

## **ABU DHABI**

See UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

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## **ADEN AND THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH ARABIA**

(including Kamaran Island and Mukalla)

See YEMEN (Republic of).

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## **AEGEAN ISLANDS**

Same as GREECE.

**AFGHANISTAN (Republic of)****LETTER POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Registration. (2) Printed papers. (3) Small Packets (4) Blind literature. (5) Express, limited to Kabul and provincial cities only. (6) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations:**

(3) Green label.

**Prohibitions:**

Banknotes, coin, currency notes, documents payable to bearer; drugs and similar substances, except under licence from the Afghan authorities; gold, jewellery, platinum, precious stones, silver and other precious articles; dutiable articles in ordinary or registered letters.

The importation of many classes of goods is prohibited.

**Address:**

To avoid delay, the address of all items should be written in Roman letters.

**PARCEL POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

The service is available to the following towns: Badakhshan, Djonoubi (Paktia), Ghazni, Herat, Kabul, Kandahar, Kataghan, Maimena, Mazari-Sharif, Nangahar and Polikomri.

**Supplemental services available:**

None.

**Customs declarations:**

One non-adhesive form and despatch note (a separate set for each parcel).

**Prohibitions:**

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages; ashtrays; calendars; chewing gum, decorative articles made of plastics, wood and glass; drugs and similar substances unless under licence from Afghan authorities; fancy postcards; handbags; honey; jams; jewellery; knives except table knives; leather boxes; living plants; macaroni; metal cabinets; olives; plywood; pickles; plastic flower; travelling blankets and rugs.

**Invoice:**

Parcels of merchandise must contain a copy of the relative invoice.

**Compensation:**

Is not payable for damage to porcelain, glassware and other exceptionally fragile articles, if the damage occurs in the Indian or Pakistani services.

**Packing:**

Parcels should be packed in outer canvas or similar material. See PACKING AND MAKE-UP in Section 6 of this Guide.

**Address:**

See under LETTER POST

**AJMAN**

See UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

**ALBANIA (People's Socialist Republic of)****LETTER POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Registration. (2) Printed papers. (3) Small Packets. (4) Blind literature. (5) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations and language:**

(3) Green label and two non-adhesive forms. Albanian or French as well as English.

**Prohibitions:**

Photographic films, plates and paper; dutiable articles in ordinary or registered letters.

**Restrictions:**

Medicines for personal use are admitted providing the addressee is in possession of a medical certificate. Sport guns are admitted under permit.

**Gifts:**

May be sent in letter packets and small packets. They are subject to the same conditions as gifts sent by parcel post (see Gift Parcels).

**Refugees' mail:**

Mail in the ordinary letter-post category (i.e. excluding packets, postal parcels or EMS items) can be sent to Kosovo refugees in Albania. To facilitate delivery, such mail should bear the accurate addresses of the addressees on the envelope (name and first name, locality, name of the camp in which the addressee is living, and name of country of destination). In the event of non-delivery, items will be returned to sender.

**PARCEL POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

None.

**Customs declarations and language:**

Two non-adhesive forms and despatch note. Albanian or French as well as English.

**Prohibitions:**

Letters; arms; articles prejudicial to the State and to public order; foodstuffs in hermetically sealed containers; live animals of any species, including birds, leeches, small crustaceans, parasites, destroyers of harmful insects and non-dangerous reptiles; narcotics; saccharin.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of plants and parts of plants. Medicines for personal use are admitted providing the addressee is in possession of a medical certificate. Worn clothing must be accompanied by a certificate of disinfection which must be attached to a despatch note accompanying the parcel.

The importation of many articles is subject to the production of a certificate of origin, and an import permit which must be obtained by the addressee in advance.

**Gift parcels:**

Gift parcels which must contain only articles for the personal use of the addressee or his family should be clearly marked Gift Parcel.

**Compensation:**

Is not payable for damaged to parcels containing liquids, fragile articles or perishable goods if the damage occurs in the Italian service.

**ALGERIA****LETTER POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Dutiable goods admitted in the letter post. (2) Registration. (3) Insured letters, air and surface, limit \$7,620. (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Express. (8) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations and language:**

(1) Green label. (5) Green label and one non-adhesive form. French as well as English.

