

KAMARAN ISLAND

See YEMEN.

KAZAKHSTAN (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) Insured letters, air and surface, limit \$44,000. (6) Speedpost.

Customs declarations and language:

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

Prohibitions:

Knives*. See under PARCEL POST.

* *Due to mail route arrangement.*

Restrictions:

See under PARCEL POST.

Invoice:

See under PARCEL POST.

Customs duty:

See under PARCEL POST.

Address:

Addressee's name and complete address should be indicated legibly. Also, addressee's telephone number should be indicated, if available.

PARCEL POST**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

Supplemental services available:

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$44,000.

Customs declarations and language:

Three non-adhesive forms and one despatch note. Russian or French as well as English.

Prohibitions:

Military weapons, firearms and bladed weapons for civilian service, ammunition, special dual purpose (civilian and military) technical devices, and parts and accessories thereof; nuclear materials and equipment; radioactive materials, fuels and corrosive materials; explosives and explosive or inflammable substances, pyrotechnic articles (fireworks, etc.) and other dangerous materials; narcotics, psychotropic substances and precursors, including in drug form; poisons, toxic substances of animal origin; live animals, except bees, leeches and silkworms; rare animal and vegetable products and endangered animals and plants; perishable foodstuffs; printed matter, plastic materials, stock footage, photographic material, audio and video materials containing propaganda against the political regime and liable to threaten the integrity and security of the State or aimed at undermining its authority; materials that promote war, cruelty, violence, social, racial, national, religious, genetic or caste

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superiority and any other immoral article (pornography); articles which, by their nature or packaging, may present a danger to the life or health of postal officials, or may soil or damage other postal items or postal equipment; foreign currency; coins, banknotes, letters of credit or securities payable to bearer, cheques, precious metals, whether manufactured or not, precious stones of any kind, natural diamonds, except for jewellery; any weapons or ammunition and parts thereof, or articles similar in construction to weapons for civilian service; dangerous goods; special technical publications on the covert reception of intelligence; toxic substances which are not precursors of narcotics and psychotropic substances; human organs and/or substances, and blood and blood parts; plants of any kind and in any form, and seeds; substances harmful to the ozone layer; plant protection products subject to the provisions of Annexes A and B to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants of 22 May 2001; implements for fishing aquatic biological resources; alcohol products, ethyl alcohol, beer; tobacco products and smoking mixtures of all kinds; cultural artefacts; other mail items prohibited in accordance with the Acts of the Universal Postal Union.

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants of 22 May 2001;

Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of: Animals, products of animal origin, except with the authorization from the veterinary control institutions of Kazakhstan; funeral urns containing the ashes of the deceased, except with a certificate from the local authorities declaring that they contain no extraneous matter; plants, products of vegetable origin, except with the authorization issued by the phytosanitary control institutions of Kazakhstan;

radio-electronic and high-frequency apparatus and installations, equipment to detect locational instruments used to measure the speed of transport movement (radars), except with the authorization of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Kazakhstan; recorded media (floppy disks, video, audio), except with information supplied on the type of computer and the operating system used for recording; semens, planting materials, herbarium, except with the permission from the Main State Inspection of quarantine of the plants of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan; works of art, antiques, other objects of value (artistic, historical, scientific or other), except with the authorization of the Ministry of Culture of Kazakhstan.

Invoice:

An invoice is required.

Import licence:

Import licence is only required for commercial entities.

Packing:

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

Address:

Addressee's name and complete address should be indicated legibly. Also, addressee's telephone number should be indicated in the address field of CP 71 dispatch note or the CP 72 manifold set.

Customs duty:

Postal items sent by private individuals containing goods that are not intended for commercial or manufacturing purposes are exempted from customs duty, provided they do not weigh more than 31 kg and that the total value of the item contents does not exceed the equivalent of 1,000 USD.

KENYA**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 \$7,200. (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Speedpost.

Customs declarations:

(1) and (5) Green label.

