

## TAIWAN

(including Pescadores, Quemoy Island and Matsu Island)

### LETTER POST

#### Postage:

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

#### Supplemental services available:

(1) Registration. (2) Insured letters, air and surface, limit \$11,500, see Insurance. (3) Printed papers. (4) Small Packets. (5) Blind literature. (6) Express. (7) Speedpost. (8) Dutiable goods admitted in the letter post.

#### Customs declarations:

(4) and (8) Green label.

#### Prohibitions:

Meat products (except those prepacked in Canada, Ireland, Japan, Nordic Countries, South Korea, United Kingdom and U.S.A. and have obtained a certificate or the guarantee papers issued by the Bureau of Commodity Inspection and Quarantine of Taiwan); coins, banknotes, currency notes, platinum, gold or silver (whether manufactured or not), precious stones, jewels or other valuable articles, travellers' cheques and securities of any kind payable to bearer; however, the last two items may be sent by insured letter.

#### Restrictions:

See under PARCEL POST.

#### Insurance:

Articles admissible for importation by insured letters are:

- (a) travellers' cheques;
- (b) securities of any kind payable to bearer.

#### Import licences:

See under PARCEL POST.

#### Customs duty:

See under PARCEL POST.

TAIWAN (*continued*)**PARCEL POST****Limit of weight:**

There is no air parcel service to Matsu Island and air parcels to Quemoy Island must not exceed 3 kg in weight.

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$11,500.

**Customs declarations:**

Two non-adhesive forms and despatch note.

**Prohibitions:**

Letters; new banknotes in Taiwan dollar; arms and ammunition; books, pictures, etc., of pro Communist nature; meat products (except those pre-packed in Canada, Ireland, Japan, Nordic Countries, South Korea, United Kingdom and U.S.A. and have obtained a certificate or the guarantee papers issued by the Bureau of Commodity Inspection and Quarantine of Taiwan); forged banknotes and bonds and forged stamps such as postal or revenue stamps; toys and articles in the shape of gun; articles for gambling; obscene or indecent pictures, books etc.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Agricultural products, animal products, flowers, plants and seeds; alcohol and liquor; drugs, medicated cosmetics, medical devices, food in capsule or tablet form, narcotics; firearms and ammunition; Mainland China goods (including mushrooms, tea and tea leaves); radio apparatus; radioactive materials; tobacco, cigars and cigarettes; video tapes with programmes and films. Senders should consult the Postal or Customs Authorities of Taiwan for full details of the Import Restriction List.

**Import licences:**

The importation of all goods is subject to the production of an import licence by the addressees. Exceptionally,

- (i) Import declaration shall be exempted for articles not on the Import Restriction List and of value below US\$5,000 or its equivalent in FOB value.
- (ii) Import permits shall be waived for articles not on the Import Restriction List and of value below US\$20,000 or its equivalent in FOB value.

**Customs duty:**

- (i) Tax relief is granted on postal articles (excluding tobacco and alcohol) up to a customs value of NT\$3,000.
- (ii) Advertising articles and samples, with customs value not exceeding NT\$12,000, shall be exempted from import duty.

**Invoice:**

A copy of the relative invoice with a detailed description of the contents should be enclosed in each commercial parcel.

**Address:**

Delivery is facilitated in the case of a parcel for a Chinese addressee if the name and address are written in Chinese as well as English on the parcel and customs declaration. All commercial parcels must be consigned through the Bank of Taiwan.

## TAJKISTAN (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:

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

#### Prohibitions:

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; cancelled or uncanceled postage stamps, and stamp collections sent to private persons, corrected proofs and printed matter with marked words or phrases; coins, 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, except sent under permit and under insured or registered service; documents, printed matter, photographs, pictures and so on likely to be construed as prejudicial to the views of the Republic of Tajikistan; knives\*; narcotics; sulphate of copper.

\* *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 Tajikistan and bearing the stamp and seal of a health centre in the Republic of Tajikistan. Written messages, other than brief information about the contents, are prohibited from insured letters. See also under PARCEL POST.

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

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$2,500.

