

RESTRICTED GOODS



Some things we can't deliver

World Cargo complies with strict transport regulations. We will not carry certain goods and substances. Please check our guidelines on prohibited goods before you arrange despatch.

To comply with strict regulations World Cargo does not carry any substances classified as dangerous in the latest edition of the Civil Aviation Organisation's Technical Instructions.

There are nine hazard classes which cover these and the examples quoted below must not be taken as full lists of all dangerous goods. We will not accept other materials and products that may be hazardous to our handling staff.

Dangerous goods are defined as those goods which meet the criteria of one or more of the nine UN hazard classes. These classes relate to the type of hazard and are detailed below.

DANGEROUS GOODS

All dangerous goods are prohibited.

Class One: Explosives: Any chemical compound, mixture or device capable of producing an explosive-pyrotechnic effect, with substantial instantaneous release of heat and gas. All explosives are prohibited. Examples: Nitroglycerine; Fireworks; Blasting caps; Christmas Cracker Snaps; Igniters; Fuses; Flares; Ammunition, etc.

Class Two: Gases compressed, liquified or dissolved under pressure: Permanent gases which cannot be liquified at ambient temperatures; liquified gases, which become liquid under pressure at ambient temperatures; dissolved gases which are dissolved under pressure in a solvent.

1. All flammable compressed gases are prohibited. Examples: Hydrogen; Ethane; Methane; Propane; Butane; Cigarette lighters; Gas Cylinders for camping stoves, blowlamps, etc.
2. All toxic compressed gases are prohibited. Examples: Chlorine; Flourine,etc.

3. All non-flammable compressed gases are prohibited. Examples: Carbon Dioxide; Nitrogen; Neon; Fire Extinguishers containing such gases, etc.

4. All aerosols are prohibited.

Class Three: Flammable Liquids: Liquids, mixtures of liquids, or liquids containing solids in solution or suspension which give off a flammable vapour. Any liquid with a closed cup flash point below 60.5°C is prohibited. Examples: Acetone; Benzene; Cleaning Compounds; Gasoline; Lighter Fuel; Paint Thinners and Removers; Petroleum; Solvents, etc.

Class Four: Flammable Solids: Substances liable to spontaneous combustion. Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases. Solid materials which are liable to cause fire by friction, absorption of water, spontaneous chemical changes, or retained heat from manufacturing or processing, or which can be readily ignited and burn vigorously. Examples: Matches (any type inc. safety); Calcium Carbide; Cellulose Nitrate products; Metallic Magnesium; Nitro-cellulose based film; Phosphorous; Potassium; Sodium; Sodium Hydride; Zinc Powder; Zirconium Hydride, etc.

OTHER PROHIBITED GOODS

Drugs

Controlled drugs may not be sent by any World Cargo service. Those discovered in transit will be stopped, and handed to Customs or the Police, who may take legal action against the sender and/or addressee. Examples: Cocaine, Cannabis resin, LSD, Narcotics, Morphine, Opium, Psychotropic substances etc.

Filth

Foul or disgusting material is prohibited.

Indecent, obscene or offensive articles

Indecent, obscene or offensive communications, prints, photographs, books or other articles, and packets bearing grossly offensive, indecent or obscene words, marks or designs are prohibited. Those discovered in transit will be stopped, and handed to Customs or the Police, who may take legal action against the sender and/or addressee.

Lottery tickets

Tickets and related advertisements for illegal lotteries are prohibited.

Miscellaneous manufactured articles

Goods made in foreign prisons, except those imported for a non-commercial purpose of a kind not manufactured in the United Kingdom, or those in transit.

OTHER RESTRICTED GOODS

Alcoholic beverages

Alcoholic content should not be greater than 70%. In addition, alcohol that will result in excise duty cannot be sent on our services.

Batteries

These articles may only be posted in their retail packaging.

Christmas crackers

May only be posted in complete made-up form and in their retail packaging.

Counterfeit currency and postage stamps

Prohibited unless no longer available for current use and therefore of value only as collectors items.

Diagnostic specimens

All diagnostic specimens must be posted in packaging that complies with Packing Instructions 650. The total sample volume/mass in any package shall not exceed 50ml/g. Diagnostic specimens are only permitted for destinations within the United Kingdom.

Infectious substances

We will only accept Infectious Substances in Risk Groups 1, 2 and 3. Samples known or suspected to contain Infectious Substances in Risk Group 4 are prohibited, as are selected Risk Group 3 pathogens listed in Schedule 3, part 5 of the latest edition of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health. All infectious substances must be posted in UN 2814 or 2900 approved packaging as detailed in Packing Instructions 602. The total sample volume/mass in any package shall not exceed 50ml/g. Infectious substances are only permitted for destinations within the United Kingdom.

Perishable articles and foodstuffs

Fresh fruit, meat, fish and other perishable articles should be able to withstand a journey of up to 2 days and must be sent by guaranteed next day service. Any foodstuffs, whether perishable or not, cannot be exported using our Global Priority and Euro 48 services. This includes seeds and other vegetable products intended for further processing.

Prescription drugs

Prescription drugs sent for medical or scientific purposes, for example from a medical practitioner to a hospital, must contain the address of the sender in case of non-delivery, so that they may be returned without delay. The properties of these drugs, should not meet any of the criteria of the 9 UN hazard classes when classified by the sender. Drugs in prescription quantities may be sent by private individuals in the case of emergencies. In all cases, the sender's address must be included on the inside of the package.

Sharp objects

These items may only be posted if they are packaged appropriately so that they do not present a risk to employees, other packages or recipients.

Financial documents

Money - bankers drafts, current bank notes, currency notes or coins, credit cards, debit cards, uncrossed postal orders which do not state to whom they are to be paid, cheques or dividend warrants which are uncrossed and made payable to the bearer; bearer securities including share warrants, scrips, or subscription certificates, bonds or relative coupons, unfranked postage or revenue stamps, (except a revenue stamp embossed or impressed on an instrument which has been executed); coupons, vouchers, tokens, lottery tickets, scratch cards or similar documents which can be exchanged themselves or with any other document for money, goods or services; national insurance stamps; all tickets, including travel and events. None of the above can be sent on any export service.

