International Wine Shipping Country Documentation Requirements
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International Wine Shipping Basics

When shipping wine internationally, there are some basic requirements that are applicable, no matter to what country/territory the shipment is destined. These basic requirements are as follows:

**Commercial Invoice:** When shipping wine to any international destination, the Commercial Invoice or Pro Forma Invoice needs to be very specific. This rule should apply to both commercial and personal shipments. Many countries/territories around the world charge duties based on the type of wine, as well as the alcohol content. The following information should be clearly indicated on the Commercial Invoice to avoid customs clearance delays:

- Quantity (e.g., 6 bottles).
- Quantity measurement (e.g., 750ml).
- Country/Territory of origin (e.g., USA).
- Producer.
- Vintage, where applicable.
- Wine type i.e., Red/White, Still/Sparkling.
- Percentage alcohol by volume (e.g., 13%).
- Unit value (per bottle).
- Total value.
- If wine is being shipped to a consumer, indicate “For Personal Use” or “Gift,” as appropriate, on the Commercial Invoice.

**Duties and Taxes:** As a general rule, the duties and taxes on alcoholic beverages can be very high. Duties and taxes in some countries can be more than 100%, even for gift or sample shipments. Many countries/territories also assess special excise or luxury taxes on alcoholic beverages. To protect the local wine industry, where applicable, some countries/territories enforce strict licensing requirements. When shipping direct to a private individual, it is recommended that these duties/taxes are highlighted.

**Electronic Export Information (EEI) — formerly Shippers Export Declaration (SED):** Where the value of a single Schedule B or Harmonized System code in a wine shipment exceeds USD $2,500.00, you are required by law to file EEI for a U.S., Puerto Rico, or U.S. Virgin Islands export.* The EEI must be electronically filed to the Automated Export System (AES) by the U.S. Principal Party in Interest (USPPI) (generally this is the exporter) or their designated agent. U.S. Census Bureau uses this information for export control purposes, as well as to gather export statistics. To help you comply, FedEx Express will file on your behalf for a $10.00 fee. You can also choose to file with AES directly, or use FedEx Export AgentFile® direct, or FedEx Export AgentFile®

*Go to FedEx® Global Trade Manager at fedex.com for details on when EEI is required.