**Customs declarations and language:**

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

**Prohibitions:**

Letters. See also under LETTER POST.

**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 Tajikistan and bearing the stamp and seal of a health centre in the Republic of Tajikistan. Soil, seeds, plants and part of plants are admitted only if addressed to a recognized organization or institution and accompanied by the relevant permits. 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.

**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 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 manner adequate for the length of the journey and for the protection of the contents.

## TANGIER

See MOROCCO.

## TANZANIA

(comprising the territories known as Tanganyika and Zanzibar)

### 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 \$3,600. (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Speedpost, limited to Dar Es Salaam, Temeke, Kinondoni, Llala, U/hill, Oysterbay, Kurasini, Arusha, Dodoma, Iringa, Korogwe, Mbeya, Morogoro, Moshi, Mwanza, Njombe, Songea, Tango, Tukuyu and Zanzibar.

#### Customs declarations:

(1) and (5) Green label.

#### Prohibitions:

Bullion except in insured letters and not exceeding HK\$72 in value, banknotes and other forms of currency; platinum, gold or silver, manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels and other valuable articles except in registered letters; drugs unless an import licence has been obtained from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, P.O. Box 9083, Dar-es-Salaam; firearms and ammunition of all types and other articles having the appearance of lethal weapons; radioactive materials.

#### Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of: Plants and seeds; publications dealing with marriage or birth control. See *Restrictions* under PARCEL POST.

#### Address:

The correct postal address is TANGANYIKA, TANZANI or ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA, as appropriate. Correspondence should include a P.O. Box or Private Bag number in the address as there is no delivery service.

### PARCEL POST

#### Postage:

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

#### Supplemental services available:

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$3,600.

#### Customs declarations:

One adhesive form.

#### Prohibitions:

Letters, except one for the addressee; articles which bear the Tanzania coat of arms or resemble it, without authorization by the Government; banknotes and other forms of currency; drugs unless an import licence has been obtained from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, P.O. Box 9083, Dar-es-Salaam; firearms and ammunition of all types and other articles having the appearance of lethal weapons; Japanese shaving brushes; radioactive materials; trade and immature spirits.

#### Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of: Accoutrements, uniforms or clothing which when worn may give the impression that the wearer is in Government employment (permit from Head of State); condensed or skimmed milk; distilling plant or component parts (permit

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from the Commissioner of Customs); fruit, plants and seeds (permit from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Wildlife, P.O. Box 9192, Dar-es-Salaam); 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); rat virus (permit from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, P.O. Box 9083, Dar-es-Salaam); second-hand clothing and bedding imported for sale; unmanufactured gold, silver and metal of the platinoid groups (certificate from the Commissioner of Customs).

### **Import licences:**

Are required for certain classes of goods. Licences obtainable from The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, P.O. Box 9503, Dar-es-Salaam Tanganyika, Tanzania, or the Office of Commerce and Industries, P.O. Box 601, Zanzibar, Tanzania, are required for goods imported by traders for re-sale.

### **Invoice:**

A commercial invoice dated and signed by the sender, must be enclosed in every parcel other than those sent to private individuals, and the parcel 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 and so on, and the invoice should be enclosed in parcel No. 1. The remaining parcels should be endorsed *Invoice Enclosed in Parcel No. 1*.

### **Packing:**

Parcel should be very strongly packed, preferably in waterproof material.

### **Delivery:**

All parcels should be addressed TANGANYIKA. TANZANIA or ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA, as appropriate and include a P.O. Box or Private Bag number in the address; such parcels are not delivered, but addressees are notified of their arrival and are required to arrange for their collection.

## THAILAND (Siam)

### 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 \$10,600 (see Insurance below). (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Express, limited to town areas within the radius of 8 kilometres from post offices. (8) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations:**

(1) and (5) Green label.

**Prohibitions:**

Ammunition and parts thereof; banknotes; matches; opium, morphine, cocaine and other narcotics unless sent to an office of the Thai government.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Arms, air guns and their accessories, celluloid and films.