Prohibitions:

Bullion except in insured letters and not exceeding HK\$72 in value; banknotes, coins and currency notes; gold, platinum or silver manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels and other valuable articles except in registered or insured letters; firearms and ammunition of all types and other articles having the appearance of lethal weapons; radioactive materials.

Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of: Drugs (only under an import licence obtained from the Director of Medical Services, Nairobi); plants, seeds, fresh fruits, flowers, etc., publications dealing with marriage or birth control. See PARCEL POST.

Packing and marking:

Packets containing films must bear a white label clearly marked Films in black letters.

Address:

There is no delivery service and all correspondence should include in the address a P.O. Box or Private Bag number.

PARCEL POST**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

Supplemental services available:

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$7,200.

Customs declarations:

One adhesive form.

Declarations on parcels containing cotton blankets, boots or shoes of rubber and canvas, jerseys, shirts, singlets, socks, stocking and so on, should show the number of articles or pairs enclosed. If piece-goods of cotton or of artificial silk or admixtures thereof are enclosed, the square yardage should be indicated.

Prohibitions:

Letters, except one for the addressee; articles which bear the Kenya coat of arms or resemble it, without authorization by the Government: banknotes bullion and coin exceeding HK\$72 in value; firearms and ammunition of all types and other articles having the appearance of lethal weapons; Japanese shaving brushes; radioactive materials; trade and immature spirits. Textile and clothing for commercial purposes. i.e. for resale in Kenya. (There are no restrictions on clothing sent for personal or charitable use, but parcels sent to a charitable organization should be accompanied by a covering letter explaining that the clothing is a free donation to a charitable organization in Kenya, and is not for resale. The addressee will not require an import licence but should obtain a letter of release from the Kenyan Ministry of Commerce for clearance of the goods.

KENYA (*continued*)**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Condensed or skimmed milk; drugs (only under an import licence obtained from the Director of Medical Services, Nairobi); plants, seeds, fresh fruits, flowers etc. (Import permit from the National Plant Quarantine Station, P.O. Box 30148, Nairobi or National Agricultural Laboratories, P.O. Box 14733, Nairobi, and phytosanitary certificate from the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation, Hong Kong); game traps (Permit from Chief Game Warden); postal franking machines (Permit from the Postmaster General); publications dealing with marriage or birth control (Licence from the Commissioner of Customs and Excise); unmanufactured gold, silver and metal of the platinoid groups (Certificate from the Commissioner of Customs). Second-hand clothes sent to bona fide charitable organisations (Signed gift certificate from the sender to the addressee for presentation to the Customs authorities at the time of delivery).

Invoice:

A commercial invoice on the approved invoice form dated and signed by the sender, must be enclosed in every parcel other than those sent to private individuals and the parcels should be marked on the address side *Invoice enclosed*. Exceptionally where a number of parcels are posted on any one day by the same sender to the same addressee, the sender should number the parcels 1, 2, 3, etc., and the invoice should be enclosed in parcel No. 1; the remaining parcels should be endorsed *Invoice enclosed in parcel No. 1*.

Import licences:

Are required for certain classes of goods; licences, obtainable from the Imports Controller, Department of Trade and Supplies, P.O. Box 30430 Nairobi, Kenya are required for goods imported by traders for re-sale.

Packing and marking:

Parcels should be very strongly packed, preferably in waterproof material. Those containing films must bear a white label clearly marked *Films* in black letters.

Delivery:

Addressees are notified of arrival of parcels and are required to arrange for their collection. All parcels should include in the address a P.O. Box or Private Bag number.

KIRIBATI (Republic of)

(including Line Islands (Fanning, Christmas (Pacific Ocean) and Washington Islands), Ocean Island and Phoenix Islands)

For Ellice Islands see TUVALU.

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:

Articles of any kind bearing the impression or representation of any currency note, banknote or coin in current use in any country; dyestuffs obtained from coal tar. See also under AUSTRALIA.

Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of brushware containing any animal hair.

Packing:

Items containing candies and foodstuffs should be packed in tins or other hermetically sealed receptacles.

