

AZORES (LAJES FIELD)

1. Surface: No country specific details.
2. Air: The following sections describe the different processes for air shipments arriving/departing Lajes Field, Azores:
 - a. All cargo going through Lajes Field via military or commercial air, imports and exports, must be cleared through the Portuguese Customs House using a Lajes Form AE302. The only personnel authorized to prepare the Lajes Form AE302 are the TO Customs Technician and the TO Alternate Customs Technician who are delegated in writing by the CDR, US Forces Azores (COMUSFORAZ). Based on political sensitivities in the Azores, the Customs Technicians will be assigned to the TO with staff oversight by the USFORAZ/J-4.
 - b. Custom emolument fees are charged for each Lajes Field Form AE302. These fees are paid by the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron to Portuguese Customs House using local O&M funds.
 - c. All cargo received from another military installation in the European theater on a commercial aircraft or vessel is required to have an AE302 or T1. If cargo is received without one of these two forms, the cargo will be seized by Portuguese Customs and a daily storage charge will apply.
 - d. On cargo received from other than the European theater, cargo must be listed on a manifest. The local TO will prepare the Lajes Form AE302 and forward to the Portuguese Customs House.
 - e. In the event cargo is received via air shipment without proper documentation, the 729th Contingency Response Group will immediately contact the carrier and Customs Technician to resolve the situation.
3. Sea: The following sections describe the different processes for ocean vessel shipments arriving/departing the Azores.
 - a. In the event ocean vessel shipments are held up due to lack of proper documentation at the port of origin (Lisbon, for example), the local SDDC Port authority will immediately initiate action with carrier, their higher headquarters, and TO Customs Technician to resolve the issues.
4. Personal Property. See the PPCIG at <https://tops.ppcigweb.sddc.army.mil/ppcig/menu/home/warning.do>. Select Query CG tab, select Country Instructions tab, at the Country drop down box under Custom Selection, select Azores, submit. Click on the detail icon on the upper right hand side to review shipping requirements.