

Prohibited items that should not be shipped thru Post box postal service

1. Any item(s), the carriage of which is prohibited by law, regulation or statute of any federal, state or local government of any country, to or through which the shipment may be carried.
2. Alcoholic beverage (e.g. beer, wine, spirits)
3. Animals, Eggs, Larva, Live insects, Live spiders
4. Antiques of Fine Art or works of Art
5. Bullion
6. Beef items
7. Collectible and / or irreplaceable items (any item worth more than its original purchase price or that is not commonly available.)
8. Credit cards (Non-activated other than financial institutions); Currency
9. Dangerous goods, hazardous or combustible materials including asbestos as defined by IATA (International Air Transport Association) or by applicable sea or road transport regulations.
10. Drugs/Narcotics/Liquid
11. Firearms, parts thereof and ammunition / Khukuri (knife)
12. Furs(s) and ivory and Endangered Animal
13. Human remains (including ashes)
14. Industrial Diamonds/Carbon
15. Jewelry
16. Medical sample (e.g. diagnostic specimens, blood, urine, bodily fluids, tissue samples)
17. Money orders not issued by the GPO or a financial institution.
18. Pornography
19. Perishable items (e.g. flowers, dry ice, foodstuffs, items requiring temperature control to special handling, plants)
20. Plants
21. Precious Metals and Stones
22. Tickets (Blank Stock).
23. Electronic items containing batteries.

Items that are not recommended to be transported thru Post box postal service.

1. IT Equipment (For example – Laptop, Desktops, Monitor, Hard-drives etc.)
2. Camera and Mobile phones.
3. Other valuable items (that are vulnerable to theft).

Customs Charges on Packages

The Government of Nepal charges customs on items received in packages. The customs charge is based on the specific items shipped and the value listed on the declarations form. The customs charges can be quite expensive. While the rates can change, example rates are 82% customs charges for chocolate, 55% for snack food items, 36% Clothing and 0% for certain books. So, if a family member sends \$20 of chocolate to a Volunteer, the receiving PCV will need to pay approximately \$16.00 in customs fees to receive the item.

Peace Corps recommends that V/Ts inform potential senders not to send expensive items or those that have high customs rates, so as to avoid a large customs bill. .

A partial list of items and the current customs rate is listed below:

S.N.	Item	Customs Rate
1	Chocolate	82% of value
2	Books (most books in English)	0%
3	Other food Items	56%
4	Electronics	19%
5	Shoes	59%
6	Clothes	36%