



Philippines

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
2. Express items. Whether admitted or not: Yes
3. Insured letters. Whether admitted or not: No
4. Request for withdrawal from the post, alteration, or correction of address.
Whether admitted or not: Yes
Office to which requests must be sent: Office of the Postmaster General,
Philippine Postal Corporation, 1000 MANILA, PHILIPPINES
5. Registered items in closed envelopes containing valuables.
Whether admitted or not: No
6. Letter-post items retained or addressed to poste restante. Period of retention: 1 month
7. Others
Adhesive tape that bears neither the name, mark, stamp or signature of the sender, nor a mark can not be used for sealing postal items.
8. 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 one of the items contained in the bag.

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

(c) SAL 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: 1

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: No

6. Request for withdrawal from the post, alteration or correction of address.

Whether admitted or not: Yes

Office to which requests must be sent: International Affairs Department, Office of the Assistant Postmaster General for Operations, 3/F Mezzanine Post Office Bldg., Liwasang Bonifacio, 1000 Manila, Philippines

7. Delivery of parcels : Delivery to a post office counter

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: 30 days

Exceptional period: 30 days

(2) Parcels for which a notice could not be sent to the addressee or addressed to poste restante:

Normal period: 30 days

Exceptional period: 30 days

10. Others

(1) Except the following cases, parcels containing merchandise can be imported only if the addressee obtains a Release Certificate from the Central Bank of the Philippines or other authorized entity.

- Articles sent for personal use whose value is not more than 5,000 Philippine pesos and which were already used by the addressee in a country other than the Philippines.

- Gifts costing 100 Philippine pesos or less.

- Articles sent by Filipinos who have returned to the Philippines (except articles for sale in the Philippines) whose value is not more than 1,000 Philippine pesos.

- Embroidery material shall be sent according to the conditions established by Executive Order 558 of 17 January 1953.

- M.S.A. items

- Personal belongings for diplomatic agents stationed in the Philippines or officers of international organizations possessing special diplomatic privileges in the Philippines or foreign government clerks.
 - Articles sent to an exhibition to be held in the Philippines whose value is not more than 100 Philippine pesos.
 - Articles addressed to Americans living in the Philippines.
 - Personal belongings for crew members of a vessel or aircraft whose value is not more than 100 Philippine pesos.
 - Articles addressed to charitable organizations or religious foundations.
 - Forms for foreign business companies operating in the Philippines.
 - “No-Dollar” items shall be sent according to the conditions established by the Philippine Government (merchandise which does not require payment in dollars)
- (2) The Philippines shall be authorized not to return postal parcels after the addressee has requested their clearance by Customs, since this is incompatible with other countries' customs laws. (Final Protocol to the Universal Postal Convention .7)

Acceptance Conditions (EMS)

1. Service area: Entire territory (Except Busuanga, Coron, Cullon, El Nido and Linapacan in Palawan, and Looc and Tiik in Mindoro Occidental)
2. Maximum size and weight limit admitted
 - (1) Size: 1.5 m in length or 3 m in length and greatest circumference
 - (2) Weight: 20 kilograms
3. Required description and documents
 - (1) Documentation for business use: Description “Business Papers” and 1 CN22
 - (2) Other items: 1 CN22 label or 1 CN23 customs declaration. 1 invoice.
4. Number of CN23 customs declarations needed: 1
5. Days of the week on which EMS items are delivered:

From Monday to Friday (excluding holidays)
6. Delivery of EMS
 - (1) To the addressee’s address: Yes (only the areas indicated in 8 (1). In the case of dutiable items, the item may be received at the Customs office.)
 - (2) To a P. O. Box: No
 - (3) To a Post Office counter: Yes
7. Name of EMS service: International Express Mail Service
8. Others
 - (1) EMS items addressed to the following areas can be delivered to the addressee’s

address.

