



Additional Handling Surcharges (AHS)

for FedEx shipments

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for non-standard FedEx shipments

Larger and heavier shipments require additional resources to move effectively through our network. To account for these, additional handling charges apply. As of 15 April 2024, we moved **from shipment-level to piece-level** charging to align with global FedEx pricing.

	Surcharge	Amount	Applies to:
PARCEL (< 68 kg)	Additional Handling Surcharge – Weight	€36/package	Packages heavier than 31 kg
	Additional Handling Surcharge – Dimension	€35/package	Packages exceeding one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 121 cm longest side • 76 cm second-longest side • 266 cm length + girth, where girth = 2 x width + 2 x height Subject to 18 kg minimum billable weight (effective 13 January 2025)
	Additional Handling Surcharge – Packaging	€25/package	Packages that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not fully encased in an outer container or packaging • Encased in an outer container or packaging not made of corrugated cardboard (including metal, wood, canvas, leather, hard plastic, soft plastic, Styrofoam™) • Encased in an outer container or packaging covered in shrink wrap or stretch wrap ¹ • Round or cylindrical (including mailing tubes, cans, buckets, barrels, tires, drums, pails) • Bound with metal, plastic, or cloth banding¹, or having wheels (e.g., a bicycle), casters, handles, or straps, including packages where the outer surface area is loosely wrapped, or contents protrude outside the surface area • Prone to become entangled in or cause damage to other packages or to our sortation system
	Oversize Charge	€55/package	Packages that exceed 243 cm in length or 330 cm in length + girth, where girth = 2 x width + 2 x height
FREIGHT (≥ 68 kg)	Additional Handling Surcharge – Freight	€55/freight handling unit	Freight handling unit greater than 157 cm on its longest side (For FedEx Regional Economy Freight, a maximum dimension of 178cm applies.)
	Additional Handling Surcharge – Non-Stackable	€200/freight handling unit	Freight handling units that cannot be stacked safely and securely Applies on a per-freight-handling-unit basis, even if multiple units are bundled in a shipment

There will be no change to the rating hierarchy – only the highest surcharge in terms of value after discount will be applied. Package shape and dimensions may change during transit, which can affect the package's surcharge eligibility. If the package shape and dimensions change during transit, we may make appropriate adjustments to the charges at any time. This surcharge applies per package even if multiple packages are bundled in a shipment. If a non-standard package is eligible for two or all three AHS, only the one with highest charge will apply. We reserve the right to assess additional handling charges for packages that require special handling or that require us to apply additional packaging during transit.

¹ Please be informed that packages that are (a) shrink-wrapped and stretch-wrapped, and/or (b) have metal, plastic, or cloth banding will not be scanned for AHS-Packaging until further notice. This is to provide you ample time to explore and implement alternative packaging solutions. Nevertheless, please note that AHS-Packaging may still be charged if the package fits another criteria of a non-standard shipment. For example, a shrink-wrapped cylinder (non-cuboidal shape) or a strapped wooden crate (non-cardboard container) will still be charged for AHS-Packaging.

IMPORTANT: To avoid these surcharges, you can read more about our [packaging guidelines](#) at fedex.com. For example, Oversize Charge is applied when a package exceeds the max. dimensions and weight of a parcel. So, an Oversize Charge can be avoided if the package is shipped as freight.

Additional Handling Surcharges (AHS)

for non-standard FedEx parcels

AHS – Dimension

Packages that exceed standard dimensions may require manual handling, as they are not compatible with automated processes. Manual intervention may apply if a package exceeds any of the following:

- Longest side: 121 cm
- Second longest side: 76 cm
- Combined length and girth: 266 cm

TIP:

To avoid AHS – Dimension, please refer to the packaging guidelines.

UPDATE: Effective 13 January 2025, packages meeting the criteria for AHS – Dimension will have a **minimum billable weight of 18 kg**.



IMPORTANT:

If a package is subject to an Oversize Charge or AHS – Packaging and also meets the criteria for AHS – Dimension, the minimum billable weight of 18 kg will still apply. This means that this condition is enforced even if AHS – Dimension itself is not charged.

