

14 FAM EXHIBIT 723.2

ITEMS PROHIBITED FOR POUCH DISPATCH

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Pouches in both the unclassified and classified channels may not contain items that are classified as "dangerous goods" or require any outside container marking or labeling as required in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations. At the time of ordering, customers are encouraged to ask vendor if a Hazard label is required on the outside of the package for international air shipments. If a Hazard label is required, the parcel cannot go in the pouch as it is considered a Dangerous Good as defined by IATA. Additionally, pouches may not contain items that are illegal to import into the receiving country or export from the sending country.

Questions regarding potentially prohibited items should be sent to DPM-Answerperson@state.gov for final decision. Known items prohibited for dispatch by diplomatic pouch either from the United States to overseas, or from overseas to the United States, or from post to post, include, but are not limited to:

Alcoholic beverages (e.g., beer, wine, liquor);

Ammunition (e.g., blanks, caps, shells, simulated ammo);

Animals, endangered species products;

Any device that cannot be completely disabled from emitting any noise, signal, or vibration while in transit. Batteries must be removed or the item must be completely unwound and locked in this position (such as clocks, watches, timers, alarms, radios, etc.);

Any items for resale;

Batteries **PROHIBITED**: Lithium metal or ion or polymer and sealed lead acid, excluding single-button cells installed in watches or computer motherboard-like desktops. Examples include the following:

Laptops, iPads®, Kindles®, iPhones®, MP3 players, cell phones, cameras, some types of toys shipped with lithium batteries shipped alone, and uninterruptible power supply (USP);

Batteries PERMITTED: Alkaline, NiCad, NiMH, and the small flat coin "button" watch-type batteries. A desktop computer with a motherboard containing a button battery is permitted;

Bulk shipments are permitted in the pouch but transportation is funded by the customer (personal or official). Definition of bulk shipment:

Shipment that equals or exceeds 6 cubic feet (meets or exceeds 5 single-copy paper boxes) and is destined to the same addressee/household between pouch shipments;

NOTE: 6 cubic feet is equal to 10,368 cubic inches and 1 cubic foot is equal to 1728 cubic inches. To determine the volume of a box in cubic feet, multiply the width times the length times the depth (all in inches) and divide the sum by 1728. For example, a box that measures 24" x 24" x 18" has a volume of 6 cubic feet;

All automotive tires (single or multiple) are considered bulk—see tires below for details. Funding for official shipments must be provided to A/LM/PMP/DPM in advance to pay pouch transportation costs (see [14 FAM 723.3](#)) or for personal shipments, credit card information must be provided to the freight forwarder. Tires can be shipped via DPO depending on size and location restrictions if a personal shipment. Official shipments cannot go via the DPO. Questions should be directed to DPO-Answerperson@state.gov. Tires should be shipped in household effects (HHE). Official: Tires can be shipped directly from vendor to appropriate US Despatch Agency;

Charitable donations of goods (e.g., school supplies for orphanage);

Compressed gases and aerosols (e.g., hairspray);

Controlled or illegal substances to be used without a prescription (e.g., narcotics);

Corrosives (e.g., car batteries);

Currency (cash);

Dry ice;

Explosives;

Firearms and nonfirearm items, such as air rifles, water pistols, and objects resembling weapons or dangerous objects (including video game controllers that resemble weapons);

Flammable liquids (e.g., nail polish and remover, hand sanitizer, lens wipes, medication containing alcohol, perfume, or cologne);

Flammable solids (e.g., safety matches);

Fragile items that are broken and/or improperly packaged so as to have the potential to cause personal injury or damage to pouch contents (see [14 FAM 723.2](#), paragraph c, for packaging standards);

Gel packs;

Hand sanitizer any size that contains alcohol and is flammable;

Human remains (e.g., cremains, organs);

Incendiary materials such as road flares, cigarette lighters, self-starting charcoal, etc.;

Infectious substances (IATA Category A), toxins, contaminated medical equipment, and medical specimens requiring outside markings under IATA regulations;

Inhalers for asthma are “under pressure” and cannot go in the pouch; consult the Office of Medical Services (MED);

Light bulbs containing hazardous material, such as compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs);

Liquids in excess of 16 oz. in as single parcel in any type of container (glass or nonglass) defined as anything that flows like any viscous substance and can ruin the contents of a pouch (includes lotions and peanut butter, for example);

NOTE: Liquids less than 16 oz., in a single parcel are permitted to be shipped via pouch (e.g. makeup, lotions, peanut butter, pet food, containers with foil top lids, etc);

Lithium batteries metal, polymer, or ion and sealed lead acid, excluding single-button cells installed in watches or computer motherboard-like desktops. Examples include the following: Laptops, iPads®, Kindles®, iPhones®, MP3 players, cell phones, cameras, some types of toys shipped with Lithium batteries, or Lithium batteries shipped alone, and uninterruptible power supply (UPS). *(For further details, see Batteries in this exhibit);*

Magnetic materials such as powerful magnets that can damage computer software and other electrical equipment (e.g. speakers);

Oxidizers;

Perishable goods – items liable to perish, decay or spoil rapidly, such as fresh meat, seafood, ripe fruits and certain temperature-sensitive medical products (i.e., blood diagnostics, etc);

Pressurized containers (e.g., “contents under pressure”);

Private business books, goods, and materials;

Professional materials of a personal nature, except that limited personal office and training materials are allowed (see [14 FAM 724.1-3](#));

Plants, seeds, bulbs, soil, fertilizer, plant food, *wood chips*;

Poisons;

Radioactive substances;

Temperature-sensitive items that could spoil or become ineffective if the temperature is not maintained within certain parameters (certain medications, perishable goods, etc.). In general, items that cannot withstand large temperature swings;

Tires, automotive (single or multiple) are permitted to be shipped in the pouch but transportation costs are the responsibility of the customer and are considered bulk shipments (see bulk shipments);

Toys containing Lithium batteries (see Batteries or Lithium);

Uninterruptible power supply (UPS) contains nonspillable lead-acid batteries; and

Weapons or items that resemble weapons (e.g., any spring-loaded knife (switchblade), tactical knives, fixed-bladed fighting/hunting knives, firearms, or components thereof, sling shots, bows, arrows, BB guns and pellet guns, firearms, throwing stars/spikes, ceremonial swords, toys resembling weapons, water pistols, etc.). **NOTE:** *Kitchen knives are permitted.*