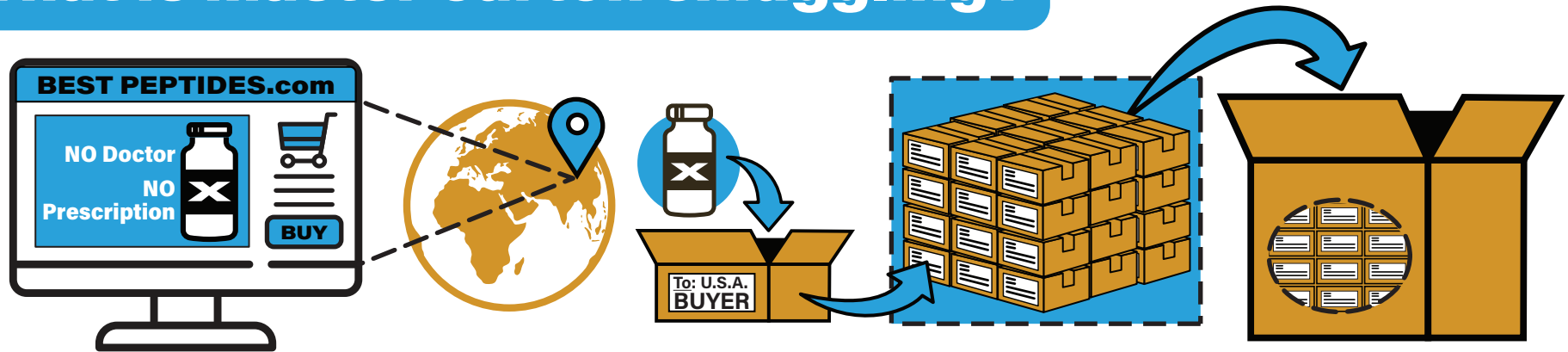
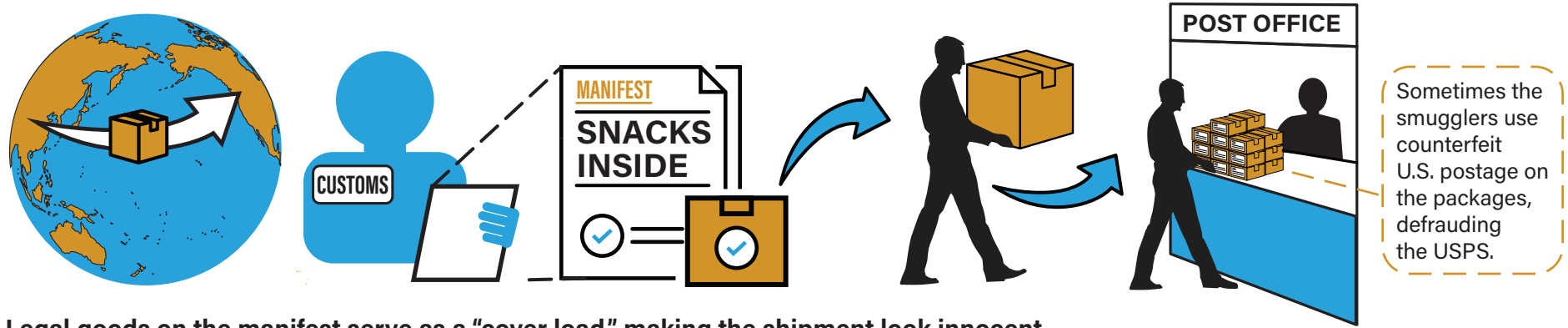


What is master carton smuggling?



- 1 Criminals take orders for contraband on an e-commerce website outside the U.S.
- 2 They pre-package multiple orders and place them in a larger box.



- 3 Legal goods on the manifest serve as a "cover load," making the shipment look innocent.
- 4 Once it passes Customs, a collaborating criminal within the U.S. receives the master carton and distributes the packages inside it.

Why are criminals doing it?

- ! To sneak shipments through Customs that might get caught on their own.
- ! To facilitate multiple orders in one shipment.
- ! To hide the identity of the U.S. purchasers from Customs.
- ! To hide the foreign origin of the smaller packages by re-mailing them inside the U.S. Buyers are less suspicious of products shipped from the U.S.

Buying medicine not approved by the FDA is dangerous

- ▶ FDA needs the authority to order destruction of unsafe shipments to protect patients: [safedrug/FDA-authority](https://www.fda.gov/safedrug)
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