

DHL RUSSIA FACT SHEET

Russia: Country Profile

Capital	Moscow	Dialling Code	+7
Population	139.4 million (Source: CIA)	Postcode Format	999999
Official Language	Russian	Export Commodities	Petroleum and petroleum products, natural gas, metals, wood and wood products, chemicals, and a wide variety of civilian and military manufactures (Source: CIA)
Currency	Russian Rubles	Import Commodities	Machinery, vehicles, pharmaceutical products, plastic, semi-finished metal products, meat, fruits and nuts, optical and medical instruments, iron, steel (Source: CIA)
Exchange Rate	Russian Rubles (RUB) per US dollar - 30 (2010) (Source: CIA)		
Time Zones	11 Zones: GMT +02:00, GMT +03:00, GMT +04:00, GMT +05:00, GMT +06:00, GMT +07:00, GMT +08:00, GMT +09:00, GMT +10:00, GMT +11:00, GMT +12:00 Daylight saving times also operate across all time zones, from Mar/Apr through to Oct		

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

In the 800 years since the principality of Muscovy freed itself from Mongol rule, the development and rise of Russia has never been anything less than extraordinary.

Its empires have been built and lost but even today post-Soviet Russia is the largest nation on earth, spans 11 time zones and retains its power and influence as much through its economic might as it does through military power.

The engine of Russia's economy is the mineral and energy resources on which many millions of people outside of Russia depend – even unknowingly. Much of the coveted oil, gas and coal is worked from the vast frozen plains of Siberia – an area that covers more than half the country but is home to less than 20 per cent of the population.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia has undergone some major changes, not least in terms of its economy. There has been a steady move towards a more open and market-based economy since the major economic reforms of the 1990s which has seen Russia move from global isolation to global integration.

However, Russia's reliance on its energy exports as well as other commodities such as steel, aluminium and timber, does make it vulnerable to boom and bust cycles that follow the highly volatile swings in global commodity prices. The Russian economy was one of the hardest hit by the 2008-09 global economic crisis as oil prices plummeted and the foreign credits that Russian banks and firms relied on dried up. In the last few years the government has made great efforts to reduce its dependency on commodity exports by attempting to build up the country's high technology sectors, but with little apparent success so far.

The resurgence of oil and gas prices is however continuing to serve Russia well, and with a GDP (purchasing power parity) ranking of seventh in the world, Russia continues to be a nation with considerable economic power, providing opportunities for UK exporters.

Sources: Forbes.com, National Geographic



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Gateways into the country:	11
Number of Service Centres:	63
DHL Zone:	5
Delivery:	Door-to Door Service from DHL
Invoicing:	Exports and Imports are billed in Sterling in the UK

Transit Times

Transit Times to Russia are affected by the dutiable value of the shipment due to expected customs clearance times

UK to Russia - Example Transit Times

Moscow	Documents: 1 day Dutiable Shipments: 2-3 days
St Petersburg	Documents: 1 day Dutiable Shipments: 2-3 days
Irkutsk	3 days
Nizhny Novgorod	Documents: 2 days Dutiable: 3-4 days
Novosibirsk	Documents: 2 days Dutiable: 3-4 days
Magadan	Documents: 2 days

ESSENTIAL CUSTOMS INFORMATION

The Russian Federation has strict control measures in place to ensure compliance with Customs regulations, therefore when shipping to Russia it's especially important to make sure you have the right documentation.

DHL provides dedicated support to assist with your Customs requirements, however the following information states exactly what's needed to ensure your documentation is complete, and facilitate smooth Customs clearance.

Russia only allows Business to Consumer shipments under approved license, so please consider this if looking to send shipments to consumers.

DUTY FREE ALLOWANCE

There is no import duty for shipments into Russia with a customs value of less than 200 EUR (including transport cost).

