

Holiday Hints

Tips For International Holiday Shipping

(NAPSA)—To make sure your gifts arrive at the right home for the holidays—no matter what nation that home is in—take a little time to prepare your packages, and learn about the international shipping rules and regulations as they apply to your destination country.

While many international gifts aren't going all that far—among the top 10 destinations in 2004, Canada and Mexico were number one and number three, respectively—more and more people are spreading holiday cheer across the oceans, to such countries as the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, China, France, Italy, Korea and Hong Kong. Before you start packing up the fruitcake, it's a good idea to be sure it will arrive during the holiday season.

These tips for preparing international gift shipments may help:

- Provide an exact description of the shipment contents and quantities to ensure that your delivery isn't delayed at customers in the destination country;
- If you're not sure whether the shipment must be cleared by customs and may be subject to the destination country's duty charges, you can consult a DHL customer service representative by calling 1-800-CALL-DHL.
- Decide on insurance coverage for your package. Coverage of up to \$50,000 is available simply by indicating the desired amount of coverage on a DHL waybill and paying an additional fee.



To spread holiday cheer around the world—and still be on time for the holidays—it can pay to know international shipping regulations.

• Prepare the correct international documentation. All the necessary and applicable forms can be downloaded from www.dhl.com. For questions regarding how to fill out these forms correctly, speak to a customer service representative.

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