

# Customs 101– Cheat Sheet

Don't let your delivery be delayed in customs ever again. We have listed the main causes of deliveries being delayed.

## 1. Check the Import Countries and Courier Requirements

Always check the countries and couriers requirements before shipping internationally. Generally the following items can be restricted and might need additional documentation or permits.

- Alcoholic Beverages
- Electronic cigarettes
- Watches
- Medical cannabis
- Perfumes
- Food
- Fragile items
- Articles of high/unusual value
- Biological substances, Category B and exempt human or animal specimens
- Dangerous goods
- Firearms and weapons
- Flowers
- Seeds
- Drugs

## 2. Add all required and additional information to the commercial invoice including:

- Buyers and sellers information
- Product and shipping details
- HS code of each good
- Country of origin
- Incoterms

The more information the customs office have, the less likely it is they need to reach out to you for any additional information.

## 3. Provide accurate goods description

**Unclear goods descriptions are the number one cause of shipping delays at custom.** Make the goods description as clear as possible.

You can ask yourself the following questions:

- What are the goods?
- What are they made of?
- What are they used for?
- Are the goods made by a specific brand or are a specific model?