

## What can I send?

Item	UK	INT.
<b>Power Banks</b> (come under the category of Batteries - new and used lithium ion and lithium polymer)	✗	✗
<b>Prescription medicines and drugs sent for scientific or medical purposes</b> (non-toxic and non-flammable). <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
(toxic, flammable, or toxic and flammable). <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗
<b>Radioactive material and samples</b>		
Not classified as dangerous goods in the latest edition of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air published by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) such as samples of granite rock. <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
Classified as dangerous goods in the latest edition of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air published by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) such as luminous dials from aircraft	✗	✗
<b>Sharp objects and instruments</b> (inc. scissors and kitchen knives or utensils) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
<b>Vaccines</b> <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
<b>Waste, dirt, filth or refuse</b> (inc. household waste)	✗	✗
<b>Weapons</b> (inc. Section 5 firearms, CS gas and pepper sprays, flick knives, tasers and stun guns)	✗	✗

\* Full details for restricted items and packaging guidelines can be found online at [www.guernseypost.com/dangerous-goods-prohibited-and-restricted-items](https://www.guernseypost.com/dangerous-goods-prohibited-and-restricted-items) or please ask at the branch counter.


Please always check individual country prohibitions and restrictions before posting internationally.

If you send prohibited goods or restricted goods (and you do not comply with the relevant terms and conditions), we will treat the item as undeliverable and the item may be disposed of. Please see our Undeliverable Mail Policy at <https://www.guernseypost.com/undeliverable-mail-policy> for more information.

## Are you posting safely?

To comply with national and international regulations governing the carriage of mail, and to ensure that mail in transport does not present a danger to the general public, we restrict or prohibit certain items from our network.

**We want to ensure the mail is safe for everyone.** Many everyday items, such as aerosols, nail varnish and perfumes are considered dangerous goods under transport legislation.

 **Failure to comply with these controls could result in prosecution.**

You are responsible for checking whether or not an item is prohibited or restricted.

### Consumer warning markings

Products bearing the following consumer warning symbols ARE dangerous goods and are prohibited unless specifically permitted overleaf.



**Note 1:** A product bearing only the corrosive marking (depicted bottom right above) is NOT classified as dangerous goods if the signal word and hazard statement 'Danger - causes serious eye damage' applies.

**Note 2:** Environmentally hazardous substances are prohibited for items which exceed 5 litres/5kg.



## Dangerous Goods

A guide for customers



For further information or if you have any questions regarding Dangerous Goods, please contact

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Items you **can** and **cannot** send in the mail

Dangerous Goods, Prohibited and Restricted Items (A-Z)

What can I send? This guide is for information only. For further details please visit our website [www.guernseypost.com](http://www.guernseypost.com)

Item	UK	INT.
<b>Aerosols</b> for personal grooming or medicinal purposes (inc. deodorants, body sprays, hair sprays, medicinal aerosols etc.) Two items per parcel max. Max. volume 500ml each. <i>Restrictions apply*</i> . <i>For asthma inhalers reference Prescription medicines. Restrictions apply*.</i>	✓	✗
<b>Other aerosols</b> containing flammable, non-flammable or toxic gases (inc. spray paints, lacquers, solvents, air fresheners, oven cleaners, etc.)	✗	✗
<b>Alcoholic beverages and liquids (less 24% ABV)</b> (inc. beer, ale, cider, wine, fortified wine, champagne) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
<b>Alcoholic beverages and liquids (24% - 70% ABV)</b> (inc. whisky, vodka and most spirits and liqueurs) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗
<b>Alcoholic beverages and liquids (greater than 70% ABV)</b> (inc. some high strength vodkas and absinthes)	✗	✗
<b>Ammunition</b> (excluding lead pellets, other airgun and airsoft projectiles)	✗	✗
<b>Asbestos</b> (UK only sent as sample fixed in resin, plastic or glass matrix)	✓	✗
<b>Batteries - see on next page</b>		
<b>Balance Boards</b> (inc. Hover Boards, electric scooters, electric bicycles and all battery powered vehicles and equipment (UN3171))	✗	✗
<b>Balloons filled with non-flammable gas</b>	✗	✗
<b>Biological substances</b> (Diagnostic specimens inc. blood and urine. Category B (UN3373) as classified in the latest edition of the Technical Instructions for Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air published by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗
<b>Christmas Crackers</b> <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
<b>Clinical and medical waste</b> (inc. contaminated dressings, bandages & needles)	✗	✗
<b>Controlled drugs and narcotics</b> (inc. cannabis, cocaine, heroin, LSD, opium and amyl nitrate)	✗	✗
<b>Corrosives</b> (inc. dyes, acids, corrosive paint and rust removers, caustic soda, mercury and gallium metal)	✗	✗
<b>Counterfeit currency, bank notes and stamps</b> (inc. any false instrument, or copy of a false instrument within the meaning of section 5 of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981)	✗	✗
<b>DNA samples</b> (limited to saliva swabs and samples) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
<b>Dry Ice</b> (e.g. UN1845 when used as a coolant for UN3373 or for other perishable items)	✗	✗
<b>Electronic Cigarettes</b> <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
<b>Environmentally hazardous substances</b> <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗

