



# U.S. Trade and Tariff Regulatory Update

## Tariff for U.S. Imports

- On September 4, 2025, the U.S. announced additional details of the U.S.-Japan Agreement with below highlights:
  - General application: If the Most Favored Nation (MFN) rate is less than 15%, then a 15% tariff applies. If the MFN rate is 15% or higher, the dutiable rate is the MFN rate, and no additional reciprocal tariff will apply. These duties are retroactive as of August 7, 2025. Refund request should not be submitted until CBP issues official instructions. Further guidance will be provided by CBP.
  - Automobiles / Automobile components: For goods where MFN is less than 15%, a cap of 15% will apply, even with Section 232 tariffs. For goods where MFN is 15% or above, no additional Section 232 tariffs will apply.
  - Aerospace parts: Tariffs are zero for Japanese goods covered by the WTO Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft. This is effective upon publication of CBP's Federal Register notice amending the HTS Code.
  - Exemptions / Pharmaceuticals: No reciprocal tariffs will apply for products of Japan that are natural resources unavailable (or unavailable at sufficient scale to satisfy domestic demand) in the United States, generic pharmaceuticals, generic pharmaceutical ingredients, and generic pharmaceutical chemical precursors. MFN rates will apply for these products.
  - Rules of Origin: For General application, autos, and aerospace goods, additional guidance may be published to clarify what constitutes "Products of Japan".
  - More details [here](#).
- Effective August 29, 2025, duty-free de minimis application will be eliminated for low-value products. All U.S. imports regardless of their value, country of origin, mode of entry, or how they are routed into the country, will now be subject to applicable U.S. duties and taxes when shipped via non-postal networks.
- Effective August 7, 2025, new reciprocal tariff rates apply for all countries listed in [Annex I](#). Any countries not listed will have a 10% tariff. Additional tariffs on the European Union countries will apply only when the rate is below 15%.
- As of August 1, 2025, U.S. imports of semi-finished copper products (such as copper pipes, wires, rods, sheets, and tubes) and copper-intensive derivative products (such as pipe fittings, cables, connectors, and electrical components) from all countries will face a 50% tariff. More information is available [here](#).
- As of July 9, 2025, all U.S. imports of FDA-regulated products, regardless of quantity or value, are subject to the same regulatory requirements and must be submitted for FDA review. All prior exemptions for shipments of low-value FDA-regulated products are now rescinded. More information can be found [here](#).

Please see below tables for more information on the respective entry types based on shipment value, requirements and applicable fees for goods originating outside of the U.S.

Shipment Value	Entry Type
US \$800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informal entry is applicable, for eligible products, as De Minimis exemption has been suspended for all low-value shipments to the U.S.</li> </ul>
Up to US \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Informal entry</a> is allowed to be utilized for eligible products.</li> </ul>
Above US \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be filed as <a href="#">formal entry</a>.</li> </ul>

### Requirements and Applicable Fees for Formal and Informal Entry

Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide complete and accurate commercial invoice with product details, description of goods, country-of-origin (per each line), and 10-digit Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shippers may visit <a href="#">here</a> to identify the harmonized tariff code for each item.</li> </ul> </li> <li>For formal entry, an Importer Tax ID with Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Social Security Number (SSN) will be required.</li> <li>UPS®Paperless Invoice is recommended for submitting all of the information above.</li> </ul>
Applicable Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duties and taxes as imposed by the U.S. customs.</li> <li>For formal entry, a Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF) will be imposed by the U.S. customs.</li> <li>UPS customs brokerage fees will be charged to the shipper or consignee depending on the shipment's bill terms.</li> </ul>

Please contact your Account Manager or our local customer service hotline should you require further clarifications.

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# Import Entry Type Guide for Shipping to the U.S.

At UPS®, we understand the intricacies of supply chains and utilise cutting-edge automation technologies enhanced by AI to deliver innovative solutions. Our comprehensive solutions include Process Automation and Smart Product Categorisation. Our dedicated Customs & Trade Compliance team is available to address your specific requirements, crafting agile operational strategies that empower businesses to navigate tariff changes confidently and efficiently.

## Import Entry Type

Please see below table for more information on the respective entry type based on shipment value, requirements and applicable fees for goods.

Shipment FOB Value	Not Exceeding US \$2,500	Exceeds US \$2,500		
Entry Type	Informal	Formal		
IOR	UPS	UPS*	Consignee	Shipper
Tax ID Number of Ultimate Consignee	/	Consignee's Tax ID		Shipper's NRI or Consignee's Tax ID
POA/Bond	/	/	Required from Consignee	Required from Shipper
Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF)	Free for Small Packages by Air	Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF) 0.3464% x VALUE MIN = \$32.71   MAX = \$634.62 Effective October 1, 2025 – MIN = \$33.58   MAX = \$651.50		
Duty	General Duty + IEEPA Tariffs + Section 301 Tariffs + Section 232 Tariffs + Section 201 Tariffs + Any Other Tariffs Applicable			
UPS Surcharges	Common Surcharges** 1) Disbursement Fee                      2) Additional Entry Line Surcharges 3) Warehouse Storage Fee              4) Duty and Tax Forwarding Surcharge			
MID	/	The manufacturer's MID is required for textile and certain FDA-regulated shipment.		

\* UPS's role as IOR is subject to certain limitations.