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See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

Supplement services available:

Insurance, limit \$750, surface only.

Customs declarations:

One adhesive form.

Prohibitions:

Letters; drugs and similar substances unless addressed to a medical practitioner, special permission having been obtained from a Government Official. See also under LETTER POST.

Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of brushware containing any animal hair.

Packing:

See under LETTER POST.

KOREA, South**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, limited to principal towns. (7) Speedpost to Seoul, Busan, Daegu, Daejeon, Gwangju, Incheon, Jeju and Masan. (8) Insured letters, air and surface, limit \$46,000 (to Busan, Daegu, Daejeon, Gunsan, Incheon, Jeju, Kwangju, Masan and Seoul).

Customs declarations:

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

Prohibitions:

See under PARCEL POST.

Restrictions:

See under PARCEL POST.

Customs Duty:

See under PARCEL POST.

Address:

Correspondence should be addressed in the usual way, but the address should be shown also in Korean characters, if known, and should include the words Republic of Korea (i.e. South Korea).

PARCEL POST**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

Supplemental services available:

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

Customs declaration:

One non-adhesive form and despatch note.

Prohibitions:

Arms and parts thereof; articles and machines used for the manufacture of tobacco; prohibited tobaccos; documents and other articles contrary to public security; cocaine, morphine; opium and other narcotics including accessories for smoking opium; narcotics and prohibited drugs; counterfeit coins, currency notes and postage stamps; counterfeit products; animal products; meat and edible meat offal; poisons and pathogenic microbes except exchanged for medical or scientific purposes between medical organisations authorised by the Government; products that violate copyright; seeds and grains except imported by schools, institutions and persons authorised by the Government; stimulants and liquors.

Restrictions:

Bees, leeches and silkworm eggs may be sent to officially recognised institutions. Coins, currency notes, banknotes, securities payable to bearer, gold, silver; platinum, precious stones, jewels and other valuable articles are admitted under the conditions laid down by the Korean Customs authorities. Dead livestock including animal products must be accompanied by a certificate of origin. Ginseng, plant, tobacco and vegetable products may be imported subject to Government approval.

KOREA, South (*continued*)

Customs Information:

Limits above which the following articles, imported by private individuals, are no longer admitted duty-free

Product Categories	Products	Weight or quantity	Condition of Customs clearance
Agricultural products	Sesame oil, sesame, honey, edible bracken, honey Codonopsis lanceolata	5 kg each	- These products are subject to the Plant Protection Act. - If a product exceeds the duty-free limits, the conditions described in the relevant regulations must be met.
	Walnuts	5 kg (with compulsory quarantine)	
	Pine nuts	1 kg	
	Ginseng (fresh, dried and red)	Total 300g	
	Others	5 kg each	
Marine products	Marine products	5 kg each	- If a product exceeds the duty-free limits, the conditions described in the relevant regulations must be met.

KOREA, South (*continued*)

Product Categories	Products	Weight or quantity	Condition of Customs clearance
Health foods and medical supplies	Socially unaccepted foods, like snake, snake liquor, tiger-bone, liquor, etc.		These come under the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora).
	Medical supplies which can be misused like Viagra		Only the quantity prescribed by a doctor for treatment of the person concerned is permitted.
	DHEA, melation	2 bottles (90 tablets in each)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a product exceeds the limits, the conditions described in the relevant regulations must be met. However, if a patient imports health foods for his/her own medical treatment, these will be exempted up to a reasonable amount and after checking the relevant regulations. - If products limited by CITES are included in the duty-free products, the conditions described in the relevant regulations must be met. - Even though purchased medicines are in duty-free categories, the “recommendation on the inclusion of medicine among products exempt from import conditions” verification issued by a mayor or a provincial governor is necessary.
	General T	2 bottles	
	Other health foods	6 bottles in all	
Medicines featuring in the publication of Korea’s Customs Services, No. 2003-11			
Chinese medicine	An invigorant prescribed with unidentified Chinese medicine		These products are regulated by Legislation on pharmaceutical products.
Narcotics	Marijuana, opium, methamphetamine (philoapon), etc.		These products are regulated by legislation on narcotics.
Wildlife products	Tiger skin, skins of wild animals, stuffed animals		These are regulated by the CITES.
Preferable products	Alcohol	1 bottle	
	Cigarettes	1box(10 packs)	
	Perfume	0.056 or 0.070 litre or 2 fl. oz per bottle	
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For other self-use products, customs clearance will be permitted if the customs authority so decides. - For products subject to checking by the customs authority, the relevant laws shall be followed. 		

