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International shipping done badly will make reaching those destinations every bit as difficult as finding the end of the rainbow.

When shipping to a European destination, exhibitors need to do little more than pack up their items, create a packing list, mark some crates, and call a shipping company to move the goods.

When it comes to International Shipping (outside Europe) you have 2 basic choices – Air Freight or Sea Freight
Air freight takes a few days to arrive but is more costly
Sea freight takes a few weeks and sometimes more but cheaper

If you ship within the European Union than we have the following choices;
Road Freight or Air Freight
Air freight takes a few days to arrive but is more costly
Road freight takes a week but is relatively cheaper

You must all consider volumes, weight and how fragile is the exhibit and the packing requirements to be able to make a choice between cost and have your exhibits arriving at a reasonable time. After selecting the mode of transport one must also see to the customs requirements and the requirement to return the exhibit back home unless you mean to have it sold. So considering all the above you need to make sure that your paper work for exporting your exhibits and for entering the country of destination is correct.

En-route your shipment is going to be manhandled at least four times before arriving at the exhibition venue and a well thought out packing will determine whether it survives the trip. Packing undoubtedly will add cost to a shipment but will go a long way in making sure that your exhibit arrives in the right condition. Good packing should also be reusable for the return journey home. Customs may want to inspect a box so please make sure that boxes / crates are designed to be opened easily without making damage.

ISO 9001 BUREAU VERITAS Certification

The Carriage of Goods is subject to the CMR Convention Conditions. The Company contracts under its Warehousing Standard Terms & Conditions. Copies of these conditions may be immediately obtained on application or downloaded from www.expressgroup.com.mt

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Labels are very important and must state the name of the exhibitor and the venue of the exhibition and location within the exhibition and state an identifiable number of the packed pieces in the shipment example 1 of 3.

Customs will require an inventory in the form of a commercial invoice or packing list detailing everything in your shipment using the English language. It is advisable to declare a description and a value of every item and make a declaration that the value is only for customs purpose. Also if the items are unique works of art photos have to be attached. This may avoid physical inspections from customs.

The most practical form used to facilitate customs clearance is an ATA Carnet this is used as an international passport for goods that will be returned to origin. It is issued by Customs organisation or National Chamber of Commerce in the country of origin. This will make the clearance to import and re-export so much easier and will save the exhibitor all customs duties, taxes, VAT and any deposits usually made on importation into Malta and the customs clearance from the exporting country for both import and export. There will be a fee to pay for the issue and a deposit of normally about 40% of the value declared but refundable on return.

Other than an ATA carnet, one can use a temporary export / import procedure. In this case a customs broker is required and deposits still need to be paid in full on duties and VAT amounts. This can lengthen the clearance process and also delay in recovering the deposits paid in customs.

We can handle all the hassle of shipping to Malta getting your exhibit out of customs, storing it, delivering it to the venue, storing your packing material, re sending them to your venue for repacking and returning them back to origin. We have all the access to move freight with our own trucks from over 20 European destinations to Malta. For Airfreight we can route via a network of IATA Air cargo operators from any worldwide origin so we guarantee a full professional, reliable and safe services to get your exhibit to the venue.

Give us a call or send us an email, I am sure that we can come up with the best solution,

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