

Some Things You Are Not Allowed to Send Around the World

Algeria

Articles made of tortoise-shell, mother of pearl, ivory, bone meerschaum and amber (succin), natural or reconstructed, worked jade and mineral substances similar to jade.

Canned vegetables, fish, plums and nuts.

Funeral urns.

Household articles made of tin.

Perishable infectious biological substances. Perishable non-infectious biological substances.

Pictures and printed matter of pornographic or immoral nature, or which tend to incite crime or juvenile delinquency.

Saccharine in tablets or packets.

Used clothing, accessories, blankets, linen, textile furnishings, footwear and headwear.

Watches and clocks.

Australia

Fruit cartons (used or new).

Goods bearing the name "Anzac".

Animals and animal products, brushes, second-hand carpets, margarine, vaccines, plant and plant material (including pot pourri, heather, fir cones, shamrock), sugar, syrup and molasses, straw packing.

Cinema films.

Goods produced wholly or partly in prisons or by convict labour.

Registered philatelic articles with fictitious addresses.

Seditious literature.

Benin

Alcoholic beverages and products which could be used for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages.

Banana, citrus, cocoa, coffee, cotton plants, sugar cane, saccharine and chemical food colourings.

Gramophone records.

Medals and coins.

Military equipment.

Mineral water.

Uncut diamonds.

Water hyacinths.

China

Articles in hermetically sealed non-transparent containers.

Funeral urns containing ashes.

Pork products.

Printed matter, manuscripts, notices, photographic negatives, gramophone records and sound track tapes which could do political, economical, cultural or moral harm to the People's Republic of China.

Radio transmitters and receivers.

Wrist-watches, cameras, television sets, radio sets, tape recorders, bicycles, sewing machines, and ventilators.

Croatia

Celluloid and Film.

Grain grown or stored in the UK.

Plants and Seeds.

Raw meats, meats, milk and dairy products of all kinds from cattle, goats, pigs, sheep and other cloven hoofed animals.

Spoons, forks, whistles.

Czech Republic

Chain letters.

Publications, sheet music, drawings, photographs, films, etc prejudicial to the Republic.

Ecuador

Feeding bottles.

Footwear of leather, fabric or rubber.

Horse bits and mouth pieces of copper.

Items and objects of immoral nature.

Pointed or sharp edged objects.

Preparations for erasing ink or other writings.

Roulette wheels or gambling articles.

Straw hats.

Dominican Republic

Communist literature.

Poniards, daggers, stiletos, sticks, or fans with concealed blades or firearms.

Roulette games and other gambling devices.

Faroe Islands

Danish currency.

Dried milk products, honeycombs.

Raw hides.

France

Measuring instruments marked in units not complying with French law.

Germany

Absinthe.

Articles bearing political or religious notations on the address side.

Melatonin.

Playing cards, except in complete decks properly wrapped.

Pulverized coca beans.

Iceland

Bees.

Hay and straw.

Lead toys.

Rags.

Silk worms.

Israel

Blank invoices with headings.

Games of chance.

Indecent or obscene marks, paintings, photographs, books, cards, lithographs, or engravings.

Lottery tickets and advertisements.

Organic fertilizers.

Soil and sand.

Spices exceeding 1 kg.

Used beehives.

Italy

Albums of any kind (of photographs, postcards, postage stamps, etc.).

Artificial flowers and fruits and accessories for them.

Bells and other musical instruments and parts thereof.

Cartridge caps; cartridges.

Clocks and supplies for clocks.

Compound medicaments and medicines.

Coral mounted in any way.

Ether and chloroform.

Exposed photographic and cinematographic films.

Footwear of any kind.

Haberdashery and sewn articles of any kind, including trimmings and lace; handkerchiefs; scarves; shawls, needlework including stockings and gloves; bonnets, caps, and hats of any kind.

Hair and articles made of hair.

Leather goods.

Lighters and their parts, including lighter flints.

Live bees, leeches, and silkworms.

Nutmeg, vanilla, sea salt, rock salt, saffron.

Parasites and predators of harmful insects.

Perfumery goods of all kinds (except soap).

Playing cards of any kind.

Postage stamps in sealed or unsealed letters.

Ribbons for typewriters.

Roasted or ground coffee and its substitutes, roasted chicory.

Saccharine and all products containing saccharine.