Additional Handling Surcharges (AHS)

for non-standard FedEx parcels

AHS – Packaging

Non-standard packages are not compatible with our standard processes and can place our equipment, personnel, and other packages at risk. They require manual intervention to avoid:

- Getting entangled in conveyors
- Jamming chutes or slides
- Breaking sort equipment
- Damaging other packages

AHS – Weight

Our sort systems are designed for packages **up to 31kg**.

Packages over this weight require manual intervention to avoid crushing other packages or injuring employees.

To avoid AHS-Packaging, do not ship these package shapes:



✗ Not fully encased in an outer packaging



✗ Round
✗ Cylindrical



✗ Not made of cardboard
✗ Encased in an outer shipping container covered in shrink wrap or stretch wrap



✗ Bound with metal, plastic, or cloth banding



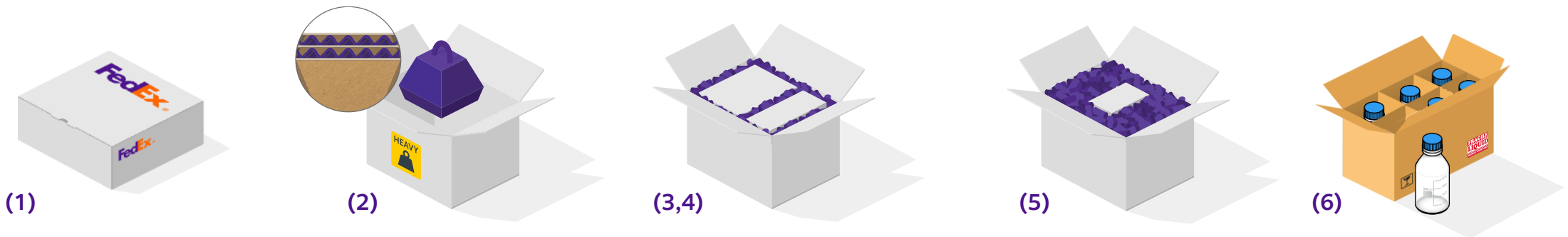
Fabric Rolls

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IMPORTANT: To avoid these surcharges, you can read more about our [packaging guidelines](https://www.fedex.com/shipguidelines) at [fedex.com](https://www.fedex.com).

General packaging guidelines

- Use approved FedEx or TNT packaging for FedEx or TNT package shipments only; any other use is prohibited. **(1)**
- You may use your own packaging if boxes are sturdy and undamaged with all flaps intact.
- Chipboard boxes, such as gift or shoe boxes, must be packed into a corrugated outer box.
- Use double-wall boxes for heavier items. **(2)**
- Place small packages inside a larger outer box. For Express shipments smaller than 18 cm x 10 cm x 5 cm (7" x 4" x 2"), use a FedEx or TNT packaging option. **(3)**
- Double-box fragile items with 8 cm (3") of cushioning in and around the smaller box. **(4)**
- Wrap items individually with cushioning material and center them in boxes away from other items and away from the sides, corners, top, and bottom of the box. **(5)**
- Position bottles that contain liquids upright. Use an inner seal and perforated breakaway cap. The inner packaging must be able to contain leaks. **(6)**



How to avoid AHS - Packaging?

