



# UPS Guidelines for Firearm Products & Ammunition Shipments

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# Introductions

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## Jessica Lowrance

### UPS Public Affairs Vice President

Jessica Lowrance oversees all policy work on regulated/dangerous goods, domestic postal issues, and The UPS Store. Jessica works closely with industry stakeholders, including Members of Congress, to understand and educate how changes to regulations and laws impact UPS and our customers.



## Brian Arnold

### UPS Corporate Compliance & Ethics Director

Brian Arnold oversees implementation and compliance of government regulations and laws of all regulated/dangerous goods shipped within the UPS Network. Brian works with customers and industry stakeholders to educate and ensure compliant shipments.



# UPS Firearm Shipping Requirements

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UPS accepts firearm products shipments that are in full compliance with all federal, state, and local laws.



# Recent UPS Changes

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## Agreement and Licenses

- Firearm product shippers must enter into a shipping agreement and provide copies of applicable licenses
  - Provides assurances that the shipper understands and agrees with UPS's guidelines for shipping firearm products
  - Ensures shipper has a valid Federal Firearm License (FFL)



## Dedicated Account

- Firearm product shippers must use a dedicated account number for firearm shipments
  - Provides greater security and integrity of shipments
  - Easier to alert customer in the event of a lost or stolen shipment
  - Satisfy legal requirements as a carrier of firearms (e.g., carrier has an obligation to obtain written confirmation of receipt)

# Firearm Product Shipments

## *Packaging and Labeling Requirements*

- Shipper must use Adult Signature Required (ASR) and Direct Delivery Only (DDO) services for firearms
- All Firearm Products must be shipped in a new corrugated packaging that meets the [UPS Single Wall Box Strength Guidelines](#)
- Non-firearm products, excluding ammunition, may be shipped in the same package as firearms
- The labeling and outer box markings on all Firearm Products shipments must not identify the contents as containing firearm products
- Labeling, including the shipper's and consignee's abbreviated names on the shipping label and air shipping document, must be non-descriptive

### **EXAMPLE**

Arnold Rifles Incorporated  
123 Main Street  
Atlanta, GA 30328



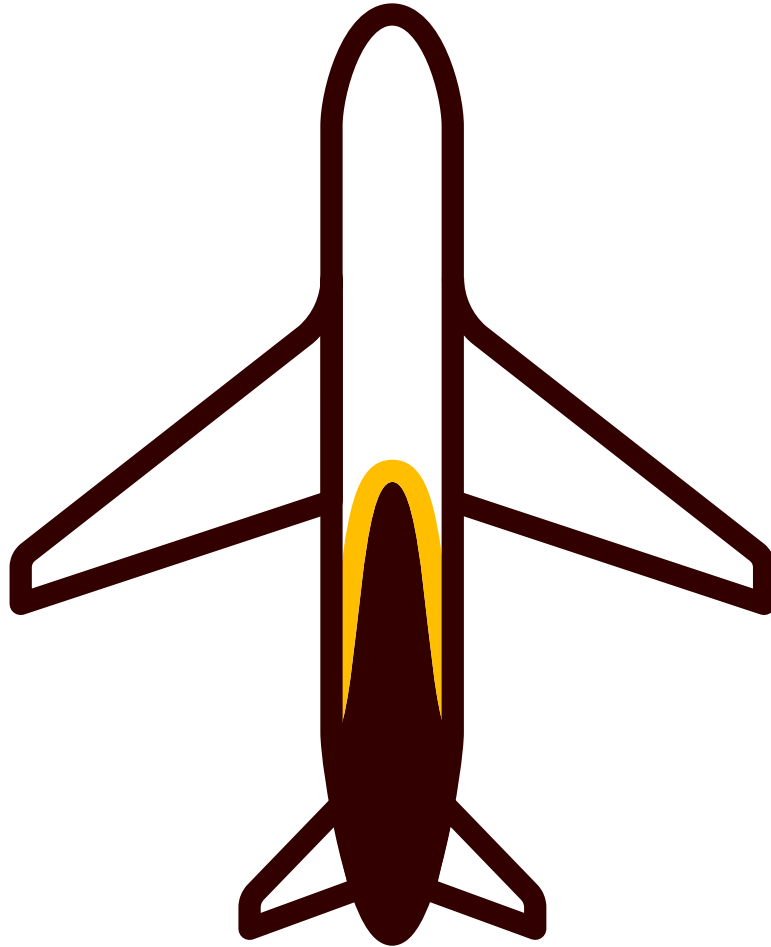
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# Firearm Product Shipments

## UPS Services



- UPS Express Critical™ Service and UPS Returns® Services are not available for packages containing Firearms without a special contractual agreement
- Without a special contractual agreement, handguns, as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 921, must be shipped via UPS Next Day Air Services, specifically:
  - UPS Next Day Air® Early
  - UPS Next Day Air®
  - UPS Next Day Air Saver®
- UPS may require the shipper to select a UPS Next Day Air delivery service for any package containing a Firearm Product.