Area	Postcode
Bacoor	4102
Biñan	4024
Cavite City	4100
Calookan City	1400 – 1413, 1420, 1428
Dasmariñas	4114, 4115
Imus	4103
Las Pinas City	1740 – 1752
Kawit	4104
Makati City	0700- 0732, 0740, 0750, 0760, 0770, 0780, 0790, 1200 – 1235
Malabon City	1409, 1470 – 1480
Mandaluyong City	1550 – 1556
Manila City	0900 – 0928, 0930, 0940, 0970, 0980, 0950, 0960, 1000 – 1018
Marikina City	1800 – 18211, 1820
Muntinlupa City	1770 – 1777, 1780 – 1781, 1799
Navotas	1409, 1411 – 1413, 1485, 1489 – 1490
Noveleta	4105
Paranaque City	1700 – 1720
Pasay City	1300 – 1309
Pasig City	1600 – 1612
Pateros	1620 – 1621
Quezon City	0800 - 0802, 0810, 0820, 0830, 0840, 0850, 0860, 0870, 0880, 1100 – 1128
Rosario	4106
San Juan City	0400 – 0401, 0410, 0420, 1500, 1502 – 1504, 1530 – 1536
Sta. Rosa (Santa Rosa)	4026
Taguig City	1630 – 1634, 1636 – 1639
Valenzuela City	0550, 0560, 1440 – 1448, 1469

- (2) EMS items addressed to areas other than those indicated in 8 (1) can not be delivered to the addressee's address. Addressees pick them up at their local post office.

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

1.1 Articles prohibited or admitted conditionally

1.1.1 Prohibited articles

- Valuable articles...Registered items containing valuable items such as coins, banknotes, currency notes, securities of any kind payable to bearer, traveler's checks, platinum, gold and silver, whether manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels or other valuable articles.
- See 2. Parcel-Post.

2. Parcel-Post

2.1 Articles prohibited or admitted conditionally

2.1.1 For reasons of public security

2.1.1.1 Prohibited Articles

- Seditious manuscripts...Manuscripts or printed papers of any kind containing inflammatory ideas or encouraging treason, rebellion, insurrection or sedition against the Philippine Government or forcible resistance to the laws of the country, or containing threats of death or bodily injury to any person in the Philippines.
- Lottery, etc...Any written or printed papers in any form advertising, describing, or in any manner pertaining to, conveying, purporting to convey any information concerning any lottery, gift enterprise, or similar scheme depending in whole or or in part upon lot or enterprise from obtaining any money or property of any kind by means of false or fraudulent pretences, representations, or promises.
- Obscene articles...Any written or printed matter and photographs, engraving, lithographs and other representations of an obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy or indecent character.
- Explosive substances...Explosive substances, comprising all compounds, mixtures or

contrivances which are likely to cause an explosion or pyrotechnic display, and those especially manufactured for this purpose.

- Inflammable liquids...Inflammable liquids, the flash point of which is either 22.3 degrees Celsius or less, in sealed receptacles, or 26.7 degrees Celsius in unsealed receptacles (e.g., alcohol, ether, petrol essence, etc.).
- Inflammable solids...Inflammable solids containing substances not classed as explosives, which, in certain conditions that may cause or spread fires, either through friction, absorption of dampness or by spontaneous chemical changes (e.g., chloride of calcium, matched, metallic potassium, etc.).
- Corrosive liquids...Corrosive liquids, which include all substances such as acids, caustic liquids, alkaline and other corrosive liquids, which, on coming into contact with living tissues, seriously damage these tissues by means of chemical action, or which, when leaking from their receptacles, are likely to damage or to destroy other portions of the cargo or the structure of the conveyance through chemical action and may also cause other accidents (e.g., solutions with bromide basis, caustic potassium, caustic soda, chlorite calcium, chromic acids, hydrochlorides, sulphuric acid, etc.).
- Compressed gases...Compressed gases, comprising, whether they are inflammable or not, all liquefied, dissolved and poisonous gases under pressure (e.g., acetylene, carbonic acid, chlorine, fluorine, etc.).
- Oxidizing substances...Oxidizing substances such as bichromates, chlorates, nitrates, perchlorates, permanganates, peroxides, which easily give off free oxygen that would feed fires attacking other materials.
- Poisonous substances...Poisonous substances, comprising liquids and solids which give off poisonous gases or vapours or irritants, also substances which can be dangerous when they come in contact with human skin or when they are absorbed.
- Radioactive substances...Radioactive substances, comprising all substances which emit spontaneously ionized rays (e.g., radium, uranium, radio-isotopes, etc.).
- Firearms...All kinds of firearms and weapons and parts thereof.
- Liquors...Spirits, wine, beer, or other liquors of any kind.
- Animals...Living mammals, birds, reptiles or fishes.
- Narcotics...Opium, opium poppy, coca extract or any narcotic or synthetic drug which leads to or may cause addiction, or other preparations of these.
- Coins, bank notes...Counterfeit, false or damaged coins spurious or counterfeit treasury bonds, securities, negotiable instruments, or credit documents not payable to bearer.
- Copyright...Publications which infringe copyrights guaranteed by the Philippine Government.
- Games of chance...Roulette wheels and accessories, articles used for games of

