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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 **JAN 31, 2010**, 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
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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Unacceptable	Acceptable
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