) If in sets, the kinds of articles in each set in the shipment and the quantity of each kind of article in each set in the shipment;
- (2) The exact maximum diameter, expressed in centimeters, of each size of all plates in the shipment;
- (3) The unit value for each style and size of plate, cup, saucer, or other separate piece in the shipment.