

Prohibited & Restricted Items — Colombia

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This document summarizes prohibited and restricted items for shipments to Colombia. Customs regulations vary by destination and may change without notice. This information is provided for general guidance only.

Destination matrix

Item category	Colombia	Mexico	Notes
Perfume & fragrances	Restricted	Restricted	Alcohol content; declaration may be required. Air-mode quantity limits apply.
Vitamins & dietary supplements	Restricted	Restricted	Sealed, original packaging only. Subject to customs review (INVIMA / COFEPRIS).
Cosmetics & personal care	Restricted	Restricted	Personal-use quantities typically accepted; commercial lots require sanitary registration.
Cell phones & tablets	Restricted	Allowed	Quantity limits apply. Colombia may require CRC homologation; provide invoice and IMEI.
Laptops, drones, gaming consoles	Restricted	Restricted	Subject to duties/VAT. Invoice with serial numbers required for commercial quantities.
Lithium batteries (inside device)	Restricted	Restricted	Only with IATA-compliant packaging. Loose / spare lithium batteries are not accepted.
Loose lithium batteries / power banks	Prohibited	Prohibited	Carrier and IATA safety rules - not accepted on consolidated freight.
Alcoholic beverages	Prohibited	Prohibited	Not accepted via courier consolidation regardless of quantity.
Tobacco & vaping products	Prohibited	Prohibited	Not accepted. Heavy excise controls at destination.
Firearms, ammunition, replicas	Prohibited	Prohibited	Not accepted under any circumstance, including parts and realistic replicas.
Cash, checks, gift cards	Prohibited	Prohibited	Negotiable instruments and activated gift cards are not accepted.
Prescription medications	Restricted	Restricted	Personal-use, sealed, with prescription. No narcotic/psychotropic substances.
Used clothing & shoes	Restricted	Prohibited	Mexico generally prohibits as personal effects. Colombia restricts - small personal quantities only.
Auto parts (new)	Restricted	Restricted	Invoice and VIN / model-year typically required. Used tires prohibited to Mexico.
Processed food (sealed)	Restricted	Restricted	Sealed commercial packaging only. Meat, dairy, and fresh produce not accepted.
Plants, seeds, soil	Prohibited	Prohibited	Phytosanitary controls - not accepted via courier.
Live animals & animal products	Prohibited	Prohibited	Not accepted, including ivory, furs, shells, and other CITES-restricted items.
CBD / cannabis derivatives	Prohibited	Prohibited	Not accepted regardless of U.S. legality.
High-value jewelry & precious metals	Prohibited	Prohibited	Not accepted in consolidated freight.

Before requesting a quote

To get an accurate quote and avoid customs delays, please provide: (1) a detailed item description; (2) quantity; (3) approximate USD value; (4) brand and model for electronics; (5) whether lithium batteries are included; (6) sealed original packaging vs. used or opened; and (7) supporting documentation (invoice, prescription, sanitary registration, IMEI/serial). Incomplete information may delay processing.

Customer responsibility

Customers are responsible for accurately declaring shipment contents, providing truthful values and descriptions, and ensuring items comply with destination-country laws. AH & CO Logistics prepares export paperwork in good faith based on the information you provide and is not responsible for customs inspections, seizures, delays, duties, taxes, or penalties caused by incomplete or inaccurate declarations.

AH & CO Logistics discretion

AH & CO Logistics reserves the right to inspect, refuse, delay, hold, return, or cancel any shipment at its sole discretion. Acceptance of a shipment does not guarantee customs clearance. Customs authorities and transportation partners make final acceptance decisions.

Customs and regulatory disclaimer

Import regulations change frequently. This information is provided for general guidance only and may not reflect the most current customs requirements. Inspections and customs reviews may create delays beyond AH & CO Logistics' control. Final acceptance of any shipment is determined by customs authorities, transportation partners, and destination-country regulations.

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