



Republic of Korea

Acceptance Conditions

Acceptance Conditions (Letter-Post)

1. Small packets and letters containing articles subject to customs duty
 - (1) Maximum weight limit: 2 kilograms
 - (2) Letters containing articles subject to customs duty. Whether admitted or not: Yes.
A CN22 label should be attached.
 - (3) Number of CN23 customs declarations needed: 1
It is not required when the value of the contents is less than 300 SDR.
 - (4) The CN23 customs declaration should be attached to the outside of postal items.
 - (5) Languages accepted for CN22 labels and CN23 customs declarations: English
 - (6) In the case that merchandise contents are not correctly stated on the CN22 label, it is necessary to attach a CN23 customs declaration or invoice.
2. Express items. Whether admitted or not: Yes
3. Insured letters. Whether admitted or not: Yes
 - (1) Maximum insured value: 4,000 SDR
 - (2) Concerning insured letters containing articles subject to customs duty, please refer to 1.(2) to 1.(5).
4. Request for withdrawal from the post, alteration, or correction of address.
Whether admitted or not: Yes
Office to which requests must be sent: For airmail: Seoul I.P.O.
For surface mail: Pusan I.P.O.
5. Registered items in closed envelopes containing valuables.
Whether admitted or not: Yes
6. Letter-post items retained or addressed to poste restante. Period of retention: 30 days
7. M bags
 - (1) Whether the address label of special bags of printed paper requires a CN22 label: In all cases
 - (2) CN23 customs declarations and other accompanying forms should be attached to the outside of the bag.
8. Others
 - (1) Monthly or weekly journals are admitted for importation to the extent of three copies per person.
 - (2) Radioactive materials can be mailed in an air registered letter.
 - (3) Infectious substances can be mailed in an air registered letter.
 - (4) Printed matter or small packets with International Business Reply Service can be

- mailed. (Maximum weight is limited to 2 kilograms.)
- (5) International registered mail weighing up to 2 kilograms with International Business Reply Service can be mailed.

Acceptance Conditions (Parcel-Post)

1. Parcels under the conditions of the Convention and the Parcel Post Regulations
 - (1) Maximum size and weight limit admitted
 - (a) Surface parcels
Size: 1.5 m in length or 3 m in length and greatest circumference
Weight: 20 kilograms
 - (b) Air parcels
Size: 1.5 m in length or 3 m in length and greatest circumference
Weight: 20 kilograms
2. Number of CN23 customs declarations needed: 2
3. Languages accepted for CN22 label and CN23 customs declarations: English
4. Express items. Whether admitted or not: No
5. Insured parcels. Whether admitted or not: Yes
Maximum insured value: 4,000 SDR
6. Request for withdrawal from the post, alteration or correction of address.
Whether admitted or not: No
7. Delivery of parcels : Delivery to the addressee's address
8. Advice of delivery for ordinary parcels: Yes
9. Period of retention for parcels
 - (1) Parcels for which a notice could be sent to the addressee
Normal period: 15 days
Exceptional period: 45 days
 - (2) Parcels for which a notice could not be sent to the addressee or addressed to poste restante: 30 days

Acceptance Conditions (EMS)

1. Service area: Entire territory
2. Maximum size and weight limit admitted
 - (1) Size: 1.5 m in length or 3 m in length and greatest circumference
 - (2) Weight: 30 kilograms
3. Required description and documents

- (1) Documentation for business use: Description “Business Papers”
- (2) Other items: 1 CN22 label or 1 CN23 customs declaration. If the item includes merchandise, 1 commercial invoice. If the item includes articles except merchandise, 1 Proforma invoice as whenever required.
4. Number of CN23 customs declarations needed: 1
5. Languages accepted for CN22 labels and CN23 customs declarations: Korean or English
6. Days of the week on which EMS items are delivered:
From Monday to Saturday (including holidays)
7. Delivery of EMS
 - (1) To the addressee’s address: Yes. In case of dutiable items, the item may be received at the Customs office.
 - (2) To a P. O. Box: Yes
 - (3) To a Post Office counter: No(excluding at office of exchange).
8. Name of EMS service: EMS
9. Others
 - (1) EMS may contain the following animals. The addressee in Korea has to confirm individually with Korean Quarantine as to which insects can be accepted before sending them.
 - bees, leeches and silkworms;
 - parasites and destroyers of noxious insects intended for control of such insects and exchanged between officially recognized institutions;
 - flies of the family Drosophilidae for biomedical research exchanged between officially recognized institutions
 - (2) EMS items weighing up to 2 kilograms with International Business Reply Service can be mailed.

Prohibited Articles

Please also see the following information about prohibited articles.

- Articles Prohibited under the Universal Postal Convention and Other Such Regulations
- Articles Prohibited to be Mailed by Postal Law
- Hazardous Materials Prohibited in International Mail

http://www.post.japanpost.jp/int/use/restriction/index_en.html

1. Letter-Post

See 2. Parcel-Post.