Surcharge criteria	Tips to avoid AHS-Packaging
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is not fully encased in an outer shipping container or packaging; - is encased in an outer shipping container or packaging not made of corrugated fibreboard (cardboard) materials, including but not limited to metal, wood, canvas, leather, hard plastic, soft plastic, or expanded polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam); 	<p>Place your parcel, item, or package in an outer shipping container or packaging made of corrugated fibreboard (cardboard) materials. If you are using your own packaging, ensure that boxes are sturdy and undamaged with all flaps intact. You can use FedEx or TNT packaging for FedEx or TNT package shipments.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is encased in an outer shipping container or packaging covered in shrink wrap or stretch wrap;¹ 	<p>Properly shrink-wrap a parcel, item, or a package. Shipment must be properly sealed using the H-taping method.</p> <p>Reminder: Also, do not forget to remove old labels, and make sure the Air Waybill (AWB) label is visible, not partially or fully covered, and is on the largest surface of the package. Please note that shrink-wrapping a package can cover the label, which makes it unreadable by our scanning machines. This can also trigger a surcharge.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is round or cylindrical, including (without limitation) mailing tubes, cans, buckets, barrels, tires, drums, or pails; 	<p>Rolled goods and cylindrical items such as carpets and pipes, as well as other irregular shaped items like drums and spools shall be packed into a suitable fibreboard (cardboard) outer shipping container or packaging.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is bound with metal, plastic, or cloth banding¹, or has wheels (e.g. a bicycle), casters, handles, or straps, including packages where the outer surface area is loosely wrapped, or where the contents protrude outside the surface area; - could become entangled in, or cause damage to other packages or our sortation system. 	<p>As much as possible, avoid wrapping your package in plastic. Plastic wrap and straps may also entangle with our automated systems and can also cause unreadable labels.</p>

Please avoid shipping in package shapes as shown below.

Important note: Images are for reference only and is not a comprehensive list. Other packages fully or partially meeting the abovementioned criteria will be charged with AHS-Packaging, as evaluated by our Operations Team.



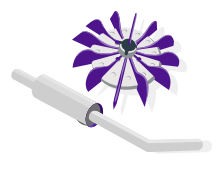
Irregular shapes



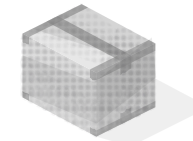
Wooden exterior



Tires



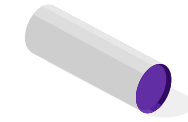
Exposed metal



Bubble wrap



Suitcases and transit cases



Rolled goods (i.e., carpets, pipes)

These package shapes will not trigger AHS-Packaging:

- ✓ Cardboard box
- ✓ Polybags



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Additional Handling Surcharges (AHS)

for non-standard FedEx freight

AHS – Non-Stackable

- Applies to any freight handling unit in a shipment that can't be stacked safely and securely
- Examples include freight handling units that:
 - 1) Do not have a flat and stable top or base
 - 2) May be damaged if another piece is loaded on them,
 - 3) Have flat and stable loading surfaces but are too narrow to safely and securely support other freight handling units (e.g. 1-2 barrels or drums)
- Applies to any freight handling unit identified by the shipper as non-stackable.
- Applies on a per-freight-handling-unit basis, even if multiple pieces are bundled in a shipment.

Stackable pallets

Stackable pallets allow us to fully utilise our linehaul trucks.

Non-stackable pallets are not compatible with our standard processes and can place our equipment, personnel, and other shipments at risk.

Securely stacked shipments avoid:

- Overhang that can damage your or others' goods
- Excessive movement during transit
- Unsafe working environment in our hubs and stations
- Drivers refusing pick-up due to improper stacking and packaging
- Inability to fully load our trucks

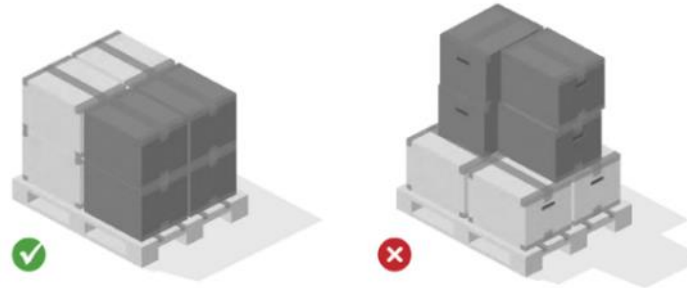


How to avoid AHS – Non-Stackable?

