

PDUS: Import US Goods Description Guide

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General commodity description guide

US Customs: Description should be clear enough for a customer officer to classify if needed

- Description includes material, usage, and category
 - Material: metal, plastic, paper, cotton
 - Usage: medical use, common use, military use
 - Category: toy, bag, book, jacket, mug, tea cup
- Band name: any brand name in the description will be recognized as potential IPR infringement. Therefore, no counterfeits in the lane.

Guide on AMS Description

The manifested cargo so that CBP can identify any anomalies in the cargo when a container is run through imaging equipment. The description must also be precise enough to identify any goods, which may emit radiation. How specific that information must be depends on the nature of the commodity. For example, “electronics” is not a precise description, but “CD players” or “computer monitors” would be.

The following terms are intended as a guide. They are illustrative, not exhaustive, examples of acceptable and unacceptable descriptions. Phrases or words in parenthesis are meant as examples.

Not Acceptable	Acceptable
Apparel Wearing Apparel Ladies’ Apparel Men’s Apparel	Clothing Shoes Footwear Jewelry (may include watches)
Appliances	Kitchen Appliances Industrial Appliances Heat Pump
Autoparts Parts	New Autoparts Used Autoparts
Caps	Baseball Caps Blasting Caps Bottle Caps Hub Caps
Chemicals, hazardous Chemicals, non-hazardous	Actual Chemical Name (not brand name) Or U.N. HAZMAT Code Identifier#
Electronic Goods Electronics	Computers Consumer Electronics Telephones Electronic Toys (can include Gameboys, Game) Cubes, Dancing Elmo Doll etc.)

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	Personal/Household Electronics (i.e. PDA'S, VCR's, TV's)
Equipment	Industrial Equipment, Oil Well Equipment Automotive Equipment, Poultry Equipment etc
Flooring	Wood Flooring, Plastic Flooring, Carpet, Ceramic Tile, Marble Flooring
Foodstuffs	Oranges Fish Packages Rice, Packaged Grain, Bulk Grain
Iron	Iron Pipes, Steel Pipes
Steel	Iron Building Material, Steel Building Material
Leather Articles	Saddles Leather Handbags Leather Jackets, Shoes
Machinery	Metal Working Machinery Cigarette Making Machinery
Machines	Sewing Machines Printing Machines
Pipes	Plastic Pipes PVG Pipes Steel Pipes Copper Pipes
Plastic Goods	Plastic Kitchenware, Plastic Houseware, Industrial Plastics Toys, New/Used Auto Parts
Polyurethane	Polyurethane Threads Polyurethane Medical Gloves
Rubber Articles	Rubber Hoses Tires Toys Rubber Conveyor Belts
Rods	Welding Rods Rebar Aluminum Rods Reactor Rods
Scrap	Plastic Scrap Aluminum Scrap Iron Scrap
Tiles	Ceramic Tiles Marble Tiles
Tools	Hand Tools Power Tools Industrial Tools
Wires	Electric Wires Auto Harness

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		Coiled Wire (Industrial)	
Bad description list			
Deemed bad description	Issue	Suggested description	Blacklist in connect method
Universal fit	Vague, to hold		Exact Match
Sets & kits	Vague, to hold		Exact Match
Sets	Vague, to hold		Exact Match
Replacement parts	Vague, to hold		Exact Match
Mice	Vague, to hold		Exact Match
Dog chews & treats	Vague, to hold		Exact Match
Arms	Vague, to hold		Exact Match
Accessory kits	Vague, to hold		Exact Match
Bullet Proof Stab Vest	Prohibited item		Exact Match
Children Toy Wooden	Wooden material not allowed		Exact Match
Costume Jewelry	More details		Exact Match
Car Parts	Vague, no details		Exact Match
Decorative Flowers	Suspected plant	Plastic flowers?	Exact Match
Grass Head	Plant name	A lawn mower part?割草机部件?	Exact Match
Pillow	No material	Foam pillow	Exact Match
Windproof Hiking Trousers	No material		Exact Match
Wooden Kid Toy	Wooden, toy is vague		Exact Match
ART Paint brushes	Material,	Plastics paint brushes	Exact Match
Canisters	Vague, no exact name		Exact Match
Car Repair Parts	Vague		Exact Match
Craft Supplies	Vague		Exact Match
Windchimes	Vague, no exact name		Exact Match
Advertising goods		Presswork	Exact Match
Auto Parts		Brake Pad	Exact Match
Caps		100% cotton caps	Exact Match
Car Decoration		Car stickers	Exact Match
Decoration Parts		Vase	Exact Match
Docs		Catalogue	Exact Match
DVD		Disc	Exact Match
Electronic Goods		Electronic alarm clock	Exact Match
Equipment spares		Camera Bracket	Exact Match
Exhibition Materials		Car Model	Exact Match
Gift		Book	Exact Match
Handicraft		Photo Frame, plastic	Exact Match
Hardware Accessory		Hinge	Exact Match

