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International Service Resumption Notice – effective May 28, 2021

Effective Friday, May 28, 2021, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following:

- French Polynesia
- Israel

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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UPDATE 170: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On May 25, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Fiji** UPDATE: Post Fiji Ltd has advised that due to the coronavirus pandemic most international commercial flights to and from Fiji have been suspended as of April 20, 2021, until further notice. Post Fiji is therefore experiencing significant disruption in daily operations, including collection and deliveries for all international mail categories (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) and services.

**Nepal** UPDATE: Nepal Post has advised that the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN) has extended the suspension of international flights until midnight May 31, 2021. A partial lockdown is already in place throughout the country, and domestic flights are suspended. Delays to the collection, transportation and delivery of mails are to be expected. In addition, Nepal Post remains unable to accept outbound mails to countries other than India, until such time as the passenger flights normally used to transport mail are resumed.

**Slovenia** UPDATE: Slovenška Poštarna has advised that the state of emergency previously announced has now ended. However, the restrictions in terms of service standards and force majeure remain in place.

**Slovenia** UPDATE: Poštanska Slovenska has advised that the government has extended the current lockdown for another 30 days. Poštanska Slovenska continues to provide postal services with a reduced workforce. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter post, parcel post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Poštanska Slovenska is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. The acceptance of outbound mail items (letter post, parcel post and EMS) for some destinations is still subject to transport availability. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared will continue to apply until further notice.

**Sri Lanka** UPDATE: The Department of Posts has advised that due to the rapid spread of COVID-19, strict island-wide travel restrictions have been imposed by the government until June 7, 2021. Delivery of all inbound mail will be suspended during this period. The country’s international airports remain open to cargo flights, and all inbound mail will be transported to the Colombo office of exchange under special arrangements, but processing and delivery will be temporarily suspended, and outbound mail transport will also be impacted until June 7.

**Thailand** UPDATE: Thailand Post has advised that cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed among operating staff handling inbound letter-post items at the Laksi mail processing centre. Quarantine and other public health measures have been implemented at the Laksi mail processing centre, resulting in a reduction in the workforce. Delays are therefore to be expected in the processing, customs clearance and delivery of all inbound letter-post services destined for Thailand. Thailand Post also advises that the backlog at the Suvarnabhumi office of exchange has been cleared and operations at the OE have returned to normal.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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May 19, 2021

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International Service Suspension Notice – effective May 21, 2021

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective May 21, 2021, the Postal Service will suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- Israel

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.
Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GEX®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link: https://postalpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=rest_to_intl

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May 12, 2021

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Israel UPDATE: Israel Postal Company has advised that the previously announced restrictions regarding service standards and force majeure remain in place.

Nepal UPDATE: Nepal Post has advised that due to a significant number of new COVID-19 infections in Viet Nam, the Vietnamese Government has reinforced measures affecting operations. The Vietnamese Government has announced that due to a significant number of new COVID-19 infections in Viet Nam, the Vietnamese Government has reinforced measures affecting operations. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared continues to apply until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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May 12, 2021

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Colombia UPDATE: Servicios Postales Nacionales S.A. 4-72 has advised that it is continuing to provide domestic and international services in line with the latest developments regarding COVID-19. The previously communicated measures affecting operations will remain in place and will continue to cause significant delays to all inbound and outbound international letter-post, parcel-post and EMS services. Due to the continuation of force majeure, the cancellation of international flights, the closure of borders, and the internal measures taken by countries and their designated operators, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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May 11, 2021
UPDATE 167: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On May 7, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Jamaica Post, the designated operator of Jamaica, advising that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until June 3, 2021. Revised working shifts/hours will continue to apply across the entire postal network, affecting sorting operations and mail delivery. Consequently, the force majeure previously announced continues to apply, with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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UPDATE 166: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On May 6, 2021, the Postal Service received notification from Thailand Post, the designated operator of Thailand, advising that the Suvarnabhumi office of exchange has reopened and normal operations have resumed.

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This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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Indonesia UPDATE: Pos Indonesia has advised that the previously announced force majeure remains in effect due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state of alert declared by the Indonesian government.

Madagascar UPDATE: Paositra Malagasy has advised that the Government of Madagascar has declared a health state of emergency in order to limit the spread of the South African COVID-19 variant. The administration has introduced new restrictions and closed access to certain regions of the country from May 3 - 16, 2021. In view of these government restrictions, Paositra Malagasy is currently unable to guarantee quality of service for inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items), or to meet standards for export and delivery of EMS items. While delays are to be expected, mail will, however, continue to be delivered.

Nepal UPDATE: Nepal Post has advised that due to the Nepalese Government's partial lockdown implemented on April 29, 2021, for a period of two weeks and the suspension of domestic flights as of May 3, 2021, delays to the collection, transportation and delivery of mails are to be expected. In addition, Nepal Post remains unable to accept outbound mails to countries other than India, until such time as the passenger flights normally used to transport mail are resumed.

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UPDATE 164 International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On April 30, 2021, the Postal Service received notification from AB Lietuvos pastas, designated operator of Lithuania, advising that the Lithuanian Government has extended the full-country lockdown until May 31, 2021, in order to control the spread of the coronavirus. While the lockdown is in place, postal services will continue to operate with a reduced workforce under certain restrictions in order to minimize contact between people. Items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Lietuvos paštas is unable to guarantee compliance with the usual delivery standards. Therefore, force majeure will continue to apply.

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India UPDATE: The Department of Posts (India Post), the designated operator of India, received notification that as a result of COVID-19, certain restrictions have been reintroduced in the country. India Post continues to accept inbound international mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items); however, due to the limited domestic transport capacity, the declared or otherwise agreed service delivery standards (including delivery times and other quality parameters) cannot be guaranteed.

Nepal UPDATE: Nepal Post, the designated operator of Nepal, received notification that due to high rates of COVID-19, the Nepalese Government has announced a two-week lockdown in the Kathmandu Valley and nearby cities effective April 29, 2021. This measure may result in delays to collection and delivery of mail. Nepal Post is still unable to accept outbound items to countries other than India.

Slovakia UPDATE: Slovenská Pošta, the designated operator of Slovakia, received notification that due to COVID-19, the Slovakian Government has extended the state of emergency by 30 days, effective April 29, 2021. Slovenská Pošta will continue to provide postal services in line with public health measures and other restrictions, but with a reduced workforce. The processing and delivery of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Slovenská Pošta is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. The situation of force majeure is extended until further notice.

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UPDATE 165 International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On April 30, 2021, the Postal Service received notification from the Department of Posts, the designated operator of Sri Lanka, advising that the Sri Lankan Government has extended the full country lockdown until May 31, 2021, in order to control the spread of the coronavirus. While the lockdown is in place, postal services will continue to operate with a reduced workforce under certain restrictions in order to minimize contact between people. Items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Sri Lanka Post is unable to guarantee compliance with the usual delivery standards. Therefore, force majeure will continue to apply.

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UPDATE 166 International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On April 30, 2021, the Postal Service received notification from the Department of Posts, the designated operator of Sri Lanka, advising that the Sri Lankan Government has extended the full country lockdown until May 31, 2021, in order to control the spread of the coronavirus. While the lockdown is in place, postal services will continue to operate with a reduced workforce under certain restrictions in order to minimize contact between people. Items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Sri Lanka Post is unable to guarantee compliance with the usual delivery standards. Therefore, force majeure will continue to apply.

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UPDATE 161 International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On April 26, 2021, the Postal Service received notification from Seychelles Postal Services, advising that Seychelles International Airport has been operating as normal since March 25, 2021. As a result, Seychelles Postal Services has now resumed its operations as normal and the situation of force majeure is closed.

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April 20, 2021

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UPDATE 160: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On April 20, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Colombia UPDATE: Servicios Postales Nacionales S.A. 4-72 has advised that effective Tuesday, April 20, 2021, it will no longer be able to offer open or closed transit services to any destination until further notice.

Slovenia UPDATE: Pošta Slovenije has advised that due to the ongoing pandemic, the government has extended the current lockdown for another 30 days. Pošta Slovenije will continue to provide postal services with a reduced workforce. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter post, parcel post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Pošta Slovenije is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. The acceptance of outbound mail items (letter post, parcel post and EMS) for some destinations is still subject to transport availability. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared will continue to apply until further notice.

South Africa UPDATE: South African Post Office Ltd. (SAPO) has advised that due to the prevailing COVID-19 situation and the unavailability of flights, transit mail service has been suspended until further notice. Nevertheless, in the interim, the transit service will remain available for mail exchanged among the following five countries: Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique and Namibia.

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These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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April 16, 2021

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UPDATE 159: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19
On April 16, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Jamaica Post, the designated operator of Jamaica, advising that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until May 4, 2021. Revised working shifts/hours will continue to apply across the entire postal network, affecting sorting operations and mail delivery. Consequently, the force majeure previously announced continues to apply, with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items.

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This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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**UPDATE 157: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On April 13, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Croatian Post the designated operator of Croatia advising that, as of April 5, 2021, it has introduced a special procedure for postal items that are subject to signature upon delivery. If the postman/woman considers that they are unable to process or deliver in direct contact with the postman/woman or is self-isolating, the recipient will be asked for the number of their identity document, which will be entered in the delivery log in the place provided for the recipient’s signature.

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**International Service Suspension Notice – effective April 16, 2021**

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective April 16, 2021, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where the foreign postal operator has indicated that they are unable to process or deliver international mail or services originating from the United States.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- Bermuda

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GXG®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

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**UPDATE 158: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On April 15, 2021, the Postal Service received a notification from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Chile UPDATE:** CorreosChile, has advised that, due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, the Government of Chile has implemented new restrictions which have resulted in the suspension of postal services between Chile and the other countries of South America until further notice. However, postal services between Chile and countries outside South America are continuing as normal.

**Czech Republic UPDATE:** Česká Pošta s.p. has advised that the lockdown has now ended. However, force majeure remains in place and previously announced restrictions regarding service standards continue to apply.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

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**UPDATE 154: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On April 7, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor) advising that due to measures adopted by the Honduran Government to minimize the spread of COVID-19, Honduras will continue to be subject to restrictions and a curfew. Honducor will continue to operate with only 50% of its employees on site. This will have a significant impact on the quality of sorting and delivery of inbound items. As a result, force majeure remains in effect.

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**UPDATE 156: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On April 9, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

- **France** **UPDATE**: La Poste has advised that, due to the emergence of a third wave of COVID-19 infections, the French President announced a new lockdown from April 3 to May 2, 2021. As a result, La Poste may be unable to guarantee delivery standards and times.

- **Israel** **UPDATE**: Israel Postal Company has advised that the lockdown announced on January 20, 2021 has now ended. However, the previously announced restrictions regarding service standards and force majeure remain in place.

- **New Caledonia** **UPDATE**: OPT-NC has advised that the gradual lifting of lockdown measures will be complete as of April 11, 2021. As a result, letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring the addressee’s signature on delivery will once again be handed over against the addressee’s signature and, as appropriate, verification of the addressee’s identity.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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April 9, 2021

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**UPDATE 155: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On April 8, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Latvijas Pasts the designated operator of Latvia advising that the Latvian Government has lifted the state of emergency effective April 3 to May 2, 2021. As a result, La Poste may be unable to guarantee delivery standards and times.

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April 7, 2021

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**UPDATE 154: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On April 7, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Latvijas Pasts the designated operator of Latvia advising that the Latvian Government has lifted the state of emergency effective April 3 to May 2, 2021. As a result, La Poste may be unable to guarantee delivery standards and times.

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These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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April 7, 2021

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**UPDATE 154: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On April 7, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Latvijas Pasts the designated operator of Latvia advising that the Latvian Government has lifted the state of emergency effective April 3 to May 2, 2021. As a result, La Poste may be unable to guarantee delivery standards and times.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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April 6, 2021

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UPDATE 153: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On April 6, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Servicios Postales del Perú - SERPOST S A, the designated operator of Peru, advising that SERPOST is taking the necessary steps to re-establish service levels and restore normal operations for all types of mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items), including the delivery of mail on the national territory. In addition, the air transport sector is steadily recovering, allowing SERPOST to lift the force majeure previously declared with respect to the acceptance and processing of international items.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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April 2, 2021

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UPDATE 152: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On April 2, 2021, the designated operator of New Caledonia, provided notification that the confinement measures in place in New Caledonia will gradually be lifted April 2 to April 11, 2021. As a result, signature on delivery will be modified as follows:

- Letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring the addressee's signature on delivery at OPT-NC post office counters will once again be handed over against the addressee's signature and, as appropriate, verification of the addressee's identity.

- Letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring the addressee's signature on delivery at the addressee's home will be delivered and signed by OPT-NC postman/woman in agreement with the addressee and following verification of the addressee's identity as appropriate. Should the addressee not agree to the postman/women signing the proof of delivery, the item will be made available for collection at an OPT-NC post office. This measure will be put into place from April 6 – 11, 2021.

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This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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March 31, 2021

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UPDATE 151: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On March 31, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Bermuda UPDATE: Bermuda Post Office has advised that staff at Bermuda's office of exchange has been asked to self-quarantine until advised by local health authorities to return to work. This is having a direct impact on the service quality and operations of the Post. Therefore, Bermuda Post Office is declaring a situation of force majeure owing to COVID-19 and, in particular, the inability to pick up international mail from the airport, and to transport, process and deliver mail locally.

Lithuania UPDATE: AB Lietuvos pastas has advised that the Lithuanian Government has extended the full-country lockdown until April 30, 2021, in order to control the spread of the coronavirus. While the lockdown is in place, postal services will continue to operate under certain restrictions in order to minimize contact between people. Items normally requiring the addressee's signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Lietuvos pastas is unable to guarantee compliance with the usual delivery standards. Therefore, force majeure will continue to apply.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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International Service Resumption Notice – effective April 2, 2021

Effective Friday, April 2, 2021, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following:

- Chad

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=update

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UPDATE 149: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On March 29, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Belgium UPDATE: Bpost has advised that, given the impact of the third wave of the pandemic, the Belgian government announced a new lockdown from March 26 until at least April 25, 2021. Bpost is making every effort to ensure the continuity of all services and the delivery of letter post, parcels, daily newspapers and registered letters. However, the lockdown measures in place prevent full compliance with delivery times and collection of the addressee’s signature, which may result in processing and delivery delays for all types of items. Bpost will continue to provide its services according to safety guidelines, but all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery will, until further notice, be delivered against the postal worker’s signature (in the customer’s presence).

Czech Republic UPDATE: Česká pošta s.p. has advised that the Czech Government has extended the state of emergency for an additional 14 days effective March 28, 2021. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Česká pošta is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. As a result, force majeure remains in place and previously announced restrictions continue to apply.

Poland UPDATE: Poczta Polska has advised that, owing to the severity of the current COVID-19 situation in Poland, the Polish Government has implemented a national lockdown effective from March 20 to April 9, 2021. Poczta Polska will continue to provide postal services in line with public health measures and other restrictions but will be operating with a reduced workforce. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Poczta Polska is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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UPDATE 150: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On March 30, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Brazil, the cities of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro and their respective metropolitan regions have decreed an emergency lockdown effective from March 28 to April 4, 2021. The processing and delivery of all types of items. Bpost will continue to provide its services according to safety guidelines, but all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery will, until further notice, be delivered against the postal worker’s signature (in the customer’s presence).

Poland UPDATE: Poczta Polska has advised that, owing to the severity of the current COVID-19 situation in Poland, the Polish Government has implemented a national lockdown effective from March 20 to April 9, 2021. Poczta Polska will continue to provide postal services in line with public health measures and other restrictions but will be operating with a reduced workforce. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Poczta Polska is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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March 30, 2021

UPDATE 149: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On March 29, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Correios, the designated operator of Brazil, advising that due to the critical COVID-19 situation in Brazil, the cities of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro and their respective metropolitan regions have decreed an emergency 10-day holiday, from March 26 to April 4, 2021.

Postcode areas impacted:
Rio de Janeiro and metropolitan region:
20000-000 to 23799-999
24000-000 to 24399-999
São Paulo and metropolitan region:
01000-000 to 05999-999
08000-000 to 08499-999

Despite the restrictions, Correios will continue its operations, including mail delivery in the areas concerned. While every effort will be made to provide services as usual, some variation in service delivery standards, may be experienced. Delays and fluctuations may occur along the operational chain during the period in question and the immediate following days. This applies to all letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.
UPDATE 148: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On March 24, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Brazil UPDATE:** Correios has advised that, due to the critical COVID-19 situation in Brazil, the city of São Paulo has decreed an emergency 10-day holiday, from March 26 to April 4, 2021.

- Postcode areas impacted:
  - 01000-000 to 05999-999
  - 08000-000 to 08499-999

  Given the current restrictions, the Brazilian Post cannot guarantee service delivery standards in the above-mentioned postcodes. This applies to all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS (Express Mail Service) items.

**Jamaica UPDATE:** Jamaica Post has advised that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until April 13, 2021. Revised working shifts/hours will continue to apply across the entire postal network, affecting sorting operations and mail delivery. Consequently, the force majeure previously announced continues to apply, with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items.

**Slovakia UPDATE:** Slovenská pošta has advised that, due to the severity of the current COVID-19 situation in Slovakia, the Slovakian Government has extended the state of emergency by an additional 40 days. Slovenská Pošta will continue to provide postal services in line with public health measures and other restrictions, but with a reduced workforce. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Slovenská Pošta is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. Consequently, force majeure remains until further notice.

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These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPI), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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March 24, 2021
The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective March 19, 2021, the Postal Service will suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- Mongolia

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEx), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guaranteed® (GXG®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link: https://postalpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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On March 17, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**New Zealand UPDATE:** New Zealand Post has advised that, as of March 12, 2021, the entire country has returned to Alert Level 1 of the national pandemic plan.

**Thailand UPDATE:** Thailand Post has advised that, to minimize the spread of COVID-19, the Government of Thailand has declared a state of emergency for the whole country, while five provinces in particular: Samut Sakhon, Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani and Samut Prakan. The public health measures and restrictions in place are impacting international inbound and outbound postal operations, and force majeure is invoked with respect to quality of service until circumstances return to normal. Furthermore, due to the reduced number of outbound flights, transit services (both open and closed) for all categories of mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) remain suspended.

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On March 15, 2021, the Department of Posts, the designated operator of Sri Lanka, provided notification that the restrictions imposed on postal operations as a result of the spread of COVID-19 have been lifted as of March 8, 2021. The force majeure case is now closed and all mail processing and delivery operations on the island are back to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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On March 11, 2021, the Department of Posts, the designated operator of Sri Lanka, provided notification that the restrictions imposed on postal operations as a result of the spread of COVID-19 have been lifted as of March 8, 2021. The force majeure case is now closed and all mail processing and delivery operations on the island are back to normal. However, outbound international mail operations will depend on the availability of air and sea transport.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEx), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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UPDATE 143: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On March 11, 2021, Estonia Post, the designated operator of Estonia, provided notification that the Estonian government declared a nationwide lockdown on March 11, 2021. While the lockdown is in place, postal services will continue to operate as usual, under certain restrictions. Items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. Effective March 13, inbound items will be delivered as follows:

- Registered letters under 2 cm in thickness will be delivered without signature to the recipient’s mailbox. Signature will be given by the postal worker at the time of delivery.
- Registered letters over 2 cm in thickness that cannot be delivered to the mailbox will be delivered to the addressee without their signature. Signature will be given by the postal worker.

All items that cannot be delivered to a postal box or at the recipient’s address will be transferred to pick-up points.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPI), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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March 9, 2021

UPDATE 142: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On March 9, 2021, OPT-NC, the designated operator of New Caledonia, provided notification that following the detection of the first cases of COVID-19, a strict lockdown has been decreed in New Caledonia until further notice. As a result, for all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring a signature upon delivery, the signature of the addressee will be replaced by that of the postman/woman or the OPT-NC agent.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPI), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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March 3, 2021

International Service Suspension Notice – effective March 5, 2021

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective March 5, 2021, the Postal Service will suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions in the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following countries, until further notice:

- Myanmar
- Samoa

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPI), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GEX®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link: https://postaprpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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March 3, 2021
UPDATE 141: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On March 3, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Czech Republic UPDATE: Česká Pošta s.p. has advised that, in response to a significant rise in the number of COVID-19 infections, the Czech Government has extended the state of emergency until at least March 21, 2021. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Česká pošta is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. As a result, force majeure is extended until further notice, and previously announced restrictions continue to apply.

Indonesia UPDATE: Pos Indonesia has advised that the previously announced force majeure remains in effect due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state of alert declared by the Indonesian government. Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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March 3, 2021

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International Service Resumption Notice – effective March 5, 2021

Effective Friday, March 5, 2021, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following:

- Angola

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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March 1, 2021

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UPDATE 140: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On March 1, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Croatia UPDATE: Croatian Post has advised that the measures taken to limit the spread of COVID-19 have been lifted, as of February 28, 2021.

Jamaica UPDATE: Jamaica Post has advised that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until March 22, 2021. Consequently, the force majeure previously announced continues to apply, with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

Lithuania UPDATE: AB Lietuvos paštas has advised that the Lithuanian Government has extended the full-country lockdown until March 31, 2021, in order to control the spread of the coronavirus. While the lockdown is in place, postal services will continue to operate under certain restrictions in order to minimize contact between people. Items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Lietuvos paštai is unable to guarantee compliance with the usual delivery standards. Therefore, force majeure will continue to apply.

