

# **LERNER FULFILLMENT OPERATIONS**

CONTACT INFORMATION AND SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

# SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Our shipping requirements play an important role in ensuring a positive experience for our customers, vendors, and publisher partners. Please follow these requirements and ensure the appropriate personnel at each shipping location have the most current version. Deviations from these requirements will result in chargeback fees outlined on page 4 in order to recoup costs.

Please direct questions about this routing guide to Charles Thunder at **cthunder@lernerbooks.com**.

### CONTACTS

### **DISTRIBUTION CENTER**

#### LERNER PUBLISHING GROUP

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#### **RECEIVING HOURS**

#### MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Special hours and appointments by request. If customer pick up or drop ship instructions appear on the Purchase Order, then do not use Lerner Fulfillment operations info.

### **MAIN OFFICE**

#### LERNER PUBLISHING GROUP

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For routing instructions, to arrange order pickups, or to request general information about shipping orders to our distribution facility or to any of our customers, please contact:

#### **CHARLES THUNDER**

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### DOUG HODGEMAN

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## FOR ANY SHIPMENT TO LERNER FULFILLMENT OPERATIONS, CUSTOMER PICKUP, OR DROP SHIP (PREPAID, COLLECT, OR INTERNATIONAL):

Please email Packing Slip, Bill of Lading, and Tracking Information to the following contact prior to shipping: shippingdocs@lernerbooks.com

Send production invoices to: accountspayable@lernerbooks.com

Send shipping invoices to: cthunder@lernerbooks.com

## SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

The following guidelines pertain to shipments being delivered to Lerner Fulfillment Operations. These guidelines are effective for all shipments: domestic or international in origin.

### PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

- Packing list
  - PO#
  - Title or product description
  - ISBN 13-digit
  - Series
  - Quantity of cartons shipped
  - Total quantity of books
  - Total quantity of pallets
- Bill of lading
- All shipments must have a numbered packing slip on top of the first pallet or box (for small shipments).

#### Carton Label Example:

| Cust Item    | 9781   | 512498080      |             | Publisher<br>Name Here |
|--------------|--------|----------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Quantity     | 46     | Weight<br>39lb | Series Here |                        |
| Cust PO 4426 | 58<br> |                |             |                        |

### **CARTON REQUIREMENTS**

- All goods must be packed in uniform-sized corrugated cardboard boxes, only one partial case per title
- Maximum weight per carton: 40 pounds
- ✓ Maximum carton size: 22" length x 12" width x 12" height
- ✓ The cartons should be made of minimum 200 pounds test "C" flute or have an Edge Crush Test (ECT) equivalent to 32. If the ECT 32 is used, it must have the same side impact protection as the 200 pounds test "C" flute carton.
- Cartons must be marked with the following:
  - Title or description
  - Series
  - PO number (with scannable bar code) (for Lerner vendors only)
  - ISBN 13-digit (with scannable bar code)
  - Qty per carton (with scannable bar code)
  - Country of origin (International shipments)
  - Weight
  - Label dimensions should be no less than 4" by 6"
  - · Labels must be placed on the end and the main side of the carton

### PALLET REQUIREMENTS

- Pallets should be stringer pallets
- Pallets size standard Length 40-48 inches, Width 36-46 inches new or in good condition with either 2-way or 4-way entry
- ✓ NO BLOCK PALLETS
- ✓ Junk pallets may be subject to refusal and re-palleting charges may apply
- Pallets, boards and runners should be unbroken
- Pallets should have a protective material on the pallet boards to protect the product from exposed nails, screws, etc.





## SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

### LOAD REQUIREMENTS

- Product should be piled / stacked within the perimeter of the pallet
- For titles with over 1,000 books: maximum one
  (1) title per skid
- Pallets not to be stacked higher than 42" (including pallet and cartons) from floor
- Maximum weight: not to exceed 3,000 pounds
- Product should be film wrapped
- Titles with quantities under 1,000 books but greater than 200 books should be consolidated on each skid stacked side by side, but not on top of each other
- Fit as many titles as possible on a pallet, without overhanging
- Titles with less than 200 units may be consolidated on one skid
- Do not double stack pallets



### PALLET IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- All loads must include two identification tags or pallet labels on the front and side of each pallet
- Pallet labels must include the following:
  - Vendor Name/ Order #
  - PO# / RMA#
  - Quantity of product
  - Title(s) or description(s) on each pallet
  - Pallet count (i.e. 1 of 5, 2 of 5, etc.)

### **INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS**

Lerner Publisher Services clients are the importer of record and cannot send shipment collect. Lerner Publisher Services clients are responsible for contracting their own customs broker and arranging delivery to Lerner Fulfilment Operations.

International shipments require additional information:

- Complete and submit the Importer Security Filing (ISF), available from US Customs and Border Protection
- The commercial invoice or Shipper's Letter of Instruction (SLI) (an SLI is generally required for shipments with total values of more than \$2,500.00, US, this can vary by country).
- The declared value for every item being shipped; include the value of all items being shipped, including samples and promotional items.
- In addition to including paperwork on the shipment, also email all paperwork to shippingdocs@lernerbooks.com.

## **CHARGEBACKS**

Please note: Deviations from these shipping requirements will result in chargeback fees to the vendor due to the expenses Lerner Fulfillment Operations incurs.

### **CHARGEBACKS COLLECTION**

Lerner Fulfillment Operations will notify the publisher partner of the reason(s) for the chargebacks and will deduct them from the publisher's statement or vendors' invoices.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Charles Thunder at **cthunder@lernerbooks.com**.

| ISSUE  | CHARGEBACK                |  |
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| <b>Labeling errors</b> such as a missing labels, labels with incorrect information or labels on the wrong product  | <b>\$50</b> per pallet    |  |
| <b>Carton errors</b> such as incorrect items<br>in a carton, non-standard packages<br>or a carton with no information on it,<br>bar codes that don't scan, boxes that<br>exceed maximum dimensions | \$5 per carton            |  |
| <b>Documentation errors</b> such as order acknowledgment, packing list, or ASN, missing the ISBN-13  | <b>\$150</b> per shipment |  |
| <b>Shipping errors</b> such as issues with the BOL, incorrect info on BOL, or any other paperwork  | \$100 per shipment        |  |
| <b>Palletizing errors</b> such as a pallet that<br>is the wrong weight or height, not<br>stretch-wrapped, titles not stacked<br>side by side, or defective pallets                                 | \$150 per pallet          |  |

