

May 15, 2020

