

## Christmas gift boxes for Families in Romania

The list below indicates items that are acceptable to the Romanian authorities and which are suitable for inclusion in gift boxes for families.

You might like to include a card, letter or photo. Your message will be translated by our Romanian team

<b>Type</b>	Suggested Items.	Comments
Clothing:	Scarves, gloves, hats, slippers Socks, tights Flannels, hand towels.	Please do not put second-hand clothing in Christmas gift boxes. New items of underwear and babywear are acceptable.
Groceries	Soup, rice, pasta, cake, Biscuits, sweets, chocolate, Coffee, fruit tea, cocoa	Not 'English' tea
Personal items,	Cosmetics, deodorant, shampoo, Soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, Combs, nail scissors, clippers, Tissues, wet-wipes, First aid items.	
Sewing items:	Cotton, pins, needles Wool, knitting needles	
Toys	Small cuddly toys (new), Dolls, doll's clothes, Picture books, dominoes, Toy cars, boats, planes.	No second-hand toys for children under age 3 years.  Jigsaw puzzles for children are welcome - larger ones should not be included.
Stationery:	Notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, Colouring books, crayons, Pictorial calendars.	Books and games which require much knowledge of English language are not suitable.
Household Goods:	Christmas decorations, Cutlery, cooking utensils, Can opener, potato peeler, Matches, candles, Picture frames.	
NO!	Fresh meat, fish or dairy products Prescription medicines or drugs Alcohol or tobacco Money	Please do not include these items. The Romanian authorities can reject the whole consignment if unacceptable items are found.

For families, it is better to have a variety of smaller things rather than fewer large items.

Out of date items.

Clothes (other than those above)

We would not expect second-hand items to be included in Gift Boxes. However, items which are in a clean and serviceable condition can be accepted separately for our normal distribution of aid.

"Joy in a Box" from The Romanian Aid Foundation