The International Wine Shipping Country Documentation Requirements identifies the destination countries/territories for which FedEx Express agrees to accept legal shipments of wine from licensed U.S. shippers to consumers, as well as basic documentation requirements applicable for wine shipments to consumers in those countries/territories. This document is valid as of the date generated (see below) and is provided solely as a reference for shippers who have executed a FedEx International Wine Shipping Agreement and is only applicable for legal alcohol shipments. The terms of shipping are governed by the FedEx Service Guide, FedEx International Wine Shipping Agreement, and any applicable Rate Agreement. The shipper is responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable laws and regulations in U.S. and destination country/territory. The shipper is further responsible to determine whether shipper and recipient meet all applicable requirements, and whether shipment may be legally transported by common carrier. This document does not constitute legal advice; if you need legal advice in this area, please consult an attorney.
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| **Australia**     | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
                   | 2. Commercial Invoice.            | 3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — No known limit. |
|                   |                                 |                                 |                                           |                                           |                                           |
| **Austria**       | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
                   | 2. Commercial Invoice.            | 3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles). |
|                   | 3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). |                                 |                                           |                                           |                                           |
| **Belgium**       | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
                   | 2. Commercial Invoice.            | 3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable Quantity (Guideline: Twelve 750ml bottles). |
|                   | 3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). |                                 |                                           |                                           |                                           |
| **Bulgaria**      | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
                   | 2. Commercial Invoice.            | 3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable Quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles). |
|                   | 3. Consignee requires an import license.  
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|                                 |                                           |                                           |                                           |
|                   | 5. Certificate of Quality.         |                                 |                                           |                                           |                                           |
|                   | 7. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). |                                 |                                           |                                           |                                           |</p>
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| **Canada** (Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec only) | Authorization from the provincial liquor board is required by the recipient. | **Documentation**  
1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. The FedEx International Air Waybill must be consigned to the recipient C/O (see below) the recipient’s physical address with a valid telephone.  
Alberta: AGLC  
British Columbia: British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch  
Ontario: LCBO  
Quebec: SAQ | 1. Alberta — 45 liters per 90-day period.  
2. British Columbia — 45 liters.  
3. Ontario — 45 liters.  
4. Quebec — 45 liters. |
| **Cyprus** | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles). |
| **Czech Republic** | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles). |
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| **Finland**      | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine).  
4. The consignee must have a government-registered warehouse. | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.”  
4. The consignee is required to pay, in person, an Alcohol Tax. This tax must be paid in cash directly to Finnish Customs and cannot be billed back to the shipper. Because of this, we recommend:  
• You advise your customer of the tax payment restrictions.  
• Limit shipments only to the Helsinki area. | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles). |
| **France**       | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine).  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.”  
4. Gift shipments valued under € 45 are not subject to duties and taxes. Please indicate “Gift,” where applicable, on the Commercial Invoice. | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles). |
| **Germany**      | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles). |
| **Greece**       | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles).  
2. The maximum alcohol content of the wine should not exceed 15% by volume. |
| **Hong Kong SAR, China** | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. The consignee requires an Import License if the alcoholic strength exceeds 30% by volume. | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. The consignee requires an Import License if the alcoholic strength exceeds 30% by volume. | 1. Personal purchase — No known limit. |
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| Hungary          | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine).  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.”  
4. These shipments must not be consigned to a business address. | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles). |
| Italy            | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine).  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.”  
4. These shipments must not be consigned to a business address. | 1. Personal purchase — With less than five liters, the consignee can provide a Certificate of Sanitation. There will be a special Certificate of Sanitation brokerage fee, payable by the consignee. The fee cannot be billed back to the shipper. Clearance delays should be expected.  
2. Personal purchase – Greater than five liters requires formal sanitation clearance and must be shipped via FedEx International Broker Select® option. |
| Japan            | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Maximum shipment weight must not exceed 10kg. |
| Liechtenstein    | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Maximum shipment weight must not exceed 20kg. |
| Luxembourg       | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles). |
| Macau SAR, China | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. The consignee requires an Import License from the Economic Department of Macau. | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. The consignee requires an Import License from the Economic Department of Macau.  
4. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable Quantity (Guideline Six 750ml bottles). |
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| Malta            | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — No known limit. |
| Monaco           | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine).  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.”  
4. Gift shipments valued under € 45 are not subject to duties and taxes. Please indicate “Gift,” where applicable, on the Commercial Invoice. | 1. Personal purchase — A maximum of six bottles of 0.75cl, and the value must be below € 22.  
2. More than six bottles, with a value of € 22 or above, must be shipped via FedEx International Broker Select® option. |
| The Netherlands  | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable Quantity (Guideline Six 750ml bottles). |
| New Zealand      | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — No known limit. |
| Philippines      | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — eight 750ml bottles. |
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| Romania           | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
4. Import License issued by AGRIM (Ministry of Agriculture).  
5. Importer fiscal authorization.  
6. Additional documents may be required to be completed by the consignee for customs clearance (i.e., Entry Document for endorsement by the Phytosanitary Authority).  
7. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.”  
4. A maximum of five 750ml bottles will be allowed for gift shipments. Please indicate “Gift,” where applicable, on the Commercial Invoice. | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable Quantity (Guideline Six 750ml bottles). |
| Singapore         | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Consignee requires an Import Permit.  
4. Consignee requires an AVA Import License from the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore. | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Maximum five liters. |
| Slovakia          | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable Quantity (Guideline Six 750ml bottles). |
| Slovenia          | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine).  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.”  
4. Sanitation clearance required. | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable Quantity (Guideline Six 750ml bottles). |
| South Africa      | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Consignee requires an Import Permit.  
4. Consignee needs a Customs Code, which can be obtained from South African Revenue Service. | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
2. Commercial Invoice.  
3. Consignee needs a Customs Code, which can be obtained from South African Revenue Service (only if shipments are received on a regular basis).  
4. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable Quantity (Guideline: Six 750ml bottles). Large quantities of wine shipped to a private individual will receive close scrutiny by the South African Revenue Service. |
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| Switzerland       | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
                    2. Commercial Invoice.  
                    2. Commercial Invoice.  
                    3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Maximum shipment weight must not exceed 20kg. |
| Thailand          | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
                    2. Commercial Invoice.  
                    2. Commercial Invoice.  
                    3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — 10 liters. |
| United Kingdom    | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
                    2. Commercial Invoice.  
                    3. VI1 form (Non-U.S.-origin wine) or simplified certification and analysis document (U.S.-origin wine). | 1. FedEx® International Air Waybill.  
                    2. Commercial Invoice.  
                    3. Make a notation on the Commercial Invoice that the wine is “For Personal Use, Not for Resale.” | 1. Personal purchase — Reasonable Quantity (Guideline: 24 750ml bottles). |

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