



ACS Goods Description Quick Reference Guide

Why a detailed Goods Description?

Globally, a compliant goods description is essential for efficient and timely processing of your shipment. Shipments with vague goods descriptions, such as 'samples', 'parts', can and will be held by customs. **EU Customs** mandates accurate, precise and non-generic goods descriptions **as they need to be able to derive the 6-digit HS code from it** - this is on line-item basis if shipment Export, transit or is destined EU.

Advice on how to create a specific & non generic goods description.







Remember to ask yourself following questions when detailing the goods description:

1. **What are the goods?**
2. **What are they used for or who will use them?**

For EU specific, to be able to derive the 6-digit HS code also ask the question:

3. **What are they made of?** Steel, Cotton, Plastic...

Examples:

	Not Compliant	Global Compliant	EU Compliant
	Nuts	Bicycle nuts	Aluminium Bicycle nuts
	Furniture	Dining table	Wooden dining table
	Garments or Textiles	Trousers	Cotton trousers
	Equipment	Electrical wires	Copper electrical wires
	Spare parts	Motorcycle windscreen	Motorcycle plastic windscreen
	Fruit	Strawberries	Strawberries

Sometimes there is no difference between Rest of World and EU requirements