



# Customs Clearance Guide

## For Shipments to China

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This document provides basic customs clearance information in order to prevent customs delays of the exporting shipments from Vietnam to China. These guidelines are prepared for the sole purpose of providing information to customers for use as a reference.

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### SHIPPING DOCUMENTS

When shipping to a business, the consignee's name and company name must be clearly stated on the Air Waybill (AWB) and Commercial Invoice (CI).

The term "No Commercial Value" (NCV) is not acceptable; the specific value must be stated on the AWB and CI.

CI is required for all non-document shipments. The CI must include a complete description, value, shipper and consignee details, HS code, and other relevant information.

To avoid delays in customs clearance, it is recommended to pre-fax or scan the AWB, CI, and Packing List (PL).

### CURRENCIES

Only the following currencies are accepted for declaring value on the AWB: HKD, IRR, JPY, KWD, MOP, MYP, PKR, PHP, SGD, THB, CNY, TWD, DZD, EUR, BEF, DKK, GBP, DEM, FRF, IEP, ITL, NLG, ESP, ATS, FIM, NOK, SEK, CHF, SUR, ASF, CAD, USD, AUD, NZD.

### CHINA COMPULSORY CERTIFICATION (CCC)

Some imported items to China require a CCC certificate before they can be marketed, imported, or used for any commercial purposes in China. The importer or exporter must apply for this certificate and purchase corresponding -CCC- marks from the Certification Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China (CNCA).

Old CCC certificates and marks (CCIB and CCEE) need to be converted to the new CCC system. Personal Effects are also subject to the requirements mentioned.

### AUDIO-VISUAL COMMODITIES

All audio-visual commodities must have a Commercial Invoice indicating length, width, duration, a brief but satisfactory synopsis of contents and reason for importation. Only organizations authorized by the State Dept of China are allowed to import audio-visual products, they should apply for the Import License within 30 days prior to import. Customs releases the shipments only upon the Permission Certificate.

### LITHIUM BATTERY COMMODITIES

All commodities with lithium batteries must comply with the prohibition on raw lithium. Lithium batteries may require a Non-DG Self Declaration Certificate, issued by the manufacturer.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Shipments between the same shipper and consignee must not be split; only one shipment per flight is allowed.

IPPC labels must be affixed to shipments containing wood packaging materials, or the shipment may be returned.

Select BSO on the AWB and perform formal entry if the shipment requires foreign exchange payment or needs to be declared under processing trade.

Shipments to and from China that follow formal clearance procedures (FOB value over RMB 5000) must specify the name and specifications of the goods. All non-document shipments (excluding personal effects) to/from China must declare the Customs Registration Number (CR#).

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR SHIPMENT TO CHINA

### 1. PROHIBITED

#### × BIO PRODUCTS, NON HAZ

Certificate of Inspection for medicine from China's Medical Inspection Center is required of Consignee.

#### × LIQUOR, NON-HAZ

Beer and wine are acceptable with proper documentation. Expect longer transit time.

### 2. AWB ONLY

Commercial Invoice required for import if valued at or above 35 USD or over 5 kgs.

- Blueprints, Business Cards, Manuals.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

In comply with regulation of Audio-visual commodities.

### DOCUMENTS

Only acceptable if sent for business purposes and consigned to a business. Private letters and correspondence addressed to individuals are prohibited.

All document shipments must clearly state the description and the word "Document" on the AWB and/or CI.

### 3. AWB + CI (1 ORIGINAL AND 2 COPIES)

**The list of items that do not require additional details when shipping:** Airline ticket issue, Commercial/Fine artwork, Books, Credit cards, Drawings, Medical supplies, Slides, etc.

### CHECKS, BUSINESS/TRAVELLERS

Blank Checks are accepted. All other checks are prohibited.

### LEATHER GOODS

Quarantine Permit from the CN Quarantine Inspection Center is required for all shipments of Animal or Plant Origin.

### PERSONAL EFFECTS

A copy of the shipper or consignee's passport or if Chinese citizen, a copy of their citizen ID card is required. For diplomats and their family, a diplomatic certificate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is required.

### WIRELESS EQUIPMENT, APPLIANCES, PARTS COMPUTER

Required a CCC certificate.

In comply with regulation of Lithium battery commodities.

Mechanical & Electronic products may require an Import License and/or an Import Quota License.

**Wireless equipment:** Additional required an Entry Commodity Inspection Certificate from the Inspection and Quarantine Authority for all imports and an Exit Commodity Inspection Certificate for all exports.

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#### CAMERA

Required a CCC certificate.

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#### PARTS (ELECTRONIC, MACHINE, AIRCRAFT), MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Mechanical & Electronic products may require an Import License and/or an Import Quota License.

**Medical equipment:** Required a CCC certificate.

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#### TOYS, TEXTILES, SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Required an Entry Commodity Inspection Certificate from the Inspection and Quarantine Authority for all imports and an Exit Commodity Inspection Certificate for all exports.

**Toys:** Required a CCC certificate.

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#### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Required a CCC certificate.

A Certificate for Examination of Labels is required. The importer must register with the Administration for Quality Supervision and Inspection Quarantine before shipping.

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#### OFFICE SUPPLIES

Required a CCC certificate.

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#### COMMERCIAL FILM

In comply with regulation of Audio-visual commodities.

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#### COMPACT DISC, DIGITAL VIDEO DISC, VIDEO TAPES, AUDIO TAPES

In comply with regulation of Audio-visual commodities.

Compact Disc (CD), Digital Video Disc (DVD), Laser Disc and like commodities require an Import License prior to arrival of shipment. Consignee must have license or risk fines and confiscation of shipment.

Prototypes require an Issuance Permit for audio/video products.

Due to customs option of examination, shipment is subject to delays up to one month.

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#### FOOD, NONPERISHABLE

Prohibited if containing any liquid.

An Import Permit is required of consignee and must be obtained prior to the arrival of the shipment.

Sanitary Certificate of Inspection is required for all Food Products.

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### COSMETICS, NON-HAZ

Prohibited if containing any liquid and Import License required from the Ministry of Health of the P.R.C. or its local branches.

A Certificate for Examination of Labels is required. The importer must register with the Administration for Quality Supervision and Inspection Quarantine before shipping.

An Import Permit is required of consignee and must be obtained prior to the arrival of the shipment.

An Entry Commodity Inspection Certificate from the Inspection and Quarantine Authority required of consignee for all imports and an Exit Commodity Inspection Certificate is required for all exports.

Quarantine Permit from the China Quarantine Inspection Center is required for all shipments of Animal or Plant Origin.

A Registration Certificate of Technology Import contract is required of consignee.

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### DRUGS PRESCRIPTION

Prohibited if containing any liquid and Import License required from the Ministry of Health of the P.R.C. or its local branches.

Certificate of Inspection for medicine from China's Medical Inspection Center is required of Consignee.

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### CHEMICALS, NON-HAZ

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### MAGAZINES

The value shown on the Commercial Invoice must be equal to the price on the cover of the magazines multiplied by the quantity of magazines in the shipment.

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### NEWSPAPERS

Censorship inspection required of which delays can be expected.

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### SOFTWARE

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