**Insurance service:**

Insurance service is available to the following places:

	<i>POSTCODE</i>
Bangkok Mail Centre	10000
Bangkok GPO	10501
Chang Phuak	50004
Chiang Mai	50000
Hat Yai	90110
Khlong Chan	10240
Loei	42000
Nan	10112
Nakhon Ratchasima	30000

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Nong Khai	43000
Pak Chom	42150
Pattaya	20260
Phanat Nikhom	20140
Phat Phong	10506
Phra Kanong	10110
Phra Nakon Si Ayutthaya	13000
Phuket	83000
Pratu Nam	10409
Ratchadamnoen	10200
San Kamphaeng	50130
Si Phum	50003
Songkhla	90000
Ubon Ratchathani	34000
CAT Headquarters	10002

### PARCEL POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$10,600 (see Insurance service under LETTER POST). Express, limited to town areas within the radius of 8 kilometres from post offices.

**Customs declarations:**

One adhesive form.

**Prohibitions:**

See under LETTER POST.

**Restrictions:**

See under LETTER POST.

**Import licences:**

Are required for many classes of goods.

**TOGO****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 \$2,500. (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Express, limited to Lomé only. (8) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations and language:**

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

**Prohibitions:**

Coin, banknotes, currency notes or securities of any kind payable to bearer, travellers' cheques, platinum, gold or silver (whether manufactured or not), precious stones jewellery or other valuable articles; printed matter relating to lotteries; radioactive materials.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Cocaine, morphine, opium and other narcotics.

**Compensation:**

Is not payable for partial loss or partial damage to the contents of registered packets unless these occur in the Hong Kong service.

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

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$2,500.

**Customs declarations and language:**

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

**Prohibitions:**

Arms, except sporting guns admitted under permit; daggers, knives and all offensive weapons; poisonous substances, all kinds of alcohol, essences and products recognized as harmful; radioactive materials; raw cotton, cotton plants or seeds; saccharin and similar substances; silver coin; weights and measures not of the decimal system; and in addition, all goods bearing indications which suggest they are French origin or manufacture when they are not.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Cocaine, morphine, opium and other narcotics.

**Delivery:**

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

## TONGA (Friendly Islands)

### 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 (Nukualofa and Vavau only). (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Speedpost.

#### Customs declarations:

(1) and (5) Green label.

#### Prohibitions:

Ammunition; drugs and similar substances unless a certificate issued by the Prime Minister of Tonga has been obtained; matches; seditious articles; spirit over 1 pint (about 0.57 litre) or packed with other goods, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff in parcels over 5 kg or packed with other goods. See also under AUSTRALIA.

#### Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of: Live animals; parasites and organisms destructive of insect pests; plants and parts of plants; valuables such as jewellery, precious metals, precious or semi-precious stones, securities, coins or any form of negotiable financial instrument unless they are insured; animal products (including milk by-products, tinned meat); apparel and fabrics treated with dangerous chemicals; biological substances; brushes; children's wear made from flammable materials; confectionery containing alcohol; culture property of Papua New Guinea; electronic dog collars; food or drink containing glycol; human bones and human tissue; medicines; oil of wormwood; preparation containing cantharides and other substances which have an aphrodisiac effect; remedies for drunkenness, tobacco habit or drug habit; second-hand carpets; straw packings; sugar, syrup and treacle; therapeutic apparatus, thermometers; used clothing; used jute bags; vaccines, viruses and microbes; weapons.

Celluloid and cinematograph films must be packed in tins themselves placed in turn in wooden boxes bearing a white label with the words 'CELLULOID' or 'FILM' in bold black letters.

#### Import licences:

Are required for certain classes of goods.

TONGA (*continued*)

**PARCEL POST**

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

None.

**Customs declarations:**

One adhesive form.

**Prohibitions:**

See under LETTER POST.

**Restrictions:**

See under LETTER POST.

**Import licences:**

See under LETTER POST.

## TORTOLA

(British Virgin Islands)

### 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.

**Prohibitions:**

Coin.

**Address:**

All addresses should bear a six alphanumeric postcodes. The codes are as follows:

VG1110 – Tortola Central

VG1120 – Tortola East

VG1130 – Tortola West

VG1140 – Anegada

VG1150 – Virgin Gorda

VG1160 – Jost van Dyke

There are no home deliveries in British Virgin Islands, the postcodes should be linked to the location of the P.O. Box or post office from which the customers collect their mail.

