

The Export Surcharge



The 3-Book **Traveller5** Core Set (packaged) is about 10 pounds shipping weight.

We are concerned with package survivability, so we double box the books. Just the packaging boxes cost us about \$4 (for supplies in bulk, no less). In the US, we'll ship the package Media Mail, which is about \$7.50. If we used Priority Mail Large Box Flat Rate, it would be \$20; it might fit into a Medium Flat Rate for \$15.

If you are outside the USA and ordering the 3-Book set, you need to include the export surcharge as one of your purchases.

The ordering process will add shipping charges, but not enough; this Export Surcharge covers the difference.

Shipping to the UK (or Europe, or Australia, or Asia) by mail (for example) has three options:

Medium Flat Rate (I expect the package may fit into this option): \$71.75

Large Flat Rate: \$95.00

Raw Priority International: \$87.95

Or UPS or Fedex: about \$85.00

By my calculations, it will cost me (for shipping and packaging) about \$77 to ship a package to the UK, Australia, NZ, and others are about the same. Canada is about \$10 less.

I have carefully researched this, and there is no less costly way of getting this package to fans outside the US.

I have a couple of options for alternative availability.

The 3-book set will be in hobby distribution almost immediately (it ships from the US warehouse in August/September), and that includes availability through a variety of UK and international distributors, and via them through your FLGS.

So, on the one hand, the core 3-book set will be available in Europe and Australia. I think that is a reasonable option. On the other hand, that 3-book set won't include the CDROM and PDF files, nor the TCard deck, nor the Crew IDs. On the gripping hand, buying locally will necessarily happen later due to delays in the distribution channels. If this option works for you, tell your FLGS you want this book and that they can order it from their distributor.

In the UK, I expect that Mark Pooles at Little Shop On The Borderlands will have a supply of the 3-Book Set. I will arrange with him for those sets to include Crew IDs, and he will have a supply of the TCard Decks. There is understandably a delay in him getting these items as well, but if this option works for you, tell him and he can be sure you are on the waiting list. If this works for you, you should order through him.

I appreciate the distress of shipping charges on something like this. As you can see, I don't have any real answer, and I appreciate the dedication of those of you who are participating despite shipping charges.