

Prohibited & Restricted Items Quick Reference Guide

All countries prohibit or restrict the types of products that may be imported. This resource is here to help you shop smarter by helping you to avoid buying items that are prohibited and to alert you to items that are generally restricted. Save money by familiarising yourself with these types of products before you begin your shopping.

Generally Prohibited & Restricted Items

This list is sampling of common items that are restricted, cannot be shipped or, depending on your destination country, may either require an import license, additional documentation and/or cause problems and delays during the customs review of your shipment. If your package contains a restricted item, our Compliance team must review your shipment when it arrives at our facilities. This process **may add 1 - 3 business days** (Monday - Friday) before your item is available to ship.



Alcohol & Coffee

Prohibited in some countries and quantities restricted in others.



Animals & Agricultural

Living animals, fish or plants; seeds, soil, and other agricultural products.



Combustible/Flammable

Nail polish, paints (non water- based), oils, lighters and matches.



Currency, Stamps & Coins

Cash, checks, money orders, bank drafts, bearer bonds, collectible stamps and coins.



Food - Perishable

Perishable foods of any type are prohibited. Chocolates are restricted in some countries.



Furs, Skins, Animal Parts

Furs, skins, tusks, other animal parts are prohibited in most countries.



Gambling & Lottery

Gambling, lottery and games of chance items including tickets, games and devices.



Government ID/Uniforms

Any and all governmental (whether real or costume) ids, uniforms and badges.



Hazardous Materials

Chemicals, explosives, fuels and fertilisers.



Medications

Prescription & veterinary medications prohibited. Non-prescription medications are restricted.



Perfumes & Colognes

Prohibited in some countries but allowed in others.



Political & Pornography

Prohibited in all Muslim countries and restricted in most other countries.



Pressurized Cans

No pressurized cans of any type like hairspray, shaving cream and bug spray.



Tactical Equipment

Night-vision goggles, lock-pickers, optical scopes, laser sites, body armour and any ITAR regulated item.



Vitamins/Supplements

Vitamins, some sports drinks, supplements are restricted in most countries.



Weaponry & Parts

Guns, gun replicas, gun components & parts, paintball guns & paintballs, stun-guns, ammunition, gunpowder, any ITAR regulated items.

PROHIBITED commodities when importing goods from the US to Australia:

- All commodities greater than 20,000 USD without approval.
- Antiques.
- Anything that is flammable, with a flash point of 140 degrees Fahrenheit, or greater.
- Auto parts with fluids in them.
- Fine art.
- Fine jewellery.
- Furs.
- Pornographic materials.
- Precious metals, with the exception of fine jewellery.
- Watches valued over \$1000.
- Weapons and weapons accessories.

RESTRICTED commodities when importing goods from the US to Australia:

Contact SOS Mail for more information if you are looking to purchase these goods for export to Australia.

- Animal products
- Animal skins
- Coal & firewood
- Coffee
- Coffee samples
- Cosmetics
- Cotton
- Cotton seed
- Drugs: non-prescription
- Drugs: prescription
- Foodstuffs
- Grain samples
- Leather goods
- Marble products
- Medical samples
- Medical/dental supplies & equipment
- Newspapers
- Perishables
- Personal effects
- Plant products
- Plants
- Seeds
- Soil samples
- Stone/mineral samples for analysis
- Tea
- Tobacco