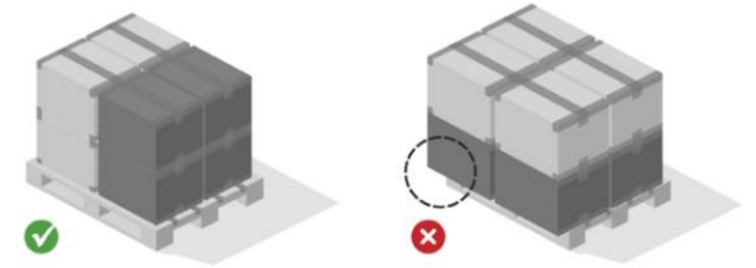
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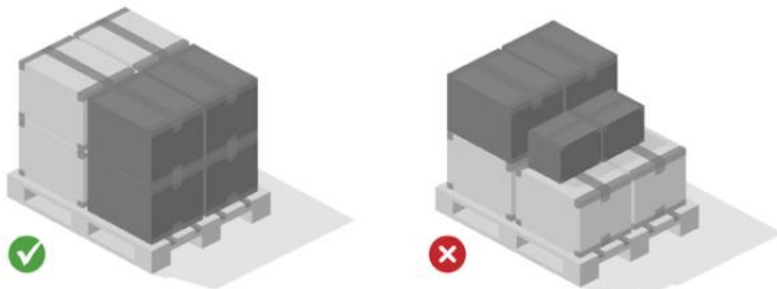
2. Stack in columns



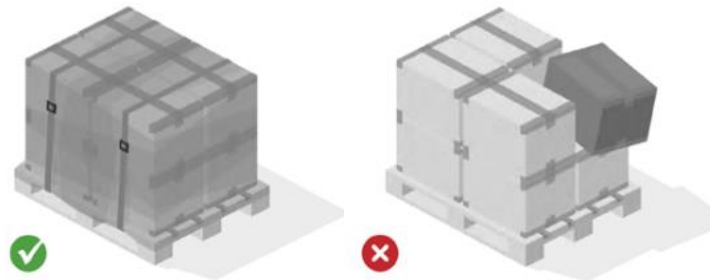
3. Do not overhang



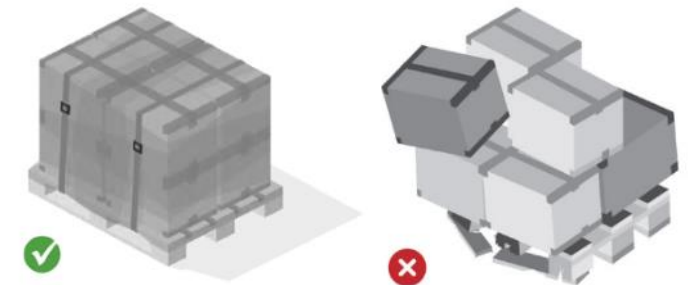
4. Keep it flat



5. Secure the shipment on the pallet



6. Avoid imperfect packaging



IMPORTANT: Remove old labels. For pouches, peel off the strip and seal the flap. To make sure it sticks perfectly on your shipment, we recommend you to put the label on the boxes, not on the plastic. Indicate with a label if your pallet is non-stackable in which case your shipment will incur a surcharge. The surcharge applies on a per-freight-handling-unit basis even if multiple pieces of freight are bundled in a shipment. We reserve the right to assess additional handling charges for freight handling units that require special handling or that require us to apply additional packaging during transit.

Reminder: maximum allowable dimensions

- Parcels: **274cm** on the longest side, or **420cm** in length and girth
- Freight: **302cm** on the longest side

FedEx shipments exceeding these limits may not be accepted into our network and could be refused by the driver or returned to the sender.

For shipments within these limits, dimension-based surcharges may apply, such as AHS-Dimension, Oversize Charge, or AHS-Freight.