2. Parcel-Post

2.1 Articles prohibited or admitted conditionally

2.1.1 For reason of public security

2.1.1.1 Prohibited Articles

- Articles contrary to public security...Articles liable to divulge national secrets or to offer information to the enemy; documents, books, printed papers, engravings or other articles contrary to public security

2.1.2 For health reasons

2.1.2.1 Prohibited Articles

- Narcotics...Opium, morphine, cocaine and other narcotics
- Stimulants...Stimulants
- Meat, meat products...Beef and beef products, deer meat and deer products, mutton and mutton products, ostrich meat and kangaroo meat

2.1.2.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Poisons, microbes...Poisons, poisonous liquids and pathogenic microbes when exchanged for medical or scientific purposes between medical organizations authorized by the Government.
- Livestock, etc....Dead livestock as well as meat, bones, skin and hair of livestock if accompanied by a certificate of origin.
- Meat, meat products...Pork and pork products, fresh poultry meat and heat-treated poultry product require a quarantine certificate.
- Alcoholic beverages...Alcoholic beverages can be imported up to 1 bottle (1 liter) for the purpose of personal use or gift. All kinds of alcoholic beverages are subject to alcohol tax and education tax.

2.1.3 For the protection of animals and plants

2.1.3.1 Prohibited Articles

- Insects...Insects harmful to livestock or to plants
- Seeds, stems, roots...Seeds, underground stems and roots of plants harmful to plants (Except these, see 2.1.3.2 "Plants")
- Grains...Grains (Except rice) (See 2.1.3.2 "Plants")
- Fruits...Fruits excluding citrus fruits except limes, persimmons, grapes, strawberries and melons (See also 2.1.3.2 "Plants" and "Fruits".)
- Vegetables...Vegetables excluding tomatoes and pumpkins (See also 2.1.3.2 "Plants" and "Vegetables".)

2.1.3.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Bees, leeches and silkworm eggs...Bees, leeches and silkworm eggs, if exchanged between officially recognized institutions.
- Plants...Plants (The term "Plants" means grains such as rice, fruits, vegetables and others as specified in the Plant Protection Act.) shall be based on the information for phytosanitary requirements in other countries that is available at a plant protection station under the Plant Export Quarantine Regulations established in 1950 by Ministerial Notification No. 231 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
(Note: Please ask at the nearest plant protection station. When exporting rice for commercial use, the sender shall submit necessary documentation to the nearest Regional Agricultural Administration Office or the District Agriculture Office.)
- Seeds, roots, seedlings...Vegetable seeds, plants with edible seeds, flower seeds, roots of plants and other nursery seeds or seedlings, when imported by schools, institutions and persons authorized to do so by the Government. ((See also 2.1.3.1 "Seeds, stems, roots" and 2.1.3.2 "Plants".))
- Rice...Rice can be imported up to 5 kg. (See also 2.1.3.1 "Grains" and 2.1.3.2 "Plants".)
- Fruits...Citrus fruits such as mandarins, lemons or oranges can be imported in compliance with the following conditions:
 - Except those grown in Kyushu and Okinawa
 - Accompanied with a certificate of origin issued by the competent authorities
 - Not mixed with different items in one container or box
 - The above-mentioned container or box should be the original one used for shipmentLimes can not be imported even if they meet all the specified requirements.
(See also 2.1.3.1 "Fruits" and 2.1.3.2 "Plants".)
- Vegetables...Tomatoes can be imported in compliance with the following conditions:
 - Except these grown in Kyushu and Okinawa
 - Accompanied with a certificate of origin issued by the competent authorities
 - Not mixed with different items in one container or box
 - The above-mentioned container or box should be the original one used for shipment(See also 2.1.3.1 "Vegetables" and 2.1.3.2 "Plants".)

2.1.4 For special reasons concerning the control of weapons, etc.

2.1.4.1 Prohibited articles

- Weapons...Sabers and swords for military use and firearms
- Ammunition, matches...firing caps and loaded metal cartridges for the portable firearms, non-explosive parts of artillery fuses, and matches.

2.1.5 For reasons such as State monopolies, etc.

2.1.5.1 Prohibited articles

- Salt...Salt
- Manufacture of tobacco products...machines, tools and papers intended solely for the manufacture of tobacco products

2.1.5.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Tobacco, ginseng...Tobacco, ginseng and its seeds, if imported by the Government or on its orders.

2.1.6 For other reasons

2.1.6.1 Prohibited articles

- Counterfeit money, etc....Counterfeit, defaced or imitation coins, paper currency and banknotes. Machines, tools and materials for the manufacture of coins, paper currency and banknotes.
- Articles infringing rights of patents, trademarks, etc....Articles infringing rights of patents, designs, trademarks or literary properties
- Miscellaneous...Counterfeit postage stamps, weights and measures, articles for the purpose of smoking opium
- Recording devices and video recorders.....Articles contrary to the Constitution that constitutes the fundamental principles of democracy, national prestige and interests, morals, customs, public safety and order
- Currency...Paper money, banknotes and coins (As to currency for the purpose of display or collection, see also 2.1.6.2 “Valuable items”.)

2.1.6.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Valuable items...Valuable items such as securities of any kind payable to bearer, platinum, gold and silver, whether manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels or other valuable articles can be imported in compliance with the conditions prescribed under the Customs rules.
- Journals...Monthly or weekly journals are admitted for importation to the extent of three copies per person and per issue; they are subject to a permit from the government if they exceed the limit of three copies.
- Textile products...Textile products such as cloth, clothes, shirts, neckties and handkerchiefs are permitted in case those sent for the purpose of sample or personal use.
- Telecommunication equipment.....Telecommunication equipment requires approval from the competent authorities in the Republic of Korea. This does not apply to cellular phones sent between individuals.
- Wireless equipment.....Wireless equipment shall undergo testing established by the competent authorities, except that imported for research and development purposes, and which is already approved in the Republic of Korea.

3. EMS

- See 2. Parcel-Post.