Postcodes should be written on the same line as the locality name and the country names should appear on its own in the final line, e.g.:

Mr. John Dore  
P.O.Box 787  
Road Town  
TORTOLA VG1110  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

For further details, please refer to the British Virgin Islands Government websites:

[www.dgo.gov.vg/helpdesk](http://www.dgo.gov.vg/helpdesk)

Enquiries about the new postcodes and addressing standards may also be addressed to:

The Postmaster  
General Post Office  
84 Main Street  
Road Town  
TORTOLA VG1110  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

### 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; arms, except under permit.

**Address:**

See Under LETTER POST.

**Preferential tariffs:**

Apply under certain conditions to British goods. Enquiries should be addressed to Trade Industry and Customs Department.

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (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 \$950 (principal towns only; see list under PARCEL POST). (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations:**

(1) and (5) Green label.

**Prohibitions:**

Arms and drugs except under permit; articles which infringe trademark or copyright law; carbon paper unless coated with wax and contains no oxidisable, oily or fatty substances, a statement to this effect must be shown on the Customs declaration; coins and gold ingots over £5 in value including based and counterfeit coins; flick knives, gravity knives, sword-sticks and similar articles; foreign lottery tickets and advertisement; honey; liquid celluloid; living animals; matches; postal packet containing any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, lithograph, engraving, photographic or cinematograph film, book, card, or written communication, or any indecent or obscene articles; radioactive materials; raw coffee; seditious literature; soil; unrefined sugar.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Bees and beeswax; fruits and vegetables; parasites and other organisms destructive of insect pests; plants and seeds; silkworm, leeches.

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

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, surface only, limit \$950 (principal towns only, see list below).

**Customs declarations:**

One adhesive form.

**Prohibitions:**

Letters. See also under LETTER POST.

**Restrictions:**

See under LETTER POST.

Places for which insured parcels (and insured letters) may be accepted: Arima, Arouca, Belmont, Blanchisseuse, California, Carapichaima, Caroni, Cedros, Chaguanas, Claxton Bay, Couva, Cumuto, Cunupia, Curepe, Diego Martin, Erin Forest Reserve, Fyzabad, Gozales Place, Gran Couva, Guaico, Guapo, Guayaguayare, La Brea, Laventille; Manzanilla, Marabella, Matelot, Mayaro, Moruga, Morvant, New Town, Oropouche, Palo Seco, Penal, Point Fortin, Port of Spain, Princes Town, Rio Claro, St. James, San Fernando, Sangre San Juan, Santa Flora, Siparia, Tabaquite, Tableland, Tacarqua, Toco, Tunapuna, Williamsville, Woodbrook, Charlotterville (Tobago), Moriah (Tobago), Roxborough (Tobago), Scarborough (Tobago), Speyside (Tobago).

## TRIPOLITANIA

See LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA (Socialist People's)

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## TRISTAN DA CUNHA

### LETTER POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

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

**Customs declarations:**

(4) and (5) Green label.

**Prohibitions:**

Drugs, unless an import licence has been obtained from the Chief Medical Officer; certain plants; potatoes, unless a permit has been obtained from the agricultural authorities.

**Address:**

Incorporate postcode "TDCU 1ZZ" into the last line of the address.

### 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. For other prohibitions see under LETTER POST.

**Address:**

See under LETTER POST.

## TUNISIA

### 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 \$20,550. (4) Printed papers. (5) Small Packets. (6) Blind literature. (7) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations and language:**

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

**Prohibitions:**

Coin; currency notes, except in insured letters; gold, jewellery, platinum, precious stones and silver except in insured letters; playing cards.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Cigarettes, cigars and tobacco.

### PARCEL POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$20,550.

**Customs declarations and language:**

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

**Prohibitions:**

Letters; arms; coin; cotton seed; grapes; live animals of any species, including birds, leeches, small crustaceans, parasites, destroyers of harmful insects and non-dangerous reptiles; playing cards; radioactive materials; saccharin and its products.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Alcoholic liquors; manufactured cotton; plants and bulbs; tobacco (manufactured), cigars and cigarettes. Sporting guns are admitted under permit.

