The FBA Prep Checklist (printable)

Work top to bottom before every shipment. The structure is stable — the numbers are Amazon's to set, so every row has a verify point.

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> **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
☐	**Classify the unit** — poly-bagged, boxed, bubble-wrapped, taped/sealed, or sold as a set; classification drives every step after it.	Seller Central
☐	**Bag & seal if needed** — loose, dusty, granular, sharp, or easily-separated items fully enclosed and sealed so nothing escapes.	Seller Central
☐	**Add a suffocation warning if the bag is large** — bags at or above the published opening threshold carry the warning.	Seller Central
☐	**Protect fragile units** — glass, liquids, and breakables bubble-wrapped or boxed to survive fulfillment-center handling.	Seller Central
☐	**Apply the FNSKU** — on the outside, scannable without opening the package; cover any other barcode a scanner could read by mistake.	Seller Central
☐	**Pack within box limits** — master carton inside the current inbound size and weight caps; mark heavy boxes as required.	Seller Central
☐	**Apply the shipment box labels** — the box ID Amazon generates, flat on a visible outside face, clear of tape and seams.	Seller Central

2 · POLY BAG SPEC

		Verify at
☐	**Transparent** — the unit and its barcode are visible and scannable without opening the bag.	Seller Central
☐	**Meets minimum thickness** — Amazon publishes a minimum gauge (mil); treat it as a floor, not a target.	Seller Central
☐	**Fully sealed** — can't reopen without visibly damaging the seal; a plain zip-top alone may not qualify.	Seller Central
☐	**Exactly one scannable barcode** — FNSKU reads through the bag or on an outside label; all other codes covered.	Seller Central
☐	**Warning at the opening threshold** — required once the opening, measured flat, reaches the published trigger width; verify the current figure.	Seller Central

3 · SUFFOCATION WARNING

		Verify at
☐	**Wording copied verbatim from the current spec** — the standard text starts "To avoid danger of suffocation…"; don't retype it from memory.	Seller Central
☐	**Type size matches the bag-size band** — bigger bag, bigger minimum type; read the current tiered table, never guess point sizes.	Seller Central
☐	**Printed on the bag or an applied label** — either is accepted if legible, correctly worded, at the required size, and visible.	Seller Central
☐	**Placed where it can be seen** — not in a seal or gusset; high contrast on a clear bag; clear of the barcode's quiet zone.	Seller Central
☐	**State-law check for your bag type** — no single federal mandate, but some states have bag-warning statutes; verify for your situation.	CPSC / state law

4 · THE SHIPPING BOX

		Verify at
☐	**Under the current size cap** — longest side and overall dimensions inside the published inbound limits.	Seller Central
☐	**Under the current weight cap** — or within the higher allowance for a box holding a single oversize unit.	Seller Central
☐	**Team-lift / heavy marking** — visible on the outside of any box above the standard weight cap.	Seller Central
☐	**Sturdy corrugated carton** — good condition, properly taped and sealed; not a damaged, mailer, or gift box.	Seller Central
☐	**Snug fill, minimal headspace** — cushioning holds units so they don't shift and the box resists crushing.	Seller Central
☐	**Board grade suits the load** — stacking, handling, and humidity erode rated strength; spec the board to the trip, not the lab.	Seller Central
☐	**Every label applied & scannable** — all box and shipment labels for your ship method, flat and unobstructed.	Seller Central

BEFORE EVERY REORDER

☐	**Re-verify against Seller Central** — thresholds, wording tables, and caps move; a spec that was compliant last run may not be now.	Seller Central

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