

## Country: MALAYSIA / MY

### Prohibited commodities

Standard IFCO prohibitions plus: All items offensive to Muslim culture, particularly publications, films and videotapes, are prohibited. Malaysia has no trade or diplomatic relations with Israel. Therefore all items to and from Israel or territories administered by her are prohibited. No DOX restrictions apply but for non document, consignees must get an approval permit from the Malaysian International Trade & Industry (which may take 1 week).

- Antiques
- Furs
- Gambling devices
- Ivory
- Jewellery
- Postal envelopes
- Precious metals & stones

### Document Express

General correspondence (business or private), plus:

|  |     |                                     |     |
|--|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Advertising brochures/pamphlets                |     | Airline tickets, issued/validated   |     |
| Annual reports                                 |     | Artwork inc.drawings/proofs/layouts |     |
| Blueprints                                     | [1] | Booklets, brochures (non-adv.)      | [1] |
| Books: hard book/paper book non-commercial use | [1] | Business cards                      |     |
| Cash letters (NI)                              |     | Catalogues                          | [1] |
| Charts/graphs                                  |     | Cheques, blank (NI)                 |     |
| Cheques, cancelled (NI)                        |     | Cheques, cashier (NI)               |     |
| Computer printouts                             |     | Credit card blanks (NI)             |     |
| Credit cards (NI)                              |     | Deeds                               |     |
| Diplomatic mail                                |     | Diskettes                           |     |
| Documents, general business                    |     | Drawings, technical/architect/eng.  |     |
| Invoices, not blank                            |     | Magazines, periodicals, journals    | [1] |
| Manuals, technical                             |     | Manuscripts                         |     |
| Maps   |     | Microfiche & microfilm              | [1] |
| Money orders (NI)                              |     | Music, printed or manuscript        |     |
| Pamphlets                                      | [1] | Paper patterns for wearing apparel  |     |
|  |     | Personal mail                       |     |
| Photographs                                    |     | Photos as part of business reports  |     |
| Plans/drawings-architectural                   |     | Price lists                         |     |
| /industrial/engineering                        |     |                                     |     |
| Price tickets for garments                     |     | Publication not for public resale   |     |
| Ship manifest-computer generated               |     | Shipping schedules                  |     |
| Transparencies                                 |     | Visa applications                   |     |

1. Ship as DOX if no commercial transaction is involved ie. product is not intended for resale in

*Malaysia. Ship as WPX for shpts fr publishers, publication houses or distributors, intended for resale in Malaysia.; Otherwise ship via WPX*

### **Worldwide Package Express**

Note following WPX restrictions:

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|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|
| Airline tickets, blank stock (NI)   | [1]  | Alcoholic beverages                 | [2]  |
| Blank forms                         | [1]  | Bunker oil sample (for analysis)    | [3]  |
| Calendars                           | [4]  | Ceramic products                    | [5]  |
| Chemicals, non-hazardous            | [6]  | Circuits & circuit boards           | [7]  |
| Clocks/watches                      | [8]  | Coal & firewood                     | [9]  |
| Coffee                              | [10] | Coffee samples                      | [10] |
| Cologne and perfume                 | [11] | Communications equipment            | [12] |
| Compact disc                        | [13] | Computer components & parts         | [14] |
| Computer software                   | [15] | Cosmetics                           | [11] |
| Cotton                              | [10] | Cotton seed                         | [10] |
| Diaries                             | [1]  | Drugs: non-prescription             | [16] |
| Electronic equipment                | [17] | Electronic games                    | [17] |
| Eye glasses and contacts            | [18] | Fabrics & fabric samples            | [19] |
| Films: 8mm, 16mm & 35mm             | [20] | Films: entertainment                | [20] |
| Films: promotional, training        | [20] | Fire extinguishers                  | [21] |
| Foodstuffs                          | [10] | Fotolithos                          | [9]  |
| Glass products                      | [1]  | Grain samples                       | [10] |
| Industrial equipment                | [22] | Invoices, blank                     | [1]  |
| Isopropanol                         | [3]  | Jewellery, costume                  | [17] |
| Labels                              | [1]  | Laser disc                          | [20] |
| Leather goods                       | [23] | Liquids, non-hazardous              | [15] |
| Marble products                     | [24] | Measuring apparatus                 | [17] |
| Medical samples                     | [11] | Medical/dental supplies & equipment | [15] |
| Military equipment                  | [25] | Negatives, including x-rays, films  | [9]  |
| Newspapers                          | [26] | Oil products                        | [6]  |
| Parts, machine & electronic         | [27] | Perishables                         | [10] |
| Personal effects                    | [28] | Phones/modems                       | [12] |
| Plant products                      | [29] | Plants                              | [29] |
| Plastic made products               | [4]  | Playing cards                       | [9]  |
| Publications for public resale      | [30] | Radar equip.-transmitters/receivers | [12] |
| Radio equipment                     | [12] | Radios or parts thereof             | [12] |
| Rubber made products                | [9]  | Samples, textile                    | [19] |
| Seeds                               | [10] | Ship spares                         | [31] |
| Shoes                               | [4]  | Slides                              | [9]  |
| Soil samples                        | [10] | Sports equipment                    | [32] |
| Stationery                          | [1]  | Stone/mineral samples for analysis  | [10] |
| Subs. cont'g sodium/calc. cyclamate | [6]  | Swatches                            | [19] |
| Tapes: audio cassettes              | [33] | Tapes: computer                     | [15] |
| Tapes: video cassettes              | [34] | Tea                                 | [24] |
| Telecommunications equipment        | [12] | Televisions, television equipment   | [35] |
| Textile articles                    | [19] | Tobacco                             | [36] |
| Toys                                | [37] | Typewriter ribbons                  | [21] |
| Wallpaper                           | [21] | Works of art                        | [38] |
| Yarn                                | [39] |                                     |      |

