Guide for generating a Manufacturer Identification Code (MID code) for U.S. import

To generate a Manufacturers Identification code (MID code), you need to make sure your manufacturer has provided their full business name and postal address. Once you have all those details, you need to put together the MID code in the following order:

1. Country (Up to 2 characters): Find the two-letter ISO code for your manufacturer's country e.g. CN for China, JP for Japan and AU for Australia

2. Manufacturer name (Up to 3 characters): Take the first three letters of the manufacturer's first and second name (if applicable)
   i. For example, if the company name is Amalgamated Plastics Corp. which has more than one word in the name, it would give "AMAPLA"; If the company name is Bergstrom which only has one word in the company name, it would give "BER".
   ii. If there are two or more initials together, treat them as a single word. For example, ABC Company, A.B.C. Company, or A B C Company would all yield "ABCCOM."

3. Address line with street name and/or box number (up to 4 characters): Take the highest digits (up to four) from the address line and/or box number
   i. For example, 11455 Main Street Suite 9999 would yield "1145".
   ii. If the address line contains no numeric, you can skip these digits
   iii. When numbers are separated by commas or hyphens, ignore all punctuation and use the number that remains. For example, either "12,34,56 Akasaka Road" or '12-34 56 Akasaka Road" would yield "1234". Note that the address line on the invoice may be after the line containing the city and zip code (or equivalent). For example, German invoices frequently place the city and its numeric code before the street address. **Be sure to identify the address line numeric and use it, not the city numeric.**

4. City (Up to 3 characters): Take the first three letters of the manufacturer's city name

5. Apply these general rules to construct a manufacturer code:

    i. Ignore all punctuation, such as commas, periods, ampersands.

    ii. Ignore all single character initials, such as the "S." in Thomas S. Delvaux Company.

    iii. Ignore the English words "a", "an", "and", " of", "the".

    iv. In the case where multiple company names and/or addresses appear on the invoice, use the name and address associated with the corporate headquarters as opposed to the division, office, etc.

Example:

Company address	Manufacturer Identification Code (MID)
SHEN LITU Co., LTD. No. 589 Zhongchun Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China	CNSHELIT589SHA

More examples of some manufacturer names and addresses and their codes:

Company address	Manufacturer Identification Code (MID)
LA VIE DE FRANCE 243 Rue de la Payees 62591 Bremond, France	FRLAVIE243BRE
20TH CENTURY TECHNOLOGIES 5 Ricardo Munoz, Suite 5880 Caracas, Venezuela	VE20TCEN5880CAR
THE E.K. RODGERS COMPANIES One World Trade Center London, England SWLY 5HQ	GBEKRODLON
THE GREENHOUSE 45 Royal Crescent Birmingham, Alabama, 35204	USGRE45BIR
CARDUCCIO AND JONES 88 Canburra Avenue	AUCARJON88SID

Sidney, Australia	
N. MINAMI & CO.,LTD. 2-6, 8-Chome Isogami-Dori,Fukiai-Ku Kobe, Japan	JPMINCO268KOB
BOCCHACCIO S.P.A. Via Mendotti, 61 8320 Verona, Italy	ITBOCSPA61VER
MURLA-PRAXITELES INC. Athens, Greece	GRMURINCATH
SIGMA COY E.X.T. 4000 Smyrna, Italy 1640 Delgado	ITSIGCOY1640SMY

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