Country: JAPAN / JP

**Prohibited commodities**

Standard DHL prohibitions plus: All items violating Japanese trademark rights (infringement of right of patent, design, trademark and copyright) will be seized by customs. Items will not be returned to Origin.

- Antiques
- Furs
- Ivory
- Jewellery
- Military equipment
- Passports
- Perishables
- Precious metals & stones
- Soil samples

**Document Express**

General correspondence (business or private), plus:
- Advertising brochures/pamphlets
- Airline tickets, issued/validated
- Blueprints
- Business cards
- Catalogues
- Cheques, cashier (NI)
- Computer printouts
- Deeds
- Diskettes
- Drawings, technical/architect/eng.
- Magazines, periodicals, journals
- Manuscripts
- Music, printed or manuscript
- Pamphlets
- Personal mail
- Plans/drawings-architectural
- Ship manifest-computer generated
- Tapes: computer
- Airline tickets, blank stock (NI)
- Annual reports
- Booklets, brochures (non-adv.)
- Cash letters (NI)
- Charts/graphs
- Compact disc
- Computer software
- Diplomatic mail
- Documents, general business
- Invoices, not blank
- Manuals, technical
- Maps
- Newspapers
- Paper patterns for wearing apparel
- Photos as part of business reports
- Price lists
- Shipping schedules
- Visa applications

1. Shipments for destination code Osaka must be sent via WPX.
2. If the nominal value of floppy diskette, computer tape, CD ROM in which the contents are software and shipment value is less than US$90 (JPY10,000), they may be sent as DOX, otherwise send as WPX where Japan customs will impose 5% consumption tax on CIF basis even if the import duty is not levied. If the value of software and its carriers (i.e. floppy diskette, computer tape, CD ROM) can be separated, the Japanese customs does not assess the value of software; Otherwise ship via WPX.
3. Diplomatic seal must be attached for identification. Otherwise customs may open for inspection.
4. Shipments for sales purpose or with commercial value must be sent as WPX.

**Worldwide Package Express**

For destination Osaka, clearly describe in pre-alert the commodity names of those that require
quarantine, otherwise expect lengthy delays for the whole shipment. For imports under plant/animal quarantine, food sanitation law and medical law, consignee must pay license handling fee: JPY7,000(USD64) per shipment. The following are the WPX restrictions:

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1. Maximum weight. 10kgs(22lbs): food license not required if consignee is private person importing for personal use, or company importing samples (subject to customs discretion). Otherwise food license required if company import for sale at any weight or personal above maximum weight delay: 2-3day
2. Commercial Invoice must indicate type of skin. For shipments of unprocessed skin, Certificate of export under CITES required. Meat products: unacceptable except beef jerky authorized by origin government.
3. Component analysis table must be attached to Commercial invoice.
4. Import license required by consignee.
6. Import license required by consignee.
7. If silk fabrics and yarn, import license by consignee and Certificate of Origin by shipper required. Limit imposed according to government quota. Weave (woven or knitted) and materials should be described on invoices.
8. Consignor must provide declaration on contents of films and tapes. Delay, 2-3 days
9. Import License required. Shipments must fulfill IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations and must have shipper’s declaration for dangerous goods. Must be sent under separate AWB.
10. Non-perishables only. No refrigerant facility. Food license required from consignee if weight above: 10kgs (22lbs).
11. Must be well-packed to avoid damage. Wooden case and crate are preferable.
12. Shipment must fulfill IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations and must have shipper’s declaration for dangerous goods. Must be sent under separate AWB.
15. AWB, Invoice & pre-alert must state “Personal Effects” or “Unaccompanied Baggage”. Full consignee’s name & phone number required. Unaccompanied baggage: Customs declaration
form with customs stamp & copy of consignee’s passport required Delay: 1-3 days.


17. Ship spares for ship in transit: Consignee to provide Japanese Customs Form C No. 2130 (Declaration of Loading of Ship’s (Aircrafts) Stores of Foreign Goods) is required, expect delays: 1-2 days.

18. Upper and lower sole materials must be described on invoices. Samples must be marked and mutilated for duty & tax exemption and “Marked and Mutilated” must be stated on invoices.

19. For individual use only. For commercial purposes: Prohibited.


**Service Impact Notes**

1. Shipments for private individuals must have full name, daytime & night time phone number otherwise expect delays.

2. All shipments for US Military Bases must have contact person’s class & full name, phone & extension number, base name & building no., on AWB, otherwise expect delays.

**Operation Notes**

Not Available