



## Container and Packing Information

**Container Options:** There are three container options:

	20' Standard	40' Standard	40' High Cube
Internal Length	5885	12033	12024
Width	2350	2350	2350
Height	2403	2394	2697
Door Width	2338	2338	2340
Height	2292	2280	2597
Capacity m3	33.15	67.7	76.3

There are three factors to consider when choosing a container: the volume to be shipped; the capacity of the port as some can only handle 20' containers and the road conditions. 40' High Cube containers are the cheapest option /m3.

**Pallets:** The import conditions vary for each country and should be checked or substantial charges may be incurred. Often untreated timber is banned and certified treated timber or plastic are the only options and they are not stocked at DIK. When buying pallets consider the width – two 1200 wide standard pallets will not fit side by side.

**Type of Goods:** The goods on the bottom of the container will have up to 2m of goods stacked on top of them which will exert a significant load during transit. Generally goods are classified as

- **Dense** – heavy items that can't be crushed and should be at the bottom of the load – Example Books.
- **General** – items like clothing that won't be damaged if the carton is crushed.
- **Fragile** – they need to be very clearly marked so they won't get damaged during unloading. Consider making crates or utilizing other items to provide protection. Example desks can be positioned to form a protective box and boxed clothing used as padding.

**Cartons:** Uniform carton sizes make loading much easier and maximise the amount that can be shipped. Chose 3-4 standard sizes including some smaller ones to fill any gaps..

**Labels:** Clear labelling is essential and a Customs requirement.

**Restrictions:** The sort of restrictions that apply to air travel also apply for shipping. Your shipping company will supply the details.

**Shipping Documents:** This is a major issue that may require clarification well in advance of shipping as each country is different.

The volunteers at the Store know about the Australian shipping requirements, but should not be expected to know the requirements in recipient countries. We recommend you discuss your project with us prior to starting to collect any goods.