

Country : SAUDI ARABIA / SA

Prohibited commodities

All items offensive to the Muslim and Saudi culture, or sensitive to the Middle East security situation are prohibited. These include pork products, religious publications / figures, imitation firearms / paraphernalia, military uniform, goods carrying the Saudi coat of arms, pictures of Mecca or Medina, Koranic verses or pictures of the Saudi Royal Family. All prohibited items received will be subject to Customs fines. Standard DHL prohibitions plus:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Antiques
- Furs
- Gambling devices
- Ivory
- Jewellery
- Military equipment
- Postal envelopes
- Precious metals & stones
- Soil samples

Document Express

General correspondence (business or private), plus:

Advertising brochures/pamphlets	[1]	Airline tickets, blank stock (NI)	
Airline tickets, issued/validated		Annual reports	
Artwork inc/drawings/proofs/layouts		Blank forms	
Blueprints		Booklets, brochures (non-adv.)	
Books: hardback/paperback non-commercial use		Business cards	
Calendars		Catalogues	
Charts/graphs		Cheques, cashier (NI)	
Credit card blanks (NI)		Credit cards (NI)	
Deeds		Diplomatic mail	
Documents, general business		Invoices, not blank	
Labels		Magazines, periodicals, journals	
Manuals, technical		Manuscripts	
Maps		Music, printed or manuscript	
Negatives, including x-rays, films		Newspapers	
Pamphlets			
Photographs		Photos as part of business reports	[1]
Plans/drawings/architecture/industrial/ engineering		Price lists	
Price tickets for garments		Shipping schedules	
Slides		Transparencies	
Visa applications			

1. *Tobacco and liquor advertisements: Prohibited.*

Worldwide Package Express

An "Attention name" must not be on paperwork. Duty exempted shipments require commercial invoice and certificate of Origin + letter of authorisation from consignee. Restricted WPX commodity will be processed by the restricted shipments unit at JEDDAH for all SAUDI ARABIA destination.

Chemicals, non-hazardous	[1]	Communications equipment	[2]
Compact disc	[3]	Computer components & parts	[4]
Computer software	[3]	Diskettes	[3]
Drugs: non-prescription	[5]	Drugs: prescription	[5]
Films: 8mm, 16mm & 35mm	[3]	Films: entertainment	[3]
Films: promotional, training	[6]	Foodstuffs	[1]
Grain samples	[1]	Medical samples	[7]
Medical/dental supplies & equipment	[8]	Microfiche & microfilm	[3]
Plant products	[9]	Plants	[9]
Radio equipment	[10]	Radios or parts thereof	[10]
Seeds	[9]	Tapes: audio cassettes	[3]
Tapes: computer	[3]	Tapes: video cassettes	[3]
Telecommunications equipment	[10]	Televisions, television equipment	[10]
Tobacco	[11]		

1. *Forward as routine WPX. Consignee should obtain Import Permit from Ministry of Commerce before the shipment is sent from Origin. A copy should be included in shipping document. Cleared through JEDDAH.*
2. *Contact customer service.*
3. *Approval required from Ministry of Information. Expect delay of 24 hrs or more.*
4. *Must have Certificate of Origin attached to the Invoice. The Certificate of Origin to be provided by origin does not have to be stamped by Saudi Embassy. All Invoices must be detailed by item and individual value.*
5. *Clearance will require approval of Ministry of Health. This must be obtained in advance by consignee who has to present the copy of Invoice to the Ministry for inspection. If consignee does not do this, shipment will be sent to Ministry for inspection, delay : 3 days*
6. *Saudi customs will impose a duty on promotional cassettes based on customs assessment of value of cassette. Minimum duty : US\$ 160.*
7. *Blood samples: only to be accepted from Doctors otherwise, shipment will be stopped & and returned to origin.*
8. *Harmonized tariff code MUST be stated on Invoice and AWB.*
9. *Forward as routine WPX. Consignee must obtain Import Permit from Saudi Arabia Ministry of Agriculture before the shipment sent from Origin. A copy should be included in shipping document.*
10. *Consignee must obtain authorities' permission before shipment is received into customs.*
11. *Unprocessed: Prohibited.*

Service Impact Notes

Muslim holidays are observed and dates are subject to change. .

Operation Notes

All shipments must have telephone numbers. Duty exempted shipments need legalized document and should be addressed to company name only. Shipments to government offices & military installations must have, Consignee name & office person if addressed to King, Prince, Minister or Director/Tel no with extension or mobile/special delivery instructions in case of Palaces, Military bases, Refineries, due to strict access regulations to premises.