**Prohibitions:**

Chain letters; chemicals; clocks and watches, except sent in insured service; contraceptives; drugs unless an import licence has been obtained; explosives and inflammable articles; feeding bottles; firearms or parts thereof\*; funeral urns; goods bearing false trademarks and pirated publications; live animals except bees and leeches; mineral water, carbonated water and lemonade; obscene or seditious publications; preserves; saccharin unless under authorisation from the Ministry of Public Health; second-hand clothing; securities, instruments of payment or proofs of debts and title deed unless authorised by and addressed to the Central Bank of Algeria; seeds of violet clover and lucerne; vegetable and vegetable products.

*\*Due to mail route arrangement.*

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Alcoholic drinks and vinegar; animal products and fish; arms are admitted under permit; building materials; celluloid and films; gold, pearl, platinum and precious stones are subject to an import licence issued by the Minister of Finance; machinery; measuring instruments; medicaments and medical apparatus and instruments; school and office

equipments; textiles; tobacco, cigar and cigarettes; travel articles.

**Custom duty:**

Books are liable to customs duty.

**PARCEL POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$9,200. Express.

**Customs declarations:**

One non-adhesive form and despatch note. Customs declarations should show the Post Office serial number of the parcel and should, as far as possible, be prepared in French as well as English and in accordance with the classification of the French customs tariff. Weights and measures should be shown in the metric system.

**Prohibitions:**

Letters. See also under LETTER POST.

**Restrictions:**

See under LETTER POST.

**Sealing:**

Parcels should be sealed with a distinctive device.

**Delivery ;**

The parcels service extends only to places served by a railway. Parcels must normally be collected by the addressee against payment of certain charges. The onus is on the sender to ascertain whether the parcel post or supplementary services are available to the place of destination.

**ANDORRA**

Same as FRANCE.

**ANGOLA (Republic of)****LETTER POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Dutiable goods admitted in the letter post. (2) Registration. (3) Insured letters, surface only, limit \$2,500. (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Express, limited to Luanda (8) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations and language:**

(1) to (5) Green label and one non-adhesive form. Portuguese or French as well as English.

**Prohibitions:**

See under PARCEL POST.

**Restrictions:**

See under PARCEL POST.

**PARCEL POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Express, limited to Luanda.

**Customs declarations and language:**

One non-adhesive form and despatch note. Portuguese or French as well as English.

**Prohibitions:**

Arms and related material (including weapons, ammunition, military vehicles, military equipment and spare parts for any of the foregoing); books, printed matter, films and drawings likely to cause a public disturbance or being prejudicial to the law of the country; sound recording equipment or video cassettes.

**Restrictions:**

Drugs may only be sent under authority from the Department of Health; patent medicines only under permit; foreign lottery tickets. Equipment used in mining or mining services, motorized vehicles or watercraft or their spare parts, and petroleum products may only be sent under the authority of a licence granted by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

**Invoice:**

For goods over 550 escudos in value, the invoice must show the origin of the goods and be countersigned by a representative of a Chamber of Commerce in the country from which the merchandise originates, or failing this, by the respective Customs or Port Authority. The invoice should not accompany the parcels but should be sent direct to the addressee.

**Sealing:**

Parcels should be sealed with a distinctive device.

**Delivery:**

Addressees are notified of arrival of parcels and are required to arrange for their collection. Charges are collected.

## ANGUILLA

### LETTER POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Dutiable goods admitted in the letter post. (2) Registration. (3) Insured Letters, surface only, limit \$420. (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Speedpost

**Customs declarations:**

(1) and (5) Green label and one non-adhesive form.

**Prohibitions:**

Arms, ammunition and drugs, except under licence from the Governor; currency.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: parasites and destroyers of harmful insects; plants and fruit and parts thereof; second-hand clothing.

**Address:**

All addresses should bear the following postcode:

AI-2640

### PARCEL POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, surface only, limit \$410.

**Customs declarations:**

One adhesive form.

**Prohibitions:**

Letters, except one of the addressee. See also under LETTER POST.

**Restrictions:**

See under LETTER POST.

