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<b>General commodity description guide</b>		
<p>The commodity description shall contain the product material and usage, and at least, the description should be recognized by people to know what it is.</p> <p>For example :</p> <p>Description includes material, usage, and category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material: metal, plastic, paper, cotton</li> <li>• Usage: medical use, common use, military use</li> <li>• Category: toy, bag, book, jacket, mug, tea cup</li> </ul>		
<b>Example of bad description</b>		
<b>Deemed bad description</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Suggested description</b>
Sport item	Vague	Plastic general exercise push up holder
Home tool	Vague	Rubber garden bucket
Bullet Proof Stab Vest	Prohibited item	
Costume Jewelry	More details	Commodity description – i.e. base metal/plastic
Car Parts	Vague, no details	
Decorative Flowers	Suspected plant	Plastic flowers?
Grass Head	Plant name	A lawn mower part?
Pillow	No material	Foam pillow
Windproof Hiking Trousers	No material	
ART Paint brushes	Material,	Plastics paint brushes
Canisters	Vague, no exact name	Need to know what is contained – if empty must state as empty i.e. empty steel canisters. If full need to know the commodity
Car Repair Parts	Vague	
Craft Supplies	Vague	
Tool	Vague	
Toys	Vague	
Windchimes	Vague, no exact name	
Advertising goods		Presswork
Auto Parts		Brake Pad
Caps		100% cotton caps
Car Decoration		Car stickers
Decoration Parts		Vase

Docs		Catalogue /printed matter
DVD		Disc DVD is fine
Electronic Goods		Electronic alarm clock
Equipment spares		Camera Bracket
Exhibition Materials		Car Model (what is this made from - need to know whether card/plastic etc )
Garments		100% cotton garments
Gift	Try to avoid the word gift and this should only be from C2C never B2C	Book
Handicraft		Photo Frame, plastic
Hardware Accessory		(Metal)Hinge
Home ware		Cup mat
Household goods		Toothbrush
Industrial Accessory		(electrical)Switch
Industrial products		(Metal / plastic)Bearing
Instruments		Pliers
Iron		Iron plate
Kitchenware		Soup spoon
Leather articles		Leather wallet
Motorbike parts		Motorbike spark plug
Ornament accessories		Hair clip
Outdoor goods		Sleeping bag
Parts		Screw /metal fixings
Pet product		Dog necklace
Personal effects	Try to avoid 'Personal Effects' – this is a separate customs classification and if not LV the consignee expectations may be that it is all duty/VAT free	Passport would be classified as document
Pipe		Iron pipe
Plastics goods		Plastic toy car
Promotional goods		Book / printed matter
Rods		Iron rods
Rubber articles		Rubber pipe
Small gadgets		Screwdriver
Samples	Do not use 'sample'	Pencil box
Sanitary goods		Sanitary dishcloth
Souvenir		Insignia
Spare part		Bearing
Steel		Steel plate
Textile		100% cotton scarf
Tool		Pliers



Trade sample	Do not use 'sample' on its own	Fabric sample Fabric swatch/incomplete garment as sample
Wedding products		Wedding invite paper card