1. 20% import tax.
  2. USD 25.00-30.00 per deca litre (DAL) import duty and 15% sales tax. Approval for import must be obtained from Ministry of Health. Ministry operates strict Mon-Fri business hours only. Additional 48hours.
  3. Import tax 5% and sales tax 10%. Flashpoint should be under 60.5 centigrade. If strictly for analysis only, no duties chargeable.
  4. Import tax 15% and sales tax 10%. Shoes made out of leather is tax free.
  5. Import tax 15-35% and sales tax 10%. Duties chargeable depending on utility of item.
  6. 5%-10% import tax and 10% sales tax. Approval for import must be obtained from
2. Government Chemistry Dept. Dept operates strict Mon-Fri business hours only. Additional 48hrs.
  7. 10%-30% import tax and 10% sales tax. Electrical circuit boards, integrated circuits and integrated circuit boards dutiable at 30% import tax and 10% sales tax. ICs 10% sales tax only. For use in PCs, no duties chargeable.
  8. Please contact Customer Service
  9. 5% import tax and 10% sales tax.
  10. Approval for import must be obtained from Government Agricultural Department and/or Health Ministry. Ministry operates strict Mon-Fri business hours. Additional 48hrs.
  11. 0-10% import tax. Approval must be obtained from Government Pharmacy Department and/or Ministry of Health. Ministry operates strict Mon- Fri business hours only. Additional 48hours.
  12. 20%-30% import tax and 10% sales tax. Consignee must have approved permit from SIRIM (Standard Industry Research Institute of Malaysia). Failure to produce permit will result in inordinate delay.
  13. Except CD ROMs which are for computer use, video CDs and other CDs are charged 10% sales tax.
  14. Non-dutiable. Computer cables are dutiable at 30% import tax and 10% sales tax. Modems require an approved permit from Telecom Malaysia.
  15. Non-dutiable.
  16. 0-10% import tax. Approval must be obtained from Government Pharmacy Department and/or Ministry of Health. Ministry operates strict Mon-Fri business hours only. Additional 48hours.
  17. Sales tax 10% only.
  18. Import tax at 5% and sales tax 10%. Only contact lenses are dutiable.
  19. Import tax 20% and sales tax 10%. No duties chargeable if quantities are small, i.e. strictly samples. Must identify fabric type, e.g. knitted, woven, crochet, etc.
  20. Import tax 30-35% & sales tax 10%. Approval must be obtained from National Film Auth. (FINAS) subject to screening by the Board of Censors. Consignee may obtain exemption if approval is obtained fm the Min. of Info. Clearance from censor board additional. 4-8weeks
  21. 25% import tax and 10% sales tax.
  22. Duties chargeable depending on utility of equipment/parts.
  23. All leather goods incur duties of up to 25% import tax and 10% sales tax. Handbags and other leather bags are import tax free with 10% sales tax.
  24. 25% import tax.
  25. Approval for import must be obtained from the Ministry of Defense and/or the Royal Malaysian Police. Clearance duration dependent on consignee's obtaining of approval. Ministry operates strictly Mon-Fri business hours only.
  26. If personal shpt send as DOX, shpt for commercial purposes must be sent as WPX and subject to screening by Ministry of Home Affairs - Publication Division at the airport; delay: 24 hrs.
  27. Import tax 5-15% and 10% sales tax. Duties chargeable depending on utility of parts.
  28. Detailed Commercial Invoice and copy of consignee passport required.

- 29.** Approval for import must be obtained from Government Agricultural Department and/or Ministry of Health. Ministry operates strictly Mon-Fri business hours only. Quarantine imposed. Additional 14 days.
- 30.** Commercial shpt is subject to screening by Ministry of Home Affairs - Publication Division at the airport; delay: 24 hrs.
- 31.** 1. If foreign registered vehicles, no duties chargeable. If locally registered vehicles, import duties are 15-50% and 10% sales tax. Delays can be expected if ship is not in port. 2. Ship spares for ship in transit: must carry harmonized tariff code 9800.00.700 which is tax free. Applies only to goods intended for incorporation in ships, boats or other vessels for the purpose of their construction, repair maintenance or for fitting to or equipping such vessels. The spares are imported are to be solely used by such vessels of an international nature departing to a destination outside the country.
- 32.** Import tax 10%. Duties varied on utility and composition.
- 33.** Import tax 30% and 10% sales tax.
- 34.** Blank unrecorded tapes, sales tax 10%. Recorded entertainment, promotional or training tapes, tax: imp 30-35% & sales 10%. Require approval from National Film Auth, subject to Bo Censors screening. Consignee may be exempted if approval obtained from Ministry of Information; 4-8weeks.
- 35.** 30% import tax and 10% sales tax. Approval must be obtained from the National Electricity Board. Board operates strict Mon-Fri business hours only. Failure to produce permits will result in inordinate delays.
- 36.** 5% import tax and USD50.00 per kg. Approval must be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture. Ministry operates strict Mon-Fri business hours only. Additional 48hours.
- 37.** 15-25% import tax and 10% sales tax. Duties chargeable depending on the materials toys are made of.
- 38.** 5-10% import tax and 10% sales tax.
- 39.** Import tax 5-30% and sales tax 10%. Duties chargeable depending on composition of the yarn.

### Service Impact Notes

Requests for WPX return involves a tedious process with customs. Either shipper or consignee must provide a written explanation why the shipment is being returned. Customs are particularly cautious with products such as CD Rom, Laser Disc, computer equipment, portable phones, and telecommunication equipment. Customs may exercise their discretion and prohibit return if they suspect the product may enter the country again illegally.

### Operation Notes

Not Available