

## Customs Documents Needed by Country (Top 20) - 2025 Cheat Sheet

Country	Documents Required	Special Requirements	Helpful Source
Australia	Commercial Invoice, Packing List, Packing Declaration	Biosecurity packing declaration needed for sea freight	<a href="#">Australian Biosecurity Guide</a>
Brazil	Commercial Invoice, Packing List, Certificate of Origin	Import License for many commodities	<a href="#">Brazil Customs</a>
Canada	Commercial Invoice, Packing List, B3 Form	Business Number (RM) required for imports	<a href="#">CBSA Import Guide</a>
China	Commercial Invoice, Packing List, Certificate of Origin	CIQ inspection for restricted goods	<a href="#">China Customs Info</a>
Colombia	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	COO required for FTA benefits	<a href="#">Colombia DIAN Info</a>
France	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	EORI number required; VAT applicable	<a href="#">France Customs Info</a>
Germany	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	EORI registration mandatory	<a href="#">EU EORI Info</a>
India	Commercial Invoice, Packing List, Certificate of Origin	Importer Exporter Code (IEC) mandatory	<a href="#">India Customs ICEGATE</a>
Italy	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	Special import license required for some products	<a href="#">Italy Customs Portal</a>
Mexico	Commercial Invoice, Packing List, Certificate of Origin	USMCA Certificate for duty preference	<a href="#">SAT Import Portal</a>

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New Zealand	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	Biosecurity inspection mandatory for all imports	<a href="#">NZ Customs Info</a>
Peru	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	COO needed for tariff reductions	<a href="#">Peru SUNAT Info</a>
Singapore	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	Import Permit required for most goods	<a href="#">Singapore Customs Portal</a>
South Africa	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	SAD500 form required for customs clearance	<a href="#">SARS Customs Info</a>
South Korea	Commercial Invoice, Packing List, Certificate of Origin	FTA Certificate needed for duty reduction	<a href="#">Korea Customs Info</a>
Spain	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	EORI registration mandatory	<a href="#">Spain Customs Info</a>
Thailand	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	Import licenses needed for restricted goods	<a href="#">Thailand Customs Info</a>
United Kingdom	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	EORI + VAT Registration required	<a href="#">UK Importing Guide</a>
United States	Commercial Invoice, Packing List	ISF (10+2) Filing for ocean shipments	<a href="#">CBP ISF Guide</a>

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## Standard Documents Explained:

Document	Description	Key Items to Double-Check
<b>Commercial Invoice</b>	Details the transaction between seller and buyer	HS Code, Correct Buyer/Seller info, Full description, Currency noted
<b>Packing List</b>	Lists all items in the shipment with weights and dimensions	Total weight matches invoice and BL, Markings
<b>Certificate of Origin (COO)</b>	Certifies the origin of goods for preferential duties	Matches Invoice, Authorized signature/seal
<b>ISF Filing</b>	US import security filing before vessel departure	Accurate container stuffing location, supplier name, HTS code
<b>B3 Form (Canada)</b>	Declaration of value and duties payable on imports	Correct classification codes, declared currency

-  **DOCUMENTATION**  
**(INVOICE, PACKING LIST, CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN)**  
→
-  **CUSTOMS CLEARANCE**  
**(SUBMIT DOCUMENTS FOR APPROVAL)**  
→
-  **OCEAN TRANSPORT**  
**(CARGO LOADED AND DEPARTS BY VESSEL)**  
→
-  **FINAL DELIVERY**  
**(TRUCKING TO CONSIGNEE DESTINATION)**

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