# Firearm Product Shipments

## *Getting Your Firearm Product Shipments to UPS*

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- Firearm Products may be shipped **ONLY** through an approved UPS Firearms Scheduled Pickup Account using various UPS pickup services
  - Not accepted via UPS Drop Boxes or On-Call Pickup, except as set forth below
- Pre-packaged, pre-labeled Firearm Products may be dropped off at UPS Customer Centers
  - Excludes The UPS Store and other Authorized Shipping Outlets (not owned by UPS)
  - Approved UPS Shipper provides a compliant label to its customer
- Firearm Products are not eligible for Delivery Change Requests or UPS My Choice® request to ensure packages are delivered pursuant to shipper instructions

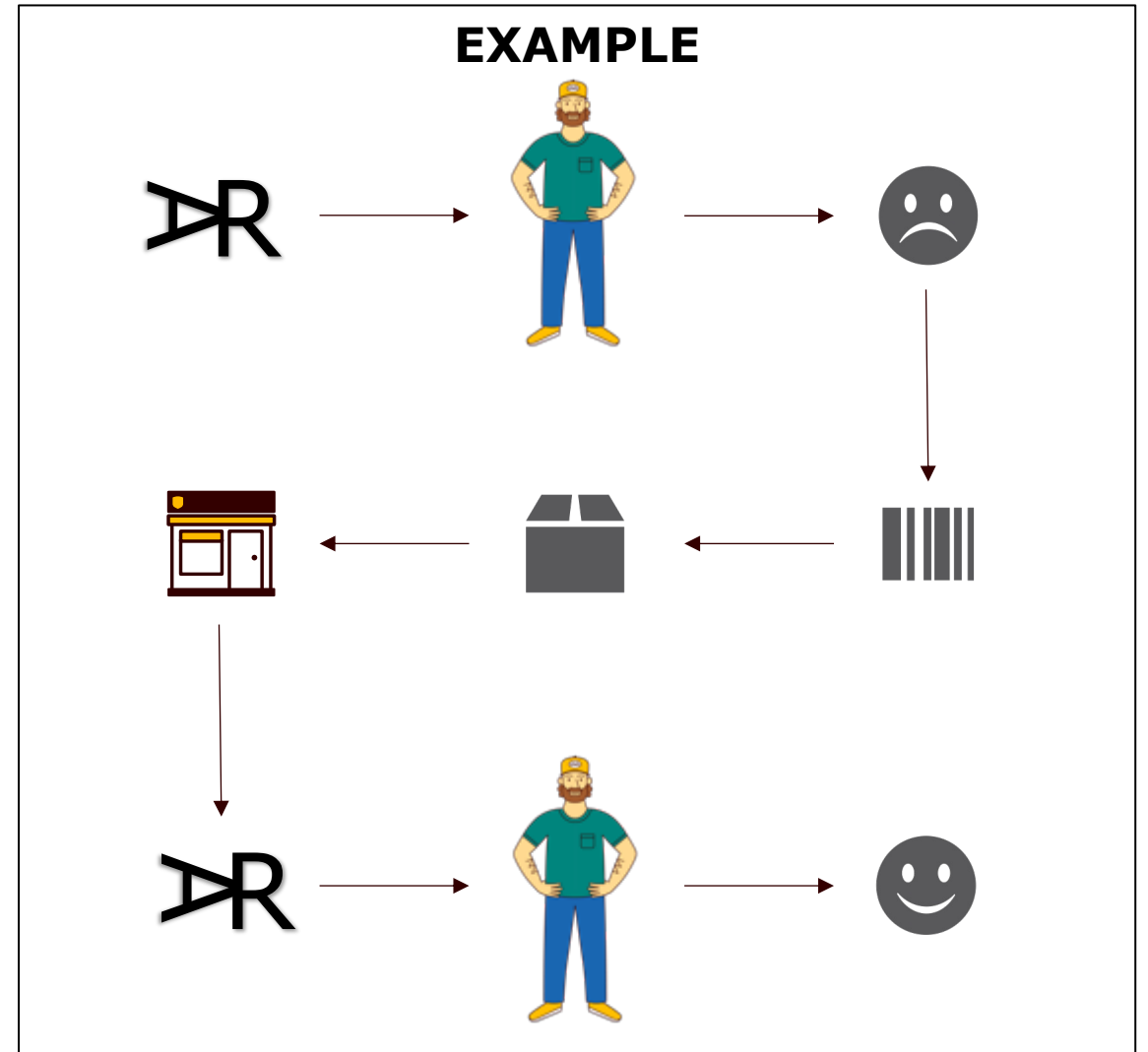




# Firearm Product Shipments

## Firearm Returns

- Noncontract shippers (your customers) would coordinate with you, a UPS approved Firearm Products shipper, to return any firearm product to your company
- Noncontract shippers must obtain a shipping label from you (the FFL) that complies with UPS's requirements for the shipment of Firearm Products
- All noncontract shippers can then tender their pre-packaged, pre-labeled Firearm Products shipments at a UPS Customer Center



# As a reminder...

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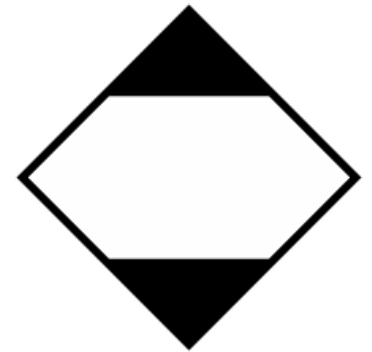
- Firearm product shippers must:
  - Sign an agreement with UPS
  - Use a dedicated account number for firearms
- Shipments must use:
  - Adult Signature Required and Direct Delivery Only services for firearms
  - a UPS Scheduled Pickup account or UPS Customer Center
- Labeling and outer box markings should not indicate a firearm product shipment