New Zealand UPDATE: New Zealand Post has advised that, as a result of the recent confirmed community outbreak of COVID-19 in Auckland, the New Zealand Government has moved the Auckland region to national COVID-19 Alert Level 3 as of February 28, 2021, provisionally for the next seven days. The rest of New Zealand has moved to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 for the same period. A summary of New Zealand’s COVID-19 Alert Levels and their restrictions can be found at covid19.govt.nz/alert-system. All inbound/outbound operations will continue and contactless delivery and pick up processes apply, with delivery staff capturing the name of the receiving customer to avoid any physical contact. Given the current restrictions, New Zealand Post can no longer guarantee service delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items, and is invoking force majeure until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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March 1, 2021

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Suspension of Priority Mail Express International Service to Faroe Islands

Effective March 1, 2021, the Postal Service™ will suspend acceptance of Priority Mail Express International® service to the Faroe Islands. Post Danmark, the designated operator of Denmark, released a formal notification through the Universal Postal Union via International Bureau Circular 30, dated February 22, 2021, indicating that it will cease to provide Priority Mail Express International service for items addressed to the Faroe Islands effective March 1, 2021.

Priority Mail Express International items addressed to Faroe Islands and arriving in Denmark after March 1, 2021, will be treated as Priority Mail International parcels and delivered accordingly.

This suspension does not affect Global Express Guarantee® (GEX®), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Although effective March 1, 2021, the Postal Service will make the appropriate change to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM®), and Notice 123 – Price List, during the next international competitive products price change.

The International Mail Manual (IMM®) and DMM Advisories are available on Postal Explorer® (pe.usps.com)

February 26, 2021

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UPDATE 139: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On February 24, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from New Zealand Post, the designated operator of New Zealand, advising that, according to the National Pandemic Plan, joining the rest of country. However, New Zealand Post has decided to implement Alert Level 2 safety protocols (social distancing, restricted staff numbers, mandatory face masks, contactless deliveries and collections) will be implemented at the international office of exchange, major mail and parcel processing centres and all operational sites, as well as at collection points and during deliveries.

Areas impacted:
• West Auckland;
• North Auckland;
• South Auckland;
• Central Auckland;
• Auckland International Airport;
• East Auckland;
• West Auckland;
• Central Auckland;
• Auckland International Airport;
• East Auckland;

The postal service and New Zealand Post are working closely together to ensure the safety and well-being of their employees and customers. The Postal Service will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as needed.

The International Service Suspension Notice – effective February 26, 2021

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective February 26, 2021, the Postal Service will suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- French Polynesia

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GEX®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspected — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link:
https://postaproduc.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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February 24, 2021

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UPDATE 138: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On February 24, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from New Zealand Post, the designated operator of New Zealand, advising that, Auckland has returned to Alert Level 1 of the national pandemic plan, joining the rest of country. However, New Zealand Post has decided to implement Alert Level 2 safety protocols in most of the Greater Auckland area, in order to protect New Zealand Post staff and to keep its sites operating. The Level 2 safety protocols (social distancing, restricted staff numbers, mandatory face masks, contactless deliveries and collections) will be implemented at the international office of exchange, major mail and parcel processing centres and all operational sites, as well as at collection points and during deliveries.

Areas impacted:
• West Auckland;
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Postcodes areas impacted:

Given the current restrictions, New Zealand Post cannot guarantee the service delivery standards in the above-mentioned areas and postcodes.

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The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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February 23, 2021

DMM Advisory

On February 23, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from South African Post Office Ltd. (SAPO), the designated operator of South Africa, advising that it is still operating under adjusted level 3 lockdown status. As a result, all previous provisions, including force majeure, remain in effect until March 15, 2021.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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February 19, 2021

DMM Advisory

On February 19, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Barbados Postal Service, the designated operator of Barbados, advising that the Government of Barbados has extended the national pause until February 28, 2021. As a result, some flights have been reduced or cancelled. This reduced transportation capacity may lead to delays in both inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items). Therefore, service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed, and the situation of force majeure previously declared remains in place.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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February 18, 2021

DMM Advisory

On February 18, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Hongkong Post, the designated operator of Hong Kong, advising that the measures taken to limit the spread of COVID-19 have been lifted and the case of force majeure previously announced has been closed.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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February 16, 2021

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UPDATE 134: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On February 16, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Barbados Postal Service, the designated operator of Barbados, advising that the Government of Barbados has extended the national pause until February 28, 2021. As a result, some flights have been reduced or cancelled. This reduced transportation capacity may lead to delays in both inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items). Therefore, service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed, and the situation of force majeure previously declared remains in place.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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On February 16, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

New Zealand UPDATE: New Zealand Post has advised that, as a result of a confirmed community outbreak of COVID-19, the New Zealand Government has moved the Auckland region to national COVID-19 Alert Level 3 and the rest of New Zealand to Alert Level 2 from Monday, February 15, provisionally until Wednesday, February 17, 2021. A summary of New Zealand’s COVID-19 Alert Levels and their restrictions can be found at covid19.govt.nz/alert-system. All inbound/outbound operations will continue and contactless delivery and pick up processes apply, with delivery staff capturing the name of the receiving customer to avoid any physical contact. Given the current restrictions, New Zealand Post can no longer guarantee service delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items, and is invoking force majeure until further notice.

Portugal UPDATE: CTT Correios de Portugal has advised that the Portuguese Government has extended the general lockdown in place throughout Portugal until at least March 1, 2021. During the lockdown, the processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and CTT Correios de Portugal is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared will continue to apply until further notice.

Samoa UPDATE: Samoas Post Office Ltd. (SAPO) has advised that the state of emergency has been extended until March 13, 2021. All inbound mail is subject to a three-day quarantine upon arrival and delays in the delivery of mail are therefore to be expected.

Saudi Arabia UPDATE: Saudi Post Corporation has advised that, in accordance with the measures taken to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and the requirements of the government of Saudi Arabia, all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery will, for security reasons, provisionally be delivered to customers indirectly. Consequently, it will not be mandatory for Saudi Post to provide written proof of delivery, and the delivery will be based on a code sent to the addressee’s mobile phone.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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February 9, 2021

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UPDATE 132: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On February 12, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Hellenic Post (ELTA) that, as a result of a confirmed community outbreak of COVID-19, the Government implemented even stricter lockdown measures in the Attica region. It is very likely that the same will apply to other regions during the coming days. As a result, there will be a direct impact on all postal operations until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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February 12, 2021

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UPDATE 132: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On February 9, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

South Africa UPDATE: South African Post Office Ltd. (SAPO) has advised that due to the extension of the countrywide lockdown, the processing of inbound and outbound mail (letter post, parcels and EMS) remains to be impacted and SAPO remains unable to guarantee quality of service standards for all types of postal products until further notice.

Thailand UPDATE: Thailand Post has advised that, even though Samut Sakhon province is still categorized as a red zone (maximum control), normal processing and delivery of mail has now resumed. Additionally, force majeure is closed as of February 3, 2021.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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February 8, 2021

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UPDATE 131: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On February 8, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Latvia** **UPDATE:** Latvijas Pasts has advised that the Latvian Government has extended the state of emergency until April 6, 2021, or later. During the state of emergency, postal services will continue to function with reduced working hours and limited staff to minimize contact between people. Therefore, all previous measures enforced continue to apply, including items that normally require the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. Force majeure remains in effect until further notice.

**Slovenia** **UPDATE:** Slovenská pošta has advised that the Slovakian Government has extended the state of emergency until at least March 19, 2021. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Slovenská pošta is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. Consequently, force majeure remains until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit [https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm](https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm)

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**UPDATE 130: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

Effective Friday, February 5, 2021, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following:

- Central African Republic

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up-to-date information: [https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl](https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl)

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**UPDATE 129: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On February 1, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Barbados** **UPDATE:** Barbados Postal Service has advised that due to the recent spike of COVID-19, the country of Barbados has been placed on a national pause effective February 3–17, 2021. As a result, some flights have been reduced or cancelled. This reduced transportation capacity may lead to delays in both inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items). Therefore, service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed, and the situation of force majeure previously declared remains in place.

**Spain** **UPDATE:** Correos y Telégrafos has advised that, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state of alert declared by the Spanish Government, force majeure remains in force.

**Suriname** **UPDATE:** Suriname Postal Corporation (SURPOST) has advised that, due to the increasing number of COVID-19 infections, the Government of Suriname issued transport restrictions effective January 1, 2021. Therefore, delays are to be expected in the processing and delivery of mail, and it will not always be possible to provide proof of delivery.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit [https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm](https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm)

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**UPDATE 128: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On February 1, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Peru** **UPDATE:** Servicios Postales del Perú - SERPOST S.A, has advised that the state of emergency has been extended until February 14, 2021. All postal services will be affected and force majeure remains until further notice.

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**UPDATE 127: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On February 1, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Barbados Postal Service** has advised that due to the recent spike of COVID-19, the country of Barbados has been placed on a national pause effective February 3–17, 2021. As a result, some flights have been reduced or cancelled. This reduced transportation capacity may lead to delays in both inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items). Therefore, service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed, and the situation of force majeure previously declared remains in place.

**Spain** has advised that, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state of alert declared by the Spanish Government, force majeure remains in force.

**Suriname** has advised that, due to the increasing number of COVID-19 infections, the Government of Suriname issued transport restrictions effective January 1, 2021. Therefore, delays are to be expected in the processing and delivery of mail, and it will not always be possible to provide proof of delivery.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit [https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm](https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm)

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Poland  **UPDATE**: Poczta Polska has advised that the Polish Government has implemented a national quarantine throughout Poland. Consequently, the measures aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 are still in force and will continue to affect its services.

Vanuatu: Vanuatu Post has advised that the Vanuatu Government has declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic until June 30, 2021. Vanuatu Post is able to accept international inbound mail and can export outbound mail. However, postal service quality for international inbound and outbound services and service delivery standards (including delivery times and other quality parameters) cannot be guaranteed until further notice.

Vietnam  **UPDATE**: VNPost has advised that to a significant number of new COVID-19 infections, the government has reinforced the measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19 effective January 26, 2021. While these measures are in place, VNPost will continue to provide postal services, but will be operating with a reduced workforce, and subject to the new restrictions and safety guidelines. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and VNPost is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. As a result, force majeure is reinstated until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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January 27, 2021

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**International Service Suspension Notice – effective January 29, 2021**

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective January 29, 2021, the Postal Service will suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following countries, until further notice:

- Botswana
- Eritrea
- Eswatini (Swaziland)
- Lesotho

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GXG®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link:

https://postalpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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January 27, 2021

**DMM Advisory**

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**International Service Resumption Notice – effective January 29, 2021**

Effective Friday, January 29, 2021, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following countries:

- Republic of the Congo
- Liberia
- Sierra Leone

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl
UPDATE 128: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On January 26, 2021, Canada Post, the designated operator of Canada, provided notification that due to an increase of confirmed COVID-19 cases resulting in staff shortages, one shift has been temporarily closed at their Gateway East processing plant in the Greater Toronto Area. However, the Toronto exchange office, located in a separate area of the Gateway plant, continues to operate, albeit with a reduced workforce. Given this situation, disruption to normal operations and reduced processing capacity and clearance within customs operations for both inbound and outbound mail items are to be expected.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEx), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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January 26, 2021

UPDATE 127: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On January 25, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Czech Republic UPDATE:** Česká Pošta s.p. has advised that, owing to a worsening of the health situation and an increase in the number of infected people, the country’s authorities have decided to extend the general lockdown until at least February 14, 2021. Česká Pošta is continuing to provide postal services, however, quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter post, parcel post and EMS) cannot be guaranteed. As a result, force majeure remains in place with respect to quality of service.

**Slovakia UPDATE:** Slovenská pošta has advised that the Slovakian Government has extended the general lockdown until at least February 7, 2021. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Slovenská pošta is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. Consequently, force majeure remains until further notice.

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January 25, 2021

UPDATE 126: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On January 20, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Israel UPDATE:** Israel Postal Company has advised that the general lockdown has been extended until at least January 22, 2021. Postal services will continue to function with restrictions and items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will continue to be handed over without signature. These measures will affect the processing and delivery of all types of services, including outbound and inbound letter post, parcel post and EMS, with an impact on quality of service. As a result, the previously announced restrictions regarding service standards and force majeure remain in place.

**Latvia UPDATE:** Latvijas Pasts has advised that the Latvian Government has extended the state of emergency until February 7, 2021, or later.During the state of emergency, postal services will continue to function with reduced working hours and limited staff to minimize contact between people. Therefore, all previous measures enforced continue to apply, including items that normally require the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. Force majeure remains in effect until further notice.

**Jamaica UPDATE:** Jamaica Post has advised that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until February 28, 2021. Consequently, the force majeure previously announced continues to apply, with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

**Portugal UPDATE:** CTT Correios de Portugal has advised that the Portuguese government has extended the general lockdown until at least January 30, 2021. During the lockdown, the processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and CTT Correios de Portugal is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared will continue to apply until further notice.

**Samoa UPDATE:** Samoa Post has advised that the state of emergency has been extended until February 17, 2021. All inbound mail is subject to a three-day quarantine upon arrival and delays in mail are therefore to be expected.

**South Africa UPDATE:** South African Post Office Ltd. (SAPO) has advised that the level 3 lockdown has been extended until February 15, 2021. SAPO will continue to dispatch mail to countries if the relevant air carrier is operating. It will also continue to receive mail from countries that send mail to SAPO for delivery in South Africa. However, it will not be possible to meet delivery standards for all mail classes. As a result, force majeure remains in effect.

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These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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January 20, 2021

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International Service Resumption Notice – effective January 22, 2021

Effective Friday, January 22, 2021, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following country:

- Saudi Arabia

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: [https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl](https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl)

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January 19, 2021

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UPDATE 125: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On January 19, 2021, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Poštal Slovenije, the designated operator of Slovenia, advising that the Slovenian Government has extended the formal declaration of a national COVID-19 epidemic for another 60 days. Quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will be affected. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared will continue to apply until further notice.

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This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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January 7, 2021

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UPDATE 124: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On January 7, 2021, the Postal Service received notification from Barbados Postal Service, the designated operator of Barbados, that due to the increase of COVID-19 infections, the Government of Barbados has imposed a night curfew between the hours of 21:00 and 05:500 from December 31, 2020, until January 14, 2021. For this reason, service delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items have been affected and a situation of force majeure has been declared until the situation returns to normal.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit [https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm](https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm)

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January 7, 2021

**DMM Advisory**

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International Service Resumption Notice – effective January 8, 2021

Effective Friday, January 8, 2021, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following countries:

- Myanmar
- Panama

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.
The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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January 5, 2021

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**UPDATE 123: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On January 5, 2021, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

- **South Korea UPDATE:** Korea Post, the designated operator of the Republic of Korea (South Korea), has advised that with the increase of COVID-19 cases confirmed among the workforce of the Seoul office of exchange, staff shortages are anticipated throughout the entire workforce. As a result, significant delays in the processing of both inbound and outbound mail items are expected, with a direct impact on the collection and delivery of inbound and outbound mail.

- **Slovakia UPDATE:** Slovenská pošta, the designated operator of Slovakia, has advised that due to a significant number of new COVID-19 cases, the Slovakian Government has extended the general lockdown until at least January 24, 2021. Although Slovenská pošta will attempt to minimize the effects of this extended lockdown, there will nevertheless continue to be a direct impact on the collection and delivery of domestic and international mail.

- **Jamaica UPDATE:** Jamaica Post, the designated operator of Jamaica, has advised that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until January 15, 2021. Revised working shifts/hours continue to apply affecting postal operations. As a result, force majeure continues to apply, with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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December 30, 2020

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**International Service Suspension Notice – effective January 2, 2021**

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective January 2, 2021, the Postal Service will suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following, until further notice:

- Saudi Arabia

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (G GXG®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link: https://postpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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December 30, 2020

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**UPDATE 122: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On December 30, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Public Enterprise Post of Serbia, the designated operator of Serbia, advising that, following the lifting of the state of emergency in Serbia, the sorting and delivery of inbound international postal items has been normalized.
 Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority AirMail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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December 29, 2020

**DMM Advisory**

**UPDATE 119: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On December 23, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

El Salvador **UPDATE**: Correos de El Salvador has advised that its international inbound mail services are operating normally as of December 15, 2020. Additionally, outbound services have resumed to all countries for which it is currently possible. Delays are to be expected in the processing and delivery of letter post, due to the sanitary measures in place. Correos de El Salvador is, however, taking all possible measures for the execution of normal air traffic, requiring the addressee's signature upon delivery will continue to be handed over without signature. These measures will affect the processing and delivery of all types of services, including outbound and inbound letter post, parcel post and EMS, with an impact on quality of service. As a result, the previously announced restrictions regarding service standards and force majeure remain in place.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority AirMail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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December 28, 2020

**DMM Advisory**

**UPDATE 120: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On December 28, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Israel **UPDATE**: Israel Postal Company has advised that, owing to the increasing number of people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Israel and the country's health authorities have declared a general lockdown for the whole country from December 27, 2020 until January 11, 2021 or a later date. Postal services will continue to function with restrictions and items normally requiring the addressee's signature upon delivery will continue to be handed over without signature. These measures will affect the processing and delivery of all types of services, including outbound and inbound letter post, parcel post and EMS, with an impact on quality of service. As a result, the previously announced restrictions regarding service standards and force majeure remain in place.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority AirMail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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December 29, 2020

**DMM Advisory**

**UPDATE 121: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On December 29, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Greece **UPDATE**: Hellenic Post (ELTA) has advised that the lockdown has been extended until the end of January 2021. As a result, there will be a direct impact on the collection and delivery of inbound and outbound mail.

South Africa **UPDATE**: South African Post Office Ltd. has advised that, due to a second wave of COVID-19, the lockdown has been adjusted to level 3 countrywide until January 15, 2021, SAPO will continue to dispatch mail to countries if the relevant air carrier is operating. It will also continue to receive mail from countries that send mail to SAPO for delivery in South Africa. However, it will not be possible to meet delivery standards for all mail classes. As a result, force majeure remains in effect until January 15, 2021.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority AirMail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Brazil**

Correios has advised that force majeure will be closed effective December 31, 2020. Although postal operations will be back to normal on January 1, 2021, all letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items normally requiring a signature upon delivery will continue to be handled without signature. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Correios is unable to guarantee compliance with the usual delivery standards. Therefore, force majeure will continue to apply.

**Lithuania**

AB Lietuvos paštas has advised that the Lithuanian Government has approved tighter lockdown measures and extended the national quarantine regime until January 31, 2021. While these measures remain in place, postal services will be operating under certain restrictions in order to minimize contact between people. Items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Lietuvos paštas is unable to guarantee compliance with the usual delivery standards. Therefore, force majeure will continue to apply.

**Slovenia**

Poštarna Slovenije has advised that the Slovenian Government has extended the formal declaration of a national COVID-19 epidemic for another 30 days. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared will continue to apply until further notice.

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**UPDATE 118: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On December 22, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Poland**

UPDATE: Poczta Polska has advised that the measures aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 are still in force in Poland and will continue to affect its services.

**Portugal**

UPDATE: CTT Correios de Portugal has advised that, in order to combat the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Portuguese Government has announced a new lockdown, which will last until at least January 7, 2021. During the lockdown, the processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and CTT Correios de Portugal is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared will continue to apply until further notice.

**Vietnam**

UPDATE: VNPost has advised that the COVID-19 situation in Viet Nam has now improved sufficiently for postal services to again be provided as normal. Therefore, the delivery of all inbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items will strictly follow the normal standards.

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**December 21, 2020**

**DMM Advisory**

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**UPDATE 117: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On December 21, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Canada Post, the designated operator of Canada, advising that Canada is experiencing a second wave of COVID-19 and all provinces therefore remain in a state of emergency. Processing delays should be expected and the on-time delivery guarantee remains suspended until further notice. In accordance with physical distancing requirements, the delivery procedure changes previously announced remain in effect. Items requiring a signature, proof of age or the collection of customs fees will continue to be delivered directly to a nearby post office for pickup by the customer. As a result, the force majeure previously declared for all international letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items will remain in effect until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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**December 18, 2020**

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**UPDATE 116: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On December 18, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Brazil**

UPDATE: Correios has advised that force majeure will be closed effective December 31, 2020. Although postal operations will be back to normal on January 1, 2021, all letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items normally requiring a signature upon delivery will continue to be handled without signature. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Correios is unable to guarantee compliance with the usual delivery standards. Therefore, force majeure will continue to apply.

**Lithuania**

UPDATE: AB Lietuvos pastas has advised that the Lithuanian Government has approved tighter lockdown measures and extended the national quarantine regime until January 31, 2021. While these measures remain in place, postal services will be operating under certain restrictions in order to minimize contact between people. Items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Lietuvos paštas is unable to guarantee compliance with the usual delivery standards. Therefore, force majeure will continue to apply.

**Slovenia**

UPDATE: Poštarna Slovenije has advised that the Slovenian Government has extended the formal declaration of a national COVID-19 epidemic for another 30 days. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared will continue to apply until further notice.
UPDATE 115: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On December 17, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Samos UPDATE: Samoa Post has advised that the state of emergency has been extended until January 16, 2021. As a result, all previous measures remain in place.

