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European Commission Guidelines for Acceptable and Non-acceptable Plain Language Cargo Descriptions

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To prepare the implementation of the European 24 hours advance cargo security requests (Regulation 1875/2006), the European Commission has set up the guidelines for acceptable and non-acceptable plain language cargo descriptions that it precise enough for Customs services to be able to identify the goods.

Although the mandatory lodgment of EC Entry (ENS) and Exit (EXS) Summary Declarations for 24 hours advance cargo security requirement has been postponed until December 31, 2010, still the individual EU Member States will request the application of cargo descriptions in near future.

Dutch Customs will start with this requirement effective from JUL 01, 2009, that means declaring the non-acceptable good descriptions will cause the possible delay on account of Customs inspection and control. Under such kind of circumstances, we would highly recommend to apply only acceptable cargo description upon sending your Shipping Instructions to our local offices/agents.

Last but not least, we sincerely suggest the cargo description guidelines also apply for shipments to any other European countries to protect our mutual interests.

For your easy reference, please refer to the examples of acceptable and non-acceptable descriptions of goods in the below Annex.

Honestly yours,



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ANNEX

List of examples of acceptable and unacceptable descriptions of goods

| Unacceptable | Acceptable |
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| Agricultural products | Oranges, Fish, Rice, Bread |
| Aid consignments | Blankets, Medications |
| Animals | Horse, Poultry, Bovine |
| Apparel | Men Shirts, Lingerie, Girls? Vests, Boys? Jackets |
| Appliances | Refrigerator, Stove, Microwave Oven, Coffee Machines |
| Auto Parts | Automobile Brakes, Windshield Glass for Automobiles |
| Caps | Plastic Caps |
| Chemicals, hazardous | Actual Chemical Name (not brand name) |
| Chemicals, non-hazardous | Actual Chemical Name (not brand name) |
| Cleaning products | Alcohol, Detergents |
| Consolidated | (see other specific examples in the table) |
| Didactic articles | Pencils, Smart boards, Books |
| Electronics | Computers, televisions, CD Players, Walkmans, Tape Recorders, Mobile phones, Monitors, Printers |
| Equipment | Oil Well Equipment, Poultry Equipment |
| FAK Freight All Kinds | (see other specific examples in the table) |
| Foodstuffs | Beverages (See other examples for "Agricultural products") |
| General Cargo | (See other specific examples in the table) |
| Gifts | Dolls, Remote Control Cars |
| Household goods | Plates, Dishes, Tableware (See also examples for "appliances") |
| Industrial products | (See examples for "Electronics") |
| Iron and Steel | Iron Pipes, Steel Pipes, Iron Building Material, Steel Building Material |



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| I.T. goods | (See examples for "Electronics") |
| Leather Articles | Saddles, Leather Handbags, Leather Jackets |
| Machine parts | Pumps, Seals, Engines |
| Machinery | Metal Working Machinery, Cigarette Making Machinery, Printing Machines |
| Machines | (See examples for "Machinery") |
| Oil | Mineral oil, Plant oil |
| Ore | Iron ore, Copper ore |
| Parts | (See examples for "Machine parts") |
| Personal effects | (See other specific examples in the table) |
| Pipes | Plastic Pipes, Steel Pipes, Copper Pipes |
| Plants | Tulips |
| Plastic Goods | Plastic Kitchenware, Plastic House ware |
| Polyurethane | Polyurethane Threads, Polyurethane Medical Gloves |
| Propellant | (See examples for "chemicals") |
| Rubber Articles | Rubber Hoses, Rubber Conveyor Belts |
| Rod | Welding Rod, Fuel rod, Copper rod |
| Said to Contain | (See other specific examples in the table) |
| Sanitary goods | Towels, Buckets, Detergents, Tooth brushes |
| Scraps | Plastic Scrap, Foam Scrap, Iron Scrap |
| Spare parts | (See examples for "Machines parts") |
| Textiles | Linen fabric, T-shirts, (See also examples for "Apparel") |
| Tools | Hand tools, Electric tools |
| Toys | (See examples for "gifts") |
| Various products | (See other specific examples in the table) |
| Vehicles | Boats, Cars, Bicycles |
| Weapons | Daggers, Machine guns |
| Wires | Iron and Steel Wire, Copper Wires |
| Wooden articles | Wooden furniture, Wooden kitchen utensils |