Salted, smoked or otherwise prepared meats, fats and lard.

Toys not made wholly of wood.

Treated skins and furs.

Weapons of any kind and spare parts for them.

Jamaica

Cotton and parts of cotton plants.

Cordage and twine.

Figurines.

Honey, cocoa and cocoa products, coffee products, condensed milk.

Jordan

Advertisements concerning treatment of venereal diseases or medicinal preparations intended to serve as preventives against those diseases.

Kuwait

Alcoholic drink.

Binoculars.

All goods of Israeli origin.

Political publications.

Rubber balloons.

Tapes and cassettes.

Morocco

Seditious literature.

Spirits.

Spurious substances designed to adulterate food and drink.

Oman

Articles contrary to the principles of Islam.

Liquid chemicals.

Fire extinguishing products.

Cultured, imitation, artificial and bleached pearls.

Paraguay

Batteries.

Plastic toys.

Soaps.

Stocking and socks except those made of jersey.

Suitcases, leather bags.

Wool blankets.

Peru

Artificial flowers and interior ornaments.

Cameras.

Ceramic products and imitation jewellery.

Clothing, accessories, and underwear.

Communist propaganda.

Contraceptive products, remedies, or apparatus.

Credit cards.

Daggers.

Electrical household appliances.

Ether.

Footwear, shoes, boots, and accessories.

Furs and clothing made of fur.

Gloves and hosiery.

Household articles of iron, steel, copper and aluminum.

Household linens.

Knuckledusters.

Lighters.

Perfume products or soaps.

Playing cards.

Politically sensitive material.

Sabres.

Sound recorders and reproducing devices.

Textiles and carpets.

Toys or games for children which might harm the cultural or historical heritage of Peru.

Travel articles, suitcases, attache cases, kits, or similar articles.

Waxes and creams for shoes.

Wooden utensils.

Somalia

Abortifacients.

Aphrodisiacs.

Condensed Milk.

Picture postcards.

Sri Lanka

Account books, albums, calendars, carbon paper, chalk, envelopes, exercise books, pencils, pens, pen-holders, pins, registers, rubbers, wire clips.

Ashtrays.

Bicycle parts.

Cameras and other photographic apparatus.

Clothing and footwear.

Crockery, tableware, picnic baskets, flasks.

Chemical products.

Electric lamps for household use, torches.

Greeting cards.

Handbags and cases, travelling cases.

Household electrical equipment.

Jewellery and jewel cases.

Playing cards and similar games.

Illustrated postcards.

Publicity material including films.

Sarees.

Scales.

Sports goods.

Sunglasses.

Tape recorders and tape recorder parts.

Toiletries.

Toys made of earthenware or wood.

Varnishes.

Waste paper.

Tajikistan

Documents, printed matter, photographs, pictures and so on likely to be construed as prejudicial to Tajik views.

Corrected proofs and printed matter with marked words or phrases.

Stamp collections sent to private persons.

Sulphate of copper.

United Kingdom

Any postal item containing enclosures addressed to different persons at different addresses.

Citizens Band Radios, walkie-talkies, microbugs, and radio microphones that are capable of transmitting on any frequency between 26.1–29.7 megacycles per second and 88–108 Mhz per second.

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

Horror comics and matrices.

Obscene articles, prints, paintings, cards, films, videotapes, etc.

Seal skins except those from an accepted source.

Switchblade knives.

United States of America

Advertisements for obscene/immoral articles.

Advertisements relating to lotteries.

Contraceptives.

Goods originating in Cuba, North Korea, Vietnam.

Qatar

Articles giving off a fetid odour.

Cultured, imitation, artificial and bleached pearls.

Items whose make-up does not comply with regulations.

Garments bearing the name of the divinity or verses from the Koran.

Obscene or immoral articles.

Musical greeting cards.

Remote controlled toy aircraft for children.

Vietnam

Invisible ink, codes, cyphers, symbols or other types of secret correspondence, and shorthand notes.

Perishable infectious biological substances.

Radio transmitters and receivers and radio set accessories of any kind.

Sealed, tinned foodstuffs.

Unused postage stamps.

Used clothing, blankets, mosquito nets, and shoes.

Zimbabwe

Aphrodisiacs.

Circulars relating to lotteries.

Fortune telling advertisements.