



Dangerous goods in international mail

SWISS POST 

Yellow in motion.

There are things even we are not allowed to transport.

Customer satisfaction is important to us. For that reason, we intend to meet all your expectations of a postal service. However, we are not allowed to transport certain goods internationally for legal, health or safety reasons.

This brochure provides you with a brief overview of the items you cannot transport internationally with Post CH Ltd, and of the requirements you will have to fulfil in order for us to be able to transport your goods internationally.

Please note that you, the customer, are responsible and therefore liable for reviewing and complying with these requirements. Non-compliance with regulations may lead to prosecution.

If you are not sure whether a certain item is fit for transport, please contact our Customer Service at +41 (0)800 888 100.



The nine classes of prohibited dangerous goods

A few examples (not exhaustive)

Explosives

- Fireworks
- Bengal lights
- Ammunition
- Gunpowder
- Luminaries
- Emergency signals



Compressed gases

- Lighter fuel
- Oxygen cylinders
- Camping gas
- Butane
- Spray cans
- Fire extinguishers



Flammable liquid materials

- Oil and oil paints
- Adhesives
- Perfumes containing alcohol
- Drinks containing alcohol (more than 24 % alc./vol.)



Flammable solid materials

- Matches
- Coal
- Charcoal
- Fuel paste



Oxidising substances

- Oxygen-producing chemicals
- Peroxides (hair dyes)
- Bleaching agents



Poisonous and contagious substances

- Pesticides
- Agricultural chemicals
- Mercury
- Bacteria, viruses



Radioactive substances

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Corrosive substances

- Wet-cell batteries
- Mercury
- Hydrochloric acid



Various dangerous goods

- Engines
- Solid carbon dioxide (dry ice)
- Lithium batteries



Information about contents

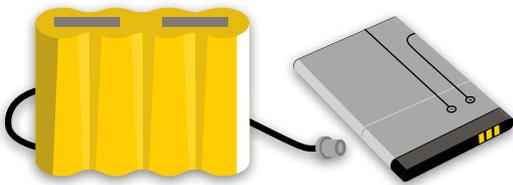
Consignments cannot be accepted if the description of their contents does not explicitly state whether or not they contain dangerous goods. A detailed list of contents must be provided on the customs declaration (green customs document or waybill).

Examples of non-permissible content descriptions	Reason for rejection	Examples of permissible content descriptions
Missing or vague descriptions such as “various goods”, “present”, “precision instruments”, etc.	Content unknown	Wallet, book, CD
Household items	May contain spray cans and pressurised gas cylinders	Food products, cloth
Sports equipment	May contain aerosol	Club, ball, shoes
Camping equipment	May contain gas cylinders	Tent, sleeping bag
Diving equipment	May contain oxygen cylinders	Wetsuit, hydroscope, snorkel
Medicines	May contain medical alcohol	Non-flammable medicines
Cosmetics	May contain flammable perfumes, manicure products, nail polish remover	Soap, lipstick
Car components	May contain flammable fuel additives, aerosols and compressed gas	Mirror, seat cover
Toys	May contain batteries	Toy bricks, board game

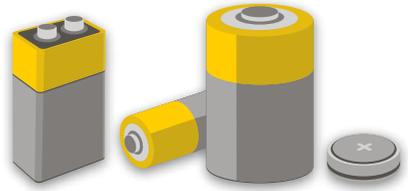
Lithium batteries

Electronic devices containing lithium batteries, such as mobile phones, MP3 players, digital cameras, etc., are permitted in international postal transport **as long as the battery is installed within the device and in excellent condition**. Each parcel may not contain more than two batteries or four cells. The power of lithium ion batteries must not exceed 20Wh per cell or 100Wh per battery. Lithium metal batteries must not contain more than 1 g lithium per cell and 2 g lithium per battery. Loose or damaged lithium batteries are not permitted. It is the customer's responsibility to ask the manufacturer or retailer about battery type and performance before shipping.

The outer packaging must protect the contents of the consignment from breakage and shock during transport. Use the original packaging whenever possible. Devices must be packaged in such a way that they cannot be switched on by accident.