Slovakia UPDATE: Slovenská pošta has advised that, in order to combat the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Slovakian Government announced a new lockdown from December 19th until at least January 10, 2021. During the lockdown, postal services will continue to function with restrictions. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Slovenská pošta is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. Therefore, the previously announced force majeure remains in place until further notice.

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December 16, 2020

International Service Resumption Notice – effective December 18, 2020

Effective December 18, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following country:

- Libya

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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December 16, 2020

International Service Suspension Notice – effective December 18, 2020

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective December 18, 2020, the Postal Service will suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following, until further notice:

- Central African Republic

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GGX®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link: https://postpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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Drop Shipments Impacts at Processing Facilities (v3)

Drop shipments at the following processing facilities are temporarily impacted:

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<td>Redirect DADC/DSCF flats to Cincinnati PDC</td>
<td>Saturday, December 26, 2020 at 07:00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Springdale Annex</td>
<td>Redirect DADC/DSCF flats to Cincinnati PDC</td>
<td>Saturday, December 26, 2020 at 07:00</td>
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Additional information on each drop shipment impact is provided below. For trucks already in route, the drop shipment will be honored, but wait/unload times may be extended. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time. We will continue to provide updates as they become available.

**Birmingham Annex Temporary Embargo**
Effective Monday, December 14, 2020, there will be a temporary embargo of all drop shipments at the Birmingham Annex-NASS 350AX located at 4500 1st Ave S, Birmingham AL 35222. During the embargo, the facility will not accept any drop shipments and there are no redirections for the impacted mail (DADC/DSCF flats and parcels for 350-352, 354-359, 362). The facility is scheduled to resume normal drop shipment hours on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 07:00.

**West Valley Arizona Temporary Embargo**
Effective Monday, December 14, 2020, there will be a temporary embargo of all drop shipments at West Valley-NASS 85H located at 620 N 47th Ave, Phoenix AZ 85043. During the embargo, the facility will not accept any drop shipments and there are no redirections for the impacted mail (DNDC flats and parcels 850-853, 855-857, 859-860, 863; DADC flats 850-855, 855, 859-860, 863; DSCF flats and parcels 850-853, 855, 859-860, 863; DFSS flats). The facility is scheduled to resume normal drop shipment hours on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 06:00.

**Detroit NDC Temporary Embargo**
Effective Monday, December 14, 2020, there will be a temporary embargo of all drop shipments at the Detroit NDC-NASS 48Z located at 17500 Oakwood Blvd, Allen Park, MI 48101. During the embargo, the facility will not accept any drop shipments and there are no redirections for the impacted mail (DNDC flats and parcels 434-436, 465-468, 480-497; DSCF parcels and BPM/Library/Media flats 434-436, 481-482, 492; DFSS parcels 480, 493-497). The facility is scheduled to resume normal drop shipment hours on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 04:00.

**New Jersey NDC Temporary Embargo**
Effective Monday, December 14, 2020, there will be a temporary embargo of all drop shipments at the New Jersey NDC-NASS O7Z located at 80 Country Rd, Jersey City NJ 07097. During the embargo, the facility will not accept any drop shipments and there are no redirections for the impacted mail (DNDC letters, flats, parcels 005, 006, 068-079, 085-119; DADC flats and parcels 090-099; DFSS flats). The facility is scheduled to resume normal drop shipment hours on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 04:00.

**Philadelphia NDC Temporary Embargo**
Effective Monday, December 14, 2020, there will be a temporary embargo of all drop shipments at the Philadelphia NDC-NASS 19Z located at 1900 Byberry Rd, Philadelphia PA 19116. During the embargo, the facility will not accept any drop shipments and there are no redirections for the impacted mail (DNDC letters, flats, parcels 080-084, 169-199, 254; DFSS flats). The facility is scheduled to resume normal drop shipment hours on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 09:00.

**Cleveland & Akron Ohio DADC/DSCF Letters Temporary Redirection**
Effective Friday, December 11, 2020, DADC/DSCF letters for Cleveland (440-441, 444-445, 448-449) and DADC/DSCF letters for Akron (442-443, 446-447) will be temporarily redirected from Cleveland PDC-NASS 440 located at 2400 Orange Ave, Cleveland OH 44101 to Pittsburgh PDC–NASS 150 located at 1001 California Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15290. Drop shipment appointments at Pittsburgh PDC are available Thursday to Sunday from 06:00-10:00, 17:00-23:00 and Monday to Wednesday from 06:00-14:00, 17:00-23:00. The temporary redirection is scheduled to end and normal drop shipments resume at Cleveland PDC on Saturday, December 26, 2020 at 07:00.

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**UPDATE 114: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On December 10, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from South African Post Office Ltd., the designated operator of South Africa, advising that international inbound postal operations are now running as normal. Outbound services to certain countries have also resumed, based on the availability of flights.

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International Service Resumption Notice – effective December 11, 2020

Effective December 11, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following:

- Madagascar

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International®, Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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UPDATE 113: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On December 8, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Latvijas Pasts, the designated operator of Latvia, advising that, in order to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Government has announced special work arrangements effective as of December 1, 2020. As a result, the processing of all inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items), as well as the delivery of inbound mail, will be affected until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International®, Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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UPDATE 112: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On December 3, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Hongkong Post, the designated operator of Hong Kong, advising that, in order to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Government has announced special work arrangements effective as of December 1, 2020. As a result, the processing of all inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items), as well as the delivery of inbound mail, will be affected until further notice.

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This service update affects Priority Mail Express International®, Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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International Service Resumption Notice – effective December 4, 2020

Effective December 4, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following:

- Niger

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International®, Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.
UPDATE 111: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On November 20, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

France UPDATE: La Poste has advised that the French President announced a gradual easing of lockdown measures in several phases up until at least January 20, 2021. As a result, delivery delays are possible and delivery standards cannot be guaranteed. Consequently, all previous measures will continue to apply and force majeure will remain in effect.

Jamaica UPDATE: Jamaica Post has advised that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until December 31, 2020. Consequently, the force majeure previously announced continues to apply, with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

Netherlands UPDATE: PostNL has advised that, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation in the Netherlands, the partial lockdown imposed by the Dutch Government on October 14, 2020, will remain in force until further notice. As a result, the previously announced restrictions for items requiring a signature will continue to apply. Consequently, PostNL may not be able to ensure that all the normal inbound and outbound mail standards are met.

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November 27, 2020

UPDATE 110: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On November 27, 2020, the Postal Service received a notification from Post Luxembourg, the designated operator for Luxembourg, advising that the Luxembourg Government enacted new restrictions due to a second wave of COVID-19. As a result, the post is unable to maintain compliance with delivery service standards and deadlines. For all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery, the addressee's signature will be replaced by the postman/woman, together with delivery code, entered in the presence of the addressee.

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November 25, 2020

UPDATE 109: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On November 25, 2020, the Postal Service received a notification from Post Danmark, the designated operator for Denmark, advising that the additional measures...
implemented by the Danish Government in seven municipalities to minimize the spread of COVID-19 will be lifted effective November 23, 2020. However, the suspension of signature on delivery for inbound items will remain in force.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

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**UPDATE 107: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On November 19, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Malta**

**UPDATE:** MaltaPost has advised that due to the ongoing Covid-19 emergency, inbound and outbound letter post, parcel post and Express Mail Service (EMS) services continue to be severely affected as airline connectivity to Malta is operating at a very limited capacity. This disruption is expected to continue until airlines resume normal operations and sufficient transportation capacity becomes available. Consequently, given the current state of affairs, MaltaPost cannot guarantee delivery standards and times. Delays in the processing and delivery of mail are also to be expected throughout the islands of Malta, and compliance with quality of service standards will continue to be affected by force majeure.

**Slovenia**

**UPDATE:** Poštja Slovenije has advised that the Slovenian Government has extended the formal declaration of a national COVID-19 epidemic until mid-December. The processing and delivery of all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will continue to be affected, and Poštja Slovenije is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared will continue to apply until further notice.

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**UPDATE 106: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On November 18, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Jamaica**

**UPDATE:** Jamaica Post has advised that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until December 1, 2020. Consequently, the force majeure previously announced continues to apply, with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

**Portugal**

**UPDATE:** CTT Correios de Portugal has advised that the Portuguese Government declared a new state of emergency on November 9, 2020, and will be reassessed every two weeks. During the state of emergency, the processing and delivery of all types of service will be affected, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items. As a result, CTT Correios de Portugal is unable to meet its contractual obligations, particularly with regard to delivery times for letters, parcels and EMS items, standard rules for collection of signature on delivery, hand delivery, tracking of shipments (capture and transmission times), processing of cash on delivery, and insured items. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared will continue to apply until further notice.

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**UPDATE 105: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On November 13, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from LibanPost, the designated operator of Lebanon, advising that, in order to combat the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lebanese Government has announced a new nationwide lockdown from November 14 to 30, 2020. The lockdown will have an impact on delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items. As a result, LibanPost is unable to guarantee compliance with the agreed standards.
Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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UPDATE 104: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On November 12, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Belgium UPDATE: Bpost has advised that the Belgian Government announced a new lockdown which will run from November 2 until December 13, 2020 or later. The lockdown measures in place may result in processing and delivery delays of all types of items throughout the country. Until further notice, all letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items requiring signature on delivery will be delivered with the postwoman or postman signing in place of the customer (but in their presence). Additionally, bpost cannot currently accept letter-post or parcel-post items for destinations to which there is no transport capacity. The list of available destination countries is subject to change daily and may be obtained at news.bpost.be/en-corona.

Lithuania UPDATE: AB Lietuvos pastas has advised that the government announced a three-week nationwide lockdown from November 7 to 29, which may be extended. To eliminate customer interaction at the doorstep and meet physical distancing requirements, AB Lietuvos pastas has suspended the collection of a signature on delivery for letter-post items and, wherever possible, is directing mail to parcel lockers for contact-free collection. Courier items are still delivered to the door, but the four last digits of the recipient’s ID document are recorded in place of a signature. These measures will affect the processing and delivery of all types of postal items. The usual service delivery standards still cannot be guaranteed, and force majeure remains in force.

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International Service Resumption Notice – effective November 13, 2020

Effective November 13, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following:

- Cameroon
- Laos
- Mongolia
- Myanmar (Burma)

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

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UPDATE 103: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On November 10, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Denmark UPDATE: Post Danmark has advised that, owing to new measures implemented by the Danish Government in seven municipalities to minimize the spread of COVID-19, delays to delivery services are expected in the affected areas from November 9 until December 3, 2020. Quality standards for all products will be affected by this situation of force majeure.

Israel UPDATE: Israel Postal Company has advised that the lockdown declared by the Israeli health authorities is gradually being lifted, and the restrictions have been eased. However, items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery are being handed over without signature. The inclusion of a mobile phone number on items will speed up the process, enabling an SMS to be sent to the addressee instead of a written notice. Inbound and outbound mail is being processed from and to all destinations, depending on availability of flights in both directions. As a result, force majeure remains in place.

UPDATE 102: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On November 9, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Cameroon
Laos
Mongolia
Myanmar (Burma)

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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Latvia UPDATE: Latvijas Pasts has advised that a state of emergency has been declared by the Government of Latvia effective November 9, 2020 and is expected to remain in force until December 6, 2020 or later. During the state of emergency, postal services will continue to function with restrictions and items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. These measures will affect the processing and delivery of all types of services, including outbound and inbound letter post, parcel post and EMS. As a result, a situation of force majeure is again invoked with respect to quality of service until the situation returns to normal.

Mexico UPDATE: Correos de México has advised that the Mexican customs authority will be operating with a reduced workforce until January 2021. As a result, delays are to be expected in the delivery of all types of mail.

Sri Lanka UPDATE: Department of Posts has advised that, owing to a second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, new measures aiming to prevent further spread of the virus have been implemented in Sri Lanka. These new measures will continue to impact delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items. The Department of Posts is thus not able to guarantee that it will meet the agreed standards. However, all mail items sent to Sri Lanka will be processed and delivered, subject to certain restrictions imposed by the government. As a result, the previously announced force majeure remains until further notice.

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UPDATE 102: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On November 6, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Hellenic Post (ELTA), the designated operator of Greece, advising that effective Saturday November 7, 2020, a lockdown will be implemented throughout the country in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, there will be a direct impact on the collection and delivery of inbound and outbound mail.

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UPDATE 101: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On November 5, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Poste Italiane, the designated operator of Italy, advising that based on the new measures put in force by the Italian Government to minimize the spread of COVID-19, Poste Italiane has restored the addressee’s signature upon delivery of parcels and registered and insured items whenever the addressee’s condition is fully compliant with the preventive measures in place. If the addressee’s condition does not allow safe delivery, a notice of delivery with instructions for item collection will be placed in the addressee’s mailbox. Quality standards for all products will continue to be affected by this force majeure until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.


The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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UPDATE 100: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On November 2, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Czech Republic UPDATE: Česká Pošta s.p. has advised that the Government of the Czech Republic has declared a state of emergency for the entire country until November 20, 2020. Česká Pošta is continuing to provide postal services, however, quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter post, parcel post and EMS) cannot be guaranteed. As a result, force majeure remains in place with respect to quality of service.

Maldives UPDATE: Maldives Post has advised that the processing of all inbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) is now back to normal as of November 1, 2020. However, outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS) for some countries is still temporarily suspended where flights from the Maldives are limited or cancelled.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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October 30, 2020

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**UPDATE 99: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On October 30, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Jamaica Post, the designated operator of Jamaica, advising that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until November 16, 2020. As a result, the force majeure previously announced continues to apply.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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October 28, 2020

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**International Service Resumption Notice – effective October 30, 2020**

Effective October 30, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following five (5) countries:

- Cambodia
- Honduras
- Lebanon
- Samoa
- Turks & Caicos

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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October 27, 2020

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**UPDATE 97: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On October 27, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Honduras UPDATE:** Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Hondurcor) has advised that Honduras will remain in lockdown until November 1, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

**Malaysia UPDATE:** Pos Malaysia has advised that restrictions have been imposed in Selangor and Putrajaya starting on October 20, 2020 in order to manage the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in a reduction of workforce and processing capacity at Pos Malaysia’s office of exchange and hub at Kuala Lumpur International Airport. Significant processing delays for inbound international letter post, parcel post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items are expected. Domestic services and deliveries are still in operation; however, a situation of force majeure remains applicable with respect to quality of service and performance.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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October 23, 2020
UPDATE 96: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On October 23, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Slovenská pošta, the designated operator of Slovakia, advising that due to the increasing number of people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the country’s government and public health authorities have declared a partial lockdown across the whole country, which will come into effect on October 24, 2020 and last for at least three weeks. During the lockdown, postal services will continue to function with restrictions. Items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. Processing and delivery of all types of services, including outbound and inbound letter post, parcel post and Express Mail Service (EMS), will be impacted. Force majeure will remain in place.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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September 28, 2020

UPDATE 90: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On September 28, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Samoa Post, the designated postal operator for Samoa, advising that a government issued state of emergency is in effect until October 26, 2020. Due to limited international transport, Samoa Post can only send outbound mail and receive inbound mail once per week. Additionally, all inbound mail is subject to a seven-day quarantine before being processed and delivered. Owing to these conditions, delays are to be expected.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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September 24, 2020

UPDATE 89: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On September 24, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

China UPDATE: China Post has advised that it is closing the case of force majeure and postal services are now back to normal.

Jamaica UPDATE: Jamaica Post has advised that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until October 7, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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September 23, 2020

UPDATE 88: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On September 23, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Hondurcor), the designated postal operator of Honduras, advising that it has extended the suspension of postal services until October 4, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due-course.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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September 23, 2020
**International Service Resumption Notice – effective September 25, 2020**

Effective September 25, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following **five (5) countries**:

- Bolivia
- Ecuador
- Kiribati
- Kyrgyzstan
- Venezuela

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

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**UPDATE 86: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On September 15, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

**The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:**

**Canada UPDATE:** Canada Post has advised that the delivery procedure changes previously announced remain in effect. Items requiring a signature, proof of age or the collection of customs fees will continue to be delivered directly to a nearby post office for pickup by the customer. Additionally, Canada Post has recently restored the 15-day limit for customers to retrieve their parcels after receiving a card with instructions. Items will be returned to the sender if they are not collected within 15 days. Force majeure remains for all international letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

**El Salvador UPDATE:** Correos de El Salvador has advised that the government-mandated closure of El Salvador International Airport has had a direct impact on the receipt, processing and delivery of letter-post, parcel-post, EMS and registered items. El Salvador International Airport will gradually reopen to incoming and outgoing commercial flights effective September 19, 2020, and a normal flight schedule is expected to be operational by October 4, 2020. As a result, the processing and delivery of letter-post and registered items remain subject to delays.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit [https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm](https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm)

**UPDATE 87: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On September 22, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

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**UPDATE 88: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On September 15, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Honduras UPDATE:** Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Hondurcor) has advised that Honduras will remain in lockdown until September 20, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

**Hong Kong UPDATE:** Hongkong Post has advised that the measures taken to limit the spread of COVID-19 have been lifted and the force majeure situation previously announced is closed as of September 15, 2020.

**Israel UPDATE:** Israel Postal Company has advised that, owing to increasing COVID-19 cases, the Government of Israel and the country’s health authorities have declared a general lockdown for the whole country effective September 18, 2020 through October 11, 2020. Postal services will continue to function with restrictions and items normally requiring the addressee’s signature upon delivery will be handed over without signature. Delays should be expected in the processing and delivery of all types of letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items. All previously issued restrictions regarding service standards continue to apply and force majeure remains in effect.

**Poland UPDATE:** Poczta Polska has advised that the measures aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 are still in force in Poland, and will continue to affect its services. As a result, all previous measures for items requiring a signature remain in place. Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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September 14, 2020

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**UPDATE 85: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On September 14, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Jamaica Post, the designated operator of Jamaica, advising that the Government of Jamaica has extended the national curfew until September 23, 2020. Therefore, the processing and delivery of mail along with responses to online customer inquiries may be delayed. Force majeure remains with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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September 11, 2020

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**UPDATE 84: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On September 11, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Hondurcor), the designated postal operator of Honduras, advising that it has extended the suspension of postal services until September 13, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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September 9, 2020

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**International Service Resumption Notice – effective September 11, 2020**

Effective September 11, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following country:

- Cook Islands

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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September 9, 2020
UPDATE 83: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On September 3, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Philippine Postal Corporation, the designated operator for Philippines, advising that the period of community quarantine has been extended through September 30, 2020, for various areas. All previous measures remain in place.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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September 2, 2020

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Starting September 4, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following six (6) countries:

- Fiji
- French Guiana
- Kosovo
- Mauritania
- Sudan
- Tonga

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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September 2, 2020

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Effective September 4, 2020, the Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective September 4, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following countries, until further notice:

- Lesotho
- Niger
- Swaziland
- Western Samoa

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GXG®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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September 1, 2020

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UPDATE 82: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On September 1, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Philippine Postal Corporation, the designated operator for Philippines, advising that the period of community quarantine has been extended through September 30, 2020, for various areas. All previous measures remain in place.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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Service Alerts page for the most up to date information:

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Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information:

https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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On September 1, the Postal Service™ received a notification from SERPOST S.A., advising that the national state of emergency has been extended until September 30, 2020 and force majeure remains.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are provided. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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August 31, 2020

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**UPDATE 81: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On August 31, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Samoa Post advising that a government issued state of emergency is in effect until September 27, 2020. Due to limited international transport, Samoa Post can only send outbound mail and receive inbound mail once per week. Additionally, all inbound mail is subject to a seven-day quarantine before being processed and delivered. Owing to these conditions, delays are to be expected.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are provided. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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August 26, 2020

**DMM Advisory**

**International Service Suspension Notice – effective August 28, 2020**

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective August 28, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where the foreign postal operator has indicated that they are unable to process or deliver international mail or services originating from the United States.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- **Bhutan**

Effective August 28, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- **Lebanon**

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GXG®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as ‘Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender’ and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link: https://postalpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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August 26, 2020

**DMM Advisory**

**UPDATE 80: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On August 26, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Jamaica** **UPDATE:** Jamaica Post has advised that as a result of the national curfew imposed until September 2, 2020, processing and delivery of mail along with responses to online customer inquiries may be delayed. Force majeure remains with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

**Philippines** **UPDATE:** Philippine Postal Corporation has advised that the period of community quarantine has been extended through August 31, 2020, for various areas. All previous measures remain in place.
Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.


The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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August 25, 2020

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UPDATE 79: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On August 25, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Honduras UPDATE: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Hondurcon) has advised that Honduras will remain in lockdown until September 6, 2020 or a later date to be communicated in due course.

Israel UPDATE: Israel Postal Company has advised that the restriction of physical distancing between postal employees and customers remain in place. Therefore, delays may continue to occur in the processing and delivery of all types of letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items. In addition, Israel Postal Company requests the addresses' mobile phone numbers to be displayed on items so that customers can be contacted by SMS to improve the delivery process. All previously issued restrictions regarding addressee signature and service standards continue to apply and force majeure remains in effect.

Spain UPDATE: Correos y Telégrafos has advised that it is now able to send mail to the majority of countries and territories with which routes are open. Nevertheless, problems persist with regard to the capacity, frequency and regularity of international flights. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared remains in place. Consequently, until further notice, Correos y Telégrafos remains unable to guarantee quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) and compliance with delivery standards for items requiring signature.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.


