INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

Terms:
• **Carrier:** UPS/FedEx/DHL/USPS (post office)

• **Freight Forwarder:** Can arrange shipping, insurance and customs forms.

• **Customs Broker:** Expert in navigating the varied seas of International Customs, forms, etc.

• **Harmonized Code:** An internationally standardized system of names and numbers for classifying traded products developed and maintained by the World Customs Organization (WCO).

• **VAT:** Value Added Tax (like a sales tax.)

• **ATA Carnet:** Carnets are “Merchandize Passports” specifically for the temporary import of samples, equipment and goods that are not for sale & intended for exhibition only. (Trade shows, fairs and exhibitions.) A carnet is a guarantee to a foreign country that the items listed are not for sale and will leave the country. They smooth things out. The acronym ATA is a combination of French and English phrases "Admission Temporaire/Temporary Admission."

TIPS for International Shipping:
• Consistency: All terms on every scrap of paper should match
• Never call it “jewelry” or declare full value***
• Always be honest: declare correct contents/value***
  * wholesale for shows & galleries
  * retail for retail clients/customers
• If possible ship to a residence
• Many prefer USPS

***examples of conflicting advice encountered

SUGGESTED CONTENT DESCRIPTIONS:
• samples  • decorative objects  • small sculpture  • personal adornment  • adornment

RESOURCES:
FedEx International: 1-800-622-1147
ParcelPro
G4S
ATA Carnet Helpline: 1 800 -282- 2900 or Google ATA Carnet FAQs
Endicia tutorial: [http://www.endicia.com/Video/FirstClass/](http://www.endicia.com/Video/FirstClass/)