

Dangerous goods are prohibited in international postal services

Dangerous goods covered by the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, the ICAO Technical Instructions, and IATA's Dangerous Goods Regulations are in general prohibited for transport through the post (surface, S.A.L., air and EMS).

Examples of dangerous goods prohibited for air transport:

1 Explosives

Fireworks
Crackers
Ammunition
Gunpowder
Flares
Warning flares



2 Compressed gases

Butane lighter fuel
Diving tanks
Camping gas
Butane gas
Sprays
Extinguishers



3 Flammable liquids

Oil lighters
Lighter fuels
Oil paints
Adhesion bonds
Flammable perfumes



4 Flammable substances

Matches
Charcoals



5 Oxidizing substances

Oxygen generator
chemicals
Peroxides/bleaching
powders



6 Toxic and infectious substances

Pesticides
Agricultural chemicals
Mercury compounds
Bacteria
Viruses

* Note



7 Radioactive materials

* Note



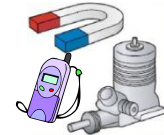
8 Corrosives

Wet batteries
Mercury
Hydrochloric acid



9 Miscellaneous dangerous goods

Magnetized goods
Engines
Solid carbon dioxide
(dry ice)
Lithium batteries * Note













* Note: Except those that are admissible under the provisions of the UPU Acts.



















A postal item can be accepted ONLY if the description of the contents makes it clear that the item does not contain dangerous goods

Examples of descriptions with which postal items cannot be accepted	Reason why unacceptable	Examples of descriptions with which postal items can be accepted
No description or vague description such as "miscellaneous goods", "daily commodity", or "precision instruments". Product serial numbers instead of descriptions.	Contents are unknown	Wallets, compact discs
Household goods	May contain spray can or compressed gas cylinder	Food, cloth
Sporting goods	May contain aerosol	Racket, ball, shoes
Camping goods	May contain gas cylinder	Tent, sleeping bag
Diving goods	May contain a tank	Wet suit, hydroscope, snorkel
Medical drugs	May contain medical alcohol	Cold medicine, digestive medicine
Cosmetics	May contain flammable perfume, manicure goods, nail-polish remover	Soap, lipstick
Automobile components	May contain flammable fuel additives, aerosols, compressed gas	Mirror, seat cover
Toys	May contain batteries	Toy building blocks


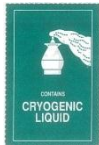







Examples of unacceptable articles

 Flammable perfume
  Adhesive bond
  Manicure goods
  Spray can
  Wet battery
  Extinguisher
  Aqualung
  Pesticide
  Oil paint
  Matches

No package having any of the following labels or markings may be sent through the international post unless it has been confirmed that no dangerous goods are contained, and that the labels/markings have been deleted (with certain exceptions).

Dangerous goods labels and markings		
<p>Explosive</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>	<p>Explosive</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>	<p>Flammable gas</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>
<p>Non-flammable, non-toxic gas</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>	<p>Toxic gas</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>	<p>Flammable liquid</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>
<p>Flammable solid</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>	<p>Substance liable to combust spontaneously</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>	<p>Substance that emits a flammable gas when in contact with water</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>
<p>Oxidizing substance</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>	<p>Organic peroxide</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>	<p>Toxic substance</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>
<p>Infectious substance</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p> <p>For small packages: 50 x 50 mm</p>	<p>Radioactive material (Category I, Category II, Category III)</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>	<p>Corrosive</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>
<p>Excepted quantity package marking</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>	<p>Lithium battery label</p>  <p>Note: A postal item on which a lithium battery label is affixed is not admissible.</p> <p>Minimum dimensions: 120 x 110 mm</p>	<p>Miscellaneous dangerous good</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>

Admissible by the Post only under certain conditions

	<p>Keep away from heat</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 74 x 105 mm</p>	<p>Cryogenic liquids</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 75 x 105 mm</p>	<p>Cargo aircraft only</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 120 x 110 mm</p>
	<p>Magnetized material</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 110 x 90 mm</p>	<p>Limited quantities</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm For small packages: 50 x 50 mm</p>	<p>Environmentally hazardous</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p>
	<p>Infectious substance (Note 1)</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 50 x 50 mm</p> <p>Note 1. This illustrated mark must be displayed on the external surface of the outer packaging containing an infectious substance, as stipulated in article RL 130 of the Letter Post Regulations. If this mark is displayed on an item not containing an admissible infectious substance, the sender must black the mark out before posting the item.</p>	<p>Miscellaneous dangerous good (Note 2)</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 100 x 100 mm</p> <p>Note 2. If solid carbon dioxide (dry ice) is used as a refrigerant for an infectious substance, this marking must be displayed on the external surface of the package. If this mark is displayed on an item not containing dry ice for that purpose, the sender must black the mark out before posting the item.</p>	<p>Radioactive substance, excepted package (Note 3)</p>  <p>Minimum dimensions: 74 x 105 mm</p> <p>Note 3. This label must be attached to an item containing radioactive material, as stipulated in article RL 131 of the Letter Post Regulations. If this label is attached to an item not containing a radioactive material, the sender must black the label out before posting the item.</p>