**Address:**

See under LETTER POST.

## ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

### LETTER POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Dutiable goods admitted in the letter post. (2) Registration. (3) Printed papers. (4) Small Packets. (5) Blind literature. (6) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations:**

(1) and (4) Green label and one non-adhesive form.

**Prohibitions:**

Coins; dangerous substances; narcotics, except under licence from the Governor; perishable biological substances; radioactive materials; soil.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Fruits including dried, canned or crystallised fruits; nuts; plants and vegetables (Pass granted by Ministry of Agriculture); weapons and ammunitions (Import licence granted by Police).

**Invoice:**

Sender of letter packets and parcels containing commercial goods are advised to forward by airmail to the addressee invoices showing separately the country of origin and the value of each item enclosed in the package. The Customs Department will not process commercial packets or parcels until the invoices are presented by the addressee.

### PARCEL POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

None.

**Customs declarations:**

One adhesive form.

**Prohibitions:**

Letters, except one for the addressee. See also under LETTER POST.

**Restrictions:**

See under LETTER POST.

## ARGENTINA

### LETTER POST

#### Postage:

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

#### Supplemental services available:

(1) Dutiable goods admitted in the letter post. (2) Registration. (3) Insured letters, air and surface, limit \$46,000. (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Express. (8) Speedpost.

#### Customs declarations and language:

(1) and (5) Green label and two non-adhesive forms. Spanish or French as well as English.

#### Prohibitions:

Alcohols, brandies; alcoholic dyes or infusions; antiseptics or disinfectants based on corrosive substances; benzol or benzine; chemicals intended for the whitening, improvement or correction of flour; coin, banknotes, currency notes or bearer securities, bills of exchange, cheques or travellers cheques, platinum, gold or silver, manufactured or not, jewels, pearls, precious stones and other precious articles, except in insured items; earth or colour in barrels; ether; explosive or inflammable chemicals; foreign lottery tickets; gases, gasoline; glucose; glycerine; grease; hemp; incense; jute; kerosene; live animals; magnesium candles; matches; mineral fertilizers; natural rubber; oilcloths; rags; ready-made clothes and fabric (except as gifts and of no commercial value); salt in bags; scientific, literary and artistic works infringing copyrights; sulphur-based inks; talc in bags; tarred ropes; television sets, radiograms, wireless sets, record-players with radio and automatic record-changers; tobacco in bales; twine for binders and all fibre goods; varnishes, oil paints; vegetable horsehair; wax; weapons, ammunition, war materials and their spare parts.

#### Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of: Bees, leeches, silkworms and parasites or destroyers of harmful insects; celluloid, marfilin and films; narcotics; plants and seeds, potato tubers; sugar-cane; used linen and clothing; voltmeters. Products and by-products of animal origin can only be imported provided prior authorization is obtained from the Argentine "Servicio Nacional de Sanidad Animal (SENASA)" (veterinary service).

The following items can be imported provided a permit is obtained from the Export and Import Board of the Ministry for the Economy : -

- cast iron, bar iron, round, square or slab iron ingots;
- 100% dichlorodiphenyl 1 trichlorethane (DDT) and semi-manufactured products or insecticides containing such products in any proportion;
- cotton fibre;
- dry batteries (in the trade wet batteries);
- penicillin;
- plastic tools (files);
- sensitive photographic paper or plates;
- sulphur, calcium carbide, barium chloride (unpurified), barium sulphate;
- X-ray films.

#### Green label service:

Packets sent under the green label system must also bear a manuscript indication that the green customs label has been affixed.

ARGENTINA (*continued*)**Customs duty:**

Printed matter liable to customs duty must bear a green customs label and be accompanied by two non-adhesive customs declaration forms. The packets must also bear a manuscript indication that the green customs label has been affixed.

**Invoice:**

Three copies of a commercial invoice bearing details of the date of posting and, where applicable, the registration number, should be prepared for every packet containing books of a commercial nature. The three copies should be forwarded directly to the addressee.

**Delivery:**

Letter post items subject to customs duty are delivered to the place of address. A handling charge is collected at the time of delivery. However, when the customs declarations are not clearly filled out, the addressee will be called to make customs verifications.

