

## Country : CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF / CN

### Prohibited commodities

Standard IFCO prohibitions plus: 1. Personal mail is acceptable as WPX only for foreign student, foreign tourist or chief representative who can provide non-Chinese passport. 2. Weapons including dagger and sword are prohibited.

- Animal skins
- Antiques
- Furs
- Gambling devices
- Ivory
- Jewellery
- Military equipment
- Perishables
- Personal mail
- Precious metals & stones
- Radar equip.-transmitters/receivers

### Document Express

General correspondence (business or private), plus:

Advertising brochures/pamphlets	Airline tickets, blank stock (NI)
Airline tickets, issued/validated	Annual reports
Blank forms	Blueprints
Booklets, brochures (non-adv.)	Books: hardback/paperback non-commercial use
Business cards	Cash letters (NI)
Catalogues	Charts/graphs
Cheques, cancelled (NI)	Cheques, cashier (NI)
Computer printouts	Credit card blanks (NI)
Credit cards (NI)	Deeds
Documents, general business	Invoices, not blank
Manuals, technical	Manuscripts
Money orders (NI)	Music, printed or manuscript
Pamphlets	
Photographs	Photos as part of business reports
Plans/drawings-arch/indust/eng. pur	Price lists
Publication not for public resale	Shipment manifest-computer generated
Shipmentping schedules	Visa applications
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## Worldwide Package Express

Destination Zip code, Consignee contact person & phone no. required for all WPX. If sample, word "sample" must be stated on AWB & invoice Heavy penalty for Mis-declared item or value. All invoice MUST be typewritten with no manual change. Except Personal Effects, all shipments must be manifested to company name and not to individual. Any shipment cannot clear customs within 3 months from arrival date, will be seized by customs. Some China materials transit via Hongkong are subject to Hongkong customs restrictions. Note following WPX restrictions:

Alcoholic beverages	[1]	Clocks/watches	[2]
Coffee	[1]	Coffee samples	[1]
Cologne and perfume	[3]	Communications equipment	[4]
Compact disc	[5]	Computer components & parts	[6]
Computer software	[5]	Cosmetics	[3]
Cotton seed	[7]	Diplomatic mail	[8]
Diskettes	[5]	Drugs: non-prescription	[9]
Drugs: prescription	[9]	Electronic equipment	[6]
Electronic games	[6]	Foodstuffs	[1]
Grain samples	[7]	Industrial equipment	[6]
Medical samples	[10]	Medical/dental supplies & equipment	[6]
Parts, machine & electronic	[6]	Personal effects	[11]
Phones/modems	[4]	Plants	[7]
Radio equipment	[4]	Seeds	[7]
Shipment spares	[12]	Tapes: computer	[5]
Tapes: video cassettes	[13]	Telecommunications equipment	[4]
Televisions, television equipment	[6]	Tobacco	[7,14]
Works of art	[15]		

1. If alcoholic spirits, Consignee must obtain import license from Ministry of Foreign Trade & Economic Cooperation (MOFTEC), plus clearance authorisation paperwork from local Import & Export Inspection & Quarantine Bureau. If alcoholic beer or wine or foodstuffs, Consignee must obtain clearance authorisation paperwork from local Import & Export Inspection & Quarantine Bureau. Expect delays approx 48-96 hrs depending on Consignee's ability to obtain paperwork. Duty + VAT differ between gateways but approx: Food=40%, Coffee=60%, Alcohol=110%, of CIF value.
2. Consignee must obtain import license from Ministry of Foreign Trade and, clearance authorisation paperwork from local Import & Export Inspection & Quarantine Bureau. Expect delays: 48-96 hours depending on consignee's ability to obtain license and paperwork.
2. 3. Including healthcare and toiletry products, duty/VAT differs between gateways but approximately: 60% to 100% of CIF value.
4. Including mobile phones, pagers equipment parts & spare parts, radio receivers & transmitters. Can only clear after consignee obtains import license issued by Provincial Radio Committee. Expect delays: 2-7 days depending on Consignee's ability to obtain license.
5. Compact disc: CD ROM / Computer software: including computer games. Do not undervalue, must state purpose of software on the invoice (commercial, entertainment, research, training, company internal use). If for commercial and entertainment purposes the consignee must obtain an import license of Audio and Video Products from the Ministry of Culture. Expect delays: 2 weeks. If the purpose is for research, training or company internal use then no import license is required. If customs revalue

