



United States of America

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: No
3. Insured letters. Whether admitted or not: No
4. Request for withdrawal from the post, alteration, or correction of address.
Whether admitted or not: No
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:
Only when items need be submitted to customs control
 - (2) CN23 customs declarations and other accompanying forms should be attached to one of the items contained in the bag.
 - (3) Registered M bags are not admitted.
8. Others
 - (1) Radioactive materials can be mailed in an air registered letter.
 - (2) Infectious substances can be mailed in an air registered letter.
 - (3) The United States of America will not accept as enclosures in dispatches of printed papers any cards, envelopes or wrappings bearing the address of the sender or of his agent in the country of destination of the original item. (Final Protocol to the Letter Post Regulations 3.2)

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: 1.05 m in length or 2 m in length and greatest circumference
Weight: 30 kilograms
 - (b) Air parcels
Size: 1.05 m in length or 2 m in length and greatest circumference
Weight: 30 kilograms
 - (c) SAL parcels
Size: 1.05 m in length or 2 m in length and greatest circumference
Weight: 30 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: Yes
Maximum insured value: 3,448 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 or to a post office counter
8. Advice of delivery for ordinary parcels: No
9. Period of retention for parcels
 - (1) Parcels for which a notice could be sent to the addressee
Normal period: 1 month
Exceptional period: -
 - (2) Parcels for which a notice could not be sent to the addressee or addressed to poste restante: 1 month

Acceptance Conditions (EMS)

1. Service area: Entire territory (Except overseas territories other than Guam, Saipan, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands, and U.S. military base for which the three digit zip code is 090 - 098, 962 - 966 and 340.
2. Maximum size and weight limit admitted
 - (1) Size: 1.5 m in length or 2.75 m in length and greatest circumference
 - (2) Weight: 30 kilograms
3. Required description and documents
 - (1) Documentation for business use: Description "Business Papers" and 1 CN22 label

- (2) Other items: 1 CN22 label or 1 CN23 customs declarations (If the item include merchandises, 1 CN23 and 2 Proforma invoices or 2 commercial invoices)
4. Number of CN23 customs declarations needed: 1
5. Languages accepted for CN22 label and CN23 customs declarations: English
6. Days of the week on which EMS items are delivered:
From Monday to Saturday (excluding 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: Yes
8. Name for EMS service: Express Mail International Service
9. Others
- EMS may contain the following animals (See also "Bee" in 2.1.3.2. below.).
- 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

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

- Any article the outside of which bears an inscription having an injurious or threatening character.

2.1.1.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Radioactive substances...Radioactive materials and articles containing such materials can be imported in compliance with the following conditions:
 - Gamma radiation from any surface must be less than 10 milliroentgens for 24 hours.
 - The outer container must be such that no significant alpha, beta or neutron radiation is admitted.
 - If the material is liquid, it must be packed in a tight inner container of suitable substances, and be surrounded by absorbent material sufficient to absorb all the contents.
 - The maximum amounts of radioactive material which may be placed in one postal item, as follows:
 - radium or polonium: 0.1 millicurie;
 - strontium 89, strontium 90, or barium 140: disintegrating at 5 million atoms per second;
 - any other radioactive substances: disintegrating at 50 million atoms per second;

2.1.2 For health reason

2.1.2.1 Prohibited Articles

- Narcotics...Opium, morphine, cocaine and other narcotics
- Spirits...All spirituous liquors
- Articles intended to prevent conception...Articles intended to prevent conception or produce unlawful abortion. Prints of all kinds furnishing information on the subject.
- Miscellaneous...Fish, fruits and vegetables which easily decompose. Substances which exhale a bad odor. Articles which are in violation of the provision of "the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act" of 25 June 1938.
- Beef...Beef products
- Controlled substances such as anabolic steroids (protein anabolic hormone) identified in 21 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) 1308

2.1.2.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Pathogens...Biological substances of dangerously pathogenic nature can be imported in compliance with the following conditions.
 - The glass bottle, tube, or ampoule which immediately contains the pathogenic substance must be surrounded by absorbent material containing a decontaminant which is adequate to neutralize the pathogenic organisms, and placed in a second container of stout glass. This latter container shall be surrounded by absorbent

material and placed in a strong and well-closed metal box which shall be placed in an outer receptacle for mailing.

2.1.3 For the protection of animals and plants

2.1.3.1 Prohibited articles

- Meat...Fresh, chilled or frozen meat from any countries where rinderpest or aphthous fever (foot-and mouth disease) exists. Cured and dried meat, except as stated 2.1.3.2.
- Animal products...Milk, cream, or other secretions, organs from ruminants or swine from countries in which there is rinderpest or aphthous fever (foot-and mouth disease), and/or from countries where hog cholera, swine vesicular disease, or African swine fever is known to exist, unless such products are imported for pharmaceutical and biological purpose with authorization of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, of the US Department of Agriculture. Meat and products of poultry (including eggs) are prohibited from countries known to have exotic Newcastle disease.
- Packing materials...Parcels containing straw, grasses, and other plant materials used as packing for other articles should not be accepted for transmittal to the United States. Approved packing materials include the following if free of soil and when they have not previously been used with living plants:
 - buckwheat hulls;
 - charcoal
- Sharp instruments...Sharp instruments attached to the leg of a bird for use in an animal fighting venture (knife, gaff, or any other sharp instrument attached, designated)
- Written, printed, or graphic matter related to fighting ventures... The following written, printed, or graphic matter is prohibited except in cases where permitted, under the laws of the state, in which the fight is to take place.
 - Advertises an animals for use in an animal fighting venture
 - Advertises a knife, gaff, or any other sharp instrument attached, designed, or intended to be attached to the leg of a bird for use in an animal fighting venture
 - Promotes or otherwise furthers an animal fighting venture in any way

