Import Checklist

**Notify the shipper**

The best way to help ensure the shipment arrives as quickly and trouble-free as possible is to have both the export and the import set up and aligned before anything is shipped — it id much easier to make corrections this way.

**Restricted items**

If the shipment contains any of the following, permits or licenses may be necessary and should be arranged before the item is shipped:

* Biological materials
* Hazardous chemical materials
* Radioactive materials
* Items from Cuba, Iran, Myanmar and most of Sudan

**Temporary imports**

Items that will not remain in the U.S. (items on loan, items being repaired, etc.) may qualify for favorable duty treatment or simplified licensing arrangements, if arranged properly and ahead of time.

**Broker**

When using a package/freight delivery network (FedEx, DHL) for a simple import, the service should be able to deliver the package if it was shipped correctly and without unexpected surprises.