**Invoice:**

A certified invoice should accompany each commercial parcel.

**Delivery:**

Parcels are normally delivered, charges being collected from the addressee. Otherwise addressees are notified of arrival of parcels and are required to arrange for their collection.

## TURKEY

### 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 \$7,800. (4) Printed papers (see under *Invoice* below). (5) Small Packets. (6) Express, limited to town areas only. (7) Speedpost.

#### Customs declarations and language:

(1) and (5) Green label. Turkish or French as well as English. Calendars, paper patterns and certain fashion publications and photographs are liable to customs duty, and a green customs label must be affixed to all packets containing such articles.

#### Prohibitions:

Coffee in excess of 1 020 g per month to the same person; 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, except sent under the insurance service; contraceptives; foreign lottery tickets; newspapers, periodicals and other printed matter containing propaganda against Turkey's legal, political or economic system; guns, guns components, knives and cutters.

Item listed in the "Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air" (the "Technical Instructions" issued by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) were also prohibited.

For information on the "Technical Instructions", please visit website of ICAO:  
[www.icao.int/anb/FLS/DangerousGoods/TechnicalInstructions/](http://www.icao.int/anb/FLS/DangerousGoods/TechnicalInstructions/)

#### Restrictions:

Apply to the importation of: Letters or packets containing deeds, shares, warrants and so on, narcotics; plants and parts of plants; saccharin; seeds.

#### Gifts:

See under PARCEL POST.

#### Invoice:

A certified invoice should accompany all printed items (books, journal etc.) sent to commercial firms.

#### Customs duty:

See under PARCEL POST.

#### Address:

The country of destination must be shown as Turkey without any alternatives or additions such as Asia Minor, Armenia and so on. Obsolete place names such as Constantinople, Angora, Adalia, Pera must not be used but the correct names, Istanbul, Ankara, Antalya, Beyoglu should be employed.

#### Sealing:

Adhesive tape or other adhesive material is not recommended to use for closing the registered postal items. Should adhesive tape or other adhesive material be used, the items should bear the name, mark, stamp or signature of the sender or a mark or date-stamp impression of the office of origin to indicate to addressees that this method of closure was used by the sender himself.

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

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$7,800.

**Customs declarations and language:**

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

**Prohibitions:**

Letters; coffee in excess of 1 020 g per month to the same person; 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, except sent under the insurance service; labels, corks, empty bottles or other containers bearing the marks of non-Turkish firms and intended for use in packing Turkish products and goods; goods bearing indications, which suggest that they are of Turkish origin when they are not; cigarette papers, machines and tobacco of all kinds, cigars, cigarettes and snuff, unless addressed to the Administration of the Tobacco Monopoly; or to privileged members of the staffs of diplomatic missions in Ankara and Istanbul; cottons not mentioned in the official list (Codex) except cotton prepared for medical use; military weapons (except for the Government), guns and air-guns; guns components, knives and cutters; printed matter containing propaganda against Turkey's legal, political or economic system; worn clothing, bedding and so on, except with a certificate of disinfection.

Item listed in the "Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air" (the "Technical Instructions" issued by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) were also prohibited.

For information on the "Technical Instructions", please visit website of ICAO:

[www.icao.int/anb/FLS/DangerousGoods/TechnicalInstructions/](http://www.icao.int/anb/FLS/DangerousGoods/TechnicalInstructions/)

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Alcoholic liquors; coffee; pharmaceutical preparations; plants and parts of plants; playing cards; quinine; soap; tea.

**Gifts:**

Alcoholic liquids, alcoholic products, telephones for cellular and other mobile networks, tobacco, tobacco substitutes are not acceptable to be sent as gifts. The products will be delivered only once customs duty has been paid by the addressee, in accordance with the regulations governing imports. In case of non-payment of customs duty, the goods will be returned to the sender.