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<b>Batteries</b> Some battery types are classified as dangerous goods but others are not. The size and general appearance of a battery does not determine whether it is classed as dangerous goods.		
<b>Dangerous Goods</b> Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM)*, Gel cell*, Lithium ion/polymer, Lithium metal/alloy, Potassium hydroxide, Sodium hydroxide. Large batteries - for example: Sealed lead acid (inc. motorcycle batteries)* Wet lead acid/lead alkaline (inc. car batteries) <i>* If certain conditions are met, these types of battery are permitted for carriage as cargo (i.e. by a courier) but not as international mail.</i>		
<b>Not Dangerous Goods</b> Alkaline, Nickel metal hydride (NiMH), Nickel cadmium (NiCd), Zinc-carbon <i>Please note: These types can be sent in mail providing they are protected against short circuits and any equipment in which they are contained is protected against inadvertent operation.</i>		
<b>Batteries</b> - new alkaline, nickel metal hydride (NiMH) or nickel cadmium (NiCd) (inc. household AA and AAA batteries)	✓	✓
<b>Batteries</b> - new wet, non-spillable (e.g. sealed lead acid batteries, absorbed glass mat and gel cell batteries) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗
<b>Batteries classified as dangerous goods and certain used batteries</b> Batteries that are classified as dangerous goods by the latest edition of the Technical Instructions for Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air published by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) inc. wet spillable lead acid/lead alkaline batteries (inc. car batteries), lithium batteries when not sent with or in equipment, damaged batteries of any type, together with used alkaline and nickel metal hydride batteries.	✗	✗
<b>Batteries - new and used lithium ion and lithium polymer</b> Lithium ion/polymer batteries sent on their own (e.g. lithium batteries sent as replacements, Power Banks) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✗	✗
Lithium ion/polymer batteries sent with equipment (e.g. rechargeable batteries found in electronic devices) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗
Lithium ion/polymer batteries contained in equipment (e.g. rechargeable batteries found in electronic devices) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
<b>Batteries - new and used lithium metal and lithium alloy</b> Lithium metal/alloy batteries sent on their own e.g. lithium batteries sent as replacements)	✗	✗
<b>Lithium metal/alloy batteries sent with equipment</b> e.g. non-rechargeable batteries found in electronic devices) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗
<b>Lithium metal/alloy batteries contained in equipment</b> (e.g. non-rechargeable batteries found in electronic devices) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓

