

Commodity Descriptions



To ensure your freight reaches its destination on time, it is essential to understand and adhere to the documentation, commodity descriptions and security requirements.

Key Steps to Streamline Shipment Clearance – Begins with the Bill of Lading (BOL)

1. DETAILED COMMODITY DESCRIPTIONS:

Provide specific and accurate descriptions on the Bill of Lading (BOL), Commercial Invoice or Proforma Invoice.

Vague terms can cause delays. For instance:

- Instead of "caps," specify "baseball caps."
- Instead of "Tide," specify "Tide laundry detergent."
- Instead of "auto parts," specify "automobile air filters."

For more examples, refer to:

Commercial reporting requirements – Detailed Commodity Descriptions

cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/prog/aci-manif-ipecc/commod-fret-eng.html

2. CUSTOMS BROKER DETAILS:

Include the importer of record or your customs broker details to prevent shipment delays. Ensure all documentation is accurate and complete.

WHY IT MATTERS

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) mandates detailed commodity descriptions. Properly described shipments help prevent delays and ensure compliance with regulations.

Our participation in CBSA ACI eManifest, Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) and Partners in Protection (PIP) enables us to move shipments across the border with proper documentation. Non-compliant shippers may jeopardize our program certification and disrupt their supply chain.

OUR COMMITMENT

As your trusted partner, R+L Carriers is committed to helping you navigate these requirements. Your continued compliance with current regulations is essential to maintaining smooth and efficient cross-border shipping.

For assistance or questions, please call 888.575.2632