



## International Prohibited goods

Items you cannot send in the post

Prohibited item*	Detailed information
Aerosols not for personal grooming or medicinal purposes	<p>Including spray paints, lacquers, solvents, air fresheners, oven cleaners, etc.</p> <p>Aerosols for personal grooming or medicinal purposes are allowed in the UK (including deodorants, body sprays, hair sprays, shaving and hair removal creams, asthma inhalers, etc.) but subject to packaging, volume, quantity and labelling restrictions. Please see <a href="http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business">www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business</a></p>
Alcoholic beverages	<p>With an alcohol content greater than 70% ABV.</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages with an alcohol content of 70% ABV or less are allowed in the UK (including whisky, vodka and most spirits and liqueurs) but subject to packaging, volume and quantity restrictions. Please see <a href="http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business">www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business</a></p>
Ammunition	Except lead pellets and other airgun and airsoft projectiles.
Asbestos	Except when sent as a sample fixed in a resin, plastic or glass matrix.
Batteries	<p>Batteries that are classed as dangerous goods by the latest edition of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Technical Instructions are prohibited. This includes wet spillable lead acid/lead alkaline batteries (such as car batteries), used alkaline metal, nickel metal hydride (NiMH), nickel cadmium (NiCd), zinc-air batteries, and damaged batteries of any type.</p> <p>Lithium ion/polymer/metal/alloy batteries when not sent with, or contained in/connected to an electronic device, are prohibited.</p> <p>Lithium ion/polymer/metal/alloy batteries are allowed when sent with or contained in/connected to an electronic device, but are subject to packaging, volume and quantity restrictions. Please see <a href="http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business">www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business</a> For more information on lithium batteries please see the <a href="#">IATA Lithium Battery Guidance Document</a> .</p> <p>Sealed lead acid batteries are allowed in the UK, but are also subject to packaging, volume, quantity and labelling restrictions. Please see <a href="http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business">www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business</a></p> <p>Alkaline metal, nickel metal hydride (NiMH) and nickel cadmium (NiCd) batteries may only be sent when new and in their original packaging. Please see <a href="http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business">www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business</a></p>
Clinical and medical waste	For example contaminated dressings, bandages and needles.

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Controlled drugs and narcotics	Including cannabis, cocaine, heroin, LSD, opium and amyl nitrate.
Corrosive substances	Substances which can cause severe damage to living tissue, other freight or transport by its chemical action are prohibited including aluminium chloride, caustic soda, corrosive cleaning fluid, dyes, acids, corrosive paint and rust removers, mercury and gallium metal.
Counterfeit currency, bank notes and postage stamps	Including any false instrument, or copy of a false instrument (within the meaning of section 5 of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981) except copies of old denominations, which are now obsolete and worthless except for collectable value and cannot be passed as tender. Please see <a href="http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business">www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business</a>
Dry ice	For example UN1845 when used as a coolant for UN3373 or for other perishable items.
Environmental waste	Including used batteries and used engine oil.
Electronic items containing any batteries exceeding 100Wh	Including some high performance laptops and power tools.
Explosives	<p>Any chemical compound, mixture or device capable of producing an explosive or pyrotechnic effect with substantial instantaneous release of heat and gas is prohibited e.g. ammunition, blasting caps, Christmas cracker snaps, fireworks, flares, fuses, igniters, nitro-glycerine and party poppers.</p> <p>Items that appear to be prohibited explosive ordnance may be subject to additional checks and delays.</p>
Flammable liquids	<p>This includes mixtures of liquids or liquids containing solids in solution or suspension which give off a flammable vapour and includes acetone, benzene, cleaning compounds, lighter fuel, paint thinners and removers, petroleum, solvents, varnishes, enamels and nail varnish removers.</p> <p>Nail varnish, perfumes and aftershaves are allowed in the UK but subject to packaging, volume, quantity and labelling restrictions. Please see <a href="http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business">www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business</a></p>
Flammable solids	Solid materials which are liable to cause fire by friction, absorption of water, spontaneous chemical changes or retained heat from manufacturing or processing, or which can be readily ignited and burn vigorously e.g. adhesives, calcium carbide, cellulose nitrate products, fire lighters, matches, metallic magnesium, nitro-cellulose based film, phosphorous, potassium, sodium, sodium hydride, zinc powder, zirconium hydride.

