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Ship International Mail Online and Get it There On Time

Recommended Dates for International Holiday Mailing

WASHINGTON—Making the holiday connection with family and friends in faraway destinations around the globe is as easy as taking a trip to your home computer with <u>usps.com</u>. Whether you're sending holiday packages to Sydney, Stockholm or Singapore, the Postal Service makes international shipping a snap.

"Going online to <u>usps.com</u> makes international shipping easy," says Pranab Shah, managing director and vice president, Global Business. "Customers can fill out the required customs forms and print postage and address labels right from their computer. They can also get information on any special guidelines or requirements for mailing to foreign destinations."

Shah says online customers can also save on postage, order free shipping supplies or schedule free package pickup. Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes for international shipping are available in four sizes, with shipping prices starting as low as \$10.95 to Mexico and Canada, or \$12.95 to most countries. Flat-Rate boxes are free at any Post Office, or can be ordered online at <u>usps.com</u>. Postage, labels and customs forms can be printed online any time using <u>Click-N-Ship</u>.

The Postal Service recommends the following deadlines for international delivery of holiday cards and packages by Dec. 25.

International Mail Addressed To	Global Express Guaranteed® (GXG) ¹	Express Mail® International (EMS) ²	Priority Mail® International (PMI ⁾³	First- Class Mail®
Africa	Dec. 18	Dec. 12	Dec. 4	Dec. 4
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec. 18	Dec. 17	Dec. 11	Dec. 11
Australia/New Zealand	Dec. 18	Dec. 17	Dec. 11	Dec. 11
Canada	Dec. 22	Dec. 18	Dec. 14	Dec. 11
Caribbean	Dec. 21	Dec. 17	Dec. 14	Dec. 11
Central & South America	Dec. 21	Dec. 12	Dec. 4	Dec. 4
Mexico	Dec. 22	Dec. 17	Dec. 11	Dec.11
Europe	Dec. 21	Dec. 17	Dec. 14	Dec. 11
Middle East	Dec. 18	Dec. 17	Dec. 14	Dec. 11

1/ GXG is available to over 190 countries via an alliance with Federal Express. See a retail associate at participating locations for a complete list of countries and money-back guarantee details, or go to pe.usps.com and click on International Country Listings. Some restrictions apply. Purchase postage online and get 10 percent savings.

2/ Express Mail International is available to over 190 countries with delivery in an average of three to five business days. Guaranteed, money-back service available to Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Spain (except the Canary Islands) and Korea, Republic of (South Korea). Flat-rate shipping options are available with free packaging. Purchase

postage online and get 8 percent savings.

3/ Priority Mail International is available to over 190 countries with delivery in an average of six to 10 business days. Flat-rate shipping options are available with free packaging. Purchase postage online and get 5 percent savings.

The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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