KOREA, South (*continued*)

Packing and marking:

Parcels containing articles of celluloid must be clearly marked in red with the word *celluloid*.

Gift Parcels:

The contents must be limited to essential relief items; namely (a) clothing, medicines or similar articles; or (b) non-perishable foodstuffs (toys may be included). Both the parcel and the customs declaration must be clearly marked *Gift Parcel, Unsolicited Gift*.

Address:

Parcels addressed to United States Military Post Offices in Korea cannot be accepted at the rates applicable to Korea. The address of such parcels must be San Francisco, and the conditions and rates of postage for U.S.A. apply. Parcels should be addressed in the usual way, but the address should be shown also in Korean characters, if known, and should include the words Republic of Korea (i.e. South Korea).

KOREA, North

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:

(3) Green label and one non-adhesive form.

Prohibitions:

Registered items containing coins, banknotes, securities of any kind payable to bearer, travellers' cheques, platinum, gold or silver whether manufactured or not precious stones, jewels or other valuable articles; dutiable goods in ordinary or registered letters. See also under PARCEL POST.

Address:

Correspondence should be addressed in the usual way, but the address should be shown also in Korean characters, if known, and should be included the words Democratic People's Republic of Korea; dutiable articles in ordinary or registered letters.

PARCEL POST

Postage:

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

Supplemental services available:

None.

Customs declarations:

Three non-adhesive forms and despatch note.

Prohibitions:

Arms, ammunition and material for military use; articles sent from places infected with contagious disease; articles produced in South Korea and Taiwan; binoculars and telescopes with a magnifying power over 6 times; drastic medicines, acetone, arsenic, methyl alcohol and saccharine, medicines without trademarks and prescriptions; manuscripts, stereotypes, films photographs, recording tapes, gramophone records which are hostile to North Korea; non-processed live stock products; pieces of fabrics; poison, opium, morphine, cocaine and other narcotics; radio apparatus, their equipments and other accessories; tinned goods, tobacco and tobacco seeds including cigarettes.

Address:

See under LETTER POST.

KUWAIT

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 \$12, 750. (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Express. (8) Speedpost.

Customs declarations:

(1) and (5) Green label.

Prohibitions:

Air balloons; alcoholic drinks and industrial alcohol; bank credit cards except in registered mail or EMS, without including the pin number; drugs except in insured service under authority from the Ministry of Health; goods from Israel; inflammable films and raw celluloid; live animals; matches; medicaments including pills, etc. unless accompanied by a prescription or document indicating their composition; publications containing pictures of human beings in a state of complete or partial nudity; publications containing pro-Israeli, anti-Arab or anti-Islamic propaganda; second-hand clothes for resale unless unaccompanied by a sterilization certificate; tinned meat and dairy products, except under licence issued by the State Municipality; weapon and ammunition or parts thereof.

Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of: Gold, silver, platinum and other precious metals, diamonds and precious stones; malt extract; radio transmission apparatus; scales, weights and equipment to determine the precious-metal content and quality of valuable articles.

Invoice:

An invoice must accompany items exceeding KD100 (Kuwaiti Dinars) in value.

Certificate of origin:

A certificate of origin is required for items exceeding KD 100 in value.

Packing:

Packets should be made up in strong packaging able to withstand handling without ripping.

Address:

The correct postal address is KUWAIT. No other geographical description should be added.