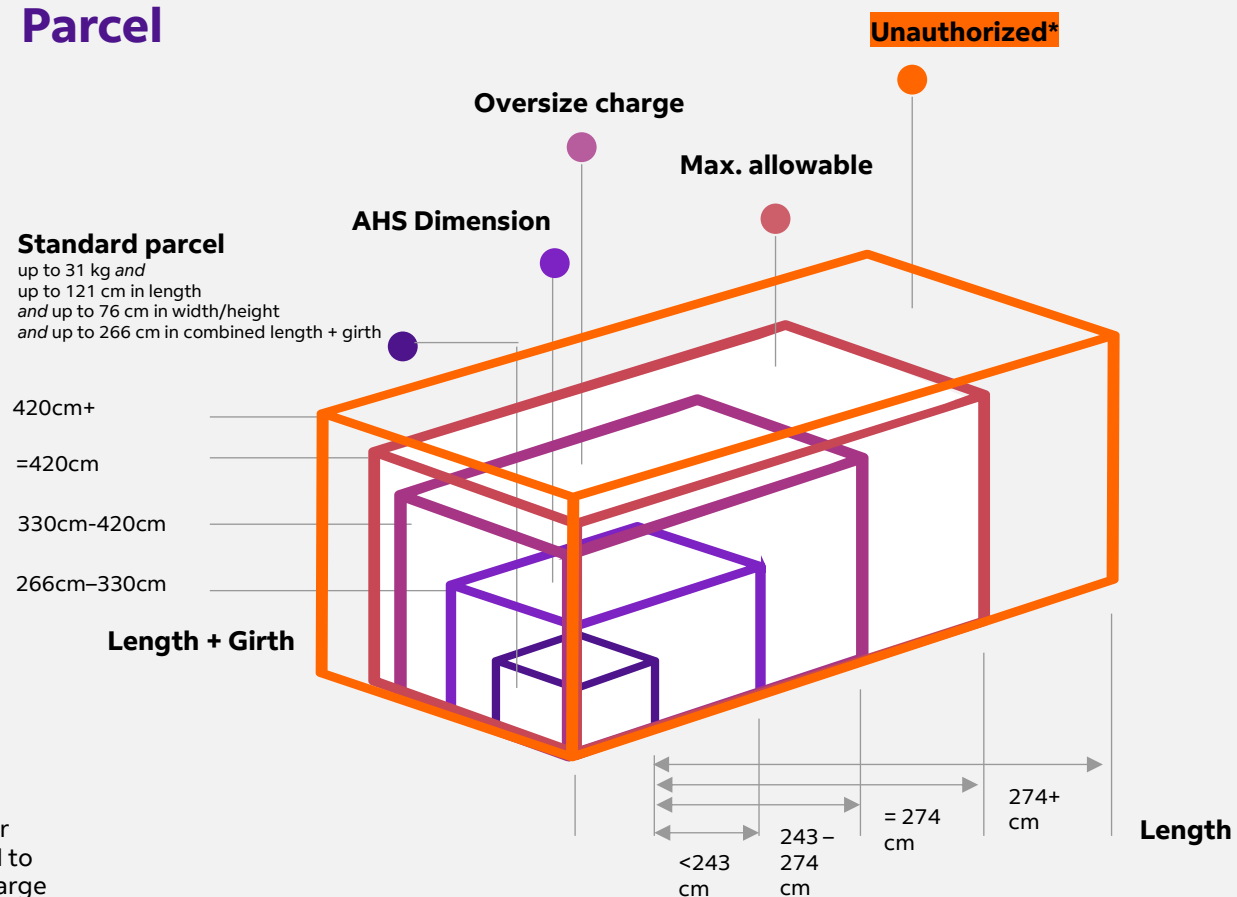
TIP:

Contact [Special Services](#) to discuss possibilities for shipments that exceed these limits.



