



DHL eCommerce

GUIDELINES FOR SHIPPING KNIVES

Domestic Shipments

Prohibited Items:

- **Switchblade Knives:** Defined by USPS as knives that open automatically via a button, inertia, or gravity. Prohibited under the Federal Switchblade Act of 1958 for manufacturing, interstate transportation, importation, and sale. Not accepted in our network due to legal restrictions.

Mailable Items:

- **Other Knives (e.g., pocket and kitchen knives):** Acceptable if securely packaged in a strong container with inner and outer packaging. Sufficient cushioning must be used to prevent sharp points and edges from cutting through the packaging.
- **Review Process:** Each shipment will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Required information includes:
 - Detailed item description (photos preferred)
 - Special handling precautions
 - Proposed packaging method (photos preferred)
 - Quantity per mail piece and mailing frequency
- **Customer Responsibility:** Customers must understand and comply with all local, state, and federal regulations regarding the shipment of knives.

International Shipments

- **Prohibited Items: Knives** are not accepted for international shipments due to import restrictions in many destinations and transit countries.
- **Detection and Review:** DHL eCommerce systems will detect “knife” in product descriptions. Items will be placed on hold for review to avoid delays. Pre-shipment review by the DHL eCommerce team is advised.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Although knives are not controlled for export from the U.S., they are restricted for import into many destinations, and some transit countries prohibit packages containing knives.
- **Customer Responsibility:** Customers must ensure compliance with applicable regulations for the shipment of knives.