

Since 1 Jan 2026 Amazon no longer preps or labels units in the US — every unit must arrive prepped and labeled, by you or a third-party prep center. **Requirements change.** This sheet is a condensation of PackOS guides last verified against Amazon Seller Central on **18 July 2026**. It deliberately states no fees and no exact figures — always confirm the current thresholds, wording, and caps in Seller Central before you rely on it. General guidance, not legal or compliance advice.

| 1 · PREP THE UNIT — THE SEVEN STEPS                                                                                                                                          |                  | Verify at |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Classify the unit</b> — poly-bagged, boxed, bubble-wrapped, taped/sealed, or sold as a set; classification drives every step after it.           | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bag &amp; seal if needed</b> — loose, dusty, granular, sharp, or easily-separated items fully enclosed and sealed so nothing escapes.            | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Add a suffocation warning if the bag is large</b> — bags at or above the published opening threshold carry the warning.                          | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Protect fragile units</b> — glass, liquids, and breakables bubble-wrapped or boxed to survive fulfillment-center handling.                       | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Apply the FNSKU</b> — on the outside, scannable without opening the package; cover any other barcode a scanner could read by mistake.            | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pack within box limits</b> — master carton inside the current inbound size and weight caps; mark heavy boxes as required.                        | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Apply the shipment box labels</b> — the box ID Amazon generates, flat on a visible outside face, clear of tape and seams.                        | Seller Central   |           |
| 2 · POLY BAG SPEC                                                                                                                                                            |                  | Verify at |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Transparent</b> — the unit and its barcode are visible and scannable without opening the bag.                                                    | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Meets minimum thickness</b> — Amazon publishes a minimum gauge (mil); treat it as a floor, not a target.                                         | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fully sealed</b> — can’t reopen without visibly damaging the seal; a plain zip-top alone may not qualify.                                        | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Exactly one scannable barcode</b> — FNSKU reads through the bag or on an outside label; all other codes covered.                                 | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Warning at the opening threshold</b> — required once the opening, measured flat, reaches the published trigger width; verify the current figure. | Seller Central   |           |
| 3 · SUFFOCATION WARNING                                                                                                                                                      |                  | Verify at |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wording copied verbatim from the current spec</b> — the standard text starts “To avoid danger of suffocation...”; don’t retype it from memory.   | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type size matches the bag-size band</b> — bigger bag, bigger minimum type; read the current tiered table, never guess point sizes.               | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Printed on the bag or an applied label</b> — either is accepted if legible, correctly worded, at the required size, and visible.                 | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Placed where it can be seen</b> — not in a seal or gusset; high contrast on a clear bag; clear of the barcode’s quiet zone.                      | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>State-law check for your bag type</b> — no single federal mandate, but some states have bag-warning statutes; verify for your situation.         | CPSC / state law |           |
| 4 · THE SHIPPING BOX                                                                                                                                                         |                  | Verify at |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Under the current size cap</b> — longest side and overall dimensions inside the published inbound limits.                                        | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Under the current weight cap</b> — or within the higher allowance for a box holding a single oversize unit.                                      | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Team-lift / heavy marking</b> — visible on the outside of any box above the standard weight cap.                                                 | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sturdy corrugated carton</b> — good condition, properly taped and sealed; not a damaged, mailer, or gift box.                                    | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Snug fill, minimal headspace</b> — cushioning holds units so they don’t shift and the box resists crushing.                                      | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Board grade suits the load</b> — stacking, handling, and humidity erode rated strength; spec the board to the trip, not the lab.                 | Seller Central   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Every label applied &amp; scannable</b> — all box and shipment labels for your ship method, flat and unobstructed.                               | Seller Central   |           |
| BEFORE EVERY REORDER                                                                                                                                                         |                  |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Re-verify against Seller Central</b> — thresholds, wording tables, and caps move; a spec that was compliant last run may not be now.             | Seller Central   |           |