

POSTAL RESTRICTIONS

Although we do our best to carry most items, Jersey Post cannot accept items that are dangerous or may affect the safety of our employees. Please see below for details on postal restrictions.

WHEN SENDING LETTERS, LARGE LETTERS AND PACKETS

Aerosols	Except inhalers with a volume of 50ml or less.
Alcoholic liquids	With an alcohol content higher than 70%vol.
Batteries	Customers should check the Transport Information of the Material Safety Data Sheet to determine if the battery is classed as Dangerous Goods (UN number will be listed). Lead acid batteries (car batteries are prohibited). Lithium batteries if greater than 100 watts per hour are prohibited.
Butane lighters	Filled or refills.
Clinical and medical waste	For example used dressings, bandages, needles, cotton wool.
Prescription drugs	Except in an emergency where prescription drugs cannot be sourced locally for medical or scientific purposes.
Corrosive substances	Substances which can cause severe damage to living tissue, other freight or transport by its chemical action are prohibited. E.g. aluminium chloride, caustic soda, corrosive cleaning fluid, corrosive rust remover/preventative, corrosive paint remover, electric storage batteries; hydrochloric acid, nitric acid and sulphuric acid.
Counterfeit currency, bank notes and postage stamps	Except copies of old denominations, which are now obsolete and worthless except for collectable value and cannot be passed as tender.
Dry ice	Dry ice is solid carbon dioxide and is prohibited.
Environmental waste	E.g. used engine oil or batteries.
Explosives	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, fireworks, flares, fuses, igniters and nitroglycerine. Items that appear to be prohibited weapons or explosive ordnance, even if incapable of being used as a weapon, are prohibited.
Filth	E.g. dirt, waste or refuse.
Flammable liquids	This includes mixtures of liquids or liquids containing solids in solution or suspension which give off a flammable vapour. Any liquid with a closed cup flash point below 60.5° C is prohibited. E.g. acetone, benzene, cleaning compounds, gasoline, lighter fuel, paint thinners and removers, petroleum and solvents.

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, matches, metallic magnesium, nitro-cellulose based film, phosphorous, potassium, sodium, sodium hydride, zinc powder, zirconium hydride etc.
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> <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"> 1. All flammable compressed gases are prohibited E.g. Blowlamps; Butane; Cigarette Lighters; Ethane; Gas Cylinders for camping stoves; Hydrogen; Methane and Propane. 2. All toxic compressed gases are prohibited E.g. Chlorine; Fluorine etc. 3. All non-flammable compressed gases are prohibited E.g. Air Bags; Carbon Dioxide; Fire Extinguishers containing such gases; Neon and Nitrogen.
Indecent, obscene or offensive material	E.g. pornographic material.
Living creatures	Except certain insects
Lottery tickets	Except UK lottery tickets.
Magnetised material	Magnetised material with a magnetic field strength of 0.159A/m or more at a distance of 2.1m from the outside of the package.
Matches of any kind	See the 'Flammable solids list' above for more examples.
Oxidising substances and organic peroxide	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. For example: bromides, chlorates, components of fibreglass repair kits, disinfectants, nitrates, per chlorates, permanganates and peroxides.
Perfumes and aftershaves	Perfumes and aftershaves that are classed as flammable are prohibited.
Poisonous (toxic) and infectious substances	Substances that are liable to cause death or injury if swallowed or inhaled, or by skin contact. All toxic substances are prohibited. E.g. arsenic, eryllium, cyanide, fluorine, hydrogen selenide, infectious substances containing micro-organisms or their toxins which are known to cause (or are suspected of causing) disease, mercury, mercury salts, mustard gas, Nitrobenzene, nitrogen dioxide, pesticides, rat poison, serum and vaccines.
Pesticides	Any chemical that is used to kill pests and insects.