- For safety reasons, firearms and ammunition may not be shipped in the same package

## UPS Prohibits

- Shipment of unserialized firearms and frames/receivers
- Shipment of automatic firearms (machine guns), absent a contractual waiver
- International shipments of firearm products

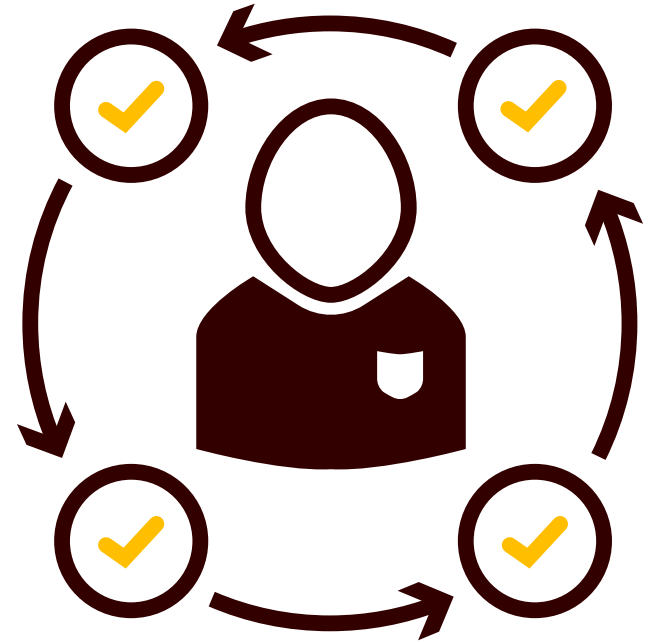
# Shipping Ammunition with UPS

- UPS accepts the shipment of “cartridges, small arms” ammunition as defined by 49 C.F.R. § 173.59 without a contract
- **Limited Quantities**
  - To meet the limited quantities exception:
    - Ammunition cannot exceed 12.7 mm (50 caliber or .5 inch) for rifle or handgun cartridges or 8 gauge for shotgun shells: or ammunition with inert projectiles or blank ammunition
    - Package may not exceed 66 lbs.
    - Can only be shipped UPS Ground within the 48 contiguous states, Intra-Oahu and Intra-Alaska
    - Must contain all markings required for a limited quantities shipment
    - Must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws
- **All other ammunition shipments**
  - Considered a fully regulated hazardous material and require a hazardous materials contract
    - Contact Sales Representative or 800-PICK-UPS



# Additional Resources

- Email [AccountHelp@ups.com](mailto:AccountHelp@ups.com) to set up a new account (agreement, FFL, dedicated account number)
- For additional and the most current information on shipping firearm products, please visit the '[How to Ship Firearms](#)' page
- For additional and the most current information on shipping ammunition, please visit the UPS '[How to Ship Ammunition](#)' page
- [UPS Tariff/Terms and Conditions of Service – United States](#)
- '[Prohibited and Restricted Items for Shipping](#)' page





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