

Keep the Mail Safe

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Hazard Class	Type	Common Examples	Domestic		International		Domestic Mail		Maximum Amount Permitted in Mail		Additional Information
			Air	Surface	Air	Surface	DMM	Pub 52	Air	Surface	
Hazard Class 1 Explosives											
	Explosives	Fireworks, dynamite	N	N	N	N	C023.2.2	341.21	None	None	All explosives are prohibited except as specified in DMM C023.
		Small arms ammunition	N	N	N	N	C023.2.2	341.21	None	None	Prohibited.
Hazard Class 2 Gases (Under Pressure)											
	Flammable	Hairspray (in aerosol can)	N	Y	N	N	C023.3.0	342.2b	None	1 liter	ORM-D only.
		Propane	N	Y	N	N	C023.3.0	342.22c	None	1 liter	ORM-D only.
		Spray paint (in aerosol can)	N	Y	N	N	C023.3.0	342.22f	None	1 liter	ORM-D only.
	Non-flammable	Fire extinguishers (no methyl bromide)	?*	Y	N	N	C023.3.0	342.22d	1 liter	1 liter	
		Nitrogen	?*	Y	N	N	C023.3.0	342.2b	1 liter	1 liter	ORM-D only.
	Toxic	Compressed air	?*	Y	N	N	C023.3.0	342.2b	1 liter	1 liter	ORM-D only.
		Sulfur dioxide	N	N	N	N	C023.3.0	343.21			
Methyl bromide		N	N	N	N	C023.3.0	343.21	None	None	All toxic gases are prohibited.	
	Carbon monoxide gas	N	N	N	N	C023.3.0	343.21				
Hazard Class 3 Flammable and Combustible Liquids											
	Flammable liquids	Acetone, alcohol	N	Y	N	N	C023.4.0	343.21	None	1 gallon	ORM-D only (dependent on flashpoint).
		Gasoline, items containing or previously containing gasoline	N	N	N	N	C023.4.0	343.23b	None	None	Gasoline is always prohibited.
		Paint, paint-related materials	N	Y	N	N	C023.4.0	343.26	None	1 gallon	ORM-D only (dependent on flashpoint).
	Combustible liquids	Cigarette lighters (flammable liquid)	N	Y	N	N	C023.4.0	343.25	None	As allowed by RCSC	Pre-approval from RCSC required as per DMM.
		Diesel fuel	?*	Y	N	N	C023.4.0	343.24e	1 gallon	1 gallon	ORM-D only.
		Waxes & polishes	N*	Y	N	N	C023.4.0	343.24j	1 gallon	1 gallon	ORM-D only (dependent on flashpoint).
	Adhesives and cements	N*	Y	N	N	C023.4.0	343.24g	1 gallon	1 gallon	ORM-D only (dependent on flashpoint).	
Hazard Class 4 Flammable Solids											
	Flammable matches	Book matches	N	Y	N	N	C023.5.0	344.3b	None	50 pounds	Must be properly packaged.
	Flammable matches	Strike-anywhere matches	N	N	N	N	C023.5.0	344.21	None	None	
	Spontaneously combustible	Iron oxide	N	Y	N	N	C023.5.0	344.1b	None	1 pound	ORM-D only.
	Dangerous when wet	Calcium, lithium	N	Y	N	N	C023.5.0	344.1c	None	1 pound	ORM-D only.
Hazard Class 5 Oxidizing Substances, Organic Peroxides											
	Oxidizers/organic peroxides	Fertilizer	?*	Y	N	N	C023.6.0	345.22a	1 liter/1 lb.	1 liter/1 lb.	ORM-D only - Friction tops unacceptable.
		Hydrogen peroxide (less than 20% solution)	?*	Y	N	N	C023.6.0	345.22b	1 liter	1 liter	No restrictions up to 8%. Solution strength up to 20% is acceptable. ORM-D only.
Hazard Class 6 Toxic Substances											
	Poisons	Tear gas (except those containing oleoresin capsicum)	N	N	N	N	C023.7.0	346.221b	None	None	All irritants are prohibited.
		Pesticides & herbicides	N	N	N	N	C023.7.0	346.211	8 ounces	8 ounces	Must check specific materials in Appendix A of Pub 52. ORM-D only.
	Infectious Substances										
	Noninfectious specimens	Blood, urine, saliva, stool	?*	Y	Y**	N	C023.8.4	346.2	Check References	Check References	Must be properly packaged.
Biological & medical materials	Used sharps, medical devices and ethiologic agents	?*	Y	Y**	N	C023.8.0	346.2	Check References	Check References	Items must be properly packaged for mailing; some require approval before mailing.	
Hazard Class 7 Radioactive Material											
	Radioactive materials	Devices containing radioactive materials	N	N	Y***	N	C023.9.0	347	None	Check References	Items must be properly packaged. International mail requires approval before mailing.
Hazard Class 8 Corrosives											
	Liquid and solid	Batteries with liquid electrolyte	N	N	N	N	C023.10.0	348.21a	None	None	Non-spillable batteries may be permitted per DMM C023.
		Photographic mixtures	?*	Y	N	N	C023.10.0	348.22f	1 pint	1 pint	ORM-D only.
		Mercury, mercury-containing items	N	N	N	N	C023.10.0	Appendix A	None	None	Mercury is always prohibited.
Hazard Class 9 Miscellaneous Hazardous Materials											
	Miscellaneous	Dry ice	?*	Y	N	N	C023.11.4	349.23	5 pounds		5 lbs. maximum for air (surface may exceed 5 lbs). (Proper forms/warning labels required for air only.)
		Magnetized materials	?*	Y	Y	Y	C023.11.5	349.24	Check References		Depends on magnetic strength.