chance, loaded dice, marked cards, machines, apparatus and mechanical devices used for games of chance or for distribution of money, cigars, cigarettes, or other articles when this distribution is based on chance.

- Precious metals...Any article made wholly or partly of gold, silver or other precious metals or alloys of these metals, on which the hallmark or stamp does not show the true fineness or quality of the metal or alloy in question.

2.1.1.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Silkworms...Silkworms and silkworm eggs can be imported only if addressed to the Institute of Science and Technology.
- Celluloid, film...Photographic, cinematographic and other safety base films manufactured on cellulose acetate base are admitted if they are marked "safety base" or "safety film" by the manufacturer. Films manufactured on cellulose nitrate are not admitted.
- Narcotics...Opium, cocaine, morphine or any narcotic can be imported only if imported by the Philippine Government.
- Books, publications...Books and publications that are for economic, technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical and cultural are admitted under permit from the Ministry of Education and Culture.
- Pastes, salves, etc...Pastes, salves and other articles not easily liquefiable shall be accepted as imports only when enclosed in a water-tight container and placed in a strong pasteboard or wooden box sufficiently cushioned and securely wrapped.
- Blades...Cutting instruments such as blades or any sharp pointed instruments are accepted if they are properly packed to prevent them from cutting through their wrapping or coverings. In the case of sharp pointed instruments, the points must be capped or encased.
- Powders...Ink powders, peppers, snuffs, or other similar powders not explosive, or any similar pulverized dry substances not poisonous, may be admitted as imports when enclosed in cases made of metal, plastic, wood or similar material in such manner as to render impossible the leakage of any of the contents.
- Non-flammable liquids and gels...Non-flammable liquids and gels can be imported by complying with the following requirements:
 - They should, as far as possible, be the original manufacturer's packaging; any repackaging should have been done by authorized and legitimate laboratories/manufacturers.
 - The allowable or acceptable volume for postal transmission should be strictly observed.
 - They should be listed individually and in detail in the CN 22/CN 23, including their name, volume and the type of packaging.

2.1.2 For health reasons

2.1.2.1 Prohibited Articles

- Food, drugs...Any adulterated or misbranded articles of food or any adulterated or misbranded drug.
- Articles, instruments for the prevention of conception...Articles, instruments, drugs and substances designed, intended or adapted for preventing conception or producing abortion, or for any indecent or immoral use, or which are advertised or described in a manner calculated to lead to their use or application for preventing conception or producing abortion, or for any indecent or immoral purpose.
- Narcotics...Instruments, opium, cocaine, their derivatives, and preparations of these.
- Meats...Beef, scrap beef meat, feed made from cow, sheep and goat, cow conception

2.1.2.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Articles, instruments for the prevention of conception, etc... Food, drugs, articles, and instruments for the prevention of conception and narcotics under 2.1.2.1 are admitted in cases where such importation is by order of the Philippine Government or by duly authorized persons or institution.

2.1.3 For the protection of animals and plants

2.1.3.1 Prohibited Articles

- Live animals...Living mammals, birds, reptiles, or fishes except bees, leeches and silkworms

2.1.3.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- 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. Live trees, shoots and plants, moss and bulbs, tubers and seeds are admitted in cases where such importation is by order of the Philippine Government or by duly authorized persons or institution.

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

2.1.4.1 Prohibited articles

- Weapons...Dynamite, gunpowder, ammunition and other explosives, firearms and weapons of war and parts thereof are admitted if such importation is by order of the Philippine Government or by duly authorized persons or institution.

3. EMS

- See 1. Letter-Post and 2. Parcel-Post