



DHL FACT SHEET USA

As one of the world's largest, most international and diversified economies, accounting for almost 13 per cent of global trade and 17 per cent of global manufacturing, the USA is set to continue being a key global player.

Of the countries with populations over 10 million, the USA consistently ranks first for competitiveness and ease of doing business and remains a centre for innovation. The country is also home to the world's largest consumer market, sharing a unique transregional culture, despite its vast size and population.

Plans for future growth are underway, including substantial financial reforms. The country's resources will also play an important role: the USA is the largest producer of natural gas in the world and by 2020 is projected to be the world's largest manufacturer and producer of crude oil. By 2050, the USA economy is projected to reach US\$ 41.4 trillion.

The long-standing 'Special Relationship' between the USA and the UK has a strong economical dimension. Bilateral trade in goods alone is worth more than £114 billion each year and British companies employ one million people in the USA.

To further lower trade barriers, EU and American officials are currently negotiating the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). Due to the volume of goods exchanged across the Atlantic – over half the global economy and one third of global trade – this free-trade area would represent a powerful economic bloc. For the UK, TTIP would deliver up to £10 billion a year and 400,000 jobs in the long-term.

COUNTRY PROFILE

Capital	Washington D.C.
Population	321.4 million
Area	9,826,675 sq km
Currency	US\$ 1 (USD) = 100 cent
GDP	US\$ 17.97 trillion (2015 est.)
Languages	English, Spanish, other Indo-European, Asian and Pacific Island, other

DHL FACTS

Locations	581
Gateways into the country	4
Number of Service Centres	17
DHL delivery zone	6
Vehicle fleet	3,805



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TRADE INFORMATION

Exports from the USA

US\$ 1.598 trillion
(2015 est.)

Export commodities:
Agricultural products (soybeans, fruit, corn), industrial supplies (organic chemicals), capital goods (transistors, aircraft, motor vehicle parts, computers, telecommunications equipment), consumer goods (automobiles, medicines).

Top Export Destinations:

Germany, Australia, Canada, UK, Afghanistan, China, Japan, Belgium, France, Mexico.

Imports into the USA

US\$ 2.347 trillion
(2015 est.)

Import commodities:
Agricultural products, industrial supplies (crude oil), capital goods (computers, telecommunications equipment, motor vehicle parts, office machines, electric power machinery), consumer goods (automobiles, clothing, medicines, furniture, toys).

Top Import Origins:

China, Germany, Hong Kong, UK, Taiwan, Italy.

DUTY FREE ALLOWANCE

Values up to US\$ 800



UK TO THE USA TRANSIT TIMES

Please note the below transit times assume prompt clearance from the Customs authority in the USA.

Washington D.C.	2-3 days
New York	2 days
Los Angeles	2-3 days
Miami	5-8 days
Cincinnati	2-3 days

ESSENTIAL CUSTOMS INFORMATION

For an estimate of landed costs (duties, taxes and other import fees) for shipments going to the USA, use the free DHL Express Trade Automation Services (TAS) tool: tas.dhl.com. TAS also provides information on regulation compliance and trade documentation.

Goods which are USA import licensed and/or with a value exceeding US\$ 2,500: formal clearance is required (goods from Canada are exempt from this limit) to be filed with US Customs. Food items and drugs require formal clearance if the value exceeds US\$ 250. Goods may be subject to inspection by government agencies including the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). US Customs levies a Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF) whenever formal clearance is completed. The MPF is levied at 0.3464%, a minimum of US\$ 25 and a maximum of US\$ 485.

When shipping to a business, provide the receiver's tax identification number (IRS number) if available. If required it can be obtained from the importer. When shipping to a private importer, provide the receiver's tax identification number (IRS number) if available. If required it can be obtained from the importer. When shipping to a private importer, provide the receiver's Social Security Number (SSN).

EXPORTING FROM THE USA

Goods which are USA export licensed and/or with a single commodity value exceeding US\$ 2,500: formal clearance is required. If DHL is completing EEI filing and the shipment is moving on an Import Express account, the receiver must provide Power of Attorney (POA).

PROHIBITED ITEMS

In addition to DHL's standard list of prohibited items, you may not import into the USA:

- Antiques & Jewellery
- Asbestos
- Cigars imported from Cuba
- Documents sent from Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria
- Firearms, or parts of
- Fresh dates
- Gambling devices
- Goods made in North Korea imported directly or through third countries
- Goods from Iran imported directly or through third countries; exception: foodstuffs intended for human consumption, carpets & other textile floor coverings and carpets used as wall hangings
- If in bearer form: cash letters, cheques (NI); blank/cancelled/cashier, credit cards (NI)
- Ivory
- Meat and meat products

RESTRICTED ITEMS

Alcoholic beverages

Shipper must be FDA registered.
Receiver must be a licensed alcoholic beverage importer, not a private individual. Provide prior notification; fee: US\$ 10. FDA entry preparation fee: US\$ 20. Alcohol shipments can only be sent to California (CA), Connecticut (CT), Florida (FL), Georgia (GA), Illinois (IL), Missouri (MO), North Carolina (NC), New York (NY), Oregon (OR), Pennsylvania (PA), Texas (TX), Washington (WA), Kentucky (KY)-SDF only.