If you are sending Commercial Shipments (selling your product):

The documentation you, the sender, will need to provide is:

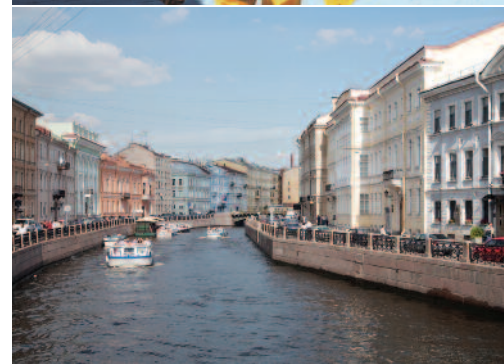
1. Original Invoice – with no abbreviations and including:

- A full detailed description of goods and purpose of use
- Material / Model / Part Number / Article / Technical parameters / chemical composition
- Trade Mark / Name of Manufacturer as indicated on the label/name plate of the goods
- Country of origin
- Name of Manufacturer
- Net weight of each line/position
- Quantity of pieces
- Quantity of Packages
- Unit price (Currency is mandatory)

Prohibited Items Specific to Russia

DHL's standard list of prohibited items also applies. In addition, any publications or documents containing material which could be considered a threat to state security, social order, public morality (eg fascism), or the right to privacy are prohibited for import.)

- Alcoholic beverages
- Antiques
- Asbestos
- Cheques, cashier (NI)
- Dangerous goods, hazardous or combustible materials
- Excise Stamp
- Firearms or parts of
- Furs
- Ivory
- Jewellery, including costume
- Military equipment
- Non-factory packed chemicals
- Perishables
- Personal effects
- Pornography
- Precious metals and stones
- Tobacco
- Undeveloped photographic material
- Works of art



- Total Price (Currency is mandatory)
- Number and date of trade Contract
- Number and date of invoice
- Legal Address of both parties (Consignor and Consignee) in accordance with the company registration documents of the Consignor and Consignee
- Delivery address of Consignee
- Phone number and contact person at the Consignee
- Insurance cost (for Incoterms: CIP, CIF)
- Freight cost (for Incoterms CIP, CPT, CIF, DDU)
- Gross weight in total
- HS (Tariff) Code of each item – the first six digits should be supplied
- Signature of Consignor
- Stamp of Consignor (where available)
- Delivery terms (Incoterm)
- Payment terms as per trade contract

2. Copy of Insurance Certificate

With insurance amount (for Incoterms CIP and CIF) where insurance is part of the contract/shipping requirements

3. Price Verified by Seller

Russian Customs require documentation to confirm that the declared value is the true value that any other company can purchase the goods for. This can be a price list verified by the seller's stamp or a link to a web page or catalogue or other similar verification.

4. Copy of Export Documentation

(where required for the goods being exported)

5. Permissions where required by your HS Tariff coding (e.g. if drugs are being exported, an export license or similar may be required.)

Note: The Incoterm DDP (Delivery Duty Paid) is not available.

The documentation the receiver in Russia (the consignee) needs to provide is:

6. Charter Registration Documents

7. Trade Contract

8. Signed Brokerage Contract

(if Customs Broker's Service is used)

9. Passport of Import Deal

(a special document of currency control issued by the importer's bank)

10. Translation of invoice

11. Permits, licenses and certificates

Issued by Russian Authorities (e.g. Import permits etc) where required by HS (tariff) code

12. Customs fees, duties and taxes

Payable in accordance with Russian Customs legislation and brokerage fees if Customs clearance is provided by Customs broker

If you are sending Inter-Company Shipments:

The same documentation needs to be provided by you (the sender/consignor) as when sending a Commercial Shipment (see points 1-5 above), plus a price list for the open market in order to verify that the relationship is not impacting value.

If you are sending Non-Commercial Shipments:

(Not for sale; value up to UK\$1,000 including transportation)

The documentation you, the sender, will need to provide is:

1. A Proforma Invoice – including:

- A full detailed description of goods and purpose of use
- Material / Model / Part Number / Serial Number / Article / Technical parameters / chemical composition
- Trade Mark / Name of Manufacturer as indicated on the label/name plate of the goods
- Country of origin
- Name of Manufacturer
- Net weight of each line/position
- Quantity of pieces
- Quantity of Packages
- Unit price (Currency is Mandatory)
- Total Price (Currency is mandatory)
- Number and date of proforma invoice
- Legal Address of the Consignor
- Delivery address of Consignee (for shipments to exhibitions registration/legal address of Consignee company is also mandatory)
- Phone number and contact person at the Consignee
- Gross weight in total
- Insurance cost if shipment is insured
- Signature of Consignor
- Reason for export under free of charge delivery conditions (samples for testing, gifts or others)

2. Copy of insurance certificate

With insurance amount, if insured

3. Permissions where required by your

HS Tariff coding (e.g. if drugs are being exported, an export license or similar may be required. DHL can support you with this, please contact your Account Manager or Customer Services on 0844 248 0844)

