

Country : GERMANY / DE

Prohibited commodities

Standard IFCO prohibitions plus: Imitation and pirated products

- Animal products
- Animal skins
- Ivory
- Jewellery
- Precious metals & stones

Document Express

General correspondence (business or private), plus:

Advertising brochures/pamphlets	[1]	Airline tickets, issued/validated	
Annual reports		Blank forms	[1]
Blueprints		Business cards	[1]
Cheques, cashier (NI)		Credit card blanks (NI)	[2]
Credit cards (NI)	[2]	Deeds	
Documents, general business		Invoices, not blank	
Magazines, periodicals, journals	[1]	Manuals, technical	[1]
Manuscripts		Music, printed or manuscript	
Newspapers	[1]	Pamphlets	
		Photos as part of business reports	
		Price lists	
Plans/drawings/architecture/ industrial/ engineering		Visa applications	
Slides	[3]		

1. Max quantity: 10 pieces; Otherwise send via WPX
2. Max. quantity 5 items; Otherwise send via WPX
3. Must be part of a manual; Otherwise send via WPX

Worldwide Package Express

Companies sending out shipments with promotional items (such as T-shirts, pens, hats, coffee, mugs, etc.) into Germany are required to confirm in writing that these goods are for internal purposes only, not intended for resale, or that they are of a sample only nature; hence should include a Proforma invoice stating, "These goods are for internal company use, (non revenue give-aways) and are not intended for resale". Note following WPX restrictions:

Antiques	[1]	Coffee samples	[2]
Computer software	[3]	Diskettes	[3]
Drugs: non-prescription	[4]	Drugs: prescription	[4]
Fabrics & fabric samples	[5]	Foodstuffs	[6]
Furs	[7]	Medical samples	[4,8]
Medical/dental supplies & equipment	[4]	Microfiche & microfilm	[3]
Personal effects	[9]	Plants	[10]
Samples, textile	[5]	Swatches	[5]
Tapes: computer	[3]	Textile articles	[5]
Tobacco	[11]		

1. Duty free clearance possible, if older than 100 years. Certificate needed.
2. If raw coffee, max value: Euro 22. If roasted, no possibility of sample clearance i.e duty & tax applicable.
3. For duty free clearance, Proforma Invoice must indicate for "Inter company data-exchange". For duty free clearance of software, Commercial Invoice must state the relevant software.
4. Acceptable only in small quantity for private use AND ONLY IF ADDRESSED TO GERMAN PHARMACY with German doctor's prescription and German pharmacy order. Subsequent involvement of a pharmacy not possible. Otherwise shipment is subject to Return. For commercial shipments, consignee must hold appropriate license.
5. Itemized certificates of origin necessary from all countries involved, if invoice indicates more than one origin. Exception: If Proforma Invoice clearly indicates "Sample only, not for re-sale", AND value is below USD255 or equivalent currency.
6. Small quantity for personal use or samples: maximum value 22 EUR. No foodstuffs acceptable containing meat, fish, eggs, dairy products, or any other animal products of any kind, i.e. basically only vegetables, fruits, etc.. Food supplements and Vitamins: for commercial use consignee must provide import license.
7. Latin name required, and if necessary (Washington Convention) a CITES certificate is needed from origin.
8. Blood samples: Invoice must specify: a) if human or from animals (if animals, latin name of the species to be specified), b) infectious or non-infectious; c) purpose, e.g. in-vitro diagnostic, laboratory test, etc..
9. Tax relief non automatic, additional documents required, expect clearance delays.
10. Latin name required and if necessary a Phytosanitary certificate is needed from the origin. Contact customer service.
11. Very high duty & tax (nearly 100%). Invoice must state exact amount of cigarettes or cigars.

Service Impact Notes

For duty-free clearance of shipments destined to US-Military Installations a special customs entry form (AE302) is required. This form has to be obtained by the consignee from the local military transportation officer. Expect a minimum of 24hrs delay on these consignments. Shipments to fairs/exhibitions are handed over to a broker, if they cannot be cleared free of duty. The broker performs final clearance at the fairground and delivers to consignee, who pays only Duty/VAT.

Operation Notes

N/a