

# 7 REASONS to Avoid Using Courier firms

A guide to help you know when to use them and when not to

When you are organizing an event outside your country...

Shipping through a courier looks like an easy option but their mode of clearance is highly restrictive, meaning that it is **limited to certain items/ commodities and value/ weight limits.**

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## PARCEL SERVICE FIRMS ARE LIMITED

By customs authorities to clear customs

Value depending on Quantity

If the value of the shipment exceeds the limits, then the consignee will automatically be considered a regular importer and will be required to have an Import license or Import ID Number.



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## EVERYTHING HAS A VALUE FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES

Even if a transaction(sale) did not occur

In the case that the value is declared to be null or very low, your shipment can get stuck until you provide a shipping invoice form with real commercial values.



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## GIVEAWAYS/GIFTS:

Couriers are enforced to pay taxes on any gift sent from abroad

And materials like:

- Promotional items with company logo
- Samples and displays
- Awards



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## COURIERS DO NOT PROCESS ANY IMPORT PERMIT, notification or license on behalf of the client

Chances are that your shipment will get stuck at Customs until you obtain the required pre-requisite.

These authorizations must be granted by a local government department such as:



Fish and wildlife Department



Food and Sanitary Service



National Security Agency

## DUPLICATION COSTS

Couriers will charge you for a door-to-door service, but if the shipment gets stuck at Customs the importer will be required to appoint a customs broker and a local importer with a proper TAX identification number for clearance.

Additional brokerage charges will be added to the original charge to clear your items.



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## WHEN SHIPMENT GETS STUCK AT CUSTOMS

The event planner usually seeks help with the venue staff, but

Venues usually do not have the appropriate Import license to assume responsibility at Customs for the guest's imports.

They are not allowed to pay Import taxes, for their guest's imports.

Venues staffs are usually not up-to-date with the latest Customs regulations.

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## IF ANY LAST-MINUTE PROBLEM ARISES

Couriers are limited to follow the customs clearance and delivery process only during office hours, weekdays and not in holidays.

The most common restricted products:

- First aid kits
- Medical Equipment
- Money and tickets
- Wines, beverages and any liquid
- Suntan lotions, creams and gels
- Candies, vitamins, food and perishable foodstuffs
- Textile
- Toys
- Natural Fiber
- Jewelry and precious stones
- Credit and debit cards
- Compact discs and sound recording equipment

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## So... When is it convenient to use a Courier/Parcel service company?

Our advice is to use a courier only if your goods are paper made products or printed materials.

Advertising brochures/pamphlets.  
Airline tickets, blank stock (NI).  
Annual reports.  
Artwork inc. drawings/proofs/layouts.  
Blank forms.  
Booklets, brochures.  
Business cards.

Passports.  
Photos as part of business reports.  
Plans/drawings-arch/indust / eng. pur.  
Price lists.  
Price tickets for garments.  
Ship manifest-computer generated.  
Shipping schedules.  
Visa applications.

Calendars.  
Catalogues.  
Charts/ graphs.  
Checks, cancelled (NI).  
Checks, cashier (NI).  
Computer printouts.  
Credit card blanks (NI).  
Deeds.

Diaries.  
Diplomatic mail.  
Invoices, general business.  
Documents, general business.  
News, not blank.  
Magazines, periodicals, journals.  
Manuscripts.  
Money orders (NI).  
Newspapers.  
Pamphlets.

## What service do you need?

What you need is a **logistics company specialized in shipments on Meetings, Incentive Travels and International Trade Shows.**

So, you can forget about shipping problems and concentrate on organizing your event.

We are experts in international transportation & Customs and we also know how hotels and Convention centers work.



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