

NSL GUIDE

Shipping Documents Checklist for Pakistan

Missing or incorrect **shipping documents** are the most common reason for delays at port. Use this checklist before every shipment to and from Pakistan.

Core documents for every shipment

Document	Issued by	Purpose
Commercial invoice	Seller	Value, description, HS code and terms of sale — used for customs duty.
Packing list	Seller	Packages, weights and dimensions — used for loading and examination.
Bill of lading (B/L)	Carrier or NVOCC (e.g. NSL)	Receipt for cargo, contract of carriage and document of title for sea freight.
Air waybill (AWB)	Airline or forwarder	Contract of carriage for air freight (not a title document).
Certificate of origin	Chamber of commerce / TDAP	Proves where goods were made — needed for preferential duty.
Goods Declaration (GD)	Customs broker via WeBOC / PSW	Export or import declaration filed with Pakistan Customs.

Additional export documents from Pakistan

- **Financial instrument / export proceeds registration** through your bank on Pakistan Single Window (formerly Form E).
- **Phytosanitary certificate** for plants, fruit, rice and seeds (Department of Plant Protection).
- **Health / halal certificate** for meat, seafood and food products.
- **GSP / REX statement on origin** for reduced duties in the EU and UK.
- **Fumigation certificate** where wooden packaging or certain cargo requires it.
- **VGM declaration** — verified gross mass of each container.

Additional import documents into Pakistan

- **Import permits or NOCs** for regulated goods (e.g. DRAP for medicines, PSQCA for standards-regulated items).

- **Insurance certificate** where required by the bank or contract.
- **Letter of credit documents** if paying by L/C – must match exactly.
- **Form P** certificate of origin for China-Pakistan FTA duty benefits.

Need help preparing documents? NSL's **customs clearance team** checks every file before your cargo arrives.

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