



LETTERS OF CREDIT - A DOCUMENTS CHECK LIST

GENERAL

- All documents called for are dated and unless otherwise allowed, presented prior to the Expiry Date of the Credit.
- Documents are presented to the Bank within 21 days of the date of shipment / dispatch **or such time as stipulated in the Credit.**
- Original Letter of Credit together with any amendments / attachments accompanies the presentation.
- The amount of the drawing is within the available credit amount
- All documents requiring endorsement are correctly endorsed, eg: Bills of Lading, Bills of Exchange (or 'Drafts'), Insurance Documents
- Documents comply with the terms and conditions of the Credit and the requirements of ICC Uniform Customs & Practice for Documentary Credits, (current revision).**

INVOICES

- Invoices contain goods description corresponding to that stated in the Letter of Credit.
- Invoices are addressed to the Applicant. Name as stated in the credit.
- Invoices contain exact license numbers and / or certificates if required by the credit; such certificates are signed and worded exactly as specified in the credit.
- Invoices show delivery term as stipulated in the credit, (eg: FCA / FOB, CPT / CFR, CIP / CIF etc., - refer Incoterms 2000 publication issued by the International Chamber of Commerce)
- Quantities, weight (both gross and net), shipping marks, unit price etc., agree with credit and are consistent between all relative documents.

TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS

- Goods shipped within stipulated time
- Document shows correct name & address of consignee and / or notify party.
- Document marked 'Freight Paid / Prepaid' or 'Freight Collect' (depending on Incoterm & L/C requirements)
- Document signed by a named carrier or agent on behalf of a named carrier (*Articles 19-25, UCP 600*)
- Bills of Lading show goods 'Shipped on Board' (unless otherwise stipulated in the credit).
- Bills of Lading are in full set of signed originals (ie: 2/2, 3/3 etc.,) or as called for by the credit.

INSURANCE

- Insurance document is in currency of the credit
- Insurance is for value specified in the credit. (Unless otherwise stated minimum cover to be for the CIF / CIP invoice value plus 10%)
- Insurance covers all risks specified in the credit.
- The insurance document is dated prior to despatch of the goods or indicates that cover is effective from shipment date.
- Insurance certificate is not presented where credit stipulates insurance policy.

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