The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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August 24, 2020

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UPDATE 78: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On August 24, the Postal Service received a notification from Hongkong Post advising that the previously announced special weeks for sending letters and parcels to China has been extended until September 27, 2020.


The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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August 24, 2020

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UPDATE 77: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On August 25, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Vietnam UPDATE: VNPost has advised that force majeure continues to apply with an impact on quality of service for all types of mail, including inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items.

Bhutan UPDATE: Bhutan Post has advised that in an effort to contain the local transmission of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Royal Government of Bhutan has declared a nationwide lockdown until further notice. Therefore, Bhutan Post is suspending daily domestic and international mail operations. Service quality and severe delays on inbound and outbound mail are to be expected until the lockdown is lifted and normal transport capacity becomes available. As a result, Bhutan Post has declared a situation of force majeure in relation to all international letter-post, parcel-post and EMS services.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.


The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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UPDATE 76: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On August 19, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Suriname Postal Corporation (SURPOST) advising that due to a rapid increase in the number of COVID-19 infections, SURPOST has suspended a number of postal services. As a result, the processing and delivery of mail will be delayed and proof of delivery will not be provided until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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August 19, 2020

International Service Resumption Notice – effective August 21, 2020

Effective August 21, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following fifteen (15) countries:

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These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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August 18, 2020

UPDATE 75: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On August 18, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Hongkong Post advising that the previously announced special working arrangements have been extended until August 23, 2020. Force majeure remains and is affecting the processing and delivery of all types of mail, including outbound and inbound Express Mail Service (EMS), parcel-post and letter-post services, with an impact on quality of service.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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August 13, 2020

International Service Impacts – Country Suspensions as of August 14, 2020

Effective August 14, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions in the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- Syria

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.
For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GXG®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as "Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender" and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link:

https://postalpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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August 12, 2020

**International Service Resumption Notice – effective August 14, 2020**

Effective August 14, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following countries:

- Costa Rica
- Guatemala
- Samoa

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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August 12, 2020

**UPDATE 74: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On August 12, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Cape Verde** **UPDATE:** Correios de Cabo Verde has advised that following the Government of Cape Vert’s announcement of the end of the lockdown, normal inbound and outbound mail operations have resumed and there are no longer any restrictions on the acceptance of postal items.

**New Zealand** **UPDATE:** New Zealand Post has advised that, as a result of a confirmed community outbreak of COVID-19 in Auckland after 102 days without community transmission, the New Zealand Government has moved the Auckland region to national COVID-19 Alert Level 3 from Wednesday, August 12, 2020, provisionally until Friday, August 14, 2020. The rest of New Zealand has moved to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 for the same period. New Zealand Post will continue domestic and international inbound/outbound operations as was the case during the previous heightened COVID-19 alert levels in New Zealand between March and June 2020. Contactless delivery and pick up processes apply, with delivery staff capturing the name of the receiving customer to avoid physical contact. Given the current restrictions, New Zealand Post can no longer guarantee service delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items, and is invoking force majeure until further notice.

**Portugal** **UPDATE:** CTTP Correios de Portugal has advised that a state of alert is in force throughout the country until further notice. Impacts on quality of service and on the processing and delivery of all types of mail, including outbound and inbound EMS, parcel post and letter post should be expected. As a result, the previously invoked force majeure remains in effect.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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August 11, 2020

**UPDATE 73: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On August 11, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Honduras** **UPDATE:** Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honudcor) has advised that Honduras will remain in lockdown until August 23, 2020 or a later date to be communicated in due course.

**Philippines** **UPDATE:** Philippine Postal Corporation has advised that the period of community quarantine has been extended through August 18, 2020 for various areas. However, all post offices remain open and the international mail processing centres continue to operate with a skeleton workforce. Consequently,
These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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August 10, 2020

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UPDATE 72: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On August 10, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Hong Kong UPDATE: Hongkong Post has advised that the special working arrangements have been extended until August 16, 2020. Force majeure remains and is affecting the processing and delivery of all types of mail, including outbound and inbound Express Mail Service (EMS), parcel-post and letter-post services, with an impact on quality of service.

Mail UPDATE: La Poste du Mali has advised that normal postal services have resumed as of Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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August 7, 2020

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UPDATE 71: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On August 7, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Brazil UPDATE: Correios has advised that the previous measures implemented and force majeure invoked with regard to COVID-19 remain in place.

Colombia UPDATE: Servicios Postales Nacionales S.A. 4-72 has advised that the Colombian Government has extended the period of mandatory preventative isolation until September 1, 2020. The postal service will continue to provide mail services, however, significant delays of international inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items should be expected. As a result, force majeure remains.

Honduras UPDATE: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor) has advised that Honduras will remain in lockdown until August 9, 2020 or a later date to be communicated in due course.

Lebanon UPDATE: LibanPost has advised that it is planning to resume postal services as of Monday, August 10, 2020.

Trinidad and Tobago: Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation (TTPost) has advised that due to border closures in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19, postal service quality for international inbound and outbound services and service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed until further notice. TTPost is therefore declaring a situation of force majeure for all categories of inbound and outbound letter-post and parcel-post items.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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August 5, 2020

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International Service Resumption Notice – effective August 7, 2020

Effective August 7, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following country:

- New Caledonia

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.
International Service Impacts – Country Suspensions as of August 7, 2020

Effective August 7, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- Bahamas

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GXG®), Postal Service International Service Center (ISC) employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link:

https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information:

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UPDATE 70: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On August 3, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Hong Kong **UPDATE**: Hongkong Post has advised that the special working arrangements has been extended until August 9, 2020. Force majeure remains and is affecting the processing and delivery of all types of mail, including outbound and inbound Express Mail Service (EMS), parcel-post and letter-post services, with an impact on quality of service.

Peru **UPDATE**: Servicios Postales del Perú – SERPOST S.A, has advised that the national state of emergency has been extended until August 31, 2020 and force majeure remains.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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UPDATE 69: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On July 30, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Honduras **UPDATE**: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honduron) has advised that it has extended the suspension of postal services until August 2, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

Lebanon **UPDATE**: LibanPost has advised that due to the latest increase in the number of Covid-19 cases, the Lebanese Government has declared a complete lockdown in the country from Thursday, July 30 to Monday, August 3 (end of day) and from Thursday, August 6 to Monday, August 10 (end of day). However, during this period post offices and distribution networks will remain open and continue to process inbound and outbound mail with reduced capacity which will affect service quality of all mail classes (letter-mail, parcels and EMS).

Pakistan: Pakistan Post has advised that measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Pakistan will have a major impact on operations and, consequently, on quality of service for all inbound letter post, parcel post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items. For this reason, service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed, and force majeure is declared until the situation returns to normal.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.
The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

**UPDATE 68: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On July 28, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Hongkong Post advising that the previously announced special working arrangements have been extended until August 2, 2020, and will continue to affect the processing and delivery standards of all types of services, including outbound and inbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS services.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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July 22, 2020

**UPDATE 67: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On July 23, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor), the designated postal operator of Honduras, advising that it has extended the suspension of postal services until July 26, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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July 23, 2020

**International Service Resumption Notice – effective July 24, 2020**

Effective July 24, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following six (6) countries:

- Argentina
- Chile
- Colombia
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Uruguay

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.
UPDATE 65: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On July 15, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Hong Kong **UPDATE**: Hongkong Post has advised that special working arrangements have been imposed in an effort to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19. These measures will affect the quality of all Hongkong Post’s services including the processing and delivery of outbound and inbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items until July 26, 2020.

Indonesia **UPDATE**: Pos Indonesia has advised that due to insufficient means of transportation, distribution of inbound mail to remote customs and delivery offices is still subject to delays and therefore cannot guarantee the quality of service or delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items. As a result, all previously issued restrictions regarding suspension of signature at time of delivery and service standards continue to apply and force majeure remains in effect.

Maldive **UPDATE**: Maldive Post has advised that due to the resumption of limited international flights, service for outbound letter post, parcel post and EMS items is gradually returning to normal.

Togo **UPDATE**: The Togo Postal Corporation has advised that it has restored some of its capacity to process inbound and outbound items. However, due to suspension or cancellation of some flights and limited transport capacity, delivery times remain impacted and may be delayed. The Togo Postal Corporation therefore cannot guarantee that processing standards for the different categories of items will be met.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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International Service Resumption Notice – effective July 17, 2020

Effective July 17, 2020, the Postal Service™ will **resume acceptance of mail** destined to the following twenty-four (24) countries:

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These service resumptions follow the same mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

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UPDATE 65: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On July 15, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

**Djibouti UPDATE**: Djibouti S.A. has advised that postal services will return to normal effective July 17, 2020.

**Honduras UPDATE**: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honduco) has advised that the suspension of postal services has been extended until July 19, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

**Malta UPDATE**: MaltaPost has advised that the collection of signature on delivery resumed as of July 1, 2020 for all items requiring signature. Confirmation of deliveries will be provided via the usual tracking event scans for products that allow tracking. Due to the cancellation of international flights, MaltaPost is still unable to guarantee quality of service and delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items. Force majeure remains until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.
These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

**UPDATE 64: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On July 10, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Israel Postal Company advising that due to the increase of COVID-19 cases, all mail service to Israel will be suspended until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=to_intl

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UPDATE 63: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On July 9, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from La Poste advising that due to the French Government extending the measures aimed at combating the spread of COVID-19, it cannot guarantee meeting normal delivery times in certain regions. Additionally, La Poste is now able to process parcels up to 66 lbs (30 kg) in weight, subject to the longest dimension not exceeding 39 inches and/or the three dimensions combined do not exceed 59 inches (i.e., L+W+H equals less than 59 inches). All previous issued service standard restrictions continue to apply and force majeure remains in effect until September 30, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International®, Priority Mail International®, First-Class Mail International® (FCM), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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July 8, 2020

International Service Resumption Notice – effective July 10, 2020

Effective July 10, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following countries:

- Bahamas
- Bangladesh
- Egypt
- India
- Guatemala
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Senegal
- UAE

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International®, Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCM), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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July 6, 2020

UPDATE 62: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On July 3, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Montenegro UPDATE: Montenegro Post has advised that all conditions are back to normal and, therefore, it is able to send and receive items without restrictions.

Jamaica UPDATE: Jamaica Post has advised that although operational activities have been partially restored, normal delivery standards, especially for EMS deliveries, cannot be fully met. Jamaica Post will provide notification when the situation has returned to normal.

Tunisia UPDATE: La Poste Tunisienne is accepting inbound mail originating from all countries and is delivering it in accordance with the measures put into place by the Tunisian government to limit the spread of COVID-19. While every effort is being made to resume domestic and international postal services, La Poste Tunisienne continues to be unable to guarantee delivery deadlines and quality standards for all types of products, in accordance with the force majeure declared on March 17, 2020. This will continue to be the case until services and regular flight plans to all destinations have resumed as normal.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International®, Priority Mail International®, First-Class Mail International® (FCM), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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July 2, 2020

UPDATE 61: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19
On July 2, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor), the designated postal operator of Honduras, advising that it has extended the suspension of postal services until July 12, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEX), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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**E-USPS Delivery Confirmation International Service**

**International Mail Manual Exhibit 252.22 Update**

Countries Accepting Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International Service (E-USPS DELCON INTL) entered on or after July 1 2020:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>E-USPS DELCON INTL Service</th>
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Postal Bulletin 22658 on page 4, the availability of E-USPS DELCON INTL service to other countries will be posted as the information becomes available.

**UPDATE 60: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On July 1, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Maldives UPDATE:** Maldives Post has advised that the Government of the Maldives has decided to extend the sanitary measures, including the lockdown of the Malé region, until July 4, 2020.

**Nepal UPDATE:** Nepal Post has advised that the Government of Nepal has decided to continue the partial nationwide lockdown and suspension of incoming international flights until July 22, 2020.

**Spain UPDATE:** Correos y Telégrafos has advised that it is now able to send mail to many destinations. Nevertheless, problems persist with regard to the capacity, frequency and regularity of international flights. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared remains in place. Consequently, until further notice, Correos y Telégrafos remains unable to guarantee quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) and compliance with delivery standards for items requiring signature.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEX), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm.

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**COVID-19 CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS UPDATE**

**Effects on Requalification Efforts for Periodicals Publications**

The Postal Service understands that the Periodicals industry continues to have a difficult time renewing requester and subscriber/paid publications due to the COVID-19 outbreak. To address this, in an April 2, 2020 Industry Update, we temporarily extended expiration dates of all legitimate requests for extension by legitimate subscribers for six (6) months, effective from January 15, 2020.

Due to continuing issues with COVID-19, we are extending this temporary exception to the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) 207.4.2 and DMM 207.7.6 mailing standards until October 31, 2020. This new temporary extension is available until October 31, 2020 to legitimate requesters or legitimate subscribers/paid publications. This new temporary extension includes renewals related to membership renewals. It is only applicable to legitimate subscribers and legitimate requesters who continued to receive the publications during this period.

This is a temporary exception to DMM 207.4.2 and DMM 207.7.6. Starting on November 1, 2020, this temporary exception to the DMM will no longer be in effect and the 3-year requester requirement and the paid subscriber requirement will apply.

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**Notes:**

1. EU Neighbors of Spain: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain.
2. EU Neighbors of France: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain.
3. Austria Neighbors: Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland, and Slovenia.
4. Switzerland Neighbors: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, and Luxembourg.
5. Iceland Neighbors: Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden.
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**International Service Resumption Notice – effective July 2, 2020**

Effective July 2, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following countries:

- Algeria
- Egypt
- Kazakhstan
- Morocco
- Qatar
- Tunisia

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

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**UPDATE 59: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On June 30, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Thailand Post that it is now able to send mail to many destinations, though delays are to be expected. In addition, Thailand Post has advised that it is accepting inbound mail as usual and delivering them in compliance with government-mandated measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. However, transit à découvert via Thailand and closed transit services for letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items remain temporarily unavailable.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to provide updates as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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**UPDATE 58: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On June 26, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

**Albania UPDATE:** Albanian Post has advised that the Albanian Government has now declared the state of emergency to be over, but is continuing to enforce measures aimed at minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Albanian Post’s operations are returning to normal, however, transport capacity remains variable and liable to change from day to day. Although Albanian Post is endeavouring to meet delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items, force majeure remains.

**Poland UPDATE:** Poczta Polska has advised that there are not any significant changes. Registered items that do not require proof of delivery will be delivered to the recipient’s mailbox. Parcels, insured parcels and EMS requiring signature, will be delivered with signature. If the mailer refuses to sign, the mail carrier will record the last four digits from the ID document, as well as the type of ID and the exact name of the receiver.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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**International Service Impacts – Country Suspensions as of June 26, 2020**

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Effective June 26, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following countries, until further notice:

- Cambodia
- Dominica

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GXG®), Postal Service employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link:
https://postalpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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June 25, 2020

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International Service Resumption Notice – effective June 26, 2020

Effective June 26, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following countries:

- British Virgin Islands
- Saudi Arabia

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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June 23, 2020

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**UPDATE 57: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19**

On June 23, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Posta Moldovei that all postal services have resumed.

Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service update affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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International Service Impacts – Country Suspensions as of June 19, 2020

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective June 19, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- Jordan

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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June 19, 2020

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UPDATE 56: International Mail Service Updates Related to COVID-19

On June 19, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have provided updates to certain mail services:

Estonia UPDATE: Estonian Post has advised that the Estonian Government ended the state of emergency on May 17, 2020 and all postal services have resumed. Signature and delivery standards will be met as agreed.

Maldives UPDATE: Maldives Post has advised that they are extending the suspension of all postal operations until June 30, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course. Therefore, all previously announced measures, including force majeure, continue to apply. Unless otherwise noted, service updates to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service updates affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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UPDATE 55: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On June 18, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Indonesia UPDATE: Pos Indonesia has advised that the Jakarta office of exchange (IDKTC) has resumed its operational activities as of June 18, 2020.

Lithuania UPDATE: Lithuania Post has advised that the Lithuanian Government has lifted the quarantine regime as of June 17, 2020. However, measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 may still result in staff shortages or temporary suspension of the work of some post offices. Lithuania Post will continue to provide services according to safety guidelines, but all letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items requiring signature on delivery will be delivered to the addressee directly, and addressee signatures will be collected (except in cases where the addressee is isolating). Operational conditions remain difficult (with cancellation of international flights, etc.), and may cause delays. Accordingly, the usual service delivery standards still cannot be guaranteed, and force majeure remains in effect.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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June 18, 2020

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UPDATE 54: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On June 17, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor), the designated postal operator of Honduras, advising that it has extended the suspension of postal services until June 28, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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UPDATE 53: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On June 16, 2020, the Department of Defense notified the Postal Service™ that effective June 18, 2020, the temporary service suspension to the DPO ZIP codes listed below will be LIFTED:

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Additionally, on June 16, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Indonesia UPDATE: Pos Indonesia has advised that the Jakarta office of exchange (IDKTC) will be temporarily closed for three days from June 15 – 17, 2020. This closure will lead to delays in the processing and delivery of inbound items, response to inquiries, RESDES messages and customs processes.

Jordan UPDATE: Jordan Post Company has advised that they are now able to send outbound letter and parcel mail to the following countries: Austria, Belgium, China (People’s Rep.), Denmark, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and United States of America. Express Mail Service (EMS) is available to all international destinations. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a major impact on operations, and consequently on quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter and parcel post).

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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June 15, 2020

UPDATE 52: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On June 15, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Maldives UPDATE: Maldives Post has advised that they are extending the suspension of all postal operations until June 18, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course. Therefore, all previously announced measures, including force majeure, continue to apply.

United Kingdom UPDATE: Royal Mail Group has advised that Saturday deliveries of untracked letters and small packets have resumed as of June 13, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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June 15, 2020

International Service Impacts – Country Suspensions as of June 12, 2020

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective June 12, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following countries, until further notice:

- Colombia
- Ivory Coast
- Kosovo
- Myanmar

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GXG®), Postal Service employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended —
UPDATE 49: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On June 4, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

**Czech Republic**: Česká Pošta s.p. has advised that owing to the cancellation and postponement of flights, the processing of inbound and outbound items may be subject to significant delays. Consequently, Česká Pošta has declared a situation of force majeure and delays in delivery of letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items may occur.

**France UPDATE**: La Poste has advised that the French Government has extended the measures aimed at combating the spread of COVID-19 until July 10, 2020. La Poste is affected by these measures and cannot guarantee meeting normal delivery times in certain regions. Additionally, La Poste requests to avoid mailing large or heavy parcels exceeding 44 lbs (20 kg) in weight or whose longest dimension exceeds 39 inches and/or whose three dimensions combined exceed 59 inches (i.e. L+W+H equals less than 59 inches). Delays in delivery should be expected and force majeure remains in effect.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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June 4, 2020

**UPDATE 50: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On June 5, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Liechtensteinische Post, the designated postal operator of Liechtenstein, advising that the COVID-19 situation in Liechtenstein has now improved sufficiently for postal services to again be provided as normal.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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June 5, 2020

**UPDATE 51: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On June 10, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

**Honduras UPDATE**: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Hondurcor) has advised that it has extended the suspension of postal services until June 14, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

**Latvia UPDATE**: Latvijas Pasts has advised that the Latvian Government lifted the state of emergency effective June 10, 2020. However, for international mail, owing to the cancellation of flights, the processing of postal items may still be subject to significant delays. Latvijas Pasts is continuing to accept outbound postal items destined for all countries and is sending them via alternative routes as required. Therefore, the situation of force majeure declared by Latvijas Pasts remains in effect and all previous announcements including no guarantee of service delivery standards and significant delays continue to apply until the situation returns to normal.

**Spain UPDATE**: Correos y Telégrafos has advised that the Spanish Government has extended the state of alert until June 21, 2020 and the previously declared force majeure remains in effect. Consequently, until further notice, Correos y Telégrafos remains unable to guarantee quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) and compliance with delivery standards for items requiring signature.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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June 10, 2020
International Service Impact: Alternate Transport – Sixth Air to Sea Diversion for Netherlands

On May 29, 2020, a sixth sea transport departed with volume from the Chicago, JFK, and Miami International Service Centers and is estimated to arrive at the Rotterdam (Netherlands) port on June 23, 2020. Sea route arrival dates are not exact and may vary depending on weather related events and queuing at port of arrival. The vessel is carrying approximately 7,099 receptacles in seven (7) containers weighing approximately 42,592 kilograms. It is serving mail destined to:

- Austria
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Hungary
- Poland
- Sweden
- Finland
- Netherlands
- Spain
- Switzerland
- (Geneva and Zurich)

When calculating estimated delivery times, additional days required for unloading, customs clearance and road transport should be considered. The table below outlines a typical sea transit delivery cycle that begins upon arrival to the destined port:

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<th>Rotterdam Port Transit to Den Hague OE</th>
<th>Den Hague OE Acceptance &amp; Sorting</th>
<th>Den Hague OE Road Transit to Delivery Address</th>
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*OE = Office of Exchange

This transportation alternative will be used for the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Alternate transport options will remain in effect until sufficient air transportation capacity becomes available.

