

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: How to distinguish CAT A、B、C and D shipments?

A1: CAT A refers to documents, certificates, bills and materials without commercial value (excluding those that should be taxed in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and relevant national regulations).

CAT B refers to personal articles for self-use received or sent by the domestic sender or recipient (natural person) (excluding the separated transportation of passengers' luggage).

CAT C refers to goods with a value of 5,000 yuan or less (excluding transportation fees, insurance premiums, miscellaneous fees, etc.) (excluding those involving license control, and those that require handling of export tax rebates, export foreign exchange collection or import foreign exchange payment).

CAT D refers to goods valued at more than RMB 5,000 yuan, which requires formal declaration in accordance with the regulations. This kind of customs declaration is the same as the general trade import and export, it is the trade mode of buying and selling relationship between enterprises, so it needs to be declared to the customs in the name of enterprises. The information to be submitted for customs declaration includes customs declaration authorization letter, packing list, invoice contract and other necessary declaration elements required by the Customs.

Q2: When will this change of China inbound shipment declaration come into effect?

A2: This change has been effective.

Q3: For the affected China inbound shipments, will they apply clearance surcharges?

A3: No, the affected China inbound shipments will not apply clearance surcharges.

Q4: On April 9, the U.S. administration announced that it would continue to impose tariffs on shipments exported from China. How many tariffs are currently applied to shipments exported from China to the U.S.?

A4: We are aware that the U.S. administration announced the increase of reciprocal tariff on China including HK SAR and Macau SAR from 84% to 125% last night. However a corresponding Executive Order has not been published, hence we do not know whether and how such increase will apply in reality."

Q5: Will the customs declaration methods change affect the transit time?

A5: Customs declaration methods change involves the changes in documents preparation ... etc., therefore the transit time might be delayed.

Q6: For shipments exported to the U.S., Do I have to pay additional duty and tax or shipping charges if I need to arrange for return?

A6: Whether or not a shipment can be returned depends on the its customs clearance and transshipment status, there might be duty and Tax and return shipping charges.

Q7: What are the destination cities of China inbound shipments which are covered by Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Shanghai Gateway?

Q7: Please refer to Appendix 1.



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Q8: What are the customs clearance documents (Cat D) required for those affected shipments?

A8: Please refer to Annex 2.

Q9: For shipments imported from U.S to China, how should import duty and tax be applied if the shipment arrives in multiple batches?

A9: For shipments imported from U.S to China, if the shipments arrive in multiple batches, the import duty rate shall be determined based on the arrival date of the final batch.

Appendix 1

What are the destination cities which are covered by Guangzhou, Shenzhen, and Shanghai Gateway?

