

PROHIBITED ITEMS

WHAT YOU CANNOT **RECEIVE OR SEND** IN THE MAIL TO AND FROM GERMANY

GERMAN LAW PROHIBITS THE RECEIPT AND SHIPMENT OF CERTAIN ITEMS THROUGH THE MAIL.

GERMAN AND U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS CONDUCT RANDOM INSPECTIONS AT APOS/CMRS IN GERMANY.

THIS BROCHURE CONTAINS SOME OF THE MORE COMMON ITEMS CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED WITH AND WILL CONFISCATE AND/OR DESTROY.

For a more comprehensive listing visit the German Zoll (Customs) Website at:

http://www1.zoll.de/English_version/b0_prohibitions_and_restrictions/index.html

Visit the U.S. Postal Service Website for the International Mail Manual and the Domestic Mail Manual at:

<http://about.usps.com/manuals/welcome.html>

Prescription Medications

The German Law pertaining to medicine is intended to ensure a proper supply of medicines for man and animals, ensure safety in medicine trade and provide good quality, efficacy and safety of medicine. In case of any doubts as to the permissibility of a medication, medical authorities shall be consulted. **Additionally, over-the-counter medications, nutritional supplements, diet pills, vitamins and herbal remedies cannot be received through the mail.**

**Prohibited medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, shall be destroyed or returned to sender.*

**These medication restrictions apply equally to medications and other products for both human and animal use.*

Foodstuff of Animal Origin and Plant Origin

e.g. meat, milk, eggs, honey

**Includes canned meat and beef jerky*

e.g. potatoes, mushrooms, wine and vine leaves



Coffee, Alcohol and Tobacco

**Includes alcohol filled candy*

Firearms, Ammunition and Fireworks

Illegal shipment of firearms, ammunition and fireworks through the mail will result in the initiation of criminal proceedings and seizure of the illegal items or firearms. Firearms include: Arms and weapons, parts of arms, ammunition, and imitation arms, paint ball guns, replica weapons and inert weapons.

Unconstitutional Literature

All books, journals, prints, sound and image media (e.g. film, CD, DVD, music and video cassettes) of unconstitutional content. For example, you are not allowed to import into Germany films which would be, based on their content, suitable to act as a propaganda medium with aggressive tendencies against the liberal democratic fundamental order or against the idea of understanding among nations. This also applies to the importation, exportation or distribution of symbols of unconstitutional (extreme right or hostile to foreigners) organizations. In particular flags, badges or pieces of uniforms and symbols that may be mixed up with unconstitutional ones are regarded as symbols. The introduction of literature, data media and the like, the contents of which goad into racial hatred, call for violence or glorify wars, is prohibited as well.

**If in a violation or a breach of the Criminal Code is established, the literature shall be seized and forwarded to the competent prosecuting attorney for possible criminal proceedings.*

Other Prohibited Items

- Counterfeit Goods
- Articles bearing political or religious notations on the address side.
- Playing cards, except in complete decks that are properly wrapped.
- Absinthe
- Melatonin
- Pulverized Cocoa Beans
- Radioactive Material

Pornographic materials including writings, sound and image media, data memory, illustrations and other presentations are prohibited in the mail. If the pornographic literature deals with violence, sexual abuse of children or sexual activities of humans with animals, the possible criminal charges shall increase. The very possession of pornographic literature dealing with sexual abuse of children is prohibited.