



<b>Checklist: Supporting Documents for a Customs Declaration</b>		
	<b>Document Type</b> <i>(German equivalent)</i>	<b>Is used for...</b>
	commercial invoice <i>(Handelsrechnung)</i>	...all customs activities
	certificate/declaration of origin <i>(Ursprungszeugnis/ Ursprungserklärung)</i>	...imports of products labeled "U" in the German import list as well as some products to be re-exported. These documents are issued by a competent authority <u>in the country of origin.</u>
	community transit declaration, community transit document for establishing the community nature of the goods, single administrative document (SAD) <i>(Versandanmeldung, Versandpapier, Einheitspapier)</i>	...transit shipments of goods between EU member states that go through a non-EU country.
	movement certificate <i>(Warenverkehrsbescheinigung)</i>	...trade with all EU countries as well as those with which the EU has a preferential arrangement. This document is also used for food products caught by German ships.
	waybill <i>(Internationaler Frachtbrief)</i>	...shipments via train.
	<i>Carnet (ATA, CPD or TIR)</i>	...for both transit and temporary importation purposes in lieu of a deposit on the customs value of the goods. More details on carnets and the issuing authorities in your country are available from the <a href="#">International Chamber of Commerce</a> , the <a href="#">International Road Transport Union</a> , and the <a href="#">UN Economic Commission for Europe</a> .

As the choice of valid forms of supporting documents depends on the goods imported, the country of origin and the value of the imported goods, please be sure to contact a customs expert and/or the [German Customs Administration](#) to be sure which ones apply to your specific case.