**Address:**

It is important that the relative postcode should be included in the address of all postal packets if they are known. This will help to ensure a quicker delivery in Argentina.

**PARCEL POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$46,000. Express.

**Customs declarations and language:**

Two non-adhesive forms and despatch note. Spanish or French as well as English.

**Prohibitions:**

Letters. See also under LETTER POST.

**Restrictions:**

See under LETTER POST.

**Gift Parcels**

Containing any type of merchandise may be sent to private persons provided that

- (a) the value of the contents does not exceed 5 Argentine dollars.
- (b) they are for the personal use of the addressee and not intended for resale.
- (c) not more than one parcel containing the same type of merchandise is sent each year to the same addressee.

The contents of gift parcels are subject to ordinary customs duties but are exempted from import surcharges if the value does not exceed 5 Argentine dollars. Parcels containing merchandise valued between 5-10 Argentine dollars may be admitted at the discretion of the Argentine Customs but most goods are subject to heavy surcharges in addition to ordinary customs duties. Gifts parcels must be clearly marked *obsequio para persona particular*.

ARGENTINA (*continued*)**Invoice:**

All parcels containing goods and samples of value (unused samples) must be accompanied by a commercial invoice (one original and one copy) containing a declaration by the sender that all the information given on the invoice is true and that the prices indicated are correct and not subject to any alterations.

The following do not require consular invoices:

- (a) Books, reviews, newspapers, printed papers and scientific and literary periodicals, on condition that no import duty is payable.
- (b) New or used effects or articles imported for non-commercial purposes or not for sale but for the personal use only and which do not exceed the value above which import duty would have to be paid.
- (c) Goods in transit for other countries.
- (d) Publicity materials namely brochures, posters, printed papers, diaries, almanacs, negatives, photographs, films etc. advertising foreign goods or concerns but which are marked to prohibit their free sale.
- (e) Gold or silver coins or ingots, public funds and stocks and shares of all kinds.
- (f) Costumes, properties and other belongings of visiting theatrical companies or circuses.
- (g) Educational equipment or materials intended for schools or scientific research institutes, whether as purchases, gifts, loans or technical or financial aid, on condition that Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Religion gives permission beforehand.
- (h) Items considered as forming part of the baggage of passengers, tourists and immigrants.
- (i) Items for the personal, domestic or family use of officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs returning to the country at the end of their assignment.
- (j) Items intended for foreign diplomatic representatives accredited to the Government of Argentina or for the warships of such nations lying in the country's ports.
- (k) Items intended for the personal, domestic or family use or consumption of serving foreign diplomatic and consular officials duly accredited to the Republic.
- (l) Items procured by the armed forces of the Republic and covered by special arrangements.
- (m) Samples of no commercial value (unused).
- (n) Spare parts and accessories for the supply or repair of foreign ships or aircraft in the country which are considered essential for the continuation of journeys.
- (o) Animals entering the country for delivery to Argentinian zoos.
- (p) Goods originating in neighbouring countries being imported under the border traffic scheme and intended for consumption by border residents.

## ARGENTINA (*continued*)

### **Packing:**

Insured parcels should be packed in outer covers of canvas or similar material. Each article of celluloid or roll of film must be packed, separately, see PACKING AND MAKE-UP in Section 6 of this Guide.

### **Charges:**

All commercial parcels are liable to postal and customs duty. Private or gift parcels are however only liable to a stamp duty of 3 Argentine dollars and a delivery charge of 0.20 Argentine dollars, provided that their contents are of no commercial value.

### **Delivery:**

Parcels subject to customs duty are delivered to the place of address. A handling charge is collected at the time of delivery. However, when the customs declarations are not clearly filled out, the addressee will be called to make customs verifications.

### **Address:**

It is important that the relative postcode should be included in the address of all postal packets if they are known. This will help to ensure a quicker delivery in Argentina.

## ARMENIA (Republic of)

### LETTER POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Registration. (2) Printed papers. (3) Small Packets. (4) Blind literature. (5) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations and language:**

(3) Green label and two non-adhesive forms. French, English, Armenian or Russian.

