Allegation Dos and Don'ts

Detailed information is key to a successful trade violation allegation. Here's an example of an effective vs. ineffective allegation.

Good Allegation

Violation Type

Intellectual Property Rights (Importation of counterfeit goods)

Violator Name

ABC Imports LLC

Violator Address

123 Commerce Street, Houston, TX, 77002

Violation Description

ABC Imports LLC is allegedly importing counterfeit electronics labeled as "Brand A.". These products are being sold through their website (www.xyzimports.com) and distributed to various retailers in the United States.

Additional Parties

ABC Distributors LLC (partner company)

Attachments

Photos of counterfeit products, invoices, shipping manifests, and screenshots of the violator's website.

- **Provides specific details about the violator (name, address, website);**
- **Includes supporting evidence (photos, invoices, shipping manifest);**
- **Clearly describes the violation of U.S. trade law; and**
- **Lists additional parties involved.**

VS

Bad Allegation

Violation Type

Other

Violator Name

Unknown

Violator Address

Somewhere in Texas

Violation Description

Someone is importing fake products into the U.S. I think it's electronics, but I'm not sure. I don't have any proof, but I heard about it from a friend.

Additional Parties

None

Attachments

None

- **Lacks specific details about the violator (no name, vague location);**
- **Provides no evidence or supporting documentation; and**
- **Does not clearly describe the violation or provide actionable information.**

For more information: e-Allegations Program | U.S. Customs and Border Protection | To report a suspected trade violation: Trade Violations Reporting Tool

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