Radioactive materials	Radioactive materials and samples that are classified as radioactive using Table 2-12 of the latest edition of the International Civil Aviation Organisations' (ICAO) Technical Instructions. For example: fissile material, (uranium 235, etc), radioactive waste material, thorium or uranium ores, etc.
Sharp instruments	Sharp instruments e.g. knives, gardening and household tools (unless they are properly protected).
Solvent-based paints and inks	These are varnishes (including some nail varnish), enamels and similar substances.
UN2814 or UN2900 Infectious substances (Category A)	Infectious substances are prohibited e.g. Ebola, Anthrax, Foot and Mouth Disease.
Weapons and ammunition (e.g. handguns, shotguns, pistols, flick knives, pepper sprays)	Although, weapons if intended for sporting purposes may be sent as long as accompanied by appropriate documentation required by law (e.g. a DTI Export Licence) and provided that importation is not prohibited by the destination country

WHEN SENDING PARCELS

Explosives	Any chemical compound, mixture or device capable of producing an explosive-pyrotechnic effect, with substantial instantaneous release of heat and gas. All explosives are prohibited. Examples: Nitroglycerine; Fireworks; Blasting caps; Christmas Cracker Snaps; Igniters; Fuses; Flares; Ammunition, etc.
Gases compressed, liquified or dissolved under pressure	Permanent gases which cannot be liquified at ambient temperatures; liquified gases, which become liquid under pressure at ambient temperatures; dissolved gases which are dissolved under pressure in a solvent.
Flammable Liquids	Liquids, mixtures of liquids, or liquids containing solids in solution or suspension which give off a flammable vapour. Any liquid with a closed cup flash point below 60.5° C is prohibited. Examples: Acetone; Benzene; Cleaning Compounds; Gasoline; Lighter Fuel; Paint Thinners and Removers; Petroleum; Solvents, etc.
Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitized explosives, substances liable to spontaneous combustion and substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases	Substances liable to spontaneous combustion. Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases. 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. Examples: Matches (any type inc. safety); Calcium Carbide; Cellulose Nitrate products; Metallic Magnesium; Nitro-cellulose based film; Phosphorous; Potassium; Sodium; Sodium Hydride; Zinc Powder; Zirconium Hydride, etc.
Oxidizing substances and organic peroxides	Though not necessarily combustible themselves, these substances may cause or contribute to combustion of other substances. They may also be liable to explosive decomposition, react dangerously with other substances, and be injurious to health. All oxidising substances and organic peroxides are prohibited. Examples: Bromates; Chlorates; Components of Fibreglass repair kits; Nitrates; Perchlorates; Permanganates; Peroxides, etc.

