

# AIRFREIGHT

## What To Know Before You Go

Airfreighting of personal effects consignments around the world happens every minute of every day, but it remains a very complex and highly specialised activity heavily impacted by high security processes in the management of dangerous goods, security issues, agricultural restrictions, Customs regulations, sovereign country and International laws.

You will find the following information useful:

### How Long Will My Consignment Take To Get There?

Depending on the country of destination, door to door transit can take anywhere from one to three weeks so please ensure you take sufficient personal items and any required work materials with you in your accompanied luggage. There are often delays in airfreighting consignments in the month of December as airlines world-wide are running to pre-Christmas capacity. Delays from Australia into Asia can be experienced at certain times of the year as perishable food products (fruit / vegetables) take air cargo space priority into Asian markets. Further delays may be experienced in some countries as our destination country partners negotiate clearance through Customs formalities.

### What Can I Take?

You can take most items of personal effects however there are restrictions on the carriage of dangerous goods which must not be included in your consignment under any circumstances.

These restricted items include:

- Flammable Liquids  
(eg. oil, petrol, paint, varnish, kerosene, turpentine, methylated spirit, pure alcohol, photograph developing liquids)
- Toxins / Poisons  
(eg. Arsenic, polishes, pesticides, weed killers)
- Explosives  
(eg. flares, fireworks, ammunition, gunpowder, matches)
- Flammable Gases  
(eg. Oxygen, methane, acetylene, chlorine gas, bbq gas bottles, butane lighters, gas cylinders)
- Corrosives  
(eg. acid, oxides, mercury (thermometers) caustic solutions, wet batteries)

Please remove batteries from electronic appliances and pack separately. "D" type Batteries with positive and negative terminals on top of the battery must not be placed in air consignments.

### Can I Take Food Items?

Depending on the destination country (consult with your Move Manager) some food items are permitted entry. Any food items must be processed foods in an unopened jar (eg Vegemite) or tin with all seals intact. Do not pack plastic bottles of liquid (eg, cooking oil, shampoo etc) in your consignment as they are prone to split and ruin the contents of anything else in the box. **Do not** pack any food items at all to the USA as your consignment will be held up in Customs for several weeks and you will incur very high charges – it just isn't worth it.

Many countries have strict import restrictions and heavy penalties on the importation of medications and alcohol. Please check your circumstances before you go.

**IF IN DOUBT - ASK YOUR MOVE MANAGER**