

Cargo documents for transport within the EAEU

There is no customs clearance between Kyrgyzstan and Russia at the internal EAEU border, but the cargo still needs documents. Here is the basic set and who is responsible for what.

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1 Why documents are needed if there is “no border”

Kyrgyzstan and Russia are member states of the Eurasian Economic Union. Goods produced or released for free circulation in the EAEU move between member states **without customs declaration**. That does not mean the cargo can travel “without papers”:

- transport, sanitary, veterinary and phytosanitary controls still apply at the border;
- the cargo may be inspected by the authorities on the road;
- the consignee needs the documents for acceptance, accounting and paying VAT on import;
- if the cargo is damaged or lost, its value is hard to prove without documents.

2 The basic set of documents

☐ Supply contract

The basis of the deal between the sender and the consignee: parties, goods, price, delivery terms.

☐ Invoice

List of goods with prices and the total value. Confirms the value of the cargo.

☐ Packing list

Number of packages, type of packaging, net/gross weight and volume of each package.

☐ **Delivery note or UTD**

Document confirming the transfer of goods to the consignee (in Russia – TORG-12 or a universal transfer document).

☐ **CMR consignment note**

The contract of international carriage. Issued for every shipment.

☐ **Transport order**

The contract between the customer and the carrier: route, rate, deadlines, liability.

3 Documents that are not always required

They depend on the type of goods – check before loading:

DOCUMENT	WHEN IT IS NEEDED
EAEU (CU) certificate or declaration of conformity	Goods covered by technical regulations: clothing and footwear, children's products, electronics, cosmetics, furniture, food and others.
Veterinary accompanying documents	Controlled goods of animal origin: meat, dairy products, fish, animal feed and others.
Phytosanitary documents	Quarantine products: plants, seeds, fruit and vegetables, timber and others.
Labelling documents	Goods subject to mandatory labelling in the country of destination (in Russia – the “Chestny Znak” system).
ADR certificate, instructions in writing	Dangerous goods – under the ADR rules.

4 VAT on import from Kyrgyzstan to Russia

In trade within the EAEU, VAT on imported goods is paid by **the buyer in the country of destination** through the tax authorities, not at customs. To do this, the buyer files an **application for the import of goods and payment of indirect taxes**.

- i** The application must be filed and VAT paid no later than the 20th day of the month following the month in which the goods were recorded in the books. The contract, transport and shipping documents and the invoice are attached to the application – so the whole set must be issued correctly.

5 Pre-shipment checklist

- 1 Cross-check the data in all documents**
Party names, goods, number of packages and weight must match in the contract, invoice, packing list and CMR.
- 2 Check whether certificates and permits are required**
Especially for food, children's products, electronics, plants and animal products.
- 3 Prepare copies**
One set for the driver, one for the consignee, one for yourself.
- 4 Hand the documents to the carrier before loading**
So that they can check them and list them in box 5 of the CMR.

Questions about documents?

AsDi Cargo managers will tell you what to prepare for your cargo. Message us on WhatsApp or call.

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