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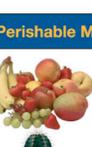
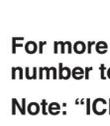
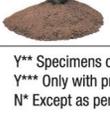
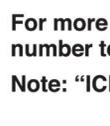
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?* These items may be eligible for air transportation; check current references.

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Restricted Matter											
	Firearms	Handguns (concealable firearms)	N*	N*	N*	N*	C024.1.0	43	NA	NA	Except between authorized parties; international mail subject to ICL restrictions/prohibitions. No content markings on outside of mail piece are permitted.
		Rifles, antique guns (unloaded)	Y	Y	Y	Y	C024.3.0	43			No content markings on outside of mail piece are permitted.
	Human ashes	Cremated remains	Y	Y	Y	N	NA	462.2		None	Registered Mail required. International mail subject to ICL restrictions/prohibitions.
	Intoxicating liquors	Wine, bourbon, vodka, beer	N	N	N	N	C024.7.0	42	None	None	Includes .5% alcohol content or greater.
	Motor vehicle master keys		Y	Y	N	N	C024.10.0	47			Only if sent between authorized parties.
	Odor-producing materials		N	N	N	N	C024.8.0	45	None	None	
	Controlled substances	Narcotics	N*	N*	N	N	C024.11.0	48	NA	NA	No content markings on outside of mail piece permitted. ICL restrictions/prohibitions apply for international mail.
	Drugs	Prescription, non-prescription medicines	Y	Y	Y	Y	C024.11.0	48			No content markings on outside of mail piece permitted. ICL restrictions/prohibitions apply for international mail. Must meet state and federal laws.
	Drug paraphernalia	Illegal drugs, pipes	N	N	N	N	C024.12.0	481.3	None	None	
	Battery-powered devices	Toys, clocks (operated by a household-use-type battery)	Y	Y	Y	Y	C024.17.0	NA			Batteries must be removed. Battery must be permitted by C023.
	Sharp instruments	Knives, razors, switchblades	Y	Y	Y	Y	C024.5.0	44			Only if sent between authorized parties. International mail subject to ICL restrictions/prohibitions.
Perishable Matter Animals											
	Bees	Honey bees (Queen bees)	Y (Queens only)	Y	Y (Queens only)	Y	C022.3.7	526.2			
	Adult birds acceptable	Geese, turkeys, guinea fowl, doves, pigeons, pheasants, partridges, quail, ducks, chickens, swans	Y	Y	N	N	C022.3.3	526.4	6 ounces/bird	None	Approved packaging required. Express Mail® only. Each bird must weigh 6 oz. or more.
	Adult birds unacceptable	All other types of birds not listed above, such as canaries, parakeets, parrots, finches, emus and cockatiels	N	N	N	N	C022.3.3	526.4	None	None	
	Day-old poultry	Chicks, ducks, geese, quail, partridges, pheasants (April through August), guinea fowl, turkeys	Y	Y	N	N	C022.3.1	526.3			
	Dead animals	Dried parts of game birds or fish	Y	Y	Y	N	C022.4.0	526.7			Includes hides and furs.
	Live, cold-blooded	Goldfish, crickets, worms	Y	Y	N	N	C022.3.2	526.6	Check References	Check References	Some exceptions.
	Reptiles	Snakes, turtles	N	N	N	N	C021.3.1	525.3	None	None	See Pub 52.
	Live, warm-blooded	Hamsters, mice, cats, rabbits, dogs, guinea pigs, squirrels or rats	N	N	N	N	C022.3.5	525.2	None	None	Some adult birds permitted in domestic mail. See DMM.
	Scorpions (live)	Scorpions	N	Y	N	N	C022.3.9	526.5	None		Only for medical research use or manufacture of antivenin.
Perishable Matter Food											
	Meats and meat products	Fresh meat and fish or frozen fish, steaks	Y	Y	Y	N	C022.1.0	55			International mail subject to ICL restrictions/prohibitions. If dry ice is used, see C023.11.4.
	Fresh foods	Fruits, vegetables	Y	Y	Y	N	C022.1.0	53			International mail subject to ICL restrictions/prohibitions. If dry ice is used, see C023.11.4.
	Plants	Trees, citrus, cactus	Y	Y	Y	N	C022.6.0	56			International mail subject to ICL restrictions/prohibitions. USDA regulations/prohibitions apply.

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For more information about mailability exceptions and technical information, provide customer with telephone number to "Business Mail Entry" (see "Hours and Locations" under "Business Services").

Note: "ICL" = Individual Country Listings in IMM