

Country: MALDIVES / MV

### Prohibited commodities

Standard DHL prohibitions plus: All items offensive to Muslim culture.

Animal skins  
Antiques  
Furs  
Gambling devices  
Ivory  
Jewellery  
Precious metals & stones

### Document Express

General correspondence (business or private), plus:

Advertising brochures/pamphlets	[1]	Airline tickets, issued/validated	[2]
Annual reports	[2]	Artwork inc.drawings/proofs/layouts	[3]
Blank forms	[2]	Blueprints	
Booklets, brochures (non-adv.)	[2]	Books: hardbk/paperbk non-comm. use	[2]
Business cards	[2]	Calendars	[4]
Catalogues	[2]	Charts/graphs	
Cheques, blank (NI)	[5]	Cheques, cancelled (NI)	[5]
Cheques, cashier (NI)		Computer printouts	[6]
Credit card blanks (NI)	[2]	Credit cards (NI)	[5]
Deeds		Diaries	[5]
Diplomatic mail		Diskettes	[4]
Documents, general business	[6]	Drawings, technical/architect/eng.	[6]
Invoices, blank	[6]	Invoices, not blank	
Labels	[2]	Magazines, periodicals, journals	[4]
Manuals, technical	[4]	Manuscripts	[4]
Maps	[4]	Microfiche & microfilm	[4]
Money orders (NI)	[5]	Music, printed or manuscript	[2]
Negatives, including x-rays, films	[4]	Newspapers	[4]
Pamphlets	[2]	Passports	[7]
Photographs	[2]	Photos as part of business reports	[2]
Plans/drawings-arch/indust/eng. pur	[2]	Playing cards	[4]
Postal envelopes	[6]	Price lists	[2]
Price tickets for garments	[6]	Publication not for public resale	[6]
Publications for public resale	[2]	Ship manifest-computer generated	
Shipping schedules	[2]	Slides	[4]
Stationery	[6]	Transparencies	[4]
Visa applications	[2]		

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1. *Liquor, tobacco, pornographic advertisements: Prohibited.*
2. *Max weight: 5kgs (11lbs); Otherwise ship via WPX*
3. *Drawings must be business related; Otherwise ship via WPX*
4. *Max quantity: 5 pieces; Otherwise ship via WPX*
  
5. *Max quantity: 4 pieces; Otherwise ship via WPX*
6. *Max weight: 2kgs (4lbs); Otherwise ship via WPX*
7. *Max quantity: 2 pieces; Otherwise ship via WPX*

## Worldwide Parcel Express

If total Free on Board (FOB) amount on invoice is above USD150.00, consignee require import licence. All WPX invoice must clearly state the contents, value of each item and the freight charge should be separately mentioned. Note following WPX restrictions:

Alcoholic beverages	[1]	Animal products	[2]
Chemicals, non-hazardous	[3]	Communications equipment	[4]
Drugs: prescription	[5]	Films: 8mm, 16mm & 35mm	[6]
Films: entertainment	[6]	Films: promotional, training	[6]
Jewellery, costume	[7]	Laser disc	[8]
Medical samples	[9]	Perishables	[10]
Personal effects	[11]	Plant products	[12]
Plants	[12]	Radar equip.-transmitters/receivers	[4]
Radio equipment	[4]	Seeds	[12]
Ship spares	[13]	Tapes: audio cassettes	[14]
Tapes: video cassettes	[6]		

1. *Sample only, provided consignee holds a special import licence for liquor.*
2. *Processed: Prohibited. Pork is prohibited but can be imported only if consignee holds a special import licence, delay: 12-24 hrs.*
3. *24hr pre-alert req. before uplift of Chemical Re-Agents.*
4. *Subject to approval from Telecom dept; delay: 1-3 days.*
5. *Drugs imported for personal use should have doctor's prescription. Medicines will be released only after approval from MV's Ministry of Health. Delay: 12-24 hrs.*
6. *Subject to censorship, delay: 1-7 days.*
7. *Pre-alert before shipping .*
8. *Subject to approval from censor board; delay: 1-7 days.*
9. *A letter from origin should certify that the contents are not infected substances, ie. HIV, Hepatitis.*
10. *Consignee has to bear the cold storage charges. .*
11. *Must clearly state as Personal Effects and complete list of contents must be mentioned in the Commercial Invoice.*
12. *Subject to quarantine inspection, delay: 12-24 hrs.*
13. *Duty free for vessels in transit. Commercial invoice must clearly state "Ship spares for vessel in transit". Authorisation from consignee required ; delay: 24 hrs.*
14. *Full description of the contents require in the invoice.*

## Service Impact Notes

Temporary imports are entitled for duty free but the goods have to leave the country within 20 days from the date of arrival. If this duration is exceeded, the consignee has to pay duty charges depending upon the product.