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Frozen water	Including packs of ice.
Gases	<p>Gases that are compressed, liquefied or dissolved under pressure, permanent gases which cannot be liquefied at ambient temperatures, liquefied gases which become liquid under pressure at ambient temperatures, dissolved gases which are dissolved under pressure in a solvent.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All flammable compressed gases are prohibited e.g. blowlamps; butane; lighters and refills containing flammable liquid or gas; ethane; gas cylinders for camping stoves; hydrogen; methane and propane.</li> <li>2. All toxic compressed gases are prohibited e.g. chlorine; fluorine etc.</li> <li>3. All non-flammable compressed gases are prohibited e.g. air bags; scuba tanks, carbon dioxide; fire extinguishers; neon and nitrogen.</li> </ol>
Goods made in foreign prisons	Except those imported for a non-commercial purpose, of a kind not manufactured in the UK, or those in transit.
Human and animal remains	Including ashes.
Infectious substances UN2814 or UN2900	Category A Infectious Substances are prohibited e.g. Ebola, Anthrax, Foot and Mouth disease as detailed in the latest edition of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Technical Instructions. For more information please see the <a href="#">IATA Guidance Document on Infectious Substances</a>  .
Lighters and refills containing flammable liquid or gas	Including used butane, petrol cigar and cigarette lighters. New and unused empty lighters are allowed may be sent unopened in their original retail packaging. Please see <a href="http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business">www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business</a>
Living creatures, animals and reptiles	Except certain insects. Please see <a href="http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business">www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business</a>
Lottery tickets	Except UK lottery tickets.
Magnetised material	Magnetised material with a magnetic field strength of 0.418A/m or more at a distance of 4.6m from the outside of the package.
Matches	Including safety matches and windproof matches.
Obscene publications and unlawful indecent images	Including obscene or extreme pornography as detailed in Part 5 of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 and indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of a child as detailed in section 160 and 161 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988
Oxidising materials and organic peroxides	These are substances such as disinfectants that may cause or contribute to combustion of other substances. They may also be liable to explosive decomposition, react dangerously with other substances and injure health e.g. bromides, chlorates, components of fibreglass repair kits, disinfectants, nitrates, per chlorates, permanganates and peroxides, including hair dyes and colourants containing peroxide.

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Pesticides	Including weed killer and any chemical that is used to kill pests and insects such as fly sprays.
Poisonous, toxic liquids, solids or gases	Including substances that are liable to cause death or injury if swallowed or inhaled or by skin contact, such as arsenic, beryllium, cyanide, fluorine, rat poison.
Radioactive materials	Radioactive materials and samples that are classified as radioactive using Table 2-12 of the latest edition of the International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions e.g. fissile material (uranium 235, etc), radioactive waste material, thorium or uranium ores and luminous dials from aircraft.
Solvent-based paints, wood varnishes and enamels	Including gloss paint. See Flammable liquids above
Tickets and related advertisements for illegal lotteries	
Waste, dirt, filth or refuse	Including household waste or rubbish.
Weapons	<p>Including Section 5 firearms (e.g. handguns, machine guns), CS gas and pepper sprays, flick knives, tasers and stun guns. Items that appear to be prohibited weapons may be subject to additional checks and delays.</p> <p>Guns for sporting use, including Section 1 (e.g. hunting rifles), Section 2 (e.g. shotguns) firearms and low-powered air weapons may be sent in compliance with UK law and subject to domestic controls on the possession of firearms. Please see <a href="http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business">www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods/business</a></p>

**\*The Postal service provider reserve the right to refuse any other item banned by law or that in their opinion may be harmful or dangerous to their customers or employees. If you send dangerous goods and do not comply with the applicable terms and conditions and legal requirements then they may deal with the goods as they see fit including destroying or disposing of the relevant goods. The sending of dangerous goods via post is in breach of transport regulations, failure to comply with legal requirements for the transport of dangerous goods is a criminal offence.**