*shipment, new invoice must be sent from origin, expect delays: 3-7 days depending on revaluation.*

- 6.** *Invoices must be detailed and state purpose of the machinery. Stating model numbers without purpose of machinery causes 24-48 hrs delay due to detailed manifest must be translated to Chinese and sent to customs. Before clearance, consignee must provide to DHL an import registration form (import license) for electronic and machinery products from local relevant authority or bureau. If consignee has a valid import license, expect clearance within 24-48 hours. If consignee has no import license, shipment will not clear until license is obtained. Please ensure that shipper checks that consignee is able to obtain an import license for the commodity before sending the shipment, otherwise shipment will never clear customs and may be abandoned or returned. Automobile, motorcycle & computer parts: duties & VAT vary at different Gateways, approximately: maximum : 200% + 17% VAT, import license required before shipment arrival, otherwise delays: 5-7 days.*
- 7.** *Tobacco: leaves. Shipment must arrive with original authorised Certificate of Origin. Consignee must obtain authorisation paperwork from local Import and Export Inspection & Quarantine Bureau, after which shipment will be quarantined for minimum 1 week. Expect delays: 10-14 days. Approx: 60% duty and tax of CIF value. Prohibited for personal consignees.*
- 8.** *If under diplomatic seal, shipment can only be cleared by the embassy or other governmental organisation and DHL will deliver after clearance is completed. Expect delays: 24-72 hours depending on consignee's ability to clear.*
- 9.** *Can only clear after consignee obtains a Medical Inspection Certificate issued by the Bureau of Health and Sanitation. Expect delays: minimum 48-96 hours depending on consignee's ability to obtain Certificate.*
- 10.** *If biological samples, can only clear after consignee obtains a Medical Inspection Cert issued by the Bureau of Health and Sanitation. Expect delays: min 48-96 hrs depending on consignee's ability to obtain Cert.*
- 11.** *Consignee must provide a copy of passport or residency permit before clearance. Expect delays: 48 hrs. Other restrictions apply depending on commodity contents of the shpt (see other relevant WPX notes). Always ensure comprehensive contact numbers and email address are stated as possible. Duty and VAT apply on all personal effects.*
- 12.** *For duty free import, authorised shipmentping agent must perform the clearance in the port city at which shipment is waiting. DHL cannot perform clearance.*
- 13.** *TV advertisements on any medium: can only clear after consignee obtains import license of Audio & Video Products issued by the Ministry of Culture. Do not send unless sure that consignee is able to get this license as it is very difficult to obtain. Expect delays: max 2 weeks.*
- 14.** *1. If for personal use, max 2 regular cartons as personal effects consigned to an individual only. Duty + VAT approx: 150% to 200% of CIF value. Do not undervalue otherwise customs will revalue very highly and new invoice must be sent from origin. If revalued, expect delays: 3-7 days and punitive duty charges. 2. If for commercial use, consignee must perform clearance and delivery at own expense. China Tobacco Import & Export Corporation is the only licensed importer of tobacco in China, do not send unless consigned to this consignee.*
- 15.** *Contact Customer Service.*

### Service Impact Notes

Temporary import:(1)maximum 3month. All shipments MUST be consigned to China registered company at destination city, no individuals, hotel guest or hotels. Consignee's company must provide a signed & stamped letter of guarantee to state shipment will depart in 3months. Consignee must pay cheque deposit to customs for at least duty amount, decided by customs,delays:2-7days. If shipment not exported within 3months, deposit forfeited & expect a fine. (2)Shipment for exhibition purpose must be cleared by consignee's authorized broker.

## **Operation Notes**