

# Template: Cannabis Seed Shipping Environmental Impact Checklist

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Based on Article: "Understanding the Environmental Impact of International Cannabis Seed Shipping"  
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A practical checklist to minimize the environmental impact of international cannabis seed shipping.

## Checklist Items:

- 1. Evaluate Shipping Methods**  
Choose shipping methods with the lowest emissions per ton-mile, prioritizing ground or sea transport over air freight when possible.  
Reference Section: How shipping creates an environmental footprint
- 2. Consolidate Orders**  
Combine multiple seed orders into a single shipment to reduce the carbon footprint associated with shipping.
- 3. Select Sustainable Packaging**  
Use biodegradable or recyclable materials for packaging to minimize waste generated during shipping.  
Reference Section: Packaging, materials, and waste from seed shipments
- 4. Monitor Customs Regulations**  
Stay informed about customs regulations that can lead to delays and additional environmental costs, ensuring compliance to avoid returns.  
Reference Section: Regulatory friction and its environmental consequences
- 5. Choose Reputable Carriers**  
Select carriers that prioritize sustainable practices and offer reliable tracking options to avoid missed deliveries.  
Reference Section: Choosing carriers and routes with environmental impact in mind
- 6. Assess and Offset Emissions**  
Measure the carbon footprint of shipments and consider investing in carbon offset programs to mitigate environmental impact.  
Reference Section: Measuring impact and credible offsetting options
- 7. Plan for Temperature Sensitivity**  
Use insulated packaging or choose transport modes that minimize exposure to excessive heat or humidity during shipping.  
Reference Section: Real-world lifecycle example: a shipment from Europe to North America
- 8. Educate Others on Best Practices**  
Share knowledge about sustainable shipping practices with fellow growers and vendors to promote collective responsibility.  
Reference Section: Best practices Seed Connect and customers can apply today