**Prohibitions:**

Cancelled or uncancelled postage stamps, and stamp collections sent to private persons, corrected proofs and printed matter with marked words or phrases; documents, printed matter, photographs, pictures and so on likely to be construed as prejudicial to the views of the Republic of Armenia; knives\*; narcotics; local and foreign currency and monetary documents except under permit; coins, banknotes, currency notes or securities of any kind payable to bearer, travellers' cheques, platinum, gold or silver, whether manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels or other valuable articles; sulphate of copper; musical cards which, when opened, play a sound recording. See also under PARCEL POST.

\* *Due to mail route arrangement.*

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Books, newspapers, magazines, other printed papers and manuscripts (one copy of each kind only) are admitted after inspection by the appropriate authorities. Items under wrapper containing scientific and technical reference material are admitted without an import licence when sent by libraries or firms to State libraries, trade unions, scientific organization and so on. Fashion plates (one copy only) are admitted without an import licence provided they are sent through the printed papers service.

Engravings, maps and musical scores (not more than one copy of each kind). Medicines are admitted only if accompanied by a prescription issued by a doctor in the Republic of Armenia and bearing the stamp and seal of health centre in the Republic of Armenia. Written messages, other than brief information about the contents, are prohibited from insured letters. See also under PARCEL POST.

ARMENIA (Republic of) *(continued)***PARCEL POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$10,000.

**Customs declarations and language:**

Two non-adhesive forms. French, English, Armenian or Russian.

**Prohibitions:**

In addition to those mentioned under LETTER POST, the following items are prohibited: Letters, arms, except sporting guns under permit; baby food; dairy products; fish products; meat and meat products; medicines to private persons; pasta and bread products including unleavened bread; military materials; used cloth, clothing and footwear; musical cards.

**Restrictions:**

In addition to those mentioned under LETTER POST, the following items are admitted conditionally: Medicines, other than to private person, are admitted only if accompanied by a prescription issued by a doctor in the Republic of Armenia and bearing the stamp and seal of a health centre in the Republic of Armenia. Soil, seeds, plants and part of plants are admitted only if addressed to a recognized organization or institution and accompanied by the relevant permits.

**Licences:**

The onus is on the sender to ensure that where an import/export licence is required, this is obtained before despatching the goods.

**Gift Parcels:**

Small quantities of certain articles may be imported without a licence up to a specified limits, provided they are intended for the personal use of the addressee. Gift parcels may not contain perishable food, foodstuffs in hermetically sealed or glass containers, spirits, cloth cuttings, thread, or watches.

**Packing:**

Parcels must be strongly packed in a manner adequate for the length of the journey and for the protection of the contents.

## ARUBA

See NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.

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## ASCENSION

### LETTER POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Dutiable goods admitted in the letter post. (2) Registration. (3) Printed papers. (4) Small Packets. (5) Blind literature.

**Prohibitions:**

Drugs unless an import licence has been obtained from the Principal Medical Officer; live animals; potatoes unless a permit has been obtained from the agricultural authorities.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Plants; samples of parasites and destroyers of harmful insects.

**Customs declarations:**

(1) and (4) Green label.

**Address:**

Postcode 'ASCN 1ZZ' should be incorporated in the addresses of all mail to Ascension.

### PARCEL POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, surface only, limit \$710.

**Customs declarations:**

One adhesive form.

**Prohibitions:**

Letters, except one for the addressee.

**Restrictions:**

See under LETTER POST. For other prohibitions, see under LETTER POST.

**Certificates of origin:**

As required for commercial consignments.

**Delivery:**

Addressees are notified of the arrival of parcels and are required to arrange for their collection.

**Address:**

See under LETTER POST.

**AUSTRALIA (Commonwealth)**

(including Lord Howe, Thursday Island, Tasmania and Australian Antarctic Territory)

See separate entry for NORFOLK ISLAND.

**LETTER POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Dutiable goods admitted in the letter post. (2) Registration. (3) Printed papers. (4) Small Packets. (5) Blind literature. (6) Express (capital cities only, and within radius 2.4 km from post offices delivering telegrams). (7) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations:**

(1) and (4) Green label.

