BILL OF LADING · SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

The details the shipper sends the shipping line so it can issue the bill of lading. Under the Hague-Visby Rules the shipper guarantees the accuracy of the marks, number, quantity and weight it supplies.

THE INSTRUCTIONS, FIELD BY FIELD

Shipper	*Company name and address, as on the invoice.*
Consignee	*The buyer, or the «to order» wording the bank requires if payment runs through a letter of credit: copy it exactly as the credit states it.*
Notify party	*Whom the shipping line notifies on arrival, usually the importer or its forwarder.*
Booking	*Booking number, vessel and voyage.*
Ports and places	*Place of receipt, port of loading, port of discharge, place of delivery.*
Container and seal	*Container and seal numbers, type (20' or 40', dry or reefer).*
Marks and numbers	*The same as on the packages and the packing list.*
Number and kind of packages	*Pallets and cases. This is the figure the per-package limit is based on.*
Description of goods	*Matching the invoice and packing list, with the HS code.*
Gross weight and volume	*Gross weight in kg and volume in m³.*
Freight	*Prepaid or collect, depending on the Incoterm.*
Document type	*Original bill of lading (how many originals), sea waybill or electronic release, as the buyer or the letter of credit requires.*
Declared value	*Only if you want to go beyond the liability limit: it must be entered in the bill of lading before shipment.*
Special instructions	*Temperature for a reefer, fragile goods, anything else.*

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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