

## 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

Articles bearing political or religious notations on the address side.  
Playing cards, except in complete decks properly wrapped.  
Absinthe  
Melatonin  
Pulverized Cocoa Beans  
Radioactive materials

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

[http://www1.zoll.de/English\\_version/b0\\_prohibitions\\_and\\_restrictions/index.html](http://www1.zoll.de/English_version/b0_prohibitions_and_restrictions/index.html)

Visit the U.S. Postal Service Website at <http://about.usps.com/manuals/welcome.htm> and check out the:

International Mail Manual  
and the  
Domestic Mail Manual



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# Prohibited Items



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



German Law prohibits the receipt & 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.

## 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. Medicine which is prohibited shall be destroyed or returned to sender.



Additionally Over - the - Counter Medications, Nutritional Supplements, Diet Pills, Vitamins and Herbal Remedies cannot be received through the mail. These products will also be destroyed or returned to sender.



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

## 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 also includes arms and weapons, parts of arms, ammunition, and imitation arms, paint ball guns, replica weapons and inert weapons.

## Counterfeit Goods



**Foodstuff of Animal Origin** e.g. meat (includes canned meat), milk, eggs, honey

**Foodstuff of Plant Origin** e.g. potatoes, mushrooms, wine and vine leaves.

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**Foodstuff of Plant Origin** e.g. potatoes, mushrooms, wine and vine leaves.

**Coffee, Alcohol** (includes alcohol filled candy) **and Tobacco**



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.