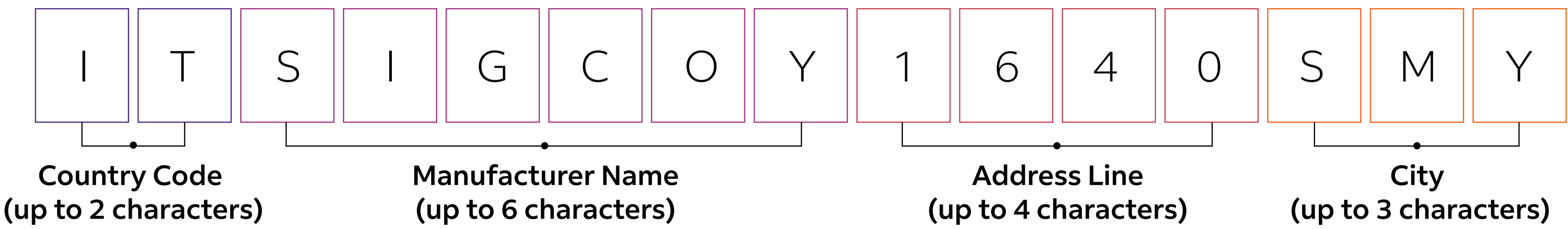# FedEx®

# Guidelines for Generating a Manufacturer Identification Code (MID)

## 1 What is a Manufacturer Identification Code (MID)?

MID code is one of the required information for import clearance into the U.S.. It's used as an alternative to the full name and address of a manufacturer, shipper or exporter and is required for U.S. customs entries for certain shipments. Properly constructed MID code must be shown on the commercial invoice for import clearance of certain shipments.

The MID code is used on paperwork presented to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the good's recipient.

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**Country Code** (up to 2 characters) **Manufacturer Name** (up to 6 characters) **Address Line** (up to 4 characters) **City** (up to 3 characters)

## 2 What kind of products that FedEx is suggesting shippers providing MID?

MID is required for textile and apparel products for commercial use and certain FDA related shipments.

**Remarks:** Specific H.S. code of commodities / items might still require an MID code even if it's considered not required above. H.S. codes of the textile and apparel products that need MID code information can be found **here**.

## 3 How to generate a MID code?

To generate a Manufacturers Identification code (MID code), you need to make sure your manufacturer has provided their full business name and postal address. Once you have all those details, you need to put together the MID code in the following order:

### 1 Country. Up to 2 characters.

i. Identify the two-letter ISO code for the country.

ii. For **India**, the code is **IN**.

### 2 Manufacturer Name. Up to 6 characters.

i. For a one-word manufacturer name, take the first three characters.

ii. For a manufacturer name with two words or more, take the first three letters of each of the first two words.

iii. Ignore these common words: "a", "an", "and", "of", "the", and punctuation.

- For **AMAR SEN Co., LTD.**, the result is **AMASEN**

### 3 Address Line with Street Name and or Box Number. Up to 4 characters.

i. Take the highest digits, up to four from the address line and or box number.

ii. From **No. 135 Marine Road**, the relevant number is **135**.

### 4 City. Up to 3 characters.

i. Take the first three letters of the manufacturer's city name. So, the correct code for Mumbai is **MUM**.

## Example:

| Name and address | Manufacturer Identification Code (MID) |
|---|---|
| AMAR SEN Co., LTD., No. 135 Marine Road, Thane District, Mumbai, India | INAMASEN135MUM |

## General rules to construct a manufacturer code:

i. Ignore all punctuation, such as commas, periods, ampersands.
ii. Ignore all single character initials, such as the "S." in Thomas S. Delvaux Company.
iii. Ignore the English words "a", "an", "and", "of", "the".
iv. In the case where multiple company names and/or addresses appear on the invoice, use the name and address associated with the corporate headquarters as opposed to the division, office, etc.

## More examples of some manufacturer names and addresses and their codes:

| Name and address | Manufacturer Identification Code (MID) | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| 20TH CENTURY TECHNOLOGIES 5 Ricardo Munoz, Suite 5880 Caracas, Venezuela | VE20TCEN5880CAR | Used 5880 instead of 5 as it is the highest number in the address. |
| THE E.K. RODGERS COMPANIES One World Trade Center London, England SWLY 5HQ | GBEKRODLON | Ignored the street number requirement as the address contained no numbers. |
| N. MINAMI & CO.,LTD. 2-6, 8-Chome Isogami-Dori, Fukiai-Ku Kobe, Japan | JPMINCO268KOB | Ignored the first initial "N." and combine the 2-6, 8 into one number for piece 3. |

Reference: **https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/3550-055_3.pdf**