

Important Tips

Preparation of airway bill for air shipments from overseas to USA.

Customs & Border Protection no longer accepts “Ship Spares In Transit” as a valid description on the airway bill, block marked as “Nature and Quantity of Goods” on the airway bill. Customs & Border Protection requests that the actual name of the parts be reflected on the airway bill, for example, “ O-Rings, Valves, Piston Crown etc”, followed by “Ship Spares In Transit for MV_____”. Same instructions apply when shipping Hazmat/Dangerous Goods Cargo. Many overseas forwarders/shippers use “Dangerous Goods Cargo” as the description which is incorrect. The correct description should be the name of the actual parts being shipped, for example “Calibrating Gas” “Aerosols” “Compressed Gas” etc, then followed by Dangerous Goods as per attached Declaration, then followed by Ship Spares In Transit MV_____.

Preparation of bills of lading for sea freight shipments from overseas to USA.

Sea freight shipments of spares is less complicated. Description of the cargo should reflect “Ship Spares In Transit” followed by a short description of the actual goods. Please note that ISF, Importers Security Filing, does not apply to ship spares in transit as long as the bill of lading clearly states “Ship Spares In Transit”