The Postal Service™ is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: [https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm](https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm)

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UPDATE 48: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On June 2, 2020, the Department of Defense notified the Postal Service™ that effective June 4, 2020, the temporary service suspension to the DPO ZIP codes listed below will be LIFTED:

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Additionally, on June 2, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

**Honduras UPDATE:** Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Hondutcor) has advised that it has extended the suspension of postal services until June 7, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

**Israel UPDATE:** Israel Post Mail Company has advised that owing to the cancellation and postponement of flights, the processing of outbound items may be subject to significant delays. In addition, although the situation is returning to normal, for safety reasons, all inbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery remain suspended and the previous established procedure to leave the item at the door after being scanned and photographed to ensure that delivery has been made, and if possible, record the name of the addressee, continues. Consequently, the situation of force majeure remains in effect and delays may occur in the treatment and delivery of all types of letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

**Nepal UPDATE:** Nepal Post has advised that the suspension of all postal operations has been extended until June 14, 2020. Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit [https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm](https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm)

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May 27, 2020
International Service Resumption Notice – effective May 29, 2020

Effective May 29, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following country:

- Cambodia

This service resumption affects the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

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May 26, 2020

UPDATE 47: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On May 26, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Honduras UPDATE: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor) has advised that it has extended the suspension of postal services until May 31, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

Peru UPDATE: Servicios Postales del Perú - SERPOST S.A. has advised that the suspension of all postal operations has been extended until further notice.

Slovenia UPDATE: Slovenia, Poštovna Slovenija, has advised that postal services are now returning to normal. The sending of outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) will resume gradually, depending on the availability of flights and transport capacity. All postal items will continue to be delivered in line with national health guidelines. Registered letters, parcels and EMS items will be delivered and a signature collected whilst respecting social distancing measures. Consequently, the situation of force majeure will remain in effect until June 1, 2020.

Spain UPDATE: Correos y Telégrafos has advised that the Spanish Government has extended the state of alert until June 7, 2020, or later, and the previously declared force majeure remains in effect. Consequently, until further notice, Correos y Telégrafos remains unable to guarantee quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) and compliance with delivery standards for items requiring signature.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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May 22, 2020

UPDATE 46: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On May 22, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Zimbabwe Posts (Pvt) Ltd (Zimpost), the designated postal operator of Zimbabwe, advising that the international service suspension remains in effect until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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May 21, 2020

International Service Impacts – Country Suspensions as of May 22, 2020

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective May 22, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where the foreign postal operator has indicated that they are unable to process or deliver international mail or services originating from the United States.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- Turkmenistan
In addition, effective May 22, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following countries, until further notice:

- Brunei
- Cambodia
- Uzbekistan

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GEX®), Postal Service employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link: https://postلالpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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May 21, 2020

DMM Advisory

Keeping you informed about classification and mailing standards of the United States Postal Service

International Service Resumption Notice – effective May 22, 2020

Effective May 22, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following countries:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Aruba
- Barbados
- Belize
- Colombia
- Jamaica
- New Caledonia
- Nicaragua
- Trinidad and Tobago

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

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May 20, 2020

DMM Advisory

Keeping you informed about classification and mailing standards of the United States Postal Service

UPDATE 45: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On May 20, 2020, the Department of Defense notified the Postal Service™ that effective May 20, 2020, the temporary service suspension to the DPO ZIP codes listed below will be LIFTED:

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Additionally, on May 20, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor), the designated postal operator of Honduras, advising that it has extended the suspension of postal services until May 24, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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May 19, 2020
International Service Impact: Alternate Transport – Third Air to Sea Diversion in Effect

On May 15, 2020, a third sea transport departed with volume from the Chicago, JFK, and Miami International Service Centers and is estimated to arrive at the Rotterdam (Netherlands) port on June 9, 2020. Sea route arrival dates are not exact and may vary depending on weather related events and queuing at port of arrival. The vessel is carrying 24,013 receptacles in twenty (22) containers weighing 143,807 kilograms. It is serving mail destined to:

- Austria
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Hungary
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
  (Geneva and Zurich)

When calculating estimated delivery times, additional days required for unloading, customs clearance and road transit should be considered. The table below outlines a typical sea transit delivery cycle that begins upon arrival to the destined port:

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This transportation alternative will be used for the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Alternate transit options will remain in effect until sufficient air transportation capacity becomes available.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.

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**UPDATE 42: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On May 14, 2020, the Postal Service received notification from CN Posta Română SA, the designated operator for Romania, advising that the state of emergency in Romania is being replaced by a state of alert effective May 15, 2020. Therefore, the previously declared force majeure remains in effect until further notice. For this reason, Poșta Română can no longer guarantee service delivery standards.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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May 14, 2020

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**International Service Impacts – Country Suspensions as of May 15, 2020**

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective May 15, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where the foreign postal operator has indicated that they are unable to process or deliver international mail or services originating from the United States.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- British Virgin Islands

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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May 15, 2020

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**UPDATE 41: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On May 13, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Correos y Telégrafos, the designated postal operator of Spain, advising that the Spanish Government has extended the state of alert until May 24, 2020. As a result, Correos y Telégrafos is unable to guarantee compliance with delivery standards for items requiring signature and major impacts on processing and distribution of all international mail should be expected until the situation returns to normal.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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May 13, 2020

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**International Service Resumption Notice – effective May 15, 2020**

Effective May 15, 2020, the Postal Service™ will resume acceptance of mail destined to the following countries:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Estonia
- Moldova
- Montenegro

These service resumptions affect the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal.
UPDATE 40: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On May 12, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from bpost, the designated postal operator of Belgium, advising that effective May 12, 2020, it is able to send letter-post and parcel-post items to certain destinations, including the United States of America. Owing to limited transportation, bpost is still not able to guarantee delivery standards, therefore force majeure continues.


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May 12, 2020

UPDATE 39: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On May 11, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Latvia UPDATE: Latvijas Pasts has advised that the Latvian Government has extended the state of emergency until at least June 9, 2020. Therefore, the situation of force majeure declared by Latvijas Pasts remains in effect and all previous announcements including no guarantee of service delivery standards and significant delays continue to apply until further notice.

Peru UPDATE: Servicios Postales del Perú - SERPOST S.A, has advised that due to the Peruvian Government decision to extend the state of emergency until May 24, 2020, the suspension of all postal operations remains in effect until that date.


The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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May 8, 2020

UPDATE 38: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On May 8, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

France UPDATE: La Poste has advised that the French Government has extended the measures aimed at combating the spread of COVID-19 until July 10, 2020. La Poste is affected by these measures and cannot guarantee meeting normal delivery times in certain regions. Additionally, La Poste requests to avoid mailing large or heavy parcels exceeding 33 lbs (15 kg) or larger than 12.5 x 9.4 x 9.4 inches (32 cm x 24 cm x 24 cm) until the situation returns to normal.

Russian Federation UPDATE: Russian Post has advised that, owing to the measures taken by the Russian government to limit the spread of COVID-19, air connections between the Russian Federation and other countries have been significantly reduced, thus resulting in continued service delays.


The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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May 7, 2020

UPDATE 37: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On May 7, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Liechtensteinische Post, the designated postal operator of Liechtenstein, advising that effective May 11, 2020, delivery of registered letters and parcels will require the addressee's signature or at the addressee's option, the deliverer's signature. If the
This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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May 6, 2020

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**UPDATE 36: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On May 6, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

**Sri Lanka UPDATE:** Department of Posts has advised that the previously announced service suspension and declared force majeure remain in effect until further notice.

**United Kingdom UPDATE:** Royal Mail Group has advised that, due to staffing issues, effective May 9, it will suspend Saturday delivery of untracked letters and small packets and will deliver these items Monday to Friday as normal.

**Zimbabwe UPDATE:** Zimbabwe Posts (Pvt) Ltd (Zimpost) has advised that international service suspension remains in effect until May 17, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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May 5, 2020

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**UPDATE 35: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On May 5, 2020, the Department of Defense notified the Postal Service™ that effective May 7, 2020, the temporary service suspension to the DPO ZIP codes listed below will be lifted:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>City</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>ZIP Code</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DPO</td>
<td>AE</td>
<td>09289-9997</td>
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<td>AE</td>
<td>09701-9997</td>
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<td>DPO</td>
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<td>DPO</td>
<td>AA</td>
<td>34022-9997</td>
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</table>

Additionally, on May 5, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

**Honduras UPDATE:** Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor) has advised that it has extended the suspension of postal services until May 17, 2020, or a
UPDATE 34: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On May 4, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Mauritius UPDATE: Mauritius Post has advised that they are extending the suspension of mail service until June 1, 2020. Therefore, all previously announced measures, including force majeure, continue to apply.

Maldives UPDATE: Maldives Post has advised that they are extending the suspension of all postal operations until May 14, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course. Therefore, all previously announced measures, including force majeure, continue to apply.

Please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm for updates on service suspensions to a specific country.

UPDATE 33: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On May 1, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Ukrposhta, the designated postal operator of Ukraine, advising that the state of emergency has been extended until May 11, 2020. Therefore, all previously announced measures, including force majeure, continue to apply.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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April 30, 2020

UPDATE 32: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

Please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm for updates on service suspensions to a specific country.

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April 30, 2020

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IMPACT: ALTERNATE TRANSPORT – SECOND AIR TO SEA DIVERSION IN EFFECT

On May 1, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Ukrposhta, the designated postal operator of Ukraine, advising that the state of emergency has been extended until May 11, 2020. Therefore, all previously announced measures, including force majeure, continue to apply.

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April 30, 2020

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IMPACT: ALTERNATE TRANSPORT – SECOND AIR TO SEA DIVERSION IN EFFECT

On April 27, 2020, a second sea transport departed with volume from the Chicago, JFK, and Miami International Service Centers and is estimated to arrive at the Rotterdam (Netherlands) port on May 15, 2020. Sea route arrival dates are not exact and may vary depending on weather related events and queuing at port of arrival. The vessel is carrying 5,882 receptacles in six (6) containers weighing 33,593 kilograms. It is serving mail destined to:

- Austria
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- Hungary
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Geneva (Zurich)

When calculating estimated delivery times, additional days required for unloading, customs clearance and road transit should be considered. The table below outlines a typical sea transit delivery cycle that begins upon arrival to the destined port:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Rotterdam Port Unloading</th>
<th>Rotterdam Port Custom Clearance/Clear Customs</th>
<th>Rotterdam Port Transit to Den Hage OE</th>
<th>Den Hage OE Acceptance &amp; Sorting</th>
<th>Den Hage OE Road Transit to Delivery Address</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1-2 Days</td>
<td>2 Days</td>
<td>1 Day</td>
<td>2-3 Days</td>
<td>1-4 Days</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This transportation alternative will be used for the following mail classes: Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Alternate transit options will remain in effect until sufficient air transportation capacity becomes available.
The Postal Service™ is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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**UPDATE 32: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On April 30, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Slovenska Pošta, the designated postal operator Slovakia, advising that effective April 29, 2020, collection of signature on delivery has resumed. Deliveries will not be made to customers who are quarantined. Effective May 1, 2020, standard collection arrangements will resume, but with a collection period of 18 calendar days. If it is not possible to deliver the item owing to quarantine measures, it will be returned to the sender with reason for return indicated as “quarantine”.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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**International Service Impacts – Country Suspensions as of May 1, 2020**

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective May 1, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to a destination where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- Namibia

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee® (GXG®), Postal Service employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return. Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link: https://postalpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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April 29, 2020

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**UPDATE 31: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On April 29, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

- **British Virgin Islands**: BVI Post has advised that the Government of the Virgin Islands has suspended all inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items until further notice. As a result of this suspension, BVI Post is declaring a situation of force majeure.
- **Honduras UPDATE**: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor) has advised that they are extending the suspension of mail services until May 3, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.
- **Kuwait UPDATE**: Kuwait Post Sector has extended the suspension of all inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items until June 1, 2020. Therefore, the previously declared force majeure is extended until June 1, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following country has announced service disruptions:

- **Italy UPDATE**: Poste Italiane has advised that the Italian Government has extended the measures aimed at minimizing the spread of COVID-19 until further notice. This includes the suspension of signature service and service standards; limitations on the size and weight of parcels; and changes to the number of delivery attempts that will be made before a package is returned to sender.
UPDATE: Poczta Polska has advised that effective April 21, 2020 and until further notice, new procedures will be used for registered items and items that require a signature on delivery. Registered items that do not require proof of delivery will be placed in the recipient’s mailbox. If the mailer refuses to sign for the items that would normally require a signature, the mail carrier will record the last four digits from the ID document, as well as the type of ID and the exact name of the receiver. The force majeure that was previously announced is still effective and mailers should continue to expect delays.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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**UPDATE 30: International Mail Service Disruption Due to COVID-19**

On April 28, 2020, the Postal Service received notification from CN Poșta Română SA, the designated operator for Romania, advising that the President of Romania has extended the state of emergency until May 14, 2020. Therefore, the previously declared force majeure remains in effect. Delays are to be expected for all types of inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items until the end of the state of emergency.

This service disruption affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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**UPDATE 29: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On April 27, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Nepal **UPDATE:** Nepal Post has advised that the suspension of all postal operations has been extended until May 15, 2020.

Peru **UPDATE:** Servicios Postales del Perú - SERPOST S.A, has advised that the suspension of all postal operations has been extended until May 10, 2020. Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Albania: Albanian Post advises that the Government of Albania has extended the state of emergency until June 26, 2020. As a result, Albanian Post is declaring a situation of force majeure with regard to all letter-post and parcel-post items. Customers should expect delivery delays for all items destined to Albania. Furthermore, Albanian Post has ceased to accept EMS items within its network, and letter-post and parcel-post items will be accepted only for those destinations where transport capacity is available.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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**International Service Impact: Alternate Transport – Air to Sea Diversion in Effect**

Effective April 20, 2020, the Postal Service™ will utilize sea transportation to address the issue of limited air transportation resulting from widespread flight cancellations and restrictions due to COVID-19. This option will remain in effect until sufficient air transportation capacity becomes available.

The first sea transport departed from the JFK International Service Center on April 20, 2020, and is estimated to arrive at the Rotterdam (Netherlands) port on May 7, 2020. Sea route arrival dates are not exact and may vary depending on weather related events and queuing at port of arrival. The vessel is carrying 6,036 receptacles in 5 containers weighing 32,768 kilograms. It is serving mail destined to:

- Austria
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Hungary
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland

When calculating estimated delivery times, additional days required for unloading, customs clearance and road transit should be considered. The table below outlines a typical sea transit delivery cycle that begins upon arrival to the desired port:
This transportation alternative will be used for the following mail classes: Priority Mail Express International ® (PMEl), Priority Mail International ® (PMI), First-Class Mail International ® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service ® (FCPIS ®), International Priority Airmail ® (IPA ®), International Surface Air Lift ® (ISAL ®), and M-Bag ® items.

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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UPDATE 28: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 22, 2020, the Postal Service ™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

**Australia UPDATE:** Australia Post has advised that they are declaring a situation of force majeure for all inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items until further notice. Customers should expect delivery delays.

**Georgia UPDATE:** Georgian Post has advised that the Government of Georgia has extended the measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19 until May 22, 2020. The declaration of force majeure therefore remains in effect and unchanged. Customers should expect delays for inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel post and EMS items.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International ® (PMEl), Priority Mail International ® (PMI), First-Class Mail International ® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service ® (FCPIS ®), International Priority Airmail ® (IPA ®), International Surface Air Lift ® (ISAL ®), and M-Bag ® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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International Service Impacts – Country Suspensions as of April 24, 2020

The Postal Service ™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective April 24, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where the foreign postal operator has indicated that they are unable to process or deliver international mail or services originating from the United States.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following country, until further notice:

- Dominican Republic

In addition, effective April 24, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area.

Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following countries, until further notice:

- Algeria
- Antigua & Barbuda
- Argentina
- Aruba
- Azerbaijan
- Bahamas
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belize
- Chile
- Burkina Faso
- Colombia
- Egypt
- Estonia
- Ethiopia
- Faroe Island
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Haiti
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jamaica
- Kazakhstan
- Liberia
- Mauritania
- Montenegro
- Morocco
- Nicaragua
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Sierra Leone
- St. Marten
- Suriname
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turks & Caicos

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International ® (PMEl), Priority Mail International ® (PMI), First-Class Mail International ® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service ® (FCPIS ®), International Priority Airmail ® (IPA ®), International Surface Air Lift ® (ISAL ®), and M-Bag ® items.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guarantee ® (GXG ®), Postal Service employees will endorse the items as “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

Due to COVID-19, international shipping has been suspended to many countries. According to DMM 604.9.2.3, customers are entitled to a full refund of their postage costs when service to the country of destination is suspended.

The detailed procedures to obtain refunds for Retail Postage, eVS, PC Postage, and BMEU entered mail can be found through the following link:
https://postalpro.usps.com/international-refunds

The Postal Service is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information: https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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UPDATE 27: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 21, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following country has suspended certain mail services:

Honduras UPDATE: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor) has advised that they are extending the suspension of mail services until April 26, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following country has announced service disruptions:

Spain UPDATE: Correos y Telégrafos has advised that the Spanish Government has extended the state of alert until May 10, 2020. As a result, major impacts on processing and distribution of all international mail should be expected until the situation returns to normal.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International®, Priority Mail International®, First-Class Mail International®, First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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April 20, 2020

UPDATE 26: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 20, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Cayman Islands UPDATE: The Cayman Islands Postal Service has advised that the suspension of all postal operations has been extended until May 4, 2020.

Curacao UPDATE: Cpost International N.V. has advised that the suspension of all postal operations has been extended until April 27, 2020.

France UPDATE: La Poste has advised that the French Government has extended the measures aimed at combating the spread of COVID-19 until May 11, 2020. As previously advised, La Poste has suspended the following services: signature on delivery, International Surface Air Lift®, M-bags, returns, and International Business Reply Service (IBRS). Additionally, items weighing less than 33 lbs (15 kg) and with a maximum package size of 12.5 x 9.4 x 9.4 inches (32 cm x 24 cm x 24 cm) will be delivered by its commercial network. All other packages will be subject to delayed service.

Maldives UPDATE: Maldives Post has advised that the suspension of all postal operations has been extended until May 3, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

RWanda UPDATE: The National Postal Corporation (Posita) has advised that the suspension of all postal operations has been extended until April 30, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Jordan: Jordan Post Company has advised that, owing to measures taken to limit the spread of COVID-19, its ability to send outbound letter and parcel mail is currently limited to items for Turkey, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom only. Express Mail Service (EMS) is available internationally to all destinations other than India. Additionally, all items destined to Jordan are being sanitized, and no signatures are being required for letter-post, parcel-post or EMS items.

Portugal UPDATE: CTT Correios de Portugal has advised that the Portuguese Government has extended the measures aimed at combating the spread of COVID-19 until May 2, 2020. This includes changes for items that require signature on delivery and declaration of force majeure. Mailers should expect delivery delays.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International®, Priority Mail International®, First-Class Mail International®, First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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April 17, 2020
UPDATE 25: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 17, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Instituto Postal Dominicano (INPOSDOM), the designated postal operator of Dominican Republic, indicating that they are declaring a situation of force majeure for letter-post and parcel-post items, until further notice. Delays in processing and delivery should be expected.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

The DMM Advisory will continue to update mailers regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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April 16, 2020

UPDATE 24: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 16, 2020, the Postal Service™ received a notification from Correo Argentino, the designated postal operator of Argentina, indicating that they are extending the previously announced suspensions for signature service and service standards until April 27, 2020.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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April 15, 2020

UPDATE 23: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 15, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

**Honduras UPDATE:** Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Honducor) has advised that they are extending the suspension of mail services until April 19, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course.

**Mauritius UPDATE:** Mauritius Post has advised that they are extending the suspension of mail services until May 4, 2020.
Nepal **UPDATE:** Nepal Post has advised that they are extending the suspension of mail services until April 30, 2020.

Sri Lanka **UPDATE:** Department of Posts has advised that they are extending the suspension of mail services until April 20, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

**Colombia** **UPDATE:** Servicios Postales Nacionales S.A. 4-72, has advised that, owing to the emergency resulting from the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), there continues to be significant delays in all of its international inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

**Georgia** **UPDATE:** Georgian Post has advised that the Government of Georgia has decided to extend the measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19 until May 10, 2020. This includes the suspension of signature service and suspension of service standards.

**Ireland** **UPDATE:** An Post, has advised that owing to the cancellation of numerous international flights, it is currently limited in its ability to send outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) to some countries and ceasing to accept mail destined for those countries until further notice. Details of these destinations can be found at [https://www.anpost.com/Coronavirus/Mails-Parcels-services](https://www.anpost.com/Coronavirus/Mails-Parcels-services). As of April 15, An Post is sending only letters, large envelopes and packets to the United States; no parcels.

**Italy** **UPDATE:** Poste Italiane has advised that the Italian Government has extended the measures aimed at minimizing the spread of COVID-19 until May 3, 2020. This includes the suspension of signature service and service standards; limitations on the size and weight of parcels; and changes to the number delivery attempts that will be made before a package is returned to sender.

**Jamaica** **UPDATE:** Jamaica Post has advised that the suspension of service standards has been extended until further notice.

**United Arab Emirates** **UPDATE:** Emirates Post has advised that it is carrying out contactless deliveries during the COVID-19 pandemic. Deliveries to the addressee’s home require the courier to confirm the recipient’s name by asking to see ID, recording name and releasing item to recipient.