The addressee's address should be indicated clearly and in full, including, where appropriate, the P.O. box number and telephone number, on all EMS items intended for Kuwait.

KUWAIT (*continued*)**PARCEL POST****Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

Supplemental services available:

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$12,750 Express (an advice of arrival of the parcel and not parcel itself is delivered by express).

Customs declarations:

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

Prohibitions:

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

Restrictions:

See under LETTER POST.

Invoice:

See under LETTER POST.

Certificate of origin:

See under LETTER POST.

Packing:

Parcels should be made up in strong packaging able to withstand handling without ripping.

Address:

The addressee's address should be indicated clearly and in full, including, where appropriate, the P.O. box number, name of region, name/number of street, house number, block number and telephone number(fixed-line/portable), on all postal parcels intended for Kuwait. See also under LETTER POST.

Delivery:

Parcels are not delivered but have to be collected from the Post Office by the addressees.

KYRGYZSTAN (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) Insured letters, air and surface, limit \$11,000. (6) Speedpost.

Customs declarations and language:

(1) and (4) Green label, three non-adhesive forms and one despatch note. French or Russian as well as English.

Prohibitions:

Cancelled or uncancelled postage stamps, and stamp collections sent to private persons, corrected proof 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 Kyrgyzstan; knives*; narcotics; local and foreign currency and monetary documents except under permit; coins, banknotes, postage stamps, cheques, valuables and other articles made of precious metal, sulphate of copper; musical cards which, when opened, play a sound recording; letters may containing documents having the character of current and personal correspondence exchanged between persons other than the sender. Narcotics and psychotropic substances; letters may not contain documents having the character of current and personal correspondence exchanged between persons other than the sender and the addressee or persons living with them. See also under PARCEL POST.

* *Due to mail route arrangement.*

Restrictions:

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). Written messages, other than brief information about the contents, are prohibited from insured letters. Live animals except bees, leeches and silk-worms, parasites and destroyers of noxious insects intended for the control of those insects and exchanged between officially recognized institutions. See also under PARCEL POST.

Invoice:

See under PARCEL POST.

Import licence:

See under PARCEL POST.

Sealing:

Items closed by means of adhesive tape are recommended to bear the name, mark, stamp or signature of the sender or a mark or date-stamp impression of the office of origin.

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

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

Supplemental services available:

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$11,000.

Customs declarations and language:

Three non-adhesive forms and one despatch note. French or Russian as well as English.

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; articles which, by their nature or their packing, may expose officials to danger or soil or damage other parcels or postal equipment; explosive, flammable or other dangerous substances; radioactive materials; obscene or immoral articles; coins, banknotes and valuable articles; articles of which the importation or uttering is prohibited in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan.

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 Kyrgyzstan and bearing the stamp and seal of a health centre in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan Soil,

seeds, parts of plants are admitted only if addressed to a recognized organization or institution and accompanied by the relevant permits. Narcotics and psychotropic substances as consignments sent for a medical or scientific purpose to countries which admit them on this condition; documents having the character of current and personal correspondence as well as correspondence of any kind exchanged between persons other than the sender and the addressee or persons with them, except the followings:

- one of the documents below, unclosed, reduced to its essential elements and relating solely to the goods being conveyed: invoice, despatch note or advice, delivery bill;
- gramophone records, tapes and wires, whether bearing a sound or video recording or not, ADP cards, magnetic tape or other similar media, and QSL cards, when the administration of origin considers that they do not have the character of current and personal correspondence and when they are exchanged between the sender and the addressee of the parcel or persons residing with them;
- correspondence and documents of any kind having the character of current and person correspondence, other than the foregoing, exchanged between the sender and the addressee of the parcel of persons residing with them, if the internal regulations of the administrations concerned so permit.

See also under LETTER POST.

Invoice:

An invoice is required.

KYRGYZSTAN (Republic of) (continued)**Import licence:**

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

Gift Parcel:

Small quantities of certain articles may be imported without a licence up to 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.