Toxic substances and infectious substances	Substances liable to cause death or injury if swallowed or inhaled, or by skin contact. All toxic substances are prohibited. Examples: arsenic, beryllium, cyanide, fluorine, hydrogen solenoid, infectious substance containing microorganisms or their toxins which are known or suspected to cause disease, mercury, mercury salts, mustard gas, nitrobenzene, nitrogen dioxide, pesticides, poisons, rat poison. Infectious substances assigned to Category A are prohibited. Examples: ebola, foot and mouth disease, UN3291 clinical waste is prohibited.
Radioactive material	All materials and samples that are classified as radioactive using Table 2-12 of the latest edition of the International Civil Aviation Organisation's Technical Instructions. Examples: Fissile Material (Uranium 235, etc.); Radioactive Waste Material; Uranium or Thorium Ores, etc.
Corrosive substances	Substances which can cause severe damage by chemical action to living tissue, other freight, or the means of transport. All corrosive substances are prohibited. Examples: Aluminium Chloride; Caustic Soda; Corrosive Cleaning Fluid; Corrosive Rust Remover/ Preventative; Corrosive Paint Remover; Electric Storage Batteries; Hydrochloric Acid; Nitric Acid; Sulphuric Acid, etc.
Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles	Substances which present dangers not covered elsewhere. Examples: Asbestos; Dry Ice (solid carbon dioxide); Magnetised Material with a magnetic field strength of 0.159 A/m or more at a distance of 2.1m from the outside of the parcel.
Arms and ammunition	All firearms including: imitations and antiques; paint-ball or toy guns; taser guns; air rifles and all other items similar to, or resembling, the foregoing are prohibited. All ammunition (including components thereof) and airgun pellets are also prohibited
Drugs	Controlled drugs may not be sent by any Parcelforce Worldwide service. Those discovered in transit will be stopped, and handed to Customs or the Police, who may take legal action against the sender and/or recipient. Examples: Cocaine, cannabis resin, LSD, leaves from the Catha Edulis plant, narcotics, morphine, opium, psychotropic substances etc.
Filth	Foul or disgusting material is prohibited.
Human and animal remains	Human and animal remains (including ashes) are prohibited.
Indecent, obscene or offensive articles	Indecent, obscene or offensive communications, prints, photographs, books or other articles, and packets bearing grossly offensive, indecent or obscene words, marks or designs are prohibited. Those discovered in transit will be stopped, and handed to Customs or the Police, who may take legal action against the sender and/or recipient.
Illegal lottery tickets	Tickets and related advertisements for illegal lotteries are prohibited.
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	Goods made in foreign prisons, except those imported for a non-commercial purpose of a kind not manufactured in the United Kingdom, or those in transit.
Alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic content should not be greater than 70%.
Batteries	Only dry batteries (for example AA or AAA batteries) in good condition and in their original sealed retail packaging may be despatched. Batteries from laptops, cameras, mobile phones and similar electronic goods must be removed from the main body of the item and packaged separately, but form part of the same parcel/consignment.

Christmas crackers	May only be posted in complete made-up form and in their retail packaging. If posting using a BFPO service all crackers should have their 'bangers' removed.
Diagnostic specimens	All diagnostic specimens must be posted in packaging that complies with Packing Instructions 650. The total sample volume/mass in any package shall not exceed 50ml/g.
Living creatures	Certain living creatures are accepted only if enclosed in packs constructed so as to prevent injury to Parcelforce Worldwide staff, its agents or damage to other packages. The following are accepted: Bees, Destroyers of noxious pests and other insects sent to or from officially recognized institutions, leeches and certain parasites, silkworms.
Misleading endorsements	Parcels must not bear words, marks or designs which are unauthorised and which may reasonably lead the recipient to believe that the packet has been sent On Her Majesty's Service.
Perishable articles and foodstuffs	When sending perishable goods for example fresh fruit, meat, fish and other perishable articles, they should be able to withstand transit times of at least 48 hours and must be sent by guaranteed next day service as a minimum requirement to the UK . Packages must be clearly labelled "PERISHABLE".
Plants	Live plants cannot be exported.
Prescription drugs	Prescription drugs sent for medical or scientific purposes, for example from a medical practitioner to a hospital, must contain the address of the sender and telephone number in case of non-delivery, so that they may be returned without delay. The properties of these drugs, should not meet any of the criteria of the 9 UN hazard classes when classified by the sender. Drugs in prescription quantities may be sent by private individuals in the case of emergencies. In all cases, the sender's address and telephone number must be included on the inside of the package.
Sharp objects	These items may only be posted if they are packaged appropriately so that they do not present a risk to employees, other packages or recipients.
Financial documents	Money, coins, financial documents (money's equivalent). This includes bankers drafts, current bank notes, currency notes or coins, postal orders, cheques or dividend warrants, bearer securities including share warrants, scrips, or subscription certificates, bonds or relative coupons, unfranked postage stamps or revenue stamps, (except a revenue stamp embossed or impressed on an instrument which has been executed), coupons, vouchers, tokens, lottery tickets, scratch cards or similar items which can be exchanged themselves or with any other item for money, goods or services, national insurance stamps, all tickets, including travel and events. None of the above can be sent on any Worldwide export service. They can be sent using Special Delivery to the UK, which will ensure it is compensationable by up to £2,500.
Works of art	Works of art should be sent using Fedex due to the high insurance rate they can offer.