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April 14, 2020

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**UPDATE 22: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On April 14, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

**Cuba:** Correos de Cuba has suspended all international mail operations due to the cancellation of flights to and from Cuba. Correos de Cuba cannot guarantee delivery times or comply with the established rules for the processing and delivery of letter-post, parcel-post or EMS items.

**Peru** **UPDATE:** Servicios Postales del Perú - SERPOST S.A, has extended the suspension of all mail services until April 26, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following country has announced the resumption of mail services:

**Saudi Arabia** **UPDATE:** Saudi Post Corporation has advised that all postal services have resumed effective April 12, 2020. Until further notice, Saudi Post cannot guarantee quality of service for delivery times and other quality standards.

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April 13, 2020

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**UPDATE 21: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On April 13, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following country has suspended certain mail services:

**Maldives** **UPDATE:** Maldives Post has advised that the Government of the Maldives has decided to extend and update measures taken to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), until further notice. Therefore, Maldives Post is suspending the processing of outbound mail destined to foreign countries, including the United States. It is unable to guarantee delivery standards for all inbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items), and signature on delivery is also suspended. The disruption is expected to continue until the epidemic is over. Consequently, service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed, and the previously declared situation of force majeure remains in effect.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following country has announced service disruptions:

**Iran** has advised that the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has declared a reduction of public services from March 24, 2020 to avoid the spread of COVID-19. Service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed. Owing to insufficient transport capacity following cancellation and reduction of many international flights, Iran Post has limited sending outbound mails (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) to a growing number of destinations. As a
These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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April 9, 2020

UPDATE 20: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 10, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Madagascar UPDATE: Paositra Malagasy has advised that the Government of Madagascar has extended the state of emergency in the country until April 19, 2020.

South Africa UPDATE: South African Post Office Ltd. has advised that the government has extended the lockdown until April 30, 2020. The previously declared force majeure situation remains in place. At present, normal services are due to resume as of May 4, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Philippines UPDATE: Philippine Postal Corporation has advised the period of community quarantine has been extended until April 30, 2020.

• International mail processing centers will maintain a skeleton workforce in order to accept incoming international dispatches. However, items will be processed and forwarded to delivery post offices upon resumption of the normal work schedule, which is schedule for April 30, 2020.

• There will be no international dispatches from the Philippines to the United States until end of the community quarantine.

Delays to inbound and outbound postal items are expected during the community quarantine period. Detailed information on the areas covered by the community quarantine will be provided as soon as it is available.

South Korea UPDATE: Korea Post has advised that, owing to the suspension of flights, the processing of all outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items destined to Guam is suspended from April 10, 2020 until further notice.

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April 9, 2020

UPDATE 19: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 9, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have announced changes to previously announced service disruptions:

Latvia UPDATE: Latvijas Pasts has advised that the state of emergency has been extended until at least May 12, 2020. Therefore, the situation of force majeure previously declared by Latvijas Pasts is being extended until further notice. Latvijas Pasts can no longer guarantee service delivery standards and significant delays should be expected.

Montenegro UPDATE: Montenegro Post has advised that it is now able to send mail to: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Serbia and Slovenia. Furthermore, it is able to accept all inbound mail from: Croatian Post, Croatian Post Mostar, Post of Serbia and Poštare Slovenije.

Netherlands UPDATE: PostNL has advised that effective March 16, 2020 alternative proofs of delivery were implemented for all international inbound items that would normally require a signature. Alternatives include: signature of the delivery person, the last three digits of the addressee’s identification card, or simply a proof of delivery scan event. This temporary measure will be effective until further notice.

Papua New Guinea UPDATE: Post PNG has advised that the measures taken to minimize the spread of COVID-19 have been extended for a further two months, until June 1, 2020.

These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

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April 9, 2020

International Service Impacts for April 10, 2020

Effective April 10, 2020, the Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where the foreign postal operator has indicated that they are unable to process or deliver international mail or services originating from the United States.
Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to the following countries, until further notice:

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In addition, effective April 10, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where air and sea transportation is unavailable due to widespread cancellations and restrictions into the area. Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to any of the following countries, until further notice:

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These service disruptions affect Priority Mail Express® (PME), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

For any returned item bearing a customs form, the Postal Service will, upon request, refund postage and fees on mail returned due to the suspension of service. For all other returned items not bearing a customs declarations form, the Postal Service will, upon request, refund postage and fees on mail returned due to the suspension of service, or the sender may re-mail them with the existing postage once service has been restored. When remaining under this option, customers must cross out the markings “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender.”

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

USPS is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to update customers until the situation returns to normal. Please visit our International Service Alerts page for the most up to date information https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/?utm_source=residential&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=res_to_intl

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April 8, 2020

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UPDATE 18: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 8, 2020, the Department of State notified the Postal Service™ that effective April 9, 2020 through May 8, 2020 diplomatic mail will be temporarily suspended to the following ZIP codes:

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Additionally, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following country has suspended certain mail services:

Kuwait UPDATE: Kuwait Postal Sector has extended the suspension of all inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items until May 1, 2020. Therefore, the situation of force majeure declared previously is to be extended until May 1, 2020.

Luxembourg UPDATE: Post Luxembourg has advised that the delivery of letter post will be suspended on April 10, 2020, until further notice.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Nepal UPDATE: Nepal Post has advised that all international flights are further suspended until April 30, 2020. The lockdown remains in force until April 15, 2020. Collection, transmission and delivery of all postal products is significantly impacted.
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April 7, 2020

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UPDATE 17: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 7, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail service due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following country has suspended certain mail services:

Cayman Islands UPDATE: The Cayman Islands Postal Service has advised that the suspension of all postal operations has been extended until April 20, 2020.

French Polynesia UPDATE: OPT PF – FARE RATA has advised that it is currently unable to accept letter-post, parcel-post or Express Mail Service (EMS) items until national and international flights have resumed.

Malawi: Malawi Post Corporation (MPC) has advised that, owing the grounding of flights into and out of Malawi by its partner airline because of the COVID-19 pandemic, MPC is suspending international mail operations until further notice. MPC is therefore declaring a situation of force majeure. It is unable to guarantee outbound and inbound mail standards for all categories of mail (letter-post and parcel-post items).

Mongolia UPDATE: Mongol Post has advised that all international flights to and from Ulaanbaatar are suspended until April 30, 2020, or later. Its international mail center will remain closed until May 1, 2020.

Samoa UPDATE: Samoa Post has advised that the suspension of all postal operations has been extended until further notice. Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Curaçao: Cpost International N.V. has advised that the Government of Curaçao has suspended all inbound and outbound international flights which is having a direct impact on service quality for both international inbound and outbound services. Cpost International is experiencing significant disruption to its daily operations and is therefore declaring a situation of force majeure and ceasing to accept letter-post and parcel-post items until sufficient transport capacity becomes available. It will continue to provide restricted postal services. This means that it is unable to guarantee delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items. Signatures will no longer be required for any deliveries, and no proof of delivery can be provided until further notice.

Nepal UPDATE: Nepal Post has advised that the lockdown has been extended until April 15, 2020. These measures have a significant impact on the collection, transmission and delivery of all postal products.

Portugal UPDATE: CTT Correios de Portugal has advised that the state of emergency has been extended until at least April 17, 2020 and additional precautionary measures have been implemented. Registered mail is now deposited in mailboxes, with the exception of registered mail with associated special services. Instead of collecting the recipient’s signature, the mail carrier will ask for the recipient’s name, and will enter this information, followed by “CV19” or “Contingência”, in the signature field on the handheld device. Items subject to a delivery notice are now available for collection at post offices for a period of 15 working days. The situation of force majeure has been extended until further notice. Further, CTT Correios de Portugal is unable to dispatch postal items to many destinations. Please visit www.ctt.pt/transversais/alertas-envios-internacionais#fndtn-tab1 for up-to-date information on the countries concerned.

Togo: The Togo Postal Corporation has advised that the Togolese Government has declared a curfew and modified working hours. It has also suspended commercial flights to and from most other countries, restricted movements around Togo and closed land borders, and is promoting social distancing. These various measures will impact the collection, transmission and delivery of mail. Consequently, the Togo Postal Corporation will no longer be able to fulfill its obligations in terms of mail processing standards, or guarantee quality of service for letter-post, parcel-post or EMS items, until the situation returns to normal. It is therefore declaring a case of force majeure for all categories of inbound and outbound mail, though it will carry on providing postal services as far as it is able to.

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**Temporary Service Suspension**

The Postal Service™ will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective April 3, 2020, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail acceptance to destinations where the foreign postal operator has indicated that they are unable to process or deliver international mail or services originating from the United States. Customers are asked to refrain from mailing items addressed to any of the following countries, until further notice:

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| 2. Benin | 17. Republic of the Congo |
| 3. Bosnia and Herzegovina | 18. Senegal |
| 5. Cook Islands | 20. Solomon Islands |
| 7. Gambia | 22. Tajikistan |
| 8. Guatemala | 23. Tanzania |
| 10. Laos | 25. Tonga |
| 11. Lebanon | 26. Uganda |
| 12. Malawi | 27. Uruguay |
| 15. Papua New Guinea |


For already deposited items, other than Global Express Guaranteed®, Postal Service employees must endorse them “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender” and then place them in the mail stream for return.

For any returned item bearing a customs form, the Postal Service will, upon request, refund postage and fees on mail returned due to the suspension of service.

For all other returned items not bearing a customs declarations form, the Postal Service will, upon request, refund postage and fees on mail returned due to the suspension of service, or the sender may remail them with the existing postage once service has been restored. When remailing under this option, customers must cross out the markings “Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender.”

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

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April 6, 2020

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**UPDATE 16: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On April 6, 2020, the Postal Service received notification from the designated operator of Rwanda regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The National Postal Corporation (Iposita) has advised that the Rwandan Government has enforced measures aimed at combating the spread of COVID-19. These measures affect the country's postal services and will remain in force through April 19, 2020. While these restrictions are in force, Iposita will not be able to meet its normal obligations in regards to quality standards (e.g. delivery times). All passenger flights to and from Rwanda are suspended due to the lockdown. Additionally, the processing of physical and electronic inquiries is not possible during this time.

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Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

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April 3, 2020

**DMM Advisory**

**UPDATE 15: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**
On April 3, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following country has suspended certain mail services:

Maldives UPDATE: Maldives Post has advised that the Government of the Maldives has decided to extend the measures adopted as a precaution against the spread of the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Therefore, Maldives Post is suspending the processing of all inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel post and EMS items) from March 19, 2020 to April 11, 2020. This will have a major impact on operations and, consequently, on quality of service for all types of mail. The disruption is expected to continue until the epidemic is over. Consequently, service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed, and a situation of force majeure has been declared.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

Until further notice, as a convenience for our customers, the Postal Service will continue to accept and process mail destined for the Maldives. This mail will be held within our network and will be delivered once mail service is restored.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Guatemala: The General Directorate of Posts and Telegraphs has advised that, as part of government measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, it is operating with 50% of its normal staff until April 12, 2020 (subject to extension). All post offices have been closed, and only home deliveries are being provided by the reduced staff, with appropriate steps taken to protect employees and customers. These measures will result in delays to deliveries, quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mails is affected, and service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, the General Directorate of Posts and Telegraphs is declaring a situation of force majeure with regard to quality of service until the situation returns to normal.

Italy UPDATE: Poste Italiane has advised that the Italian Government has decided to extend the measures aimed at minimizing the spread of COVID-19 until April 13, 2020.

Mauritius UPDATE: Mauritius Post has advised that the Government of Mauritius has decided to extend the sanitary curfew for at least two more weeks, i.e. until April 15, 2020. All post offices nationwide are closed and all classes of mail will be subject to delays. All inquiries, including those handled electronically through the Internet-based systems for parcel-post, EMS and registered items, are liable to be disrupted. Also, call agents may not be able to deal with telephone inquiries. To eliminate customer interaction at the door and in accordance with physical distancing requirements, Mauritius Post has suspended the collection of a signature on delivery of registered postal items, until further notice. Owing to the suspension and cancellation of many flights to and from Mauritius, severe delays for all outbound and inbound mails (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS) are to be expected until sufficient transport capacity becomes available. Therefore, quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail is affected, and service delivery standards, which fall under the already invoked case of force majeure with regard to quality of service, cannot be guaranteed until the situation returns to normal.

South Korea: Korea Post has advised that, owing to the suspension of flights, the processing of outbound mail destined to: Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Hawaii (United States of America), Iceland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Qatar, Turkey, Uganda and Zambia has been suspended from April 3 2020 (April 2 in the case of Qatar) until further notice. The current situation will also have repercussions in terms of quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail. Korea Post can no longer guarantee quality of service standards. It is therefore declaring a situation of force majeure for all types of postal services in relation to the suspension of outbound mail to the above-mentioned destinations until the situation has returned to normal.

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UPDATE 14: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 2, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Estonia UPDATE: Estonian Post has advised that the Government of Estonia declared a state of emergency due to last until May 1, 2020. Estonian Post therefore wishes to inform its partners of some temporary changes to the services provided. Estonian Post can no longer guarantee the service delivery standards and is declaring a situation of force majeure.

Iceland UPDATE: Iceland Post has advised that it has suspended signature on delivery for inbound items as of March 19, 2020. Delivery will be conducted via methods that limit direct contact.

Slovakia UPDATE: Slovenská pošta has advised that special processes have been put in place for postal items subject to delivery, specifically as follows:
- Slovenská pošta has suspended the collection of a signature on delivery for inbound registered letter-post items. These are now placed in the addressee’s mailbox with no personal contact with the addressee, and the details are recorded in delivery books.
- Items that do not fit in the mailbox, or those with an unsuccessful delivery attempt, will be stored at the delivery post office for an extended period (32 days in total). A notification, including instructions, will be placed in the mailbox. The same applies to ordinary mail, including smallpackages;
- Inbound registered letter-post items with value-added services, such as delivery in person, written proof of delivery, the cash-on-delivery service or other additional payments etc. In such cases, deliveries have been suspended, and only a notification that the item is available at the post office will be provided (physical notification in the mailbox, or electronic notification by e-mail or SMS);
- Where a customer is in compulsory quarantine or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the items will be deposited at the delivery post office for the extended storage period, and customers in quarantine will be able to wait until the quarantine is lifted.
- Parcels that would ordinarily require the addressee’s signature are still delivered to the door, but extra steps are taken to minimize interaction.
- Furthermore, as of April 1, 2020, Slovenská pošta is able to send mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) only to countries within the European Union (with the exception of Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Malta and Spain), and to Belarus, Canada, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Slovenská pošta will continue to accept letter-post and parcel-post items sent to destinations for which transport capacity is available.

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April 2, 2020

UPDATE 14: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On April 2, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Estonia UPDATE: Estonian Post has advised that the Government of Estonia declared a state of emergency due to last until May 1, 2020. Estonian Post therefore wishes to inform its partners of some temporary changes to the services provided. Estonian Post can no longer guarantee the service delivery standards and is declaring a situation of force majeure.

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- Inbound registered letter-post items with value-added services, such as delivery in person, written proof of delivery, the cash-on-delivery service or other additional payments etc. In such cases, deliveries have been suspended, and only a notification that the item is available at the post office will be provided (physical notification in the mailbox, or electronic notification by e-mail or SMS);
- Where a customer is in compulsory quarantine or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the items will be deposited at the delivery post office for the extended storage period, and customers in quarantine will be able to wait until the quarantine is lifted.
- Parcels that would ordinarily require the addressee’s signature are still delivered to the door, but extra steps are taken to minimize interaction.
- Furthermore, as of April 1, 2020, Slovenská pošta is able to send mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) only to countries within the European Union (with the exception of Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Malta and Spain), and to Belarus, Canada, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Slovenská pošta will continue to accept letter-post and parcel-post items sent to destinations for which transport capacity is available.

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April 1, 2020
**UPDATE 13: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On April 1, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

**Botswana**: BotswanaPost has advised that the President of Botswana has declared a state of emergency from April 2, 2020, until further notice. A lockdown of all the country’s services has been effected, except for essential services. In compliance with the lockdown, BotswanaPost is therefore suspending all international mail operations, including the acceptance and processing of all inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items until April 30, 2020, or a later date announced by the government.

**Fiji**: Post Fiji Ltd has advised that effective March 23, 2020, all international flights to and from Fiji are suspended until further notice. Post Fiji is therefore, experiencing significant disruption in its daily operations, which has led to suspension of collection and deliveries for all international letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items and services. Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

**Argentina**: Correo Argentino has implemented health and safety measures to limit the spread of COVID-19. No letter-post, parcel-post or EMS items will require signatures upon delivery. Instead, the mail carrier will ask the addressee for a piece of ID and will record the number in the signature field. Owing to the cancellation of many international flights and diminished transportation capacity, Correo Argentino is unable to transport mail to an increasing number of countries. As a result, it has arranged for mail items addressed to foreign countries to be sent on a conditional basis. These circumstances will affect the quality of service for all inbound and outbound mail. As such, Correo Argentino, has declared force majeure and will be unable to guarantee delivery service standards (e.g. delivery time).

**Greece**: Hellenic Post (ELTA) has advised that, effective March, 30 2020, Hellenic Post will only be able to send – with delays expected due to limited capacity – letter-post and parcel-post items destined to:
- Europe (EU and non-EU countries): Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria (Rep.), Czech Rep., Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, North Macedonia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and Switzerland.
- Rest of the world: Canada, Japan and Qatar.

The above list is subject to change on a daily basis. A situation of force majeure is declared and the acceptance of letter-post and parcel-post items destined to all other countries (including the United States) is suspended with immediate effect, until sufficient transport capacity becomes available.

**Japan**: Japan Post has advised that the coronavirus pandemic has caused many countries and territories to take measures such as ceasing to accept inbound international postal items, or significantly reducing or suspending flights to and from Japan. As a result, Japan Post’s transportation performance has significantly declined. Therefore, acceptance of international mail items (letter-post, parcel post and EMS) by air and S.A.L. for various countries and territories is being temporarily suspended effective April 2, 2020. Further details are provided on the Japan Post website at www.post.japanpost.jp/en/information/2020/04/01_02_en.html.

**Mali**: Poste du Mali has advised that the Malian Government suspended of all communication services in Peru are suspended until April 12, 2020. Turkish PTT Corporation has advised that numerous international flights have been cancelled, resulting in a lack of transport capacity. Consequently, Turkish PTT Corporation is declaring a situation of force majeure with immediate effect, and delays are also to be expected for all other inbound and outbound postal items.

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**Turkey**: Turkish PTTP Corporation has advised that numerous international flights have been cancelled, resulting in a lack of transport capacity. Consequently, Turkish PTTP Corporation is declaring a situation of force majeure with immediate effect, and delays are also to be expected for all other inbound and outbound postal items.

**Greece**: Hellenic Post (ELTA) has advised that, effective March, 30 2020, Hellenic Post will only be able to send – with delays expected due to limited capacity – letter-post and parcel-post items destined to:
- Europe (EU and non-EU countries): Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria (Rep.), Czech Rep., Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, North Macedonia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and Switzerland.
- Rest of the world: Canada, Japan and Qatar.

The above list is subject to change on a daily basis. A situation of force majeure is declared and the acceptance of letter-post and parcel-post items destined to all other countries (including the United States) is suspended with immediate effect, until sufficient transport capacity becomes available.

**Japan**: Japan Post has advised that the coronavirus pandemic has caused many countries and territories to take measures such as ceasing to accept inbound international postal items, or significantly reducing or suspending flights to and from Japan. As a result, Japan Post’s transportation performance has significantly declined. Therefore, acceptance of international mail items (letter-post, parcel post and EMS) by air and S.A.L. for various countries and territories is being temporarily suspended effective April 2, 2020. Further details are provided on the Japan Post website at www.post.japanpost.jp/en/information/2020/04/01_02_en.html.

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**Turkey**: Turkish PTTP Corporation has advised that numerous international flights have been cancelled, resulting in a lack of transport capacity. Consequently, Turkish PTTP Corporation is declaring a situation of force majeure with immediate effect, and delays are also to be expected for all other inbound and outbound postal items.

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**March 30, 2020**

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Keeping you informed about classification and mailing standards of the United States Postal Service

**UPDATE 12: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On March 31, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

**Bolivia**: Agencia Boliviana de Correos has advised that effective from March 22 to April 15, 2020, it is temporarily suspending all mail services. Agencia Boliviana de Correos is therefore declaring a situation of force majeure in relation to all letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items.

**France**: La Poste has advised the French Government has extended the measures aimed at combating the spread of COVID-19 until April 15, 2020. As previously advised, La Poste has suspended the following letter-post services; International Surface Airlift (ISAL), M-bags, returns, and International Business Reply Service (IBRS).

**Kyrgyzstan**: Kyrgyz pochty has advised that in accordance with the declaration of the Government of Kyrgyzstan in response to the worldwide coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, it is temporarily suspending the shipment of outbound mail destined to foreign countries. Mail destined to Kyrgyzstan will continue to be delivered as usual.