Batteries (maximum 2)



Cells (maximum 4)

Examples of admissible electronic devices with lithium batteries

Video camera, radio equipment, GPS, radio, toys, digital camera, smartphone, laptop, shaver, power drill, tablet, blood pressure monitor

Laboratory deliveries

Packaging for laboratory deliveries must offer sufficient protection so that the consignments will be able to withstand the stresses and strains of transportation (tearing, bursting open, being crushed) and to avoid causing any disruptions in the processing of mail.

Non-permissible substances

Category A (UN 2814 and UN 2900) infectious substances with high risk potential that pose a danger to humans and animals, for example bacterial cultures and viruses, as well as Category B (UN 3291) medical waste, for example used or blood-stained needles or used haemostatic cotton wool, are not permitted.

Category B (UN 3373) infectious substances are only permitted for business customers with prior agreement from Customer Service International.

Permissible substances

Exempt medical or veterinary samples for which there is only a minimal likelihood they contain pathogens (for example blood and urine samples for analysis, doping tests, samples required to test organ functions, samples taken for insurance or employment purposes, biopsies).

Postage and packaging guidelines

The packaging must consist of three parts:

- **Primary receptacles:** waterproof. When several fragile primary receptacles are placed in a single secondary packaging, they must either be individually wrapped or separated to prevent contact between receptacles.
- **Secondary packaging:** waterproof. For liquids, a sufficient quantity of absorbent material must be placed between the primary receptacle and the secondary packaging.
- **Outer packaging:** sufficiently firm outer packaging (need not be rigid). The outer packaging must have a minimum surface dimension of 100 mm × 100 mm.

Declaration

Declaration of laboratory deliveries

Using the green customs declaration sticker (CN 22), the contents must be declared as an "Exempt human specimen" or "Exempt animal specimen".

The "UN 3373" label may not be used.

Example customs declaration:

SWISS POST Déclaration en douane CN 22
Zolldeklaration/Dichiarazione doganale

Post Büro ouvert d'office/Zollamtliche Prüfung postulat/visita doganale ammessa

<input type="checkbox"/> Carbone Kohlenstoff	<input type="checkbox"/> Schichten optisches Vervielfachung	<input type="checkbox"/> Dokumente Documenti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andro Andro
<input type="checkbox"/> Bagno	<input type="checkbox"/> Carapace di maro	<input type="checkbox"/> Documenti	<input type="checkbox"/> Altro

Quantité de description (descente de registre) /
Menge und dazugehörige Beschreibung des Inhalts
Quantità e descrizione corrispettiva del contenuto

Exempt human specimen 0.40g

Poids (2) /
Gewicht (kg)

Value (3) /
Wert (CHF)

Value (3) /
Wert (CHF)

Poids total (3) /
Gesamgewicht (kg)
Netto (total) 0.40g

Value (3) /
Gesamwert in Schweizer
Francen (total) CHF 0.-

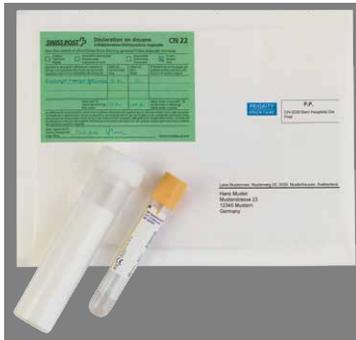
Value (3) /
Gesamwert in Schweizer
Francen (total) CHF 0.-

Annotazioni per la dichiarazione doganale: Questa è una dichiarazione di esenzione per campioni di materiali per la sperimentazione animale nei laboratori. Non dovrebbe fornire, così che vengono in giro, i materiali pericolosi (contingenti) per gli animali che possono essere usati per la sperimentazione animale nei laboratori. Caricando una o più dichiarazioni comuni di esenzione doganale sono esente e che questi non contengono nessun oggetto pericoloso a proposito per esportazione animale in dogana.

Date, Signature (1) /
Datum, Unterschrift
07.05.2015

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Example of exempt medical specimen:



UN-tested packaging is not required.

Disclaimer

By signing the customs declaration (green sticker or waybill), you confirm that the information provided is correct, that you are aware of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) for private customers of Post CH Ltd, and that the consignment does not contain any dangerous goods that violate postal regulations.

In addition, you acknowledge with your signature that your consignment may be opened by Post CH Ltd within the scope of safety checks performed by order of the authorities.

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