



SHIPPING TO INDIA

UNDERSTANDING CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

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Importing to India: 4 simple steps for Custom Clearance

Customs clearance is a mandatory process for importing goods into a country from another foreign country. The importer of the goods should undergo a series of steps and submit necessary valid documents to clear the process. Here we are, debriefing the Customs Clearance process in India into simple steps for your clear understanding.

STEP 1



CUSTOMS ENTRY

- ➔ The first and foremost step when the shipment arrives at the border is presenting documentation. The carrier must file the proper documents to the customs agents for the goods to enter India legally with no hindrance.
- ➔ Customs entry involves the process of declaring document such as – such as a Customs invoice, an Inward Cargo Manifest, a Bill of Lading, and any other required documentation – to Customs officials. Only the purchaser or licensed customs broker is permitted submit the goods for entry at the border.
- ➔ Any merchandise imported from another country but not run past through Customs within five calendar days from the date of arrival will be sent to general order warehouse and it is held as unclaimed. The paying storage charges during this period is to be bared by the imported. If it in unclaimed for more than one year, they are sold at an auction or destroyed.

STEP 2



INSPECTION

At times, Customs may decide to inspect a merchandise once it arrives at the destination port or port of entry. The Indian Customs has the power and authority to search, inspect and seize all the goods imported into the country to make sure they are admissable and the carrier has followed the government regulations.

The imported goods can be subjected to examination by the Customs agent to determine the following information regarding the shipment:

- ✓ *The value of the goods for Customs purposes and their dutiable status*
 - ✓ *Whether the shipment contains prohibited articles*
 - ✓ *Whether the requirements of other federal agencies have been met*
 - ✓ *Whether the amount of goods listed on the invoice is correct, and no shortage or overage exists*
- Country of origin*

STEP 3**APPRAISAL AND CLASSIFICATION**

➔ The Indian Customs performs an appraisal of the shipment to determine the correct duty payable on goods. Appraisal is usually the process of calculating the taxes owed to the government based on the ----- of India.

➔ All goods entering India must be properly classified by the importer to ensure the appropriate ----- is assigned to the shipment. An importer should take caution to ensure the correct is attached to the shipment. This will help them to avoid paying extra when the shipment is examined at the border. An incorrect classification could lead to retroactive duties or serious penalties.

STEP 4**OUT OF CHARGE**

The final step in the entry process is Out of Charge. Once the Customs reviews the verification documents, taxes, appraisal fee and the validates the goods, it is cleared and approved for Out of Charge. After all this process is over, the importer is free to bring the goods into India.



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