**Peru**: Servicios Postales del Perú - SERPOST S.A. has extended the suspension on delivery of domestic and international mail. Therefore, postal services in Peru are suspended until April 12, 2020.
Zimbabwe UPDATE: Zimbabwe Posts (Pvt) Ltd. (Zipost) has advised that the President of Zimbabwe has declared a state of emergency for 21 days starting Monday, March 30, 2020 to curb the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). A lockdown of all services in the country has been effected, except for a few specified critical utilities that exclude postal services. In compliance with the lockdown, ZIMPOST is therefore suspending all operations (counter and mail services), including the acceptance and processing of all inbound and outbound mail (letters, parcels and EMS) until the end of the lockdown on Tuesday, April 19, 2020, or any other date announced by the government.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

Furthermore, as a convenience for our customers, the Postal Service will continue to accept and process mail destined for the aforementioned countries. This mail will be held within our network and will be delivered once mail service is restored.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Italy UPDATE: Poste Italiane has advised that it has implemented further measures with regard to the acceptance and delivery of parcels, in accordance with physical distancing requirements. If the addressee cannot be contacted, or in the case of parcels addressed to businesses and other entities that are temporarily closed, items can be returned to sender after the first delivery attempt. Furthermore, in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and protect employees’ health by enabling processing by a single person, only parcels below 25 kg in weight, 120 cm in length and 150 cm for the three dimensions combined can be accepted. Parcels exceeding these weight and size limits will not be accepted until further notice. These restrictions do not apply to donations. Finally, owing to the increasing lack of transport capacity following the cancellation of numerous international flights, and further to the declaration of force majeure and the suspension of postal services in a number of countries, Poste Italiane is constantly updating its list of admitted outbound destinations. Please visit: www.poste.it/emergenza-covid19.htm for up to date information on the most affected municipalities.

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UPDATE 11: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On March 27, 2020, the Department of Defense notified the Postal Service™ that effective March 30, 2020, the temporary service suspension to the APO/FPO ZIP codes listed below will be LIFTED immediately:

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Additionally, on March 30, 2020, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

France UPDATE: La Poste has advised that effective March 30, 2020, it will be unable to accept inbound letter-post flows in their entirety for the upcoming weeks, during which there will be four days of reception: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Efforts will be focused on urgent flows and the delivery of small packets able to help people during this confinement period. Therefore, La Poste is asking mailers worldwide to defer their non-urgent shipments to France and requesting that postal operators reduce the volume of despatches. For the same reason, La Poste will be unable to receive the following letter-post items; International Surface Air Lift, M-bags, returns, and International Business Reply Service (IBRS).

Honduras UPDATE: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Hondurcor) has advised that it has extended the suspension of postal services until April 12, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course. The suspension affects imports of international mail at land and sea borders, and at Ramon Villeda Morales Airport in San Pedro Sula and Toncontin Airport in Tegucigalpa. Hondurcor therefore asks countries that normally send their mail to Honduras by air cargo flights not to do so for the time being to avoid mail being stored in customs warehouses, generating significant extra costs. An exception may be made for humanitarian aid, which Hondurcor is able to process with the knowledge and prior authorization of the Honduran Government. Hondurcor asks to be excused from delivery time requirements and compensation for late delivery of postal items until normal operations resume.

Kazakhstan: Kazpost JSC has advised that it has suspended the dispatch of all types of postal items to the following countries; Algeria, Australia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, Georgia, Hungary, India, Iran, Israel, South Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Moldova, Mongolia, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Spain, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States of America. (See below for information regarding mail destined to Kazakhstan.)

Saudi Arabia UPDATE: Saudi Post Corporation has advised that, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the dispatch and receipt of all ordinary and registered letter-post and parcel-post items has been suspended for two weeks beginning Sunday, March 29, 2020. Dispatch and receipt of Express Mail Service (EMS) items weighing up to 11 pounds (5 kg) will, however, continue. During this time, quality of service, including delivery times and other quality standards, cannot be guaranteed.

Unless otherwise noted, service suspensions to a particular country do not affect delivery of military and diplomatic mail.

Furthermore, as a convenience for our customers, the Postal Service will continue to accept and process mail destined for the aforementioned countries. This mail will be held within our network and will be delivered once mail service is restored.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Colombia, Servicios Postales Nacionales S.A. 4-72, has advised that, owing to the emergency resulting from the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), there will be significant delays in all of its international inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS services.

Denmark UPDATE: Post Danmark (PostNord Denmark) has advised that effective March 27, 2020, it is able to send mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) only to countries within the European Union (EU), with the exception of Cyprus and Malta. It is also able to send mail to the following countries: Canada, Hong Kong, Iceland, Iran, Japan, South Korea, Liechtenstein, Norway, Qatar, Russia, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America and Vietnam. Service availability is subject to change on a daily basis. Please visit www.postnord.dk/en/service-interruptions/how-is-covid-19-affecting-postnord for up-to-date information. Furthermore, PostNord Denmark has suspended signature on delivery. Delivery will be conducted via methods that limit human contact, with immediate effect.

Grenada: Grenada Postal Corporation, has advised that the Government of Grenada has declared a limited state of emergency for 21 days effective March 25, 2020. This has resulted in the closure of the airport and a number of businesses, and includes restrictions on movement of people and transport capacity. Outbound and inbound mail delivery services and other services will be affected.

Kazakhstan: Kazpost JSC has advised that a state of emergency has been declared throughout the country until April 15, 2020 and a quarantine has been
UPDATE: The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Romania

Panama

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Nepal

Sweden

UPDATE: Poste Vaticane has advised that it will carry on operating and provide its services as far as it is able to. The current situation will have repercussions in terms of quality of service for all types of inward and outward mail. Under these circumstances, Poste Vaticane will no longer be able to guarantee delivery service standards. Owing to insufficient transport capacity following the cancellation of many international flights, Poste Vaticane is currently unable to transport mail (letter-post and parcel-post items) to a growing number of countries. Poste Vaticane is therefore no longer accepting postal destined for the countries concerned until further notice. The list of destination countries affected is liable to change on a daily basis.

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March 27, 2020

**UPDATE 10: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On March 27, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Panama

Correos de Panamá has advised that the Panamanian government has adopted new public health measures, and has extended the countrywide curfew to 24 hours a day effective March 25, 2020, for the duration of the state of national emergency. Given this situation, all categories of inbound and outbound mail are suspended until further notice. Furthermore, Correos de Panamá is no longer in a position to guarantee delivery standards for incoming and outgoing mail and is invoking force majeure, until further notice.

Romania

CN Poșta Română SA has advised that, owing to the suspension of flights, it is currently unable to send letter-post and parcel-post items to an increasing number of countries both within and outside the European Union. Therefore, it is no longer accepting letter-post and parcel-post items for international destinations to which transport capacities are unavailable. In addition, it is unable to send any outbound Express Mail Service (EMS) items and will no longer accept such items until sufficient transport capacity becomes available.
As a convenience for our customers, the Postal Service will continue to accept and process mail destined for the aforementioned countries. This mail will be held within our network and will be delivered once mail service is restored.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

**Cape Verde**: Correios de Cabo Verde has advised that the government of Cabo Verde has declared an emergency for at least three weeks beginning March 18, 2020. Cape Verde has closed its borders and suspended all flights to all EU countries, United States of America, Brazil, Senegal, Algeria, and all UPU member countries are advised to expect serious delays for both inbound and outbound mail as a result of the numerous flight reductions and cancellations. Correios de Cabo Verde will continue to operate during its normal working hours.

**France**: La Poste has advised that, until further notice, it is implementing additional safeguards for parcel-post items to protect the health and safety of La Poste’s staff, including:
- Offices of exchange FRAINB, FRBLDB, FRCYMA, FFRDVB, FRERNA, FRERNB, FRMCRA, FRSLMB and FRTLSJ will be closed on Monday, March 30, Tuesday, March 31, and Wednesday, April 1, 2020
- Effective Monday, March 30, 2020, only items weighing less than 15 kg and with a maximum package size of 12.5 x 9.4 x 9.4 inches (32 cm x 24 cm x 24 cm) will be delivered by its commercial network;
- Every effort will be made to provide the service, but delivery standards will not be guaranteed;
- All other packages will be subject to delayed service.

**Germany**: Deutsche Post has advised that owing to a lack of transport capacity following the cancellation of numerous international flights they have suspended the acceptance of postal items destined for the affected countries. The list of affected destination countries is likely to change every day, and an overview is available online at [https://www.deutschepost.de/en/coronavirus.html](https://www.deutschepost.de/en/coronavirus.html). Suspensions will apply until sufficient transport capacities become available. Additionally, Deutsche Post has implemented physical distancing requirements: inbound items requiring a payment by the recipient, such as cash-on-delivery (COD) or the payment of customs duties and taxes, will be immediately directed to a postal outlet for collection. Recipients will receive a notification as to which postal outlet is holding their item for collection.

**Hong Kong**: Hongkong Post has announced temporarily changes its delivery process for all items requiring signature on delivery. Effective, March 28, 2020, for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery, when performing at-the-door delivery, mail carrier will not obtain a signature from the recipient to reduce human interaction. In case of an unsuccessful delivery attempt, the recipient will receive a notification with instructions to collect the item at a designated post office. The collection arrangements at the post office remains unchanged.

**Iceland**: Iceland Post has advised that many international flights have been cancelled, resulting in a lack of transport capacity. Consequently, Iceland Post is currently unable to send postal items to any countries outside the European Union, with the exception of Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Liechtenstein, Norway, Russian Federation, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Iceland Post is therefore declaring a situation of force majeure. Delays are also to be expected for postal items destined for the Union member countries listed above.

**New Zealand**: New Zealand Post has advised that effective March 25, 2020, the Government of New Zealand has raised the COVID-19 alert level to 4 (the highest level) and introduced wide-ranging measures to combat the spread of COVID-19. New Zealand Post will remain in operation during the alert level 4 lockdown period, insofar as possible. However, New Zealand Post can no longer guarantee service delivery standards. It is therefore invoking a situation of force majeure. Delays are also to be expected for postal items destined for foreign countries. Please visit [https://www.nzpost.co.nz/contact-support/international-mail-updates-for-up-to-date-information-on-the-affected-countries](https://www.nzpost.co.nz/contact-support/international-mail-updates-for-up-to-date-information-on-the-affected-countries). Delays are also to be expected for postal items requiring signature on delivery. Effective, March 25, 2020, the Government of New Zealand has raised the COVID-19 alert level to 4 (the highest level) and introduced wide-ranging measures to combat the spread of COVID-19. New Zealand Post will remain in operation during the alert level 4 lockdown period, insofar as possible. However, New Zealand Post can no longer guarantee service delivery standards. It is therefore invoking a situation of force majeure. Delays are also to be expected for postal items destined for foreign countries. Please visit [https://www.nzpost.co.nz/contact-support/international-mail-updates-for-up-to-date-information-on-the-affected-countries](https://www.nzpost.co.nz/contact-support/international-mail-updates-for-up-to-date-information-on-the-affected-countries).

**Russian Federation**: Russian Post has advised that, owing to the coronavirus measures implemented in Moscow to minimize the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the fact that the principal office of exchange for imports is located in Moscow, Russian Post is unable to guarantee compliance with delivery standards. As a result, Russian Post is invoking a situation of force majeure with regard to quality of service for all categories of mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) until further notice.

**Ukraine**: Ukrposhta has advised that the Government of Ukraine declared a state of emergency across the country until April 24, 2020, to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus. Ukrposhta is maintaining its operations, with measures in place to protect staff and customers. Delays are to be expected in the delivery of inbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) destined to Ukraine. In order to minimize human contact, it will not be mandatory for mail carriers to collect and provide written proof of delivery; registered items (other than summons) will be addressed to addressees’ mailboxes, and inbound international postal items will be stored at post offices free of charge until the end of the state of emergency.

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**Zimbabwe**: Zimbabwe Posts (Pvt) Ltd. (Zimpost) has advised that, following the suspension of flights into and out of Zimbabwe by its partner airlines, it has suspended all inbound and outbound international mail operations effective March 19, 2020 until further notice. Zimpost is therefore declaring a force majeure situation. It is unable to guarantee inbound and outbound mail services.

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**UPDATE 9: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On March 26, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

**India**: The Department of Posts (India Post) has advised that owing to the suspension of air and rail services, and various other extraordinary measures taken by the Government of India, India Post has suspended all international mail exchanges until further notice. The postal service is being maintained as an essential service: domestic mail exchanges are continuing, and all international mail received before March 22, 2020 are being delivered with limited staff. India Post can no longer guarantee service delivery standards.

**Maldives**: Maldives Post has advised that the government of Maldives has decided to extend the measures adopted as a precaution against the spread of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, Maldives Post is suspending the processing of all inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) from March 19, 2020 through April 4, 2020. This will have a major impact on operations and, consequently, on quality of service for all types of mail. The disruption is expected to continue until the epidemic is over. Consequently, service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed, and a situation of force majeure has been declared.

**Zimbabwe**: Zimbabwe Posts (Pvt) Ltd. (Zimpost) has advised that, following the suspension of flights into and out of Zimbabwe by its partner airlines, it has suspended all inbound and outbound international mail operations effective March 19, 2020 until further notice. Zimpost is therefore declaring a force majeure situation. It is unable to guarantee inbound and outbound mail services.
UPDATE 8: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On March 25, 2020, the Department of Defense notified the Postal Service™ that effective March 25, 2020 through April 15, 2020 military mail will be temporarily suspended to the following ZIP codes, due to the loss of transportation to/from Norway:

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Additionally, the Postal Service received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Cayman Islands UPDATE: The Cayman Islands Postal Service has advised that it is now required to suspend all postal operations, owing to measures taken to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. From March 25, 2020 to April 6, 2020, the Cayman Islands Postal Service is closing all operations to comply with a government direction that all but essential workers remain at home during this period.

Chad: Société Tchadienne des Postes et de l'Epargne (STPE) has advised that the government of Chad has decided to close its land borders and suspend all flights, except for cargo, from March 19, 2020 until further notice. Consequently, STPE is no longer able to send postal items to other designated operators or receive postal items from them.

Madagascar: Positripa Malagasy has advised that the Government of Madagascar has declared a state of sanitary emergency for a period of 15 days, with effect from March 21, 2020. These measures are having a severe impact on postal operations. Until further notice, post offices will be operating a minimum service and the delivery of mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) is suspended. Consequently, Positripa Malagasy is no longer able to guarantee quality of service for all categories of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items).

Samoa: Samoa Post has advised that the Government of Samoa has declared a state of emergency, with effect from Saturday, March 21, 2020. Samoa has therefore closed its borders and suspended all flights in and out of the country. Samoa Post will be closed from Thursday, March 26, 2020 until further notice; no inbound or outbound mail will be processed during this period.

South Africa: South African Post Office Ltd., has advised that the government has taken a number of steps aimed at reducing social contacts and physical movements to a minimum. In addition, because of the suspension of many flights, exchanges of both inbound and outbound mails are currently blocked. All post offices nationwide will be closed while the country is on lockdown, and all mail classes will be delayed. South African Post Office therefore requests that delivery standards be suspended in this force majeure situation. At present, normal services are due to resume as of April 17, 2020.

As a convenience for our customers, the Postal Service will continue to accept and process mail destined for the aforementioned countries. This mail will be held within our network and will be delivered once mail service is restored.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

France UPDATE: La Poste has advised that all its offices of exchange (international processing centers) will be subject to an exceptional closure, as follows:
- On Wednesday, March 25, 2020;
The delivery of EMS items will be maintained, but may be subject to delays.

Indonesia: Pos Indonesia has advised that operations, for all outbound and inbound mail (letter post, parcel post and EMS) are being disrupted. Delivery standards cannot be guaranteed; addressee signature on delivery of inbound items has been suspended, and a situation of force majeure has been declared from March 23, 2020 until the situation returns to normal. Pos Indonesia remains committed to keeping its services running as far as the steps being taken in the national interest to protect citizens allow.

United Arab Emirates: Emirates Post has advised that a state of alert has been declared, at least until April 2, 2020. Emirates Post is required to take strict ad hoc measures aimed at minimizing human contact, during both sorting and delivery. These are likely to have an impact on operations and, consequently, on quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS). For this reason, service delivery standards cannot currently be guaranteed. While airports remain open, passenger flights to and from the UAE have been suspended. The delivery of international mail will be subject to potential delays until the situation returns to normal. As a result, Emirates Post is unable to offer various services at the moment. The provisions set out above will remain in effect until further notice.

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The Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) and DMM Advisories are available on Postal Explorer® (pe.usps.com)
UPDATE 7: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On March 24, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Chile UPDATE: CorreosChile, has advised that, owing to the suspension of flights from Chile and the resulting lack of transportation, CorreosChile is unable to accept or dispatch outbound international letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items. CorreosChile is monitoring the situation and will adopt corrective measures as the situation evolves.

Honduras UPDATE: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Hondurcor) has advised that it is necessary to suspend postal services until March, 29, 2020, or a later date to be communicated in due course. The suspension affects imports of international mail at land and sea borders, and at Ramon Villeda Morales Airport in San Pedro Sula and Toncontín Airport in Tegucigalpa. It therefore asks countries that normally send their mail to Honduras by air cargo flights not to do so for the time being; to avoid mail being stored in customs warehouses, generating significant extra costs. An exception may be made for humanitarian aid, which Hondurcor is able to process with the knowledge and prior authorization of the Honduran Government. Hondurcor asks to be excused from delivery time requirements and compensation for late delivery of postal items until normal operations resume.

Montenegro: Montenegro Post has advised that all inbound and outbound postal traffic will be suspended until further notice.

As a convenience for our customers, the Postal Service will continue to accept and process mail destined for the aforementioned countries. This mail will be held within our network and will be delivered once mail service is restored.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Belarus: the Republican Unitary Enterprise of Posts “Belpochta” (RUE “Belpochta”) has advised that, owing the suspension of flights and various measures taken by countries (such as self-isolation, social distancing, advising people to work from home), it is currently unable to send mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) to a number of countries. The current situation will have a major impact on quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound mail. Under these circumstances, RUE “Belpochta” can no longer guarantee service delivery standards (including delivery times and other quality parameters). As far as possible, international and domestic operations will be continued on a regular basis.

Bhutan: Bhutan Post has advised that it experiencing significant disruption to its daily operations due to the closure of businesses, airlines and other transportation providers, This is having a direct impact on service quality for international inbound and outbound services, and severe delays are to be expected until normal transport capacity becomes available. Bhutan Post is therefore declaring a situation of force majeure in relation to all international letter-post (including Prime Express), parcel-post and EMS services.

Canada UPDATE: Canada Post has advised that additional measures are being taken in response to the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In accordance with physical distancing requirements, Canada Post has implemented revised delivery procedures. Items destined to Canada requiring the payment of customs duties and taxes will be sent to a retail post office for collection. Customers will receive a delivery notice card telling them which post office is holding their item. All other items that would ordinarily require a signature will be left in a safe location without obtaining a signature from the recipient. This change eliminates the need for signature at the doorstep and greatly reduces the number of parcels sent to Canada Post offices for collection.

Estonia UPDATE: Estonian Post, has advised the that Estonian Government declared a state of emergency on 12 March. This is provisionally due to last until 1 May 2020. Estonian Post is therefore considering the situation as a case of force majeure, and wishes to inform its partners of some temporary changes to the services provided.

Air services to most countries have been interrupted, and shipments to some countries have been temporarily suspended. Estonian Post is trying to find alternative solutions (including replacing air links by road) wherever possible, but in most cases, these will involve increased transmission times, with a major impact on operations and, consequently, on quality of service for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items.

Signature on delivery has suspended for inbound items requiring proof of delivery in order to avoid human contact. Registered items will be delivered to mailboxes where possible. In case of delivery to the person, the courier will enter the receiver’s name on the handheld device, but with the word “Courier” in place of the signature. Courier parcels will still be delivered to the addressee, but in place of the signature, there will be an image (picture) of an address card, which the recipient will first be asked to sign (preferably using their own pen). This temporary measure came into force on 16 March 2020 and will last until further notice.

Israel UPDATE: Israeli Postal Company has advised that, effective March 22, 2020, the Israeli Ministry of Health has introduced measures including self-isolation, limiting the number of personnel at the workplace and advising people to work from home and restrict travel. Israeli Postal Company will continue to process incoming and outgoing mail, giving priority to premium services such as Express and PRIME, and will make every effort to ensure the regular distribution of mail. Israeli Postal Company can no longer guarantee service delivery standards and is invoking force majeure. In addition, since 17 March 2020, a signature is no longer required for items requiring signature on delivery, and such items will be left at the door after being scanned and photographed to prove that delivery has been made. If possible, the name of the addressee will be recorded.

Luxembourg UPDATE: Post Luxembourg has advised that International and domestic operations will continue as normal insofar as possible. However, measures have been implemented to ensure the safety of both customers and staff, including the following:

- In general, post offices will remain open, but will be closed on Saturdays.
- For all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery, the addressee’s signature will be replaced by the mail carrier’s signature, together with the delivery code, in the signature field.
- Post Luxembourg is no longer able to guarantee delivery times or comply with standard rules for signature on delivery.

Malaysia UPDATE: Pos Malaysia, has advised that delays are to be expected in the processing, transportation and delivery of both incoming and outgoing international shipments of letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items, owing to the suspension of services, cancellation of flights, shutdown of airports and implementation of preventative measures to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19. The dispatching of all outbound airmails (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) to the following countries is expected to be severely delayed:
• Austria, Belgium, China (People’s Rep.), Croatia, Czech Rep., Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom (from 18 March 2020)
• Canada and United States of America (from 30 March 2020)

For inbound mail deliveries, letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items will be handled as follows:
• Items requiring signature on delivery will no longer be signed for at the point of handover to the recipient. Instead, the mail carrier will ask for the receiver to enter this information in the signature field on the handheld device or delivery manifest. This temporary measure came into force on Monday, 16 March 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.
• For delivery of items to a mail room, the addressee will receive a text message or telephone call.
• Deliveries to premises or areas needing to be closed down due to COVID-19 are suspended.

