

# Amazon Pallet Packaging Checklist



## FCL Palletizing Shipments From China to Amazon Checklist

For bulky orders that can fill a whole container, you can ask your Chinese suppliers to palletize in their factory and ship directly to Amazon warehouse. This is what your suppliers or freight forwarders at the origin location need to do.

### 1) Do your Chinese suppliers use the right pallet?

- Prepare 4 way-access wooden GMA Standard B or higher level pallets in good condition
- The pallets are heat-treated following ISPM-15 standard.
- The pallets are in size of 40\*48 inch (100\*120 cm) with the height under 72 inch (182.5 cm) for single pallet, or 100 inch (254 cm) for double-stacked pallets”
- The total weight of each pallets is under 1,500 Ibs. or 680.4kg.

### 2) Do your Chinese suppliers pack and stack the pallets correctly?

- All items with the same ASIN are placed together in the same pallet
- Place the heaviest boxes on the bottom of the pallet first
- The shipping box side with the shipment label is facing up
- All shipping boxes on pallets are stable and flush on all sides
- Pallets are sealed with transparent wrapping material
- Pallets are wrapped at least 3 times each quarter from the top to the bottom
- No knots presented on pallets after wrapping.

### 3) Do your Chinese suppliers label the pallets properly?

- Use laser printer to print the labels
- Pallet ID Label are printed in 4\*6 inch white and black, removable adhesive, and non-reflective labels
- Pallet ID labels are placed on all four sides at the tip of the pallet on the outside of the stretch wrap
- All other necessary labels are on the pallet outside the stretch wrap
  - Pallet number label
  - Do not break label
  - Single ASIN Pallet label

#### **4) Are the pallets loaded correctly into containers for transporting?**

- Pallets are loaded following a “Turned” configuration.
- Leave at least 6 inches (15cm) space from the top of the pallet to the rooftop of the container
- Leave at least 3 inches (8cm) of space between the stacks and the container walls
- Leave at least 8 inches (21cm) of clearance from the final row of the boxes to the doors of the container

### **FCL Floor Loading Shipment from China to Amazon Checklist**

If you ship more items simultaneously, it’s best to choose the floor-loading shipments. This implies that your shipping boxes will be placed directly on the container without needing the pallet to save space.

For this reason, you need a third-party warehouse at your destination to palletize your shipping boxes before they’re moved to Amazon warehouses. Third-party warehouse at the destination should do the following:

#### **1) Does the 3PL warehouse use the right pallet?**

- Prepare 4 way-access wooden GMA Standard B or higher level pallets in good condition
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#### **4) Load pallets into trucks**

### **LCL Palletizing Shipments from China to Amazon Checklist**

If you have a few products that may not fill a whole container, or your items are highly valuable or fragile, it's best to choose LCL palletizing shipments to move them directly from China to Amazon. Although this method may cost more, it secures your products.

In this case, you need to speak with your freight forwarders at the origin location to palletize your goods, by doing the following;

#### **1) Do your Chinese freight forwarders use the right pallet?**

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### **LCL Floor-loading Shipments from China to Amazon Checklist**

For products that are less expensive and may not easily get damaged during transportation, first ship by LCL floor-loading to a third-party warehouse, then palletize your boxes and deliver to Amazon warehouses. The steps below will guide your third-party warehouse on shipping pallets to Amazon:

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