\*\* For the complete list of fees and charging standards of 1), 2), 3), please refer to [U.S. Rate Guide](#). For the complete list of fees and charging standards of 4), please refer to your country's UPS Rate and Service Guide available on UPS.com.

## Customs Brokerage Glossary

Please refer to below glossaries to optimise your filing process and enhance your customs clearance efficiency.

IOR	Tax ID Number
The Importer of Record (IOR) is the person or company legally responsible for ensuring compliance with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regulations when importing goods into the United States. This includes paying all required duties, taxes, and fees. The IOR can be a U.S. entity or individual or, in some cases, a foreign entity acting as a Non-Resident Importer (NRI).	A tax ID number can be one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employer Identification Number (EIN) - Used by U.S.-based companies.</li> <li>• Social Security Number (SSN) - Used by U.S.-based individuals.</li> <li>• CBP Assigned Number (CAN) - Available for foreign-based companies or individuals, also known as Non-Resident Importer (NRI) number.</li> </ul>
Bond	MID
A customs bond is a contract, or agreement, among U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Importer of Record (IOR), and a surety company, ensuring compliance with import regulations and guaranteeing payment of duties and penalties. There are two common types of customs bonds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single Entry Bond (SEB) - Covers one import shipment.</li> <li>• Continuous Bond - Covers multiple shipments over a set period (usually a year).</li> </ul>	The Manufacturer Identification (MID) is a unique identification code used by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for tracking and identifying the manufacturer of imported goods. The MID is constructed from the name and address of the manufacturer.

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# Commercial Invoice Guide for Shipping to the U.S.

To ensure smooth customs clearance and maintain trade compliance standards, commercial invoices for shipments are critical. As primary tariff documentation for international trade transactions, these invoices directly affect customs processing efficiency and compliance risk assessment. Below is our comprehensive guide for completing commercial invoices under different entry types.

## Commercial Invoice Guide

Against the backdrop of fluctuating tariffs, here we offer a concise overview of how to fill out commercial invoices according to different types of entries.

A commercial invoice should be filled with these information: Shipper, Shipment Details, Recipient, IOR, Package Details and Final Cost. Note: Tax ID is not mandatory for Informal Entry but is required for Formal Entry.

INFORMATION	INFORMAL ENTRY	FORMAL ENTRY
<b>A</b> FROM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>B</b> SHIPMENT DETAILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>C</b> SHIP TO (Ultimate Consignee)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax ID not mandatory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax ID Required
<b>D</b> SOLD TO (IOR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax ID not mandatory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax ID Required
<b>E</b> PACKAGE DETAILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COO Required – Each Line Item	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COO Required – Each Line Item
<b>F</b> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>G</b> DECLARATION STATEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>H</b> FINAL COST VALUE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

To facilitate the seamless export of your packages, it is essential to prepare commercial invoices in advance. Make sure all details are thorough and accurate, covering all relevant details.

- Mandatory**
- Conditional**

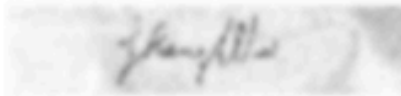
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Please refer to below sample of a commercial invoice of Formal Entry:

FROM		SHIP TO		SOLD TO INFORMATION			
TaxID/VAT No: <b>FROM</b> Contact Name: Zhang****Wei Skybridge Innovations Ltd. ***** Huangpu District Shanghai 2****2 CN Phone: 021-1****678		<b>A</b> <b>FROM</b>		Waybill Number: 1Z1234****1234 Shipment ID: 1234****6WK <b>B</b> <b>SHIPMENT</b> <b>DETAILS</b> Invoice No: Date: 2025-01-01 PO No: PO23456 Terms of Sale (Incoterm): FOB Reason for Export: SALE			
Tax ID/VAT No: 330****33 Contact Name: Michael Reynolds HorizonTech Solutions Inc. ***** Suite 500 Chicago IL 6***4 US Phone: 312****392		<b>C</b> <b>SHIP TO</b> (Ultimate Consignee)		Tax ID/VAT No: 330****33 Contact Name: Michael Reynolds HorizonTech Solutions Inc. ***** Suite 500 Chicago IL 6***4 US Phone: 312****392			
<b>D</b> <b>SOLD TO</b> (IOR)							
Units	U/M	Description of Goods/Part No.	Harm. Code	C/O	Unit Value	Total Value	
500	EA	100% Delrin plastic tray for cable management tools P8***5	392****590	CN	2.00	1000.00	
100	EA	Ladies' knitted warm hat, 100% nylon WH***3	650****089	CN	18.60	1860.00	
		<b>E</b>		<b>PACKAGE</b>		<b>DETAILS</b>	
Additional Comments: <b>F</b> <b>ADDITIONAL</b> <b>COMMENTS</b>							
Declaration Statement: I HERE BY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS INVOICE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THE CONTENTS AND VALUE OF THIS SHIPMENT IS AS STATED ABOVE.  Shipper Date 2025-01-01		<b>G</b> <b>DECLARATION</b> <b>STATEMENT</b>		Invoice Line Total: 2860.00 Discount/Rebate: 0.00 Invoice Sub-Total: 2860.00 Freight: 0.00 Insurance: 0.00 Other: 0.00 Total Invoice Amount: 2860.00 Total Number of Packages: 2 Currency: USD Total Weight: 28.9 KGS			
		<b>H</b>		<b>FINAL</b>		<b>COST VALUE</b>	

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