WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Customs Authorities are increasingly requesting **complete & accurate goods descriptions** in order to perform **security/safety screening** even before shipments leave the origin country.

Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS)

The Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) Program requires the submission of advanced air cargo information on shipments arriving in the United States from a foreign location.

As part of the ACAS program, participating carriers submit a subset of required pre-arrival air cargo data to CBP at the earliest point practicable and **prior to loading the cargo onto aircraft destined to or transiting through the United States.**

Import Control System (ICS)

ICS (Import Control System) is the electronic security declaration management system for goods destined to the European Union customs territory (both final destination or just transiting within the EU), intended to elevate mitigation of security related risks & possible terrorist threats, such as explosives hidden in consignments.
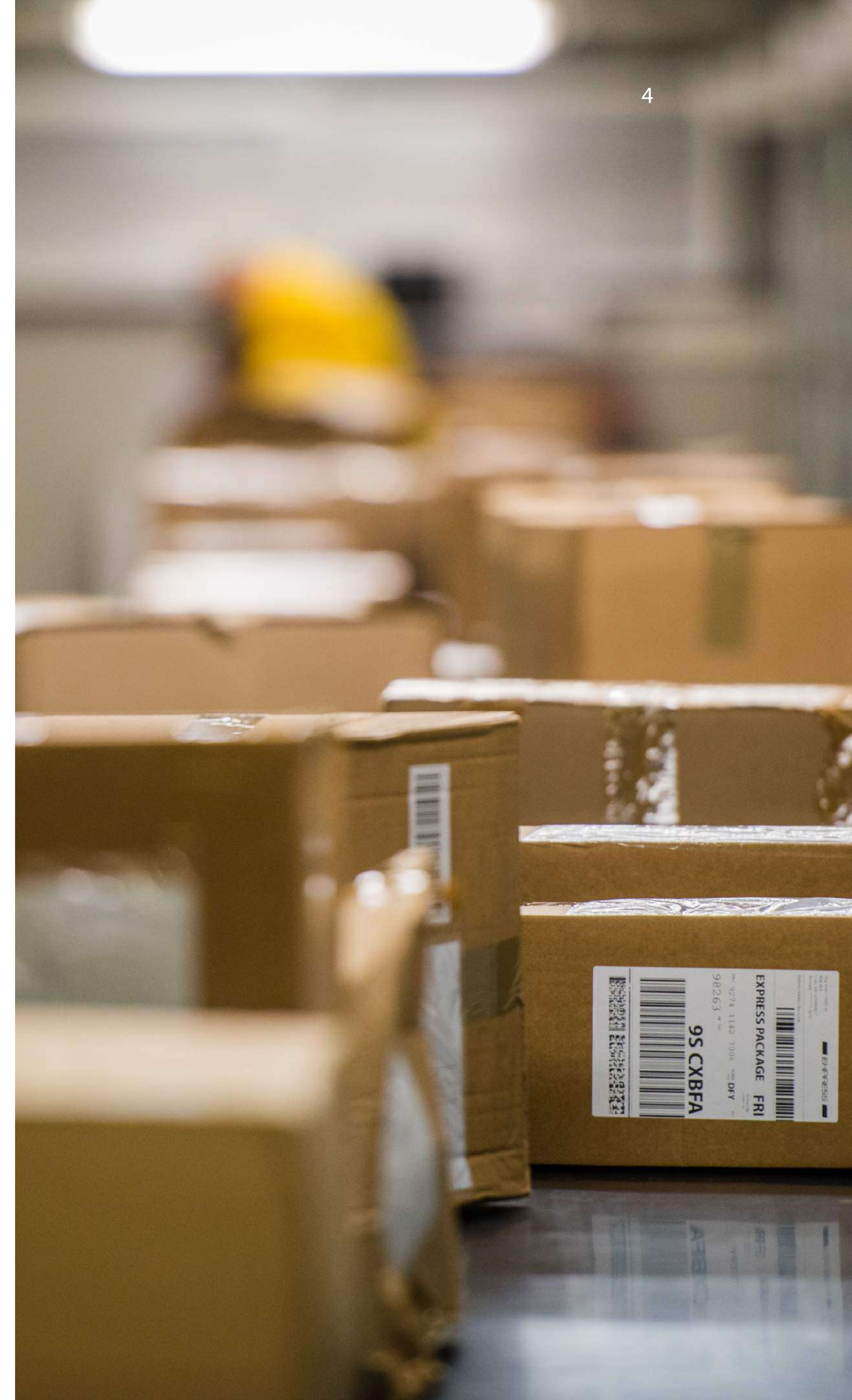
The new regulation as of 2021 requires data for every shipment to be submitted **prior to loading on a flight into or transiting EU Member State.**

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Waybill data including goods description is used by Regulators for safety/security screening process - from point of export, flight manifest to destination clearance

✓ **Ensure that your shipment can be uplifted at origin with correct security/safety data.**

✓ Avoid **potential fines, penalties or confiscation of goods** by Customs Authorities.

