

UNITED AIRLINES **CARGO**

General Transportation Rules and Regulations

Rule G19 – Acceptance and Carriage of Seafood

(A) General Rules

- (1) Seafood must be tendered in durable, watertight packaging and packaged to withstand up to 48 hours domestic transit time and up to 72 hours international transit time.
- (2) Any shipment with evidence of leaking or strong odor will be refused.
- (3) Smoked fish individually vacuum-packed in plastic, without brine, is not subject to these seafood packaging rules. However, smoked fish shipments are subject to these rules whenever brine is present.

(B) Refrigerants

- (1) Gel packs or dry ice are the only accepted refrigerants. United Cargo will not accept wet ice as a refrigerant in any seafood shipment.
- (2) If dry ice is used, quantity and packaging must conform to IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations and United Airlines Ramp Operations Manual.

(C) Outer Packaging

The following rules apply to shipping units (boxes, cartons, canisters, etc.) containing seafood:

- (1) Gross weight cannot exceed 150 pounds per unit.
Exception: Whole tuna shipping containers (“tuna coffins”) may exceed 150 pounds per unit. Tuna coffins must meet or exceed design specifications defined by United. Prior approval by United Cargo is required.
- (2) Units tendered as bulk must be able to withstand stacking of fully loaded units to a height of 56 inches. Crushed, crumpled or damaged units will be refused.
- (3) Unit must have wax-impregnated or waterproof coating inside and outside.
- (4) Unit must have leak-proof construction with gusseted corners both top and bottom. Top must extend fully over bottom.
- (5) Unit must be banded with a minimum of two bands around the width of the unit.
- (6) All Styrofoam shipping units must be protected by an overpack consisting of a sturdy fiberboard container.
Exception: "Cloud Pack" or "Arctic Box" brand Styrofoam containers do not require a fiberboard overpack. Only these specific Styrofoam containers will be accepted without the fiberboard overpack.
- (7) Canisters or buckets with liquid contents must be leak-proof.

(D) Inner Packaging

- 1) A minimum 4-mil (or two 2-mil) plastic or polyethylene bag(s) or liner(s) must be used to line the inside of each seafood shipping unit.
- 2) Absorbent material must be placed between the liner and the inner bag containing the seafood to absorb any leaking or condensation.
- 3) The seafood must be completely sealed in one 4-mil (or two 2-mil) sturdy, puncture-resistant polyethylene bag(s). The inner bag must be heat-sealed or sealed by cable ties, wire, clips or bands. Whichever sealing method is used, the inner bag must be leak-proof even when tipped or inverted.
Exception: Inner bags of live seafood should never be sealed, as adequate air is necessary to ensure the viability of the product. Inner bags of live seafood must extend above the level of the seafood.
- 4) Crabs, halibut and all other fish with sharp claws, fins or projections must be packaged with a corrugated board liner inside the polyethylene bag that covers all sides and both top and bottom. Placement of the board liner must ensure that claws, fins or projections do not come into contact with the inner bag.

(E) Shipper-Loaded ULDs

Seafood shipments in shipper-loaded ULDs must be tendered to United unsealed. United will seal each container after inspection of the contents. This inspection is to ensure that the following standards are met:

- (1) Units tendered in shipper-loaded ULDs must comply with the refrigerant, outer packaging and inner packaging rules above.
- (2) The ULD must be lined with a polyethylene or plastic liner, and absorbent material must be placed between the liner and the seafood units. Both the liner and the absorbent material must completely cover the bottom and partially cover the sides of the ULD. A combination plastic liner with embedded absorbent material may also be used to cover the bottom and partial sides of the ULD.
- (3) All units in the ULD must be loaded straight with the correct end up. No unit can be loaded in the ULD diagonally or on its side.
- (4) All units in the ULD must be able to withstand the weight of any stacking without buckling, crumpling, crushing or leaking. The ULD will be refused if any units are visibly damaged.

(F) Marking/Labeling

- (1) Each shipping unit must be marked with the name and phone number of the shipper and the name and address of the consignee.
- (2) The California Department of Fish and Game requires that all shipments of seafood contain markings indicating the species and the total weight of each species in the container.
- (3) Each seafood packaging unit must be clearly marked/labeled with:
 - “Perishable – Fresh Seafood”, “Perishable – Frozen Seafood” or “Perishable – Live Seafood” as applicable
 - “This Side Up” or ISO arrows clearly indicating upright position.

(G) Air Waybill

All air waybills accompanying seafood shipments must include:

- (1) 24-hour phone number for Shipper and Consignee
- (2) Number of pieces and gross weight
- (3) Description of shipment (fresh, frozen, or live; species of seafood)
- (4) Specific commodity number, if applicable
- (5) Established account number for credit shipments.