Item	UK	INT.
<b>Environmental waste</b> (inc. used batteries and used engine oil)	✗	✗
<b>Explosives</b> (inc. fireworks, flares, blasting caps, Christmas cracker snaps)	✗	✗
<b>Flammable liquids</b> (inc. petroleum, lighter fluid, certain adhesives, solvent-based paints, wood varnish, enamels and acetones inc. nail varnish removers; also see Alcoholic Beverages, Perfumes and Aftershaves and Nail Varnish)	✗	✗
<b>Flammable solids</b> (inc. magnesium, phosphorous, potassium, sodium, zinc and fire lighters)	✗	✗
<b>Frozen water</b> (inc. packs of ice)	✗	✗
<b>Gases</b> (inc. flammable, non-flammable, toxic and compressed gases, gas cylinders for camping stoves, butane, ethane, refills for lighters, fire extinguishers and scuba tanks; also see Aerosols and Lighters)	✗	✗
<b>Goods made in foreign prisons</b> (except those imported for a non-commercial purpose, of a kind not manufactured in the United Kingdom, or those in transit)	✗	✗
<b>Guns for sporting use</b> (Guns intended for sporting purposes - inc. Section 1 and Section 2 firearms, lowpowered air guns and their component parts - may be sent in compliance with UK law and subject to domestic controls on the possession of firearms. The sender's name and address must be clearly visible on the outer packaging). These items can only be accepted to the UK via Parcelforce. Please note these items will not be returned to sender if undeliverable due to the Parcelforce International Dangerous Goods Policy.	✓	✓
<b>Hover Boards</b> (see category Balance Boards)	✗	✗
<b>Human or animal ashes</b> Accepted on Royal Mail services only. Prohibited by Parcelforce Worldwide. <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
<b>Human or animal samples</b> Accepted on Royal Mail services only. Prohibited by Parcelforce Worldwide. <i>(May only be sent by, or at the specific request of, a qualified medical practitioner, registered dental practitioner, veterinary surgeon, registered nurse or a recognised laboratory or institution).</i>	✓	✗
<b>Infectious substances and pathogens</b> (UN2814 or UN2900) as classified in the latest edition of the Technical Instructions for Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air published by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)	✗	✗
<b>Lighters</b> (new and unused empty lighters). <i>Restrictions apply*</i> (lighters or refills containing flammable liquid or gas inc. used butane and petrol cigar and cigarette lighters; also see Aerosols, Flammable Liquids and Gases)	✓	✓
<b>Liquids over 1 litre</b> (containing liquids not classified as dangerous goods) <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗

Key: ✓ Allowed in the mail ✗ Not allowed in the mail

Item	UK	INT.
<b>Live animals and reptiles</b> (inc. snakes, mice and rodents)	✗	✗
<b>Live creatures</b> , insects and invertebrates (inc. bees, caterpillars, cockroaches, crickets, destroyers of noxious pests, earthworms, fish fry and eggs, leeches and other parasites, lugworms, maggots, mealworms, pupae and chrysalides, rag worms, silkworms, spiders and stick insects) <i>Restrictions apply*</i> (if classified as dangerous within the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976, inc. certain venomous spiders)	✓	✓
<b>Lottery tickets</b>	✗	✗
<b>Magnetised material</b> Other than those that are prohibited (inc. loud speakers) With a magnetic field strength of 0.418A/metre or more at a distance of 4.6 metres from the outside of the package (inc. certain Public Address systems)	✓	✓
<b>Matches</b>	✗	✗
<b>Nail varnish &amp; polish</b> Four items per parcel max. Max. volume 120ml per parcel. <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗
<b>Obscene publications and pornography</b> (inc. pornography as detailed in Part 5 of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 and indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of a child as detailed in section 160 and 161 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988). If we find such items in the post we will inform the Police.	✗	✗
<b>Oxidising materials and organic peroxides</b> (inc. disinfectants, nitrates and hair dyes or colourants containing peroxide)	✗	✗
<b>Paints, wood varnishes and enamels</b> - solvent-based (except nail varnish or nail polish with a volume of 30ml or less when sent to a UK destination)	✗	✗
<b>Paints, wood stains and enamels</b> -water-based. <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✓
<b>Patient specimens</b> <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗
<b>Perfume and aftershave</b> (inc. eau de parfum and eau de toilette) Four items per parcel max. Max. vol. 150ml each. <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗
<b>Perishables</b> (inc. flowers, fresh fruit, vegetables and frozen or chilled foodstuffs). <i>Restrictions apply*</i>	✓	✗
<b>Pesticides</b> (inc. weed killer and any chemical used to kill pests and insects, such as fly sprays)	✗	✗
<b>Poisons, toxic liquids, solids or gases</b> (inc. substances that are liable to cause death or injury if swallowed or inhaled or by skin contact, inc. arsenic, beryllium, cyanide, fluorine, rat poison)	✗	✗