**Prohibitions:**

Registered items containing jewellery, precious metals, precious or semi-precious stones, securities, coins or any form of negotiable financial instrument; registered philatelic items bearing a fictitious address; all items prohibited under PARCEL POST below; and any insufficiently protected cutting instrument.

**Restrictions:**

See under PARCEL POST.

**Import licences:**

See under PARCEL POST.

**Customs duty:**

Advertising matter is subject to customs duty, see entry under PARCEL POST.

**Delivery:**

If a signature of the addressee is required for delivery of a registered item, senders must attach to the item an Advice of Delivery card and a Customs label indicating the value of the contents if appropriate.

**Address:**

If the postal code is known, it should appear in the address of all postal packets after the word AUSTRALIA, for example, BROKEN HILL, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA, 2880. This should help to ensure a quicker delivery in Australia.

**PARCEL POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$29,000 (see *Insurance* below).

**Customs declarations:**

One adhesive form.

**Prohibitions:**

All forms of meat and meat products from animals and birds; apples, pears, quinces and walnuts sent to the State of Western Australia; infections perishable biological substances; articles made by prison labour; beans, lotus seeds, animal oil, ham, egg and foodstuffs containing any of such products; counterfeit coins; dried blood and dried blood albumen; feathers; flock made from rag; goods bearing the word 'Anzac'; bullion or banknote; imitations of banknotes; matches and wax-vestas containing phosphorus; milk in all forms except cheese; opium pipes; organisms capable of causing plant diseases; oysters in the shell; radioactive materials; second-hand articles or equipment used for the care of animals other than second-hand harness; shaving brushes and tooth brushes made from or containing the hair of animals; articles containing, or suspected of containing, or resemble, or may reasonably be taken for,

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weapons or items of weaponry including grenades, mortar shells or canisters, or parts thereof, even if rendered inert, including replicas and stage props; any article, whether deleterious or not, that may reasonably be construed by its appearance or make-up as constituting a potential security risk to persons or property; silencers for use with firearms; soil; tuberculosis remedies; used beddings; used beehives. Edible birds' nests, fruit, vegetable, egg or meat cartons (new or used), straw and other plant material must not be used as packaging material.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: animals and animal products (including bees, milk by products, tinned meat); apparel and fabrics treated with dangerous chemicals; non-infections perishable biological substances (see 'perishable biological substances' on P.15 of section 6, PACKING, ADDRESS AND PROHIBITIONS); brushes; children's wear made from flammable materials; cinema films; confectionery containing alcohol; culture property of Papua New Guinea; drugs; electronic dog collars; firearms and parts thereof must comply with Customs requirements; food or drink containing glycol; human bones and human tissue; medicines; oil of wormwood; plants; preparation containing cantharides and other substances which have an aphrodisiac effect; remedies for drunkenness, tobacco habit or drug habit; second-hand carpets; seditious literature; straw packings; sugar, syrup and treacle; therapeutic apparatus; thermometers; used clothing; used jute bags; vaccines, viruses and microbes; valuables such as jewellery, precious metals, precious or semi-precious stones, securities, coins or any form of negotiable financial instrument unless they are insured. In addition, the following items can only be imported if they are accompanied by an import permit issued by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS):

- Beans, dried or fresh
- Cheese
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Fresh noodles containing egg or meat
- Mayonnaise
- Meat and meat products, fresh, dried, frozen, smoked, salted or canned, including stock and meat snacks
- Milk and dairy products including butter
- Moon cakes
- Packaged meals containing egg, dairy products or meat
- Plant material
- Salami, fresh or preserved
- Salmon and trout, fresh or dried
- Sausages, fresh or preserved
- Seeds

**Import Licences:**

To be obtained in advance by the addressees, are required for certain goods but not for gifts, personal effects, bona fide trade samples, trade catalogues, etc.

**Insurance:**

Does not cover damage to parcels containing fragile articles (for example, glassware, gramophone records and so on), liquids, semi-liquids, or perishable articles.

**Customs duty:**

Advertising matter (catalogues, price-lists, circulars and so on, and loose advertisements inserted in magazines) is subject to customs duty on importation into the Commonwealth of Australia.

