BILL OF LADING · WORKED SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

A worked example: one 20-foot container of extra virgin olive oil from Genoa to New York. The companies, numbers and vessel are made up; the fields are real.

Shipper	Azienda Agricola Esempio (made-up name), Contrada Esempio, Puglia, Italy
Consignee	To order of Esempio Bank (made-up bank), New York
Notify party	Esempio Imports Inc. (made-up name), New York, United States
Booking	Booking 000000000 · vessel and voyage from the confirmation (example)
Ports and places	Receipt: Contrada Esempio · loading: Genoa · discharge: New York · delivery: New York
Container and seal	1 x 20' dry · container ESMU0000000 · seal 000000 (example)
Marks and numbers	AAE 1/10 - AAE 10/10 · lot L26-290
Number and kind of packages	10 pallets, 800 cases
Description of goods	Extra virgin olive oil in 0.75 l glass bottles, 6 bottles per case · HS 1509 20
Gross weight and volume	6,250 kg · 12 m³
Freight	Prepaid (CIF New York, Incoterms 2020)
Document type	Original «shipped on board» bill of lading, as the letter of credit requires
Declared value	None
Special instructions	Food in glass, do not stack the pallets

Every detail must match the invoice, packing list and, if there is one, the letter of credit. A mismatch between bill of lading and letter of credit is the simplest reason for a bank to reject the documents.

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