Animal products including skins

Receiver to provide IRS number/SSN and POA. Commercial invoice must include detailed description of the commodity's common name, genus name and country of origin.

Additional information:

www.fws.gov/permits/importexport/importexport.html

Catalogues and non-advertisement booklets and brochures

Send bulk shipments, including intra-company transfers, as goods.

Chemicals, non-hazardous

State on Waybill and invoice 'NOT RESTRICTED ARTICLE PER IATA REGULATIONS' – otherwise, shipment will be held until shipper or receiver can be contacted for identification.

An imaged Material Data Safety Sheet (MSDS) is recommended.

Cosmetics

Provide detailed description and end use of cosmetic item. Manufacturing Registration or Establishment number and a Cosmetic Registration number recommended to prevent clearance delays.

Additional information:

www.fda.gov/cosmetics/internationalactivities/importers/default.htm

Dangerous goods including hazardous or combustible materials

All shippers must be pre-approved through the Safety Department (Dangerous Goods Administration).

Drugs: prescription and non-prescription

Prescription drugs for personal use: USA FDA unapproved drugs (90 day supply only) may be imported for an individual's personal use with a serious illness. Non-prescription drugs: provide name, intended use, ingredients, doses, formulations and labelling.

Foodstuffs

May require USA Department of Agriculture and/or FDA inspection and/or import permit. Shippers must register with the FDA. Prior notification required; fee: US\$ 10. FDA entry preparation fee: US\$ 20. Commercial imports: provide receiver's IRS number.

Medical supplies

The commercial shipper needs to supply: 1) MDL no. (medical device listing) 2) 510k no. (pre-market certification) if applicable, 3) Receiver's FDA registration no. 4) detailed description and end use of items, 5) Valid Tax ID or SSN required; POA required if shipment is US\$ 5,000 and over.

Personal effects

Only send used personal effects. Provide receiver's telephone number, flight number, arrival date, passport number and/or Social Security Number regardless of value. Personal effects valued over US\$ 200: provide a completed CF3299 (declaration for free entry of personal effects) before shipping.

Spectacles, spectacle lenses and frames, magnifying spectacles and sunglasses

FDA clearance required; receiver to provide IRS number/SSN and POA.

Additional requirements:

www.fda.gov/medicaldevices/deviceregulationandguidance/guidancedocuments/ucm150001.htm

Textile articles including fabrics and samples

B2B or B2C (for personal use) shipments: provide complete item description, Fabric Detail Sheet (FDS), gender (man/woman/boy/girl) and value per item needed.

Shipments over US\$ 2,500: provide receiver's SSN.

Commercial clothing including informal/duty free samples: must be mutilated and valued under US\$ 2,500. Tariff code 9023000000 to be added to invoice. Commercial shipments from WTO countries: Quota/Visa required. Commercial shippers: include on commercial invoice complete address of textile and apparel products manufacturer; textile declaration is not required.

Tobacco products

Receiver to provide POA. Cigars not properly labelled with country of manufacture as per US Customs regulations are subject to seizure.

Cigarette shipments to unlicensed receivers will be returned to origin.

Works of art (originals) including paintings, drawings, pastels, collages, decorative plaques, sculptures/statues

Invoice must state artist's name, year produced, edition if applicable (e.g. 1/12) and title of artwork.

For ship spares and x-ray machines please contact DHL Customer Services before shipping.

IMPORTING FROM THE USA: ESSENTIAL CUSTOMS INFORMATION

To commercially import into the UK, the receiver needs to hold an Economic Operator Registration Identification (EORI) number. This is issued by UK Customs, the HMRC.

Guidance and further information on obtaining an EORI number

GOV.UK: EORI Scheme

www.gov.uk/economic-operator-registration-and-identification-eori-scheme

General guidance for importing into the UK, including information on restricted items and Commodity Codes

GOV.UK: Starting to Import

www.gov.uk/starting-to-import

IMPORTING: DUTIES AND TAXES PAYABLE

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ESSENTIAL PAPERWORK

When exporting goods from the USA, the following documentation is usually required for clearance with US Customs:

1. DHL Waybill
2. Commercial Invoice

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you need support or advice on trading with the USA, help is available.

Contact the DHL Express team on **0844 248 0675**

DHL Customer Services is also available on **0844 248 0844**

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