

## What Is Required for Shipping Personal Belongings

Moving to another country or shipping personal belongings is always an exciting process. To ensure customs clearance is completed quickly and your shipment arrives safely at its destination, it is important to prepare it properly.

### **Main Requirements for Shipping Personal Belongings:**

#### *1. Boxes Must Be Numbered.*

Each package must have its own number, for example: 1/20, 2/20, 3/20, etc. This greatly simplifies cargo inspection during customs clearance and helps prevent loss of belongings.

#### *2. Complete List of Items in Each Box*

A detailed description of the contents must be prepared for each box.

Example:

Box 1 – clothing, shoes, books

Box 2 – kitchenware, towels

Box 3 – children's toys, bed linen

The more accurate the description, the faster the customs clearance process.

#### *3. Item Description Must Be Bilingual*

The item description must be bilingual –in Ukrainian and English (or the language of the destination country). This speeds up customs clearance.

#### *4. Prohibited Contents*

The following are NOT allowed in shipments of personal belongings:

- liquids;
- aerosols;
- food products;
- medications;
- accumulators and batteries;
- flammable substances;
- pressurized perfumes and cosmetics.

Such items may be confiscated by customs or cause shipment delays.

#### *5. Personal Belongings Must Not Be Antique Items*

The following may be considered antique items:

- antiques;
- works of art;
- collectibles;
- old books, icons, furniture, etc.

In most countries, items manufactured more than 50 years ago are considered antiques or cultural property and cannot be transported as ordinary personal belongings without special permits.

#### *6. Power of Attorney for a Broker*

A power of attorney must be provided to the customs broker for customs clearance.

This allows the representative to:

- submit documents;
- complete customs procedures;
- communicate with customs authorities on your behalf.

#### *7. Photos of the Packed Shipment*

Before shipping, photos of the cargo should be taken, preferably both inside and outside. This helps confirm the condition of the shipment, simplify insurance claims, and speed up the resolution of disputes.

#### *8. The Sender and Recipient Must Be the Same Person*

To declare a shipment as “personal belongings,” the sender and recipient must be the same person.

If the information does not match, customs may classify the shipment as commercial cargo.

#### *9. Cargo Labeling*

Two labels must be attached to each package according to the booking.

Important:

- the labels are provided by our company;
- the customer prints them independently;
- the labels must be attached evenly;
- the barcode must be easily scannable.

Incorrect labeling may result in shipment delays during sorting.

### **Additional Recommendations from Us:**

### *1. High-quality packaging*

Use sturdy cardboard boxes of the same size for easier palletizing. Appliances and furniture should be well protected from moisture and impacts.

### *2. Fragile items*

Pack fragile items with plenty of cushioning material and be sure to mark them: “FRAGILE”.

### *3. Documents*

Do not place original documents in the shipment. It is better to carry them separately.

## **Need Help Shipping Personal Belongings?**

Our team will help you:

- правильно підготувати документи;
- перевірити пакування;
- організувати міжнародне перевезення;
- complete customs clearance without unnecessary complications.

Submit a request and we will prepare an individual shipping quotation for you.

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