4. Optional information you can provide, if available:

- HS (Tariff) Code of each item
- Stamp of sender (consignor)
- Freight cost if transportation is paid by the sender (consignor)

One of the following documents for value confirmation:

- Pricelist (including print out from Internet)
- Receipt
- Copy of export declaration if applicable in your country
- Catalogues

The documentation the receiver in Russia (the consignee) needs to provide is:

5. Charter Registration Documents

6. Translation of Pro-Forma Invoice

7. Signed brokerage contract

If Customs Broker service is used

8. Permissions issued by Russian Authorities

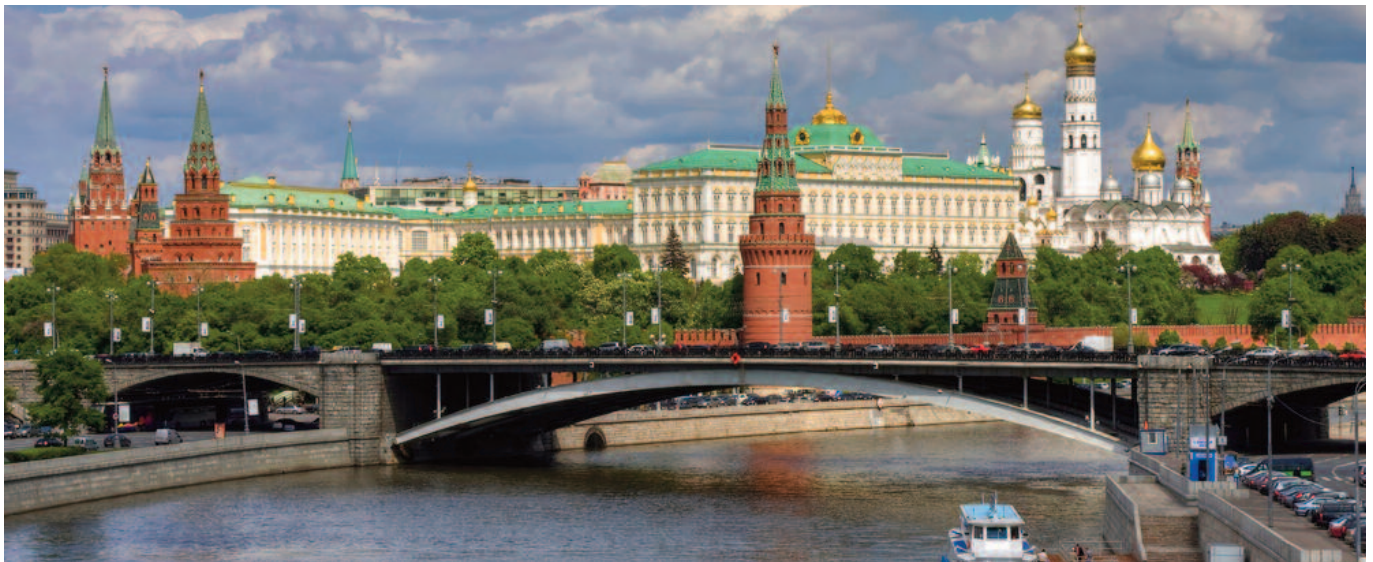
(e.g. Import permits etc) where required by HS (tariff) code

9. Customs fees, duties and taxes

Payable in accordance with Russian customs legislation and brokerage fees if Customs clearance is provided by Customs broker

Note: Non commercial shipments with a Customs Value (i.e. Goods Value + transport) over US\$ 1,000 are treated by Customs as commercial shipments.

As such, the Proforma Invoice for these non commercial shipments should match the requirements of a commercial invoice, excluding details like Incoterms (eg. Delivered At Place (DAP)) and terms of payment. All other paperwork requirements for commercial shipments are applicable for non commercial shipments over US\$ 1,000. See 'Commercial Shipments' section above for further details on requirements.



For further information

Please contact your Account Manager.

Contact Customer Services on **0844 248 0844**

Go online: http://www.dhl.co.uk/en/express/shipping/customs_support.html

The UK Trade Tariff can be used to confirm the commodity codes, termed Harmonised System (HS) codes, referred to throughout this document. The information is available at: <http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/tariff>

For information on how to confirm if your goods require an Export License, and how to obtain any relevant licenses, please go to:

<http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?r.l1=1079717544&r.s=tl&topicId=1074185375>