

Embargos and sanctions

Our customers send goods around the world every day, however, a number of countries and international organisations, including the European Union, impose certain restrictions, also known as sanctions, on what you can send to certain individuals, organisations or countries.

Sanctions can take many forms but are generally aimed at preventing certain goods, services, finance and knowledge being supplied to particular recipients.

It is your responsibility to check whether the item you wish to send breaks any sanctions rules. If you break the sanctions rules, your parcels can be refused, blocked during the transport or given to the relevant authorities for investigation.

Where can I find out more information?

The French Government's website dedicated to goods subject to restrictions or prohibitions from France is the following:

<http://www.douane.gouv.fr/articles/c691-principes-generaux>

Countries that are subject to sanctions.

Electronic consolidated financial sanctions list published by the European Union:

http://www.tresor.economie.gouv.fr/5061_liste-electronique-consolidee-des-sanctions-financieres

For each of these countries, there are specific restrictions in place on sending certain types of goods. These are often goods that can be used for military or dual use purposes. If you are sending items to any sanctioned country you must make sure you are allowed to send the parcel.

Individuals and organisations that are subject to sanctions.

The Government maintains a list of individuals and organisations (for example, banks or utility companies or terrorist organisations) that are subject to sanctions, recognised by France (which includes sanctions originating from the EU and the UN).

It is generally prohibited to have dealings with these "designated" individuals and organisations, for example, sending money or goods to them. They are often individuals and organisations linked to, or based in, the countries mentioned above. However, they may be based anywhere in the world, including France. You should seek specialist advice if you wish to send parcels to a designated individual or organisation.

The list of designated individuals and organisations can be found at:

http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/consol-list_en.htm

Please note that none of the above is intended as legal advice and is not to be seen as an exhaustive description of the sanctions rules that may apply to you, or the items you are sending.