2.1.3.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Insects...Dead insects and reptiles are admitted when thoroughly dried, in a preservative or insecticide.
- Bees...Live adult honeybees are authorized when addressed to the Bee Disease Laboratory, Agricultural Research Center, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland 20705.
- Meat...All cured and fully dried meat or product derived from ruminants or swine,

originating in any country where rinderpest or apthous fever (foot-and mouth disease) exists must be accompanied by an official processing certificate of the country of origin, indicating specific United States requirements. Cured and dried pork from countries declared by the United States as infected with hog cholera, swine vesicular disease and African swine fever is prohibited, and is permitted to go to a US Department of Agriculture approved establishment for further processing before release.

All meat (beef, pork, mutton or poultry) or meat products can enter if fully cooked in a hermetically-sealed container so as to be shelf stable without refrigeration.

- Parts of Animals...Parts of animals derived from ruminants or swine, such as skins, hair, bones, organs or other parts not suitable for food, originating in a country where rinderpest or apthous fever (foot-and mouth disease) exists, and/or where, swine diseases such as hog cholera, swine vesicular disease, or African swine fever exists, are admitted only if processed in a manner approved by the US Department of Agriculture .
- Animal casings...Animal casings can be sent under the permit from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, Federal Building, Hyattsville, MD 2078.
- 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.)
- Soil...Samples of soil are permitted if they bear tags or labels issued by the Plant Quarantine Division of the United States Department of Agriculture.
- Serum, vaccine...All serums, vaccines, viruses or other biological products intended for the treatment of domestic animals; also all vectors, cultures or collections of organisms or viruses, or their derivatives, that may introduce or disseminate disease of animals, require a permit issued to the importer by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, Washington D.C. 20250.
- Plumage, etc....The importation of feathers on the skin of any bird is prohibited, except the following:
 - Clean feathers without skins
 - Importations for scientific or educational purposes

- Fully manufactured artificial flies used for fishing
- The feathers and skins of certain species of birds imported under permit issued by the United States Secretary of the Interior for use in the manufacture of artificial flies and fishing or for millinery purposes, and must go to an establishment approved by the US Department of Agriculture for further processing. This applies to feathers-on-skin from any species of birds from a country known to be infected with exotic Newcastle disease.

2.1.4 For special reasons covering the importation of weapons, etc

2.1.4.1 Prohibited articles

- Munitions, matches...The transportation of caps and loaded metal cartridges and of matches is not permitted. (The transportation of the non-explosive components of artillery is permitted.)

2.1.4.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Firearm...Pistols and other firearms capable of being concealed on the person (shotguns having barrels less than 18 inches (45.72 cm) long; rifles having barrels less than 16 inches (40.64 cm) long; shotguns or rifles which have been shortened to a total length of less than 26 inches (66.04 cm) or adapted in any manner so as to be concealed on the person) are admitted only if addressed to be used in the exercise of their official functions to officers of the Army, judicial branch or criminal intelligence agency, to custodians charged with guarding properties of the United States or of a State, to employees of the postal service, or to manufacturers of firearms or firearms dealers.

Each article containing a firearm must be marked on the outside "FIREARM" in capital letters and must be marked with the addressee's qualifications, for example, "For Army Officer", "For Dealer", etc. The shipment must be accompanied by an affidavit attesting that the addressee really belongs to one of the classes authorized to receive firearms by mail, with a certificate from a competent authority in the United States that the arms are really intended for legitimate purposes.

Antique firearms manufactured prior to 1898, sent as curios or museum pieces, are exempt from the foregoing restrictions.

- Switch knife...Switch knife is mailable only when sent to the person authorized by appropriate authority.

2.1.5 For reasons such as State monopolies

2.1.5.1 Prohibited Articles

- Tobacco...Cigarettes, roll-your-own tobacco, and smokeless tobacco products

2.1.6 For other reasons

2.1.6.1 Prohibited articles

- Lotteries, etc....Goods related to lotteries. Documents related to fraudulent

merchandise sale

- Furs, skins...Furs or skins which have originated in the former Soviet nation or in mainland China

2.1.6.2 Articles admitted conditionally

- Gold...Gold coins, gold and gold products are admitted when the value is under 100 US dollars and under permit from Bureau of the Ministry, United States Treasury Department.

3. EMS

- See 2. Parcel-Post.