Our dimension-based handling surcharges

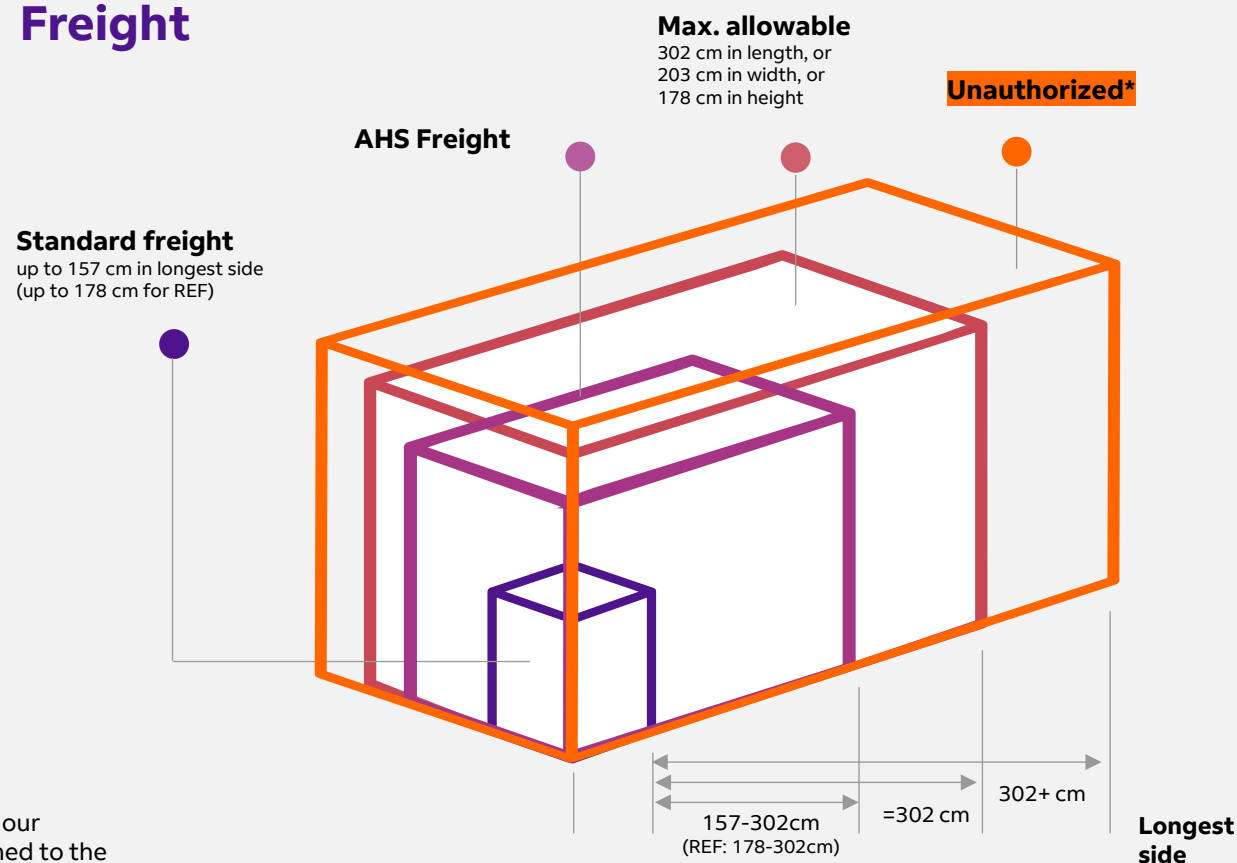
Parcel



*Unauthorized shipments may not be accepted into our network and could be refused by the driver or returned to the sender. Starting in 2025, the new Unauthorized Charge will apply to TNT shipments that meet the set criteria.