Destination cities		Destination cities	
厦门站	xià mén zhàn	深圳南山站	shēn zhèn nán shān zhàn
集美站	jí měi zhàn	深圳龙岗站	shēn zhèn lóng gǎng zhàn
泉州站	quán zhōu zhàn	深圳福永站	shēn zhèn fú yǒng zhàn
福州站	fú zhōu zhàn	深圳航城站	shēn zhèn háng chéng zhàn
莆田站	pú tián zhàn	深圳龙华站	shēn zhèn lóng huá zhàn
漳州站	zhāng zhōu zhàn	深圳侨安站	shēn zhèn qiáo ān zhàn
成都站	chéng dū zhàn	深圳新洲站	shēn zhèn xīn zhōu zhàn
贵阳站	guì yáng zhàn	东莞寮步站	dōng guǎn liáo bù zhàn
武昌站	wǔ chāng zhàn	虎门站	hǔ mén zhàn
武汉站	wǔ hàn zhàn	常平站	cháng píng zhàn
黄石站	huáng shí zhàn	道滘站	dào jiào zhàn
长沙站	cháng shā zhàn	清溪站	qīng xī zhàn
衡阳站	héng yáng zhàn	惠州站	huì zhōu zhàn
重庆站	chóng qìng zhàn	河源站	hé yuán zhàn
昆明站	kūn míng zhàn	汕头站	shàn tóu zhàn
南昌站	nán chāng zhàn	揭阳站	jiē yáng zhàn
广州西站	guǎng zhōu xī zhàn	南宁站	nán níng zhàn
广州花都站	guǎng zhōu huā dū zhàn	桂林站	guì lín zhàn
天河站	tiān hé zhàn	柳州站	liǔ zhōu zhàn
东涌站	dōng yǒng zhàn	海口站	hǎi kǒu zhàn
广州石井站	guǎng zhōu shí jǐng zhàn	三水站	sān shuǐ zhàn
韶关站	sháo guān zhàn	肇庆站	zhào qìng zhàn
清远站	qīng yuǎn zhàn	江门站	jiāng mén zhàn
佛山站	fó shān zhàn	阳江站	yáng jiāng zhàn
顺德站	shùn dé zhàn	中山站	zhōng shān zhàn
珠海站	zhū hǎi zhàn	昆山站	Kūnshān Zhàn
上海康桥站	Shànghǎi Kāngqiáo Zhàn	镇江站	Zhènjiāng Zhàn
上海绥宁路站	Shànghǎi Suínínglù Zhàn	宁波站	Níngbō Zhàn
上海三林站	Shànghǎi Sānlín Zhàn	南京站	Nánjīng Zhàn
上海松江站	Shànghǎi Sōngjiāng Zhàn	南通站	Nántōng Zhàn
芜湖站	Wúhú Zhàn	绍兴站	Shàoxīng Zhàn
宜兴站	Yíxīng Zhàn	苏州站	Sūzhōu Zhàn
江阴站	Jiāngyīn Zhàn	台州站	Tāizhōu Zhàn
常州站	Chángzhōu Zhàn	张家港站	Zhāngjiāgǎng Zhàn
合肥站	Héféi Zhàn	温州站	Wēnzhōu Zhàn
杭州城区站	Hángzhōu Chéngqū Zhàn	无锡站	Wúxī Zhàn
湖州站	Húzhōu Zhàn	扬州站	Yángzhōu Zhàn
泰州站	Tàizhōu Zhàn	丽水站	Lìshuǐ Zhàn
宿迁站	Sùqiān Zhàn	义乌站	Yìwū Zhàn



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淮安站	Huái'ān Zhàn	盐城站	Yánchéng Zhàn
徐州站	Xúzhōu Zhàn	宁波慈溪站	Níngbō Cíxī Zhàn
嘉兴站	Jiāxīng Zhàn	南昌站	Nánchāng Zhàn
衢州站	Qúzhōu Zhàn	武汉站	Wǔhàn Zhàn
黄石站	Huángshí Zhàn	武昌站	Wǔchāng Zhàn

Appendix 2

What are the customs clearance documents (Cat D) required for those affected shipments?

CAT D Docs	CAT C Docs
(—) Required registration of a Consignee or Consignor of Imported or Exported Goods	(—) No requirement on registration of a Consignee or Consignor of Imported or Exported Goods
1. E-POA (Power of Attorney)	1. Commerical Invoice
2. Contracts/purchase orders or electronic handbooks	
3. Commerical Invoice	
4. Packing List	
5. Confirmation form on import declaration	
6. Additonal supplement or corresponding documents are required according to H.S code.	
7. If the outer packaging is solid wood packaging (solid wood pallets, solid wood crates) without international certification mark (IPPC mark), it's required to conduct wood pallet fumigation and/or destruction by your own qualified agency. The shipment will be released once both of the process of wood pallet and clearance are completed	
CAT D declaration elements	CAT C declaration elements
HS CODE	HS CODE
Product Name in Chinese	Product Name in Chinese
Material of goods	Material of goods (if none, fill in none)
Brand (if none, please fill in none)	Quantity (if none, fill in none)
manufacturer (of a product)	Brand (if none, please fill in none)
specification	Specification (if none, fill in none)
model number	Model number (if none, fill in none)
Quantity	
Unit	
Net weight	
country of origin	
Destination inspection and quarantine authorities	
Mode of trade	
Trading countries (regions):	
Specific in-country destinations	
Whether a special relationship exists between with the seller of the contract:	