Post and EMS items are therefore in a situation of force majeure in relation to all international mail (letter-post, parcel post and EMS items), owing to COVID-19 and its effects on postal services worldwide, until sufficient transport capacity becomes available.

**Mongolia UPDATE:** Mongol Post, has advised that all international flights to and from Ulaanbaatar are suspended until April 30, 2020. The international mail processing center (MNULNA) will remain closed until April 1, 2020. This closure may be extended.

**Philippines UPDATE:** Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) has advised that international air and sea transport from and to international airports and seaports throughout the Philippines will remain operational during the community quarantine. However, due to domestic and air transport is suspended for the duration of the community quarantine imposed in Metro Manila, the rest of Luzon island, and several areas of the Visayas and Mindanao islands. In view of this, the following changes are being made to PHLPost operations for the period of community quarantine (currently scheduled to run until April 12, 2020):
• International mail processing centers will maintain a skeleton workforce in order to accept incoming international dispatches. Inbound items received up to April 12, 2020 will not be processed and forwarded to delivery post offices until the normal work schedule resumes (as from April 13, 2020).
• There will be no outbound international dispatches from the international mail processing centers from March 17, 2020 until end of the community quarantine.
• Outbound postal items received up to April 12, 2020 by post offices located in areas under community quarantine and in other areas of the Visayas and Mindanao islands are to be processed and forwarded to destination countries upon resumption of the normal work schedule (April 13, 2020). Delays to inbound and outbound postal items are expected during the community quarantine period. Detailed information on the areas covered by the community quarantine will be provided as soon as it is available.

**Senegal:** La Poste du Sénégal has advised that measures to close the borders and restrict travel have been implemented by the Government of Senegal and the airlines. These decisions will have a significant impact on shipment and delivery times for letter post, parcel post and packets. Consequently, La Poste du Sénégal is unable to guarantee compliance with delivery standards and is invoking a situation of force majeure with regard to quality of service. La Poste du Sénégal will continue to operate postal services insofar as possible.

**Slovakia:** Slovenska Pošt®a, a.s., has advised that the Slovakian government has introduced measures including self-isolation, social distancing, advising people to work from home and restricting travel. Given these new measures, all inquiries, including those handled electronically through Internet-based systems for parcel-post, EMS, registered and tracked items, are liable to be disrupted. In addition, call agents may be unable to deal with telephone inquiries. Consequently, there may be a severe impact on service quality for international inbound and outbound services and service delivery standards. Slovenska Pošt®a is therefore invoking the force majeure and analogous provisions of all such standards, until the situation has returned to normal.

Special processes have been put in place for postal items subject to delivery, specifically as follows:
• Parcels that would ordinarily require the addressee’s signature can now be deposited in parcel terminals;
• Delays may occur and will only be notified. These items will be deposited at post offices and the customer will receive a notification (announcement to mailbox, electronic notification sent by e-mail or SMS);
• Slovenska Pošt®a has also extended by 14 days the current period of 18 days during which postal items will be stored at post offices.

Furthermore, Slovenska Pošt®a wishes to emphasize that, owing to the suspension of flights, it is currently unable to send letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items to a significant number of countries both within and outside the European Union. Therefore, temporarily, Slovenska Pošt®a will no longer accept letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items for destinations to which transport capacities are unavailable.

**Spain UPDATE:** Correos y Telégrafos has advised that, owing to the suspension of flights from and to Spain, and the ensuing lack of transport capacity, it is currently unable to send mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) to an increasing number of countries both within and outside the European Union. As a result, Correos y Telégrafos therefore declares a situation of force majeure and ceasing, with immediate effect, to accept letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items destined for all concerned Union member countries, until sufficient transport capacity becomes available. Moreover, the Spanish Government has extended the “state of alert” that was declared on March 14, 2020, with effect until April 11, 2020, in order to reduce the risk of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The state of alert may yet be extended again. This will have a major impact on operations and, consequently, on quality of service for all types of inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items.

**Switzerland UPDATE:** Swiss Post has advised that it has changed its delivery process for all items requiring signature on delivery. Effective March 16, 2020, letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery will not be signed for by the recipient. In place of the recipient’s signature, the delivery agent will enter a code in the signature field of the handheld device. This temporary measure will apply until further notice. As a result, Swiss Post is no longer able to guarantee inbound and outbound mail standards, and is therefore invoking a situation of force majeure with regard to quality of service and remuneration for all categories of mail item (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) until further notice.

**Turkey UPDATE:** Turkish PTT Corporation, has advised a period of leave has been declared for certain parts of its workforce, especially those in high-risk categories, in both the public and private sector. This has a major impact on operations and, consequently, on quality of service for all types of inbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items). For this reason, service delivery standards cannot be guaranteed and a situation of force majeure has been declared until the situation returns to normal.

**Ukraine:** Ukrposhta has advised that effective Monday, March 23, 2020, the Government of Ukraine has taken measures to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), including the self-quarantine of staff. Delays are to be expected in the delivery of all inbound mail. Severe delays are also to be expected for outbound mail to all destinations, as a result of flight suspensions. Ukrposhta’s national and international operations centers remain open and continue to operate, but it is necessary to declare a situation of force majeure, with immediate effect, until sufficient transport capacity becomes available. In order to minimize human contact, it will not be mandatory for Ukrposhta to collect and provide written proof of delivery for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items that would normally require a signature.

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UPDATE 5: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On March 19, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended certain mail services:

Bulgaria: Bulgarian Posts plc has advised that it is currently not able to send letter-post, parcel-post or EMS items to many countries inside and outside the European Union, with the list changing on a daily basis. For this reason, Bulgarian Posts has ceased to accept any outbound EMS items destined to international locations. The company will continue to accept letter-post and parcel-post items sent to destinations for which transport capacity is still available. Customers should expect delays for all inbound and outbound mail until further notice.

Cyprus: Cyprus Post has advised that effective Saturday, March 21, 2020; all commercial flights to Cyprus are suspended for 14 days. Cyprus Post is therefore suspending all outgoing dispatches to international destinations. [Note: see below regarding change for mail destined to Cyprus.]

Morocco: Poste Maroc has advised that following the suspension of international commercial air traffic, it is suspending outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items to international destinations until normal flight operations resume. [Note: see below regarding change for mail destined to Morocco.]

As a convenience for our customers, the Postal Service will continue to accept and process mail destined for the aforementioned countries. This mail will be held within our network and will be delivered once mail service is restored.

The following countries have announced service disruptions:

Austria: Österreichische Post AG has advised that it is currently unable to send letters and parcels to a constantly increasing number of countries both within and outside of the European Union due to the suspension of flights from Austria. Therefore, Österreichische Post AG has stopped accepting letter-post and parcel-post items for those destinations to where transportation is unavailable. Delivery standards and times can no longer be guaranteed until the situation has returned to normal. Additionally, all items that require the addressee’s signature are now deposited in the addressee’s mailbox or in a secure location on their premises, with signature by the mail carrier on their portable device. In cases where items are delivered to the recipient in person, the mail carrier will likewise sign on the recipient’s behalf.

Belgium: bpost has advised that operations will continue to operate normally as far as possible. However, several measures have been implemented to ensure the safety of both customers and staff, including the following:

- Post offices will remain open in general, but will be closed on Saturdays;
- For domestic and inbound international items that would normally require a signature, the mail carrier will sign for delivery in place of the customer (but in the customer’s presence);
- bpost is no longer able to guarantee delivery times, standard rules for signature on delivery, or availability of tracking data for shipments.

Furthermore, in common with many other postal operators, given the diminishing number of flights and reduced capacity, bpost is temporarily unable to send outbound international mail and parcels (letter post, parcel post and EMS) to destinations outside Europe until further notice.

Cyprus: Cyprus Post has advised that effective Saturday, March 21, 2020; all commercial flights to Cyprus are suspended for 14 days. Therefore, until further notice, all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items destined to Cyprus will be sent by alternative transportation (e.g. surface). Customers should expect delivery delays.

Djibouti: La Poste has advised that Djibouti has suspended all international flights arriving in and departing from Djibouti, with the exception of cargo flights, until further notice.

Therefore, delays are expected in the handling and delivery of letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items, until sufficient transport capacity becomes available.

Finland: Posti and Åland Post have advised that owing to a lack of transport capacity, they are currently unable to transport outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items to many international destinations. Effective March 18, 2020, Posti and Åland Post will only be able to transport letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items destined for the countries listed below, with delays to be expected owing to limited capacity:

- All EU countries, with the exception of Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Malta, Slovakia and Spain;
- Australia, Canada, China (People’s Rep.), Israel, Japan, Norway, Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America.

France: La Poste has advised that the French Government has reinforced the measures in place to limit the spread of COVID-19. La Poste’s network and national and international operational centres remain open and continue to operate. However, given the reduced workforce, La Poste can no longer guarantee delivery lead times, the collection of signatures on delivery, delivery to the addressee in person, tracking of items (scanning and shipment lead times), the processing of items for reimbursement, and insured items. This concerns in particular registered letters, tracked small packets with signature, parcels and EMS items. Additionally, numerous post offices are closed, and the opening hours of those remaining open have been reduced.

Georgia: Georgian Post has advised that the Government of Georgia has taken measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As these measures include the self-quarantine of staff, significant delays are to be expected in the delivery of all inbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items. Severe delays are also to be expected for outbound mail to all destinations, as a result of flight suspensions. Indirect delivery methods will be implemented temporarily for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items that would ordinarily require the addressee’s signature. Consequently, it will not be possible for Georgian Post to collect and provide written proof of delivery.

Liechtenstein: Liechtensteinsche Post has advised that all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring a signature upon delivery are no longer being signed when handed over to the addressee. For such items, the mail carrier will leave a note in the signature field of the handheld device. This temporary measure will apply until further notice.

Mauritius: Mauritius Post has advised that all post offices are closed until 2 April 2020. As a result, severe delays are to be expected in the processing, transport and delivery of both inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items due to the suspension of postal services and various flight cancellations. Moreover, signature on delivery will no longer be required at the time delivery is made. Instead, the mail carrier will ask the recipient’s name and will record it on the delivery receipt.

Mexico: Correos de México has advised that, owing to the cancellation of international flights it is facing significant disruption to its operations. Until further notice, only services to Canada and the United States of America will be maintained. Customers should expect delivery delays.

Morocco: Poste Maroc has advised that incoming mail has been processed and delivered as normal. However, delivery services may suffer certain delays, because of limited staff in processing and delivery centers. Postal parcels, EMS items and registered mail are being delivered without the addressee’s signature being requested. For such items, the mail carrier will address the addressee for their identity card number and record it. This exceptional March 17, 2020, and will remain in effect until further notice.
UPDATE 3: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19

On March 18, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The following countries have suspended some or all mail services:

Cayman Islands: Cayman Islands Postal Service has advised that the government has suspended all international flights. Therefore, the processing of all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items will be suspended from March 20, 2020, through April 12, 2020.

French Polynesia: OPT PF – FARE RATA has advised that it is currently unable to accept letter-post, parcel-post or EMS items until March 31, 2020.

Lebanon: LibanPost has advised that all passenger flights to and from Beirut–Rafic Hariri International Airport have been suspended until March 29, 2020. Owing to this situation, LibanPost will be unable to offer outbound mail services (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) to international destinations.

Maldives: Maldives Post has advised that it is suspending the processing of all inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items until March 28, 2020.

Mongolia: Mongol Post has advised that all international flights to and from Ulaanbaatar are suspended until March 30, 2020, or later. Mongol Post is temporarily closing its international mail center until April 1, 2020.

Tunisia: La Poste Tunisienne has advised that all international flights in and out of Tunisia have been suspended. Therefore, the processing of all letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items will be suspended until sufficient transport capacity becomes available.

As a convenience for our customers, the Postal Service will continue to accept and process mail destined for the aforementioned countries. This mail will be held within our network and will be delivered once mail service is restored.

Additionally, the following countries have announced service disruptions:

Chile: CorreosChile has advised that the following service changes are in effect for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items:
1. Owing to a lack of international air transport capacity, international outbound mail has been suspended to all countries except Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay;
2. International inbound mail addressed to Easter Island will no longer be accepted;
3. There will be delays in the processing and delivery of international inbound mail;
4. Signature on delivery for international inbound mail will be suspended and replaced by delivery methods that limit direct physical contact.

Germany: Deutsche Post has announced changes for all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items regarding signature on delivery. Beginning March 13, 2020, items that would ordinarily require the addressee’s signature can now be deposited in the addressee’s mailbox or in a secure location on their premises, with signature by the mail carrier on their portable device. In cases where items are delivered to the recipient in person, the mail carrier will likewise sign on the recipient’s behalf.

Honduras: Empresa de Correos de Honduras (Hondurcor) has advised that the entire territory of Honduras is under quarantine until at least March 21, 2020, or later. As a result, Hondurcor significantly reduced its workforce across the logistics chain the distribution of international mail will be subject to major delays until the situation returns to normal.

Jamaica: Jamaica Post has advised that from March 18, 2020, through March 24, 2020, Jamaica Post will be implementing a restricted operations program and will be unable to guarantee delivery standards for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items, owing to adjusted operating hours of post offices and postal agencies. Customers should expect delays.

The P&RC Weekly will continue to update employees regarding new service disruptions as they are received. For a full list of international service disruptions, please visit https://about.usps.com/newroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm

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**Philippines**: Philippine Postal Corporation has advised that an enhanced community quarantine has been imposed in Metropolitan Manila and rest of Luzon island and several areas on Visayas and Mindanao islands, effective through April 12, 2020. Philippine Postal Corporation will operate as follows during the community quarantine:

1. International mail processing centers will maintain a skeleton staff, in order to accept incoming mail until the total lockdown of international air and sea transport on March 20, 2020.
2. All post offices in areas placed under quarantine are closed.

**Romania**: Poșta Română has advised that new travel restrictions have led to massive cancellations of international flights. Owing to the suspension of air services to a number of international destinations, Poșta Română is facing difficulties sending international postal items, and delays are to be expected for all types of inbound and outbound letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items.

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**UPDATE 2: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

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The following countries have suspended some or all mail services:

**Kuwait**: Kuwait Postal Sector has suspended all inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items) until further notice.

**Moldova**: Posta Moldovei has suspended all inbound and outbound mail (letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items) until further notice.

**Norway**: Posten Norge AS has advised that it is unable to send letter mail to all countries outside the European Union except for the following: Arab Emirates, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, Great Britain, Iceland, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland, Thailand and Turkey.

**Peru**: Servicios Postales del Perú - SERPOST S.A, has suspended all delivery of domestic and international mail for 15 days, and Jorge Chavez International Airport has been closed. Therefore, postal services in Peru are suspended until March 30, 2020.

As a convenience for our customers, the Postal Service will continue to accept and process mail destined for the aforementioned countries. This mail will be held within our network and will be delivered once mail service is restored.

Additionally, the following countries have announced service disruptions:

**Estonia**: Estonian Post has advised that it has suspended signature on delivery for inbound items. Where possible, items will be delivered to mailboxes; otherwise, they will be delivered in person, but without signature. The courier will enter the recipient’s name in the handheld device, but in place of the signature, there will be the indication “Courier”. This temporary measure will remain until further notice.

**Latvia**: Latvijas Pasts has advised that the processing of all inbound and outbound international mail conveyed via passenger air transport has been suspended until further notice. Latvijas Pasts will strive to find alternative means to convey its outbound mail by truck or cargo air transport. However, there may be significant delays in the meantime. For preventive purposes, shipments are stored in a warehouse for 72 hours prior to transport. Customers should expect delays.

**Luxembourg**: Post Luxembourg has advised that delivery will be conducted via methods that restrict direct contact. For all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery, the addressee’s signature will be replaced by the mail carrier’s signature, together with the delivery code, in the signature field.

**New Zealand**: New Zealand Post has announced changes for all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery. Effective immediately, the mail carrier will ask for the recipient’s name (to record proof of delivery), and leave the item on the doorstep. The person receiving the item will not sign for the delivery directly. If no one comes to the door and there is no Parcel Leave service in place, the carrier will leave a card with details of the delivery, and return the item to the Post Office. This temporary measure will remain in effect until further notice.

**Panama**: Correos de Panama has advised that it is currently unable to send outgoing mail (letter-post, parcel-post or EMS items) to the following destinations: Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania; Certain Latin American countries (Argentina, Aruba, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela, Bolivia). Additionally, delays are expected in the delivery of all inbound items to addressees in Panama.

**Portugal**: CTT Correios de Portugal has announced changes for letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery. Effective immediately, the mail carrier will ask the recipient for their given name and family name, and will enter this information, followed by “CV19”, in the signature field on the handheld device. This temporary measure will remain in effect until further notice.

**Slovenia**: Poštə Slovenišč in advised that significant delays are to be expected for all inbound and outbound letter post, parcel post and EMS items until the end of the epidemic. Furthermore, should the situation worsen, it will be forced to temporarily suspend the acceptance of mail for destinations outside Slovenia to which transport is not available.

**Spain**: Correos y Telégrafos has advised that many airlines have cancelled their flights to Madrid. As a result, the distribution of international mail will be subject to major delays until the situation returns to normal.

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**UPDATE: International Mail Service Disruptions Due to COVID-19**

On March 16, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notifications from various postal operators regarding changes in international mail services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19):
Australia: Australia Post has advised that written proof of delivery is suspended, until further notice, for inbound items.

Austria: Austrian Post has advised that significant delays are to be expected in the delivery of all inbound mail until April 14, or until regulatory measures are lifted. As a result, customers should expect delivery delays for all letters and parcels.

Cyprus: Cyprus Post has advised that significant delays are to be expected in the delivery of all inbound letter-post, parcel-post and Express Mail Service (EMS) items. Postal items that would ordinarily require written proof of delivery may, with the addressee’s consent, be deposited in the addressee’s mailbox or in a secure location on the addressee’s premises, with signature by the mail carrier.

El Salvador: Correos de El Salvador has advised that it will need to reduce its workforce across the logistics chain. As a result, customers should expect delivery delays for all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items.

Lithuania: Lithuania Post, has advised that all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery will be delivered to customers indirectly. Consequently, it will not be mandatory for mail carriers to collect and provide written proof of delivery.

Netherlands: PostNL has advised that all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery will no longer be signed at the time of delivery. For these items, the mail carrier will ask the recipient for the last three digits of the recipient’s ID reference number, and this information will be entered by the carrier in the signature field on their handheld device. This temporary measure will be effective until further notice.

Saudi Arabia: Saudi Post has advised that all letter-post, parcel-post and EMS items requiring signature on delivery will be delivered to customers indirectly. The mandatory written proof of delivery will be suspended and instead delivery will be based on a code sent to the addressee’s mobile phone.

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**Resumption of Mail Service to Designated Areas of Italy**

Effective March 6, 2020, the designated operator of Italy, Poste Italiane, will resume mail service throughout Italy. However, the following temporary and precautionary measures will be applied nationwide, until March 15, 2020, or until new guidance is provided by the relevant authorities:

- All mail items, including registered mail, insured letters and parcels, will be deposited in mailboxes, with a notice signed by the mail carrier, informing the recipient of this temporary measure;
- If the addressee is absent or refuses to accept this mode of delivery, the mail carrier will leave a specific form (notice of delivery) and instructions in the recipient’s mailbox, enabling the recipient to collect the item from a post office;
- Items rejected by the addressee will be returned to sender.

The US Postal Service is closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and is undertaking all reasonable measures to minimize the impact to our customers.

The Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) and DMM Advisories are available on Postal Explorer® (pe.usps.com)

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**Service Delays to Italy Due to Temporary Service Suspension**

On February 24, 2020, the Postal Service™ received notification from Poste Italiane that mail service will be temporarily suspended to designated areas in Italy due to recent cases of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19).

The postal code locations affected by the temporary service suspension include:

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Priority Mail Express International Guarantee Suspension to China and Hong Kong beginning February 10th

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) will be temporarily suspending the guarantee on Priority Mail Express International (PMEI) destined for China and Hong Kong, effective Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, due to widespread airline cancellations and restrictions into this area.

USPS is undertaking all reasonable measures to minimize the impact to our customers. Please contact Ashok Parasuram at Ashok.Parasuram@usps.gov with any questions.

In addition to the above-listed locations, delivery may also be affected in neighboring areas as a result of the precautionary temporary closure, by local order or individual initiative, of public institutions (schools, universities, nurseries, theatres, etc.), or businesses open to the public (restaurants, cafes, etc.).

As a convenience for our customers, the United States Postal Service® will continue to accept and process mail destined for the affected areas. This mail will be held within Poste Italiane’s network and will be delivered once mail service is restored. Customers should expect delays in delivery times to the affected locations.

The suspension affects Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI), Priority Mail International® (PMI), First-Class Mail International® (FCMI), First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS®), International Priority Airmail® (IPA®), International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®), and M-Bag® items.

Regardless of the duration of the suspension, USPS customers can avoid any service disruptions by sending letters and packages using our date-certain international shipping option — Global Express Guaranteed® (GXG®) service. GXG service is available online at www.usps.com and at thousands of participating USPS retail locations.

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