Our dimension-based handling surcharges

Freight



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Frequently Asked Questions

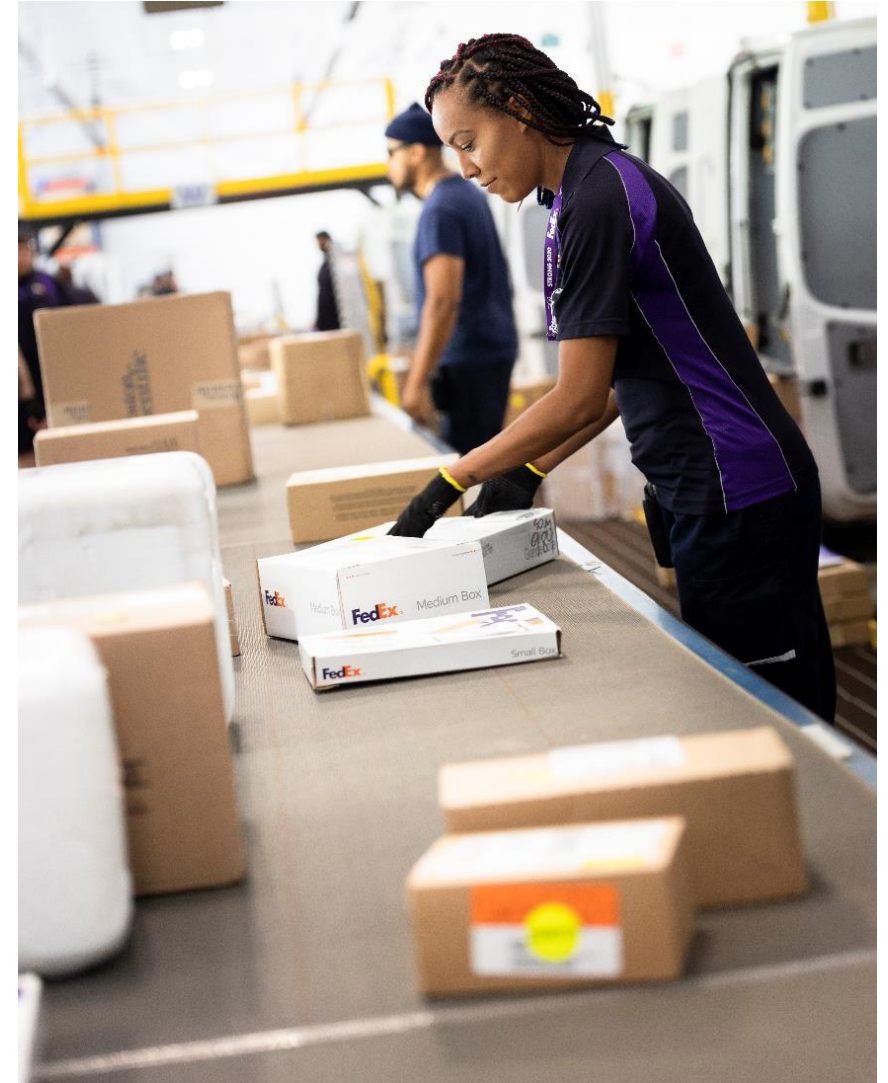
1. What if multiple Additional Handling Surcharges (AHS) apply to my FedEx shipment?

Parcel: If a package attracts more than one Additional Handling Surcharge (Dimension, Packaging, or Weight), only the highest surcharge in terms of value after discount will be applied. Oversize Charge will not be charged together with AHS-Dimension but if applicable, will always be charged in addition to AHS-Packaging or AHS-Weight.

Freight: AHS-Freight and AHS-Non-Stackable can be charged on the same freight handling unit.

IMPORTANT: Additional Handling Surcharges apply per package (for parcels) and per freight handling unit (for freight) even if multiple pieces of packages or freight handling units are bundled in a shipment.

See sample computations on next page.



Sample calculation of AHS piece-level charging

SAMPLE 1

Surcharge hierarchy	Charge per package	Package 1 (Master)	Package 2
1. Oversize Charge	€55		
2. AHS - Weight	€36	● ●	● ●
3. AHS - Dimension	€35	●	
4. AHS - Packaging	€25		●
Customer pays per package:	Total cost	€36	€36
		Total €72	

SAMPLE 2

Surcharge hierarchy	Charge per package	Package 1 (Master)	Package 2
1. Oversize Charge	€55	● ●	
2. AHS - Weight	€36		● ●
3. AHS - Dimension	€35		
4. AHS - Packaging	€25		●
Customer pays per package:	Total cost	€55	€36
		Total €91	

SAMPLE 3

Surcharge hierarchy	Charge per package	Package 1 (Master)	Package 2
1. Oversize Charge	€55	● ●	● ●
2. AHS - Weight	€36	● ●	
3. AHS - Dimension	€35	●	
4. AHS - Packaging	€25		● ●
Customer pays per package:	Total cost	€91	€80
		Total €171	

Parcels (<68kg)

Freight (>68kg)

Surcharges	Charge per freight handling unit	Freight handling unit 1 (Master)	Freight handling unit 2
AHS - Freight	€55	● ●	● ●
AHS - Non-Stackable	€200		
Customer pays per freight handling unit:	Total cost	€55	€55
		Total €110	

Surcharges	Charge per freight handling unit	Freight handling unit 1 (Master)	Freight handling unit 2
AHS - Freight	€55	● ●	
AHS - Non-Stackable	€200	● ●	● ●
Customer pays per freight handling unit:	Total cost	€255	€200
		Total €455	

