

## International trading policy

<h2>Listing items for sale internationally is a great way to help increase your sales, but it's important to make sure your items aren't prohibited on our global sites.</h2>

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<h2>Members are responsible for checking that their transactions are lawful in the buyer's country, as well as in their own.</h2>Frequently Asked

Questions</h2>&nbsp;<h3>How can I stop people bidding on my listing if the item is

prohibited in their country?</h3>When creating a listing, you have several options for limiting the countries where the item will appear. For example, you can set up business policies about

shipping, remove international shipping, specify locations you don't ship to, or set buyer requirements. Please see our full policy guidelines below for more details on how to do

this.<h3>Is there anything I need to know when buying from an overseas seller?</h3>If

you're buying from a seller overseas, you should make sure the items comply with import laws in your country.</h2>Read our full policy</h2><h2 id="section1">International trading

policy overview</h2>Listing items globally can be a fun and rewarding experience and is one of the unique benefits of using eBay. At the same time, it's important that all listings and

transactions comply with applicable laws. Members are responsible for making sure their transactions are lawful in both the country of the seller and the country of the buyer.We strongly

encourage all members to learn about the laws in their own country as well as the countries where they plan to do business. If you're shipping worldwide, please be aware that your item may not

appear in the search results in countries where the item is not allowed.You can exclude countries you don't want to ship to by <a

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and all applicable laws, as well as respect the rights of third parties. If it doesn't, eBay may take action consistent with applicable laws and the eBay User Agreement, and may even be legally required to do so. Such actions may include, as an example only: Removing the listing or other content, issuing a warning, restricting activity or account suspension.

Some examples

Here are some examples of items that may be legally prohibited or restricted, or that violate our policies:

- [eBay Canada](http://pages.ebay.ca/help/policies/items-ov.html) - opens in new window or tab
- [eBay United Kingdom](http://pages.ebay.co.uk/help/policies/items-ov.html) - opens in new window or tab
- [eBay Australia](https://www.ebay.com/help/policies/prohibited-restricted-items/prohibited-restricted-items?id=4207)

- [eBay Germany](http://pages.ebay.de/help/policies/items-ov.html) - opens in new window or tab
- [eBay France](http://pages.ebay.fr/help/policies/items-ov.html) - opens in new window or tab
- [eBay Italy](http://pages.ebay.it/help/policies/items-ov.html) - opens in new window or tab
- [eBay Netherlands](http://pages.ebay.nl/help/policies/items-ov.html) - opens in new window or tab

- [eBay Spain](http://pages.ebay.es/help/policies/items-ov.html) - opens in new window or tab

Additional information for sellers

Items must comply with export laws: Make sure any items you're selling can be lawfully shipped outside of the country where you live. The export of certain items may require special licenses, or may be banned altogether. For example, the export of certain computer equipment from the US is highly regulated, and may be restricted or banned even

if the computer is not considered "high performance" by US standards. Review these sites for more information:

- <https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/bis-guidance-documents/oeo/2527-don-t-let-this-happen-to-you-2> Export control basics - opens in new window or tab
- <https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/product-guidance/345-control-levels-for-computers-and-computer-technology-and-software> Computers - opens in new window or tab
- <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/export-docs/motor-vehicle> Vehicles - opens in new window or tab

Items must comply with import laws: When selling an item, make sure that the item can lawfully be imported into the buyer's country before sending it. Each country has different laws that limit the types of goods that can be imported into their country. For example, the buyer's country might have restrictions on foods, plants, clothing, luggage, or even books that might result in the seizure and destruction of the imported item. We recommend that you discuss possible import problems with your potential buyers, and do research to avoid any problems

Reasons to check applicable laws before you export goods:

- Goods may be intercepted by US Customs officials. There may also be fines or other liabilities associated with goods impounded or seized by US Customs officials
- You may be sued or prosecuted. Such liability may exist vis-à-vis the owners of trademarks, copyrights, or other rights (for example, if a European trademark owner were to attempt to assert rights in connection with the importation into Europe of legitimately manufactured goods that were intended for another market)
- Visit the <http://www.wcoomd.org/> World Customs Organization - opens in new window or tab for more information about customs regulations around the world. You may also want to contact a specific country's embassy in the US for

guidance</li></ul></li></li>High-value and volume transactions: If you plan to do substantial business with customers in other countries, or if you're dealing in higher dollar or highly regulated items, be sure to do careful research, and hire an expert if necessary to make sure that all transactions comply with all applicable laws. There's often paperwork that you must fill out when completing these transactions</li></ul>The US government has a number of resources to promote international trade and to help businesses of all sizes familiarize themselves with export regulations, and shipping companies offer special services to businesses that regularly ship goods overseas. For more information, visit:</ul></li></li></a href="https://www.trade.gov/" target="\_blank">International Trade Administration - opens in new window or tab</a></li></li></a href="https://www.export.gov/welcome" target="\_blank">Export.gov - opens in new window or tab</a></li></li></a href="http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/1/2889" target="\_blank">US Small Business Administration - Office of International Trade - opens in new window or tab</a></li></ul></h2 id="section4">Additional information for buyers</h2>The US government maintains a website on basic importing and exporting (<a href="https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export" target="\_blank">https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export - opens in new window or tab</a>) to help educate online buyers about the mechanics of importing, including how to estimate potential duty rates (<a href="https://www.cbp.gov/trade/programs-administration/determining-duty-rates" target="\_blank">https://www.cbp.gov/trade/programs-administration/determining-duty-rates - opens in new window or tab</a>). Additional information on the current US customs de Minimis value exemption (the value below which goods can be shipped into the country before duties and taxes are assessed) can be found <a href="https://www.trade.gov/de-minimis-value" target="\_blank">here - opens in new window or tab</a></h2 id="section5">Why does eBay have this policy?</h2>We encourage all sellers and buyers to comply with all

governmental laws and regulations, both in the US and abroad. Since the import and export of items are highly regulated by the US government or may cause harm to eBay or our members, members should educate themselves on the laws governing the import and export of items prior to listing those items. Important: This information is not intended to be legal advice. If you have any doubts about whether an item can be sold on eBay, we encourage you to consult an attorney.

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