✓ Avoid unnecessary **transit time & clearance delays** on either export and/or import for your business or for your end customers.

✓ Avoid shipments **held on bonded** storage & applicable charges, awaiting missing/wrong information to be provided.

✓ Improve your **compliance** towards Customs Authorities.

✓ Avoid **unnecessary customer-service contact** to request additional information.

WHAT ARE ACCEPTABLE GOODS DESCRIPTIONS?

Customs Authorities make clear that descriptions must be comprehensive & precise enough to enable identification and classification of the goods.

In the following slides you can find a series of Unacceptable & Acceptable Goods Description examples; which will help to illustrate the expectations from Customs Authorities.

Goods descriptions must provide complete information on the goods' precise nature in sufficient detail and in plain language.

Goods descriptions must be accurate to enable Customs Authorities to identify prohibited/ restricted goods as well as adequate risk profiling for safety and security reasons.

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE/ ACCEPTABLE GOODS DESCRIPTIONS

Unacceptable	Acceptable
Aid consignments	Blankets, Medications
Apparel	Men's Shirts, Lingerie, Girls' Vests, Boys', Jackets
Appliances	Refrigerator, Stove, Microwave Oven, Coffee Machines
Auto Parts	Automobile Brakes, Windshield Glass for Automobiles
Caps	Plastic Caps
Chemicals, non-hazardous	Actual Chemical Name (not brand name)
Cleaning products	Alcohol, Detergents
Consolidated	(See other specific examples in the table)
Didactic articles	Pencils, Smart boards, Books
Electronics	Computers, Televisions, CD Players, Tape Recorders, Mobile Phones, Monitors, Printers
Equipment	Oil Well Equipment, Poultry Equipment
FAK Freight All Kinds	(See other specific examples in the table)
Foodstuffs	Beverages, (See other examples for "Agricultural products")
General Cargo	(See other specific examples in the table)
Gifts	Dolls, Remote Control Cars
Household goods	Plates, Dishes, Tableware (See also examples for "appliances")

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Unacceptable	Acceptable
Industrial products	(See examples for "Electronics")
Iron and Steel	Iron Pipes, Steel Pipes, Iron Building Material, Steel Building Material
I.T. goods	(See examples for "Electronics")
Leather Articles	Saddles, Leather Handbags, Leather Jackets
Machine parts	Pumps, Seals, Engines
Machinery	Metal Working Machinery, Cigarette Making Machinery, Sewing Machines, Printing Machines
Machines	(See examples for "Machinery")
Oil	Mineral oil, Plant oil
Ore	Iron ore, Copper ore
Parts	(See examples for "Machine parts")
Personal effects	(See other specific examples in the table)
Pipes	Plastic Pipes, Steel Pipes, Copper Pipes
Plants	Tulips
Plastic Goods	Plastic Kitchenware, Plastic House ware
Polyurethane	Polyurethane Threads, Polyurethane Medical Gloves
Propellant	(See examples for "chemicals")

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE/ ACCEPTABLE GOODS DESCRIPTIONS

Unacceptable	Acceptable
Rubber Articles	Rubber Hoses, Rubber Conveyor Belts
Rod	Welding Rod, Fuel rod, Copper rod
Said to Contain	(See other specific examples in the table)
See Commercial Invoice	(See other specific examples in the table)
Sanitary goods	Towels, Buckets, Detergents, Tooth brushes
Scrap	Plastic Scrap, Foam Scrap, Iron Scrap
Spare parts	(See examples for "Machine parts")
Textiles	Linen fabric, T-shirts, (See also examples for "Apparel")
Tools	Hand tools, Electric tools
Toys	(See examples for "gifts")
Various products	(See other specific examples in the table)
Vehicles	Boats, Cars, Bicycles
Weapons	Daggers, Machine guns
Wires	Iron and Steel Wire, Copper Wires
Wooden articles	Wooden furniture, Wooden kitchen utensils

THE PORTAL

OWR Logistics portal not only provides multiple carrier and service choice at preferential rates but will also help guide you to providing true and correct data and description, enabling a smooth, efficient transit of your shipments.

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