

Air Freight Preparation Guide

Air freight is fast, but only when the cargo is ready to fly. This guide covers what to prepare before you ask for a quote.

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Weights and dimensions

☐	MEASURE EVERY PACKAGE	Length, width and height in centimetres, and the actual weight in kilograms.
☐	UNDERSTAND CHARGEABLE WEIGHT	Airlines charge the greater of actual weight and volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H$ in cm $\div$ 6,000). Compact, heavy cargo is charged by weight; light, bulky cargo by volume.
☐	REDUCE EMPTY SPACE	Packing that wastes volume increases the chargeable weight.

Packing and labelling

☐	USE STRONG OUTER PACKAGING	Cargo is handled several times between origin and destination.
☐	LABEL EVERY PIECE	Consignee name, address and the number of pieces (for example 1 of 4).
☐	MARK HANDLING NEEDS	Fragile, orientation and temperature instructions where relevant.

Special cargo

☐	DANGEROUS GOODS	Must be classified, packed, labelled and declared under IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations. This includes many batteries, chemicals, aerosols and flammable items.
☐	LITHIUM BATTERIES	Including those packed with or inside equipment. Declare them when you ask for a quote.
☐	TEMPERATURE-SENSITIVE GOODS	State the required range so suitable handling can be arranged.

Documents

☐	COMMERCIAL INVOICE AND PACKING LIST	Matching each other.
☐	AIR WAYBILL	Issued at booking.
☐	IMPORT REQUIREMENTS	Form M and any product permits for imports into Nigeria.

Tip

Send dimensions with your enquiry. A quote based on weight alone often changes once the cargo is measured.

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