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- goods exported from a bonded warehouse;
- goods repaired in Canada when the repairs or additions to the goods are valued at C \$2,000 or more; and
- gifts, donations and company transfers valued at C \$2,000 or more.
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## PACKING LIST

A packing list is necessary when more than one package is shipped, unless the commercial invoice is sufficiently detailed to convey this information. The list should include the number of packages and a detailed list of merchandise contained in each package. The net, gross and legal weight of each package and of the total shipment must be shown in metric units, along with the volume or measurements of each package and of the total shipment. At least four, but up to seven, copies may be needed depending upon the mode of transportation.

## BILL OF LADING

The bill of lading is the shipper's acknowledgment of receipt of the shipment. A shipment may involve a set of bills of lading. The exporter should keep one set on file and send one to the importer and one to the customs broker. This document should show the types of packages in the shipment and their weights and measurements. It should also include the names and addresses of the shipper and the Mexican importer, consignee or customs broker. Other required details include the ports of origin and destination, a description of the goods, a list of freight and other charges and the number of bills of lading in the full set. Finally, the carrier's official acknowledgment of receipt on board of the goods for shipment is required.

## IMPORT PERMITS

Import permits have been discontinued for many products. They are presently required for roughly 300 items. Some of them may be subject to import quotas. The list includes:

- used machinery;
- some agricultural products vital to Mexico's economy, such as pinto beans and powdered milk;
- natural gas, petroleum and gasoline;
- cars, trucks, tractors and some of their parts;
- some chemical and pharmaceutical products;
- arms and guns; and
- some luxury items.