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Home ware		Cup mat	Exact Match
Household goods		Toothbrush	Exact Match
Industrial Accessory		Switch	Exact Match
Industrial products		Bearing	Exact Match
Instruments		Pliers	Exact Match
Iron		Iron plate	Exact Match
IT goods		Mouse	Exact Match
Kitchenware		Soup spoon	Exact Match
Leather articles		Wallet	Exact Match
Machine parts		Screw	Exact Match
Motorbike parts		Motorbike spark plug	Exact Match
Ornament accessories		Hair clip	Exact Match
Outdoor goods		Sleeping bag	Exact Match
Part		Screw	Exact Match
Pet product		Dog necklace	Exact Match
Personal effects		Passport	Exact Match
Pipe		Iron pipe	Exact Match
Plastics goods		Plastic toy car	Exact Match
Promotional goods		Book	Exact Match
Rods		Iron rods	Exact Match
Rubber articles		Rubber pipe	Exact Match
Small gadgets		Screwdriver	Exact Match
Samples		Pencil box	Exact Match
Sanitary goods		Sanitary dishcloth	Exact Match
Souvenir		Insignia	Exact Match
Spare part		Bearing	Exact Match
Steel		Steel plate	Exact Match
Textile		100% cotton scarf	Exact Match
Wedding products		Wedding invite paper card	Exact Match
Wooden articles	No wooden goods		Exact Match
ELECTRONICS		PHONE SCREEN STICKERS	Exact Match
KITCHEN	vague	COFFEE MAKER	Exact Match
COSTUME	vague	Cotton Event Costume	Exact Match
OTHERS	vague		Exact Match
CASUAL	vague		Exact Match
CAR ACCESSORIES	vague	plastic storage box	Exact Match
CELLPHONE ACCESSORIES			Exact Match
OUT WEAR			Exact Match
AUTO PARTS			Exact Match
MOTOR PARTS			Exact Match
MOTORCYCLE PARTS		MOTORCYCLE LEVERS	Exact Match
ARMOR		Motorcycle armor -PP	Exact Match

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		plastic	
TOY PARTS			Exact Match
BIKE PART			Exact Match
CLOTHING	vague		Exact Match
ELECTRONIC	vague		Exact Match
COW LEATHER		THE QUENTIN LONG WALLET	Exact Match
TOILET ATTACHMENT	vague		Exact Match
SHARK	vague		Exact Match
ACCESSORIES PARTS	vague		Exact Match
TRAVEL	vague	EYE MASK	Exact Match
DOG LEASH		PET GROOMING SET	Exact Match
TOY		metal and plastic toy car	Exact Match
TOYS		remote toy car	Exact Match
ACCESSORIES		steel bracelet	Exact Match
Parts	Too vague		Exact Match
TOOL	Too vague		Exact Match
TOOLS	Too vague		Exact Match
MOTORCYCLE ACCESSORIES	Too vague		Exact Match
ALUMINUM ACCESSORIES		plastic and metal handguard	Exact Match
GIFTS		Book	Exact Match
INSTANT COFFEE	FDA restricted		Exact Match
COFFEE	FDA restricted		Exact Match
COFFEE POWDER	FDA restricted		Exact Match
Oregano	FDA restricted		Partial Match

Bad case sharing

1. PDUS shipment—HKG case

Customer provide the description is pillow, but inside there are many other articles, like cup, sticker, pillow case, it is violate the declaration rules.

Pieces	WeightCode	Weight	Description
1	K	4.89	PILLOW