



## OFFSHORE SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS AND COMPLIANCE »

Compliance with offshore shipping regulations is critical to avoid potential delays. Some items are strictly prohibited, while others require special handling. Review the following guidelines to keep your shipments moving smoothly.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- » Hazardous Class 1 (explosives) and Class 7 (radioactive materials)
- » Ammunition
- » Items requiring a license, including diamonds, alcohol and tobacco

### TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED SHIPMENTS

- » Not available for less-than-container-load (LCL) freight
- » Full-container-load (FCL) shipments may be accommodated

### SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Vessel restrictions on hazardous materials vary and product compatibility depends on existing freight. Restrictions are subject to change at any time. Contact the R+L Offshore team with questions regarding shipping hazardous material.

- » Over-dimensional or overweight shipments require a quote and booking before transferring to the delivery terminal.

### AVOID DELAYS – SHIP WITH CONFIDENCE!

Ensure compliance with offshore shipping regulations by confirming requirements in advance.

### IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



CONTACT THE OFFSHORE  
CUSTOMER SERVICE TEAM  
TODAY FOR GUIDANCE!

[offshore@rlc.com](mailto:offshore@rlc.com)  
888.575.2632



## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR OFFSHORE SHIPMENTS

To ensure timely processing, all documentation must be complete and submitted at time of pickup. Incomplete or missing paperwork may cause delays.

- » All shipping documents must include a valid phone number and email address for the consignee.
- » P.O. box deliveries are not accepted in Hawaii or Puerto Rico.

DOCUMENTS	BOL	INV*	TAX	MRN	If Shipment Exceeds \$2,500		If HAZMAT Shipment	
					SED**	AES**	SDS†	IMO†
	Include Product Description and Dimensions	Commercial Invoice with USD Value	Consignee's 9-digit tax bond, or tax ID Number	Merchants 11-digit Registration Number	Shippers Export Declaration Filed via AES	Automated Export System	Safety Data Sheet	Dangerous Goods Declaration
Puerto Rico	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dominican Republic	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Caribbean	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Alaska	✓						✓	✓
Hawaiian Islands	✓						✓	✓
Guam	✓	✓					✓	✓

\*Shipper name must match BOL. \*\*Shipments exceeding \$2,500 USD. †SDS sheet and IMO for hazardous material shipments.

- » **Bill of Lading (BOL):** Product description, package dimensions and shipper name matching Commercial Invoice.
- » **Commercial Invoice (INV):** Must show declared USD value and match the shipper name on BOL.
- » **Tax ID (TAX):** Consignee's 9-digit tax bond or identification number.
- » **Merchant Registration Number (MRN):** 11-digit ID assigned to the merchant.
- » **Automated Export System (AES):** Automated Export System for electronic export filings.
- » **Shipper's Export Declaration (SED):** Required via AES for shipments over \$2,500 USD.
- » **Safety Data Sheet (SDS):** For shipments containing hazardous materials.
- » **International Maritime Organization Declaration (IMO):** For hazardous shipments transported by water.

## OFFSHORE PICKUP REQUIREMENTS

When scheduling an offshore pickup, email documentation, including shipper contact information to [Offshore@rlc.com](mailto:Offshore@rlc.com).

- » **Puerto Rico:** BOL, commercial invoice, SED (if shipment exceeds \$2,500 USD), SDS (if hazardous materials) and shipper/consignee contact information.
- » **Hawaii and Alaska:** BOL, MSDS (if hazardous materials) and shipper contact information.

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS NOTICE

If shipping limited quantity hazardous materials by water, it must be clearly declared on the BOL.



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