**Invoice:**

A certified invoice should accompany all printed items (books, journals etc.) sent to commercial firms, and a certificate of origin must be sent with printed items other than daily newspaper.

**Customs duty:**

On all items including gifts, is invariably high and may amount to between 100% to 250% of the assessed value of the contents. The value limit for gift parcels is HK\$2,350.

**Address:**

See Address paragraph under LETTER POST.

**Sealing:**

Parcels must be sealed with a distinctive device.

Adhesive tape or other adhesive material is not recommended to use for closing the registered postal items. Should adhesive tape or other adhesive material be used, the items should bear the name, mark, stamp or signature of the sender or a mark or date-stamp impression of the office of origin to indicate to addressees that this method of closure was used by the sender himself.

## TURKMENISTAN

### 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) Insure letters, air and surface, limit \$5,500. (6) Speedpost.

**Customs declarations and language:**

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

**Prohibitions:**

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

\* *Due to mail route arrangement.*

**Restrictions:**

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.

**Import licence:**

See under PARCEL POST.

### PARCEL POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, air and surface, limit \$5,500.

**Customs declarations and language:**

Four non-adhesive forms. Russian or Turkmen as well as English.

**Prohibitions:**

Armament, arms, military equipment and special materials for their production; coins, banknotes, cheques and other valuable articles; explosive substances; foodstuffs and alcoholic products (see separate entry below); nuclear materials; sources of ionizing radiation; technology and special equipment which can be used for creation of military machinery; narcotics and things for their using; psychotronic means; pomographic printed, cinema, video and audio production; poisons and poison gas; printed and audiovisual material and other information containing the data which is harmful to political and economic interests of Turkmenistan, its state security, health protection and morality of population; securities which are declared null and void.

**Foodstuffs and alcoholic products:**

It is prohibited to import foodstuffs, products, materials and other articles in the following cases:

- If the time left until the use-by date is less than 70% (calculated from the date of manufacture). Inscriptions on the packaging and labels of foodstuffs concerning their date of manufacture, storage period and use-by date must comply with the universally accepted chronology;
- If foodstuffs are manufactured using genetically modified organisms (GMOs); and
- If products or alcoholic beverages contain more than 18% ethyl alcohol (finished products, polystyrene, "Tetrapak" packaging).

**TURKMENISTAN** (*continued*)**Restrictions:**

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.

**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.

**Gift parcels:**

Small quantities of certain articles may be imported provided they are intended for the personal use of the addressee. Exact address should be indicated. 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.

## TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

### 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:**

Ammunitions; explosives; live animals; matches.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of: Films and celluloid; firearms; narcotics; samples of parasites and destroyers of harmful insects.

**Address:**

Incorporate postcode "TKCA 1ZZ" into the last line of the address.

### 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.

**Address:**

See under LETTER POST.

## TUVALU

(formerly Ellice Islands)

### 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:**

Gold or silver bullion; registered philatelic items bearing a fictitious address; any insufficiently protected cutting instrument. See also under PARCEL POST.

**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of brushware containing any animal hair. See also under PARCEL POST.

### PARCEL POST

**Postage:**

See the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

**Supplemental services available:**

Insurance, limit \$750, surface only.

**Customs declarations:**

One adhesive form.

**Prohibitions:**

Letters; articles of any kind bearing the impression or representation of any currency note, banknote or coin in current use in any country; second-hand clothing intended for sale; drugs and similar substances unless addressed to a medical practitioner, special permission having been obtained from a Government Official; dyestuffs obtained from coal tar. See also under AUSTRALIA.

TUVALU (*continued*)**Restrictions:**

Apply to the importation of valuables such as jewellery, precious metals, precious or semi-precious stones, securities or any form of negotiable financial instrument unless they are insured; animals and animal products (including bees, milk by-products, tinned meat); apparel and fabrics treated with dangerous chemicals; biological substances; brushes; children's wear made from flammable materials; cinema films; confectionery containing alcohol; culture property of Papua New Guinea; electronic dog collars; 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 packing; sugar, syrup and treacle; therapeutic apparatus; thermometers; used jute bags; vaccines, viruses and microbes; weapons.