The following are, however, exempt from duty: trade catalogues and price-lists not designed to advertise the sale of goods by any person, firm or company in Australia when sent into Australia in single copies addressed to merchants, firms or companies therein and not exceeding one copy to each merchant, firm or company or branch office thereof and not being for distribution.

## AUSTRALIA (Commonwealth) (continued)

**Gift parcels:**

There are not duty free concessions for gift parcels. The customs declaration form should however be clearly marked *Unsolicited gift*.

**Delivery:**

Parcels on which customs and other charges are payable are not delivered to the addressee but must be collected from the Post Office.

**Address:**

See under LETTER POST.

## AUSTRIA

### LETTER POST

#### Postage:

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

#### Supplemental services available:

(1) Dutiable goods admitted in the letter post. (2) Registration. (3) Printed papers. (4) Small Packets. (5) Blind literature. (6) Insured letter, air and surface, limit \$46,000. (7) Speedpost.

#### Customs declarations and language:

(1) and (4) Green label. German or French as well as English.

#### Prohibitions:

Articles made of gold, platinum or silver that do not meet the requirement of the law on hall-marking; articles sold by mail order; books and other printed items which are prohibited in Austria; essences intended for distilled spirituous liquors; edible fungi; foodstuffs containing antiseptics or antioxidants not conforming to the legal provisions in force; live animals, except bees, leeches and silkworms; parasites and destroyers of noxious insects intended for the control of those insects and exchanged between officially recognised institutions (these exceptions do not apply to insured letters); live venomous or dangerous animals or those suffering or suspected to be suffering from contagious diseases; narcotics, except under permit and in parcels; opium for smoking; radioactive materials; tainted, semi-prepared, imitation, fake or damaged meat and meat products; tickets relating to foreign games of chance; weapons concealed in articles for everyday use and firearms which can be rapidly folded, telescoped, shortened or taken to pieces as well as firearms fitted with a silencer or rifle-grenade throwers.

#### Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of: Additives to foodstuffs, colorants; armaments; Austrian coinage, gold, gold coins if under permit from the Austrian National Bank; coin, bank notes, currency notes or securities of any kind payable to bearer, travellers' cheques, platinum, gold or silver, whether manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels or other valuable articles unless they are sent in insured items; egg-based preparations; ethyl alcohol, brandy, alcoholic beverages; live or dead animals and parts thereof, and products containing them; medicaments; non-infectious perishable biological substances unless they are exchanged between officially recognised qualified laboratories; photographic reproductions of banknotes; plants, fruit, trees; plant protection products; poisons; portable firearms and ammunition; radio and television sets; raw materials and products of animal origin; salt, salt water and sea water; tobacco, tobacco products and tobacco substitutes; vinestock.

#### Documentation:

Customs declaration should be accompanied by invoice (two copies) and any other necessary documents which must be attached to the outside of the item.

#### Packing and marking:

See under PARCEL POST.

## AUSTRIA (continued)

### PARCEL POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$46,000.

**Customs declarations and language:**

One non-adhesive form and despatch note (a separate set for each parcel). Parcels accompanied by customs declarations which are not fully completed in accordance with Austrian requirements are subject to delay. German or French as well as English.

**Prohibitions:**

See under LETTER POST.

**Restrictions:**

See under LETTER POST.

**Documentation:**

Customs declarations should be accompanied by invoice (two copies) and any other necessary documents. Certificates of origin or import permits are required for certain other types of goods (but see *Gift Parcels* below). In cases where import licences have to be obtained by the addressee, the sender should ascertain that the necessary documents are held before the parcel is despatched.

**Gift Parcels:**

Import licences are not in general required for gift parcels sent by private persons to private persons when the value does not exceed 500 Austrian schillings. Customs duties are not raised on foodstuffs, used clothing, or medicines sent to needy persons.

**Packing and marking:**

Parcels containing articles of celluloid must bear a white label with the words CELLULOID-KEEP AWAY FROM FIRE in plain block letters. See also PACKING AND MAK-UP in Section 6 of this Guide.

**AZERBAIJAN (Republic of)****LETTER POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Registration. (2) Printed papers. (3) Small Packets. (4) Express. (5) Blind literature. (6) Insured letters, air, limit \$10,000 and surface, limit \$6,000. (7) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations and language:**

(3) Green label, two non-adhesive forms and one despatch note. French or Russian.

