

International Shipping Customs Cheat Sheet

India → USA & USA → India – Stop Losing Parcels in 2025

Must Be on Commercial Invoice (6 copies!)

- Full shipper & consignee name/address/phone
- Detailed description (no “gift” or “samples” if selling)
- HS code (6-10 digits)
- Country of origin
- Quantity, unit value, total value
- Signed and dated

Prohibited/Restricted Items (India → USA)

- Liquids >100ml, Food items, Leather wallets, Religious books

Common HS Codes Indian Sellers Use

- 6109 – T-shirts
- 7117 – Imitation jewelry
- 4202 – Handbags
- 6307 – Home furnishings

Red Flags That Get You Seized

- Value under-declared by >30%
- “Gift” written on ₹50,000+ shipment
- No invoice attached outside the box

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