

CHAPTER 9. TRANSPORTATION

PREPARING GOODS FOR SHIPMENT

PACKING

Proper packing and marking is necessary for goods being shipped to Mexico. Merchandise shipped via ocean or regular air freight is susceptible to damage and loss. In selecting the appropriate packing method, several factors must be considered.

- The type of goods being exported. Are they at risk of damage during handling, in transit or in storage? Do they require special temperature control or protection while being shipped and/or in storage?
- The carrier used to ship the product. Packing can be affected by the mode of transport chosen. For goods carried by ship, it is important to know whether they will be placed above or below deck.
- Weather conditions that may be experienced in transit. Extreme temperatures can damage many types of products.
- The nature and quality of port and handling facilities at the point of entry into Mexico, and during transit within Mexico.
- Protection against theft during transit. Proper packing can reduce the threat of pilferage.

MARKING

Marking containers identifies a firm's goods in relation to the cargoes of other shippers. Marks shown on the shipping container(s) must conform to those shown on the commercial invoice and/or bill of lading. Markings required include the following:

- buyer's name or some other form of agreed-upon identification;
- point and/or port of entry;
- gross and net weights in kilograms;
- identification of the country of origin;
- package numbers (required for shipments consisting of more than one container);