**Prohibitions:**

Dutiable goods in ordinary or registered letters; knives\*. See also under PARCEL POST.

\* *Due to mail route arrangement.*

**Restrictions:**

Dutiable goods in ordinary or registered letters. See also under PARCEL POST.

**Invoice:**

See under PARCEL POST.

**Import licences:**

See under PARCEL POST.

**Packing and marking:**

Registered items and insured letters must be marked *Deliver to the addressee in person.*

**PARCEL POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$10,000.

**Customs declarations and language:**

Two non-adhesive forms and one despatch note. French or Russian.

**Prohibitions:**

Azerbaijan Republic's state loans, lottery tickets and abrogated securities; currencies of Azerbaijan Republic and foreign countries; documentation dealing with the technology for manufacturing narcotics, psychotropic and toxic substances and explosives; edged weapons and any other items used for attack or self-defence; explosives; firearms with rifled bore, ammunition (except ammunition for hunting rifles), any article or material intended for military use; homemade sausages, milk and fish products; items damaging to postal workers and ruining the postal despatches; items used to smoke opium and hashish; minerals, raw material, stones, bed-rocks; motion picture film, video recordings, records and other drawings and printings material damaging to the interests of the State and the rights of the citizens of Azerbaijan Republic; narcotic and psychotropic substances, and accessories for their use; natural fur and products made from it; propaganda or advertising promoting immorality, violence or terrorism; radioactive substances; Saykak's horn and antlers, speckled deer's skin; sturgeon and salmon fish caviare; toxic and inflammable substances; undeveloped motion picture and photographic film photoplates and photographic paper.

**AZERBAIJAN (Republic of) (continued)****Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Animals, medicaments, biological and veterinary products used in veterinary medicine and raw materials of animal or plant origin unless with the authorization from the competent veterinary bodies and State bodies responsible for the quarantining of plants; dutiable goods unless they are sent in insured items; gold, silver, platinum and non-ferrous metals including to the plastic group, also expensive stones, pearls and jewelry unless with the permission from the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Finance; hunting weapons and ammunition unless with import authorization from the Ministry of the interior of Azerbaijan; medicaments imported for reasons other than personal need unless with the authorization from the Ministry of Public Health of Azerbaijan; radio-electronic devices and high-frequency equipment unless with the authorization from the Ministry of PTT of Azerbaijan; seeds and planting materials, live plants, destructive parasites and insects except with the permission from quarantine service; work of art, antiques, historical, scientific and other cultural values unless with the authorization from the Ministry of Culture.

Sound recordings as literature for the blind are only acceptable if these are sent by, or addressed to, an officially recognized institute for the blind.

**Invoice:**

An invoice is required.

**Import licences:**

The onus is on the sender to ensure that where an import/export licence is required, this is obtained before despatching the goods.

**Customs duty:**

100% customs duty is required on work of art, antiques, historical, scientific and other cultural values. Goods valued less than 200 USD are exempted from customs duty.

**Packing:**

Parcels must be strongly packed in a manner adequate for the length of the journey and for the protection of the contents.

## AZORES

### LETTER POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

(1) Dutiable goods admitted in the letter post (packets must be conspicuously marked *En Douane* in addition to bearing a green label). (2) Registration. (3) Insured letters, air and surface, limits \$33,600. (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature.

**Customs declarations and language:**

(1) and (5) Green label. Portuguese or French as well as English.

**Prohibitions:**

Same as Portugal.

**Restrictions:**

Same as Portugal.

### PARCEL POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$17,500.

**Customs declarations and language:**

One non-adhesive form and despatch note. Portuguese or French as well as English.

**Prohibitions:**

Same as Portugal.

**Restrictions:**

Same as Portugal.

**Invoice:**

Two or more copies of the commercial invoice should be supplied. A consular visa is not required. These invoices should not accompany the parcels but should be sent direct to the addressee.

**Packing:**

Celluloid (seasoned), films and other articles made of celluloid must be packed in soldered tin boxes enclosed in strong wooden boxes.

**Delivery:**

Addressees are notified of arrival of parcels and are required to arrange for their collection.