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Shipment Document Checklist

The documentation that moves your shipment through the border. Verify consistency across all documents before goods ship.

Core shipping documents

- Commercial invoice
- Packing list
- Bill of lading / airway bill
- Certificate of origin where required
- Correct HS classification
- Any market-specific certificates

Before goods leave, verify

- Quantities match across all documents
- Values consistent across invoice and packing list
- Incoterm stated correctly
- Carton marking matches packing list
- Inspection passed and documented
- Compliance pack complete and current

Educational buyer tool. Mismatched quantities or values between documents are a common cause of clearance delay.