Surcharges	Charge per freight handling unit	Freight handling unit 1 (Master)	Freight handling unit 2
AHS - Freight	€55		● ●
AHS - Non-Stackable	€200	● ●	
Customer pays per freight handling unit:	Total cost	€200	€55
		Total €255	

NOTES: (1) If a package attracts AHS-Dimension, AHS-Packaging, and AHS-Weight, the higher surcharge (after discount) in hierarchy will apply. No waivers considered for AHS-Dimension. In case, you have one or more AHS waivers, the highest of the 3 AHS net surcharge amount will be charged.
 (2) Oversize Charge will not be charged together with AHS-Dimension, but if applicable, will always be charged in addition to AHS-Packaging or AHS-Weight.
 (3) AHS-Freight and AHS-Non-Stackable can be charged on the same freight handling unit.
 (4) Freight handling unit refer to pallets, crates, freight boxes, bagged products, or transit cases within a freight shipment.

Examples
 ● In scope of definition
 ●● In scope of definition and surcharge(s) apply

Frequently Asked Questions

2. How do I know if the surcharges apply?

You'll see the estimated surcharge in your rate quote* (where feasible) and on your invoice. Visibility of applicable surcharges may vary depending on the automation tools you are using. FedEx invoices will not list separate AHS charges by piece. AHS amounts will be consolidated on shipment level.

For a more reliable AHS-Weight estimate during booking, you should provide the correct weight of the parcel, item, box, or package. For a more reliable AHS-Packaging estimate, when using the latest version of FedEx Ship Manager at [fedex.com](https://www.fedex.com), you need to select 'Non-standard packaging.'

3. What services do the new surcharges apply to?

- FedEx International Priority® Express
- FedEx International Priority®
- FedEx International Priority® Freight
- FedEx International Economy®
- FedEx International Economy® Freight
- FedEx International First®
- FedEx® International Connect Plus
- FedEx® Regional Economy
- FedEx Regional Economy® Freight
- Domestic services (if available)

*FedEx Regional Economy and Regional Economy Freight are our intra-Europe economy service and is available to selected customers only.

*AHS package level information is only be available in the new version of FedEx Billing Online deployed in early 2024. We reserve the right to assess additional handling surcharges for packages or freight handling units that require special handling or that require us to apply additional packaging during transit. If a package is eligible for two or all three AHS, only the higher surcharge will apply. Package shape and dimensions may change during transit, which can affect the package's surcharge eligibility. If the package shape and dimensions change during transit, we may make appropriate adjustments to the surcharges at any time.

Questions? Please reach out to your sales representative.



Frequently Asked Questions

4. What does ‘freight handling unit’ charging mean?

While a ‘package’ is one piece of a multi-piece shipment, a ‘freight handling unit’ is an individual unit requiring loading. It may refer to pallets, crates, freight boxes, bagged products, or transit cases within a freight shipment.

5. What are the conversion amounts?

Market	Currency	AHS Dimension	AHS Packaging	AHS Weight	Oversize Charge	AHS-Freight	AHS-Non-Stackable
		Per package				Per freight handling unit	
Euro markets*	EUR	35	25	36	55	55	200
Czech Republic	CZK	895	695	930	1375	1375	4850
Denmark	DKK	270	190	276	410	410	1520
Hungary	HUF	11950	9350	12200	17105	17105	69950
Israel – ILS	ILS	135	97	140	226	226	770
Israel – USD	USD	38.5	27.5	39.6	67	67	220
Norway	NOK	365	270	370	520	520	2240
Poland	PLN	150	120	180	220	220	950
Romania	RON	176	126	178	269.5	269.5	1000
Sweden	SEK	365	270	370	530	530	2300
Switzerland	CHF	35	25	36	60	60	200
United Kingdom	GBP	31	21	30	49.25	49.25	168

*Euro markets include Austria, Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, and Slovenia.
IMPORTANT: The AHS calculation logic change from per shipment to per piece does not apply in Bulgaria, Cyprus, Portugal, Slovakia, and Turkey.

Thank you.

