



## Preparing for your International Move





## Moving Advice from Your Friends at Allied International

Moving — especially international moving — can be one of the most stressful and intimidating events of life. Fortunately, we move hundreds of individuals and families like yours around the globe weekly, so you can rest assured that your move will be handled and managed professionally. However, the most important part of every successful international move is the preparation that you can do before our trucks and crews arrive at your home. As your partner in the move process, we're happy to offer our experience and insight to help get to your next destination as easily as possible. Ready? Let's get started!

## Restricted and Prohibited Items

A safe, smooth transition is our common goal in moving your belongings. Part of this process ensures that no hazardous or restricted items are included within your shipment to avoid the danger of harming others or your goods. This also helps to clear customs quickly and with reduced expense at your destination.

For detailed information by destination, please visit the Allied Customs website:  
<http://www.allied.com/international-moving-company/clearing-customs>

### Hazardous Goods

These items are not allowed in any international shipment. To include these items will incur additional charges at origin and destination and could lead to serious legal and/or criminal charges in some countries. We require that these items be disposed of prior to the crews arrival:

- Aerosol spray cans of any kind
- Ammunition
- Acids or Solvents
- Bleaches
- Batteries
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fireworks
- Flares
- Gasoline
- Insecticides and Poisons
- Kerosene
- Lighter fluids
- Oil
- Paints and Paint thinners
- Perishable foods
- Propane tanks

### Restricted Items

These items are not permitted, incur additional taxes or duties, or require licenses in the majority of international destinations:

- Automobiles
- Boats
- Building materials
- Consumable products (toiletries)
- Drugs and Medications
- Engines
- Firewood or Raw wood products
- Firearms and Guns
- Food items
- Ivory products
- Live plants
- Lawnmowers
- Motorcycles
- Pornography
- Religious statues and Religious ornaments
- Trailers
- Weapons (knives, swords, etc.)
- Wine, Alcohol, Liquor
- Drones
- ALL ITEMS ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST.

### High Value Items

These items should be carried with you in personal luggage and NOT included in an international shipment: If you question any item, please consult our Customs website or contact your Allied representative.

- Coin and/or Stamp collections
- Irreplaceable documents
- Money, Stocks, Bonds
- Furs
- Jewelry

## Allied International Packing Requirements

Global security and your safety is our foremost concern. To that end, packing requirements for international moves are very different from local or national moving. Customs authorities act on behalf of their governments and are responsible for protecting their country's borders. With increasing concern over imported goods, our customers moving internationally should not pack their own goods for the following reasons:

1. Allied International and our agents must declare and verify that no hazardous items are included in the shipment. The only way to ensure this is to have Allied crews pack your belongings safely and securely. We are not permitted to accept the owner's word.
2. Packing lists that we compile are the same documents used by customs officials at the destination country to permit entry of your household goods. Customs authorities require a full descriptive inventory, including the content of cartons and boxes. We are not permitted to have descriptions such as "Packed by Owner" or "Miscellaneous."
3. Complications and consequences for both you, our customer, and Allied International as a result of including restricted or prohibited items are significant. Depending upon the destination, obvious items such as firearms, alcohol, and pornography to less obvious items like religious artifacts, books, and foods can create problems. We have a strong obligation and commitment to maintaining control of what is packed for compliance of all shipments.
4. Many countries require the make, model, and serial numbers for all electronic appliances, regardless of size or purpose. Part of our packing process is to clearly identify these crucial numbers to avoid extensive examination and additional charges for you at the destination.
5. The Allied International Transit Protection policy will not cover your goods for loss or damage if we do not pack your household goods and personal effects.

If you have additional questions or concerns about your upcoming international relocation, please contact your Allied sales representative. We're here to help you get where you're going.



## Helpful Hints in Preparing Your Home for the Packing Crew

Before our Allied movers arrive, use this checklist to ensure you're as prepared as possible for a smoother, more seamless transition:

- Separate and set aside items that you'll need or are not to be packed with regular household items:
  - All valuables
  - Passports, airline tickets, travel documents
  - Clothing and personal items you'll need to travel
  - Mortgage, insurance, and automobile documents you may need after the move
  - House keys
  - Other items to ship separately, such as Air Freight items (set aside in one area), Storage items (set aside in another area), and Items NOT to move. *You may find it helpful to use sticky notes or signs to label each item or pile.*
- Provide all documentation for customs clearance. Please read Allied's detailed customs information website or consult your Allied representative if you have any questions or concerns.
- Provide a completed transit protection form, as applicable, for each part of your shipment (ocean, air, storage) with the replacement value of your belongings at your destination.
- Plan to have all valuables — jewelry, cash, stocks, bonds, coin and stamp collections, and important documents — to be transported with you personally.
- Have items that have been fixed to the wall or ceiling (chandeliers, lighting, cabinets, etc.) professionally removed and ready for packing. Allied can arrange for this service at an extra cost, but you must request and confirm this with your Allied representative as part of our estimate.
- Consult manuals for all electronics, stereos, computers, etc. so you can properly prepare them for transportation. Remove all items, including batteries, from respective machines to avoid in-transit damage. All electronic items must be move-ready before we arrive.
- Computer equipment must be ready for transport, including removing all printer ink cartridges and backing up your computer hard drive to the cloud or onto media you can carry separately. Pack only new, sealed ink cartridges; opened or used cartridges may leak.
- Defrost, disconnect and dry all freezers, refrigerators, dishwashers, washers, etc. at least 24 hours prior to our arrival. Disconnect all stoves, cookers, ovens, etc., unless otherwise arranged and quoted by Allied.
- If you have a front loading washing machine, please have the custom blocking device supplied by the manufacturer ready for our crew to install for moving. This device is required to protect the machine from damage during movement, as noted in the manual. If the blocking device is not provided and installed, Allied will not be responsible if damage occurs.
- Remove all items from any attic or loft spaces without a fully boarded floor — this is to save you from any legal liability. Similarly, these areas should have a secure, stable ladder or stairway access.
- Clean all garden furniture, pots, ceramics, etc. of any dirt, cobwebs, or any evidence of infestation.
- Clean all mowers and garden equipment, and drain all gas, oil, and fluids.
- Gather and dispose of items that CANNOT be shipped:
  - Bleach, paints, thinners, and other flammable or hazardous items
  - Gas tanks for grills or barbecues
  - Car batteries, fluids and similar items



**NOTE: On the day of loading, you will receive a packing list for each shipment from our foreman. Please read these carefully before signing. By signing these forms, you are stating that everything in that shipment is destined for the correct place via the correct method of transit.**

**Upon completion of packing and loading, you are responsible for checking that everything that is to be moved out of the house has been moved. Please do this before our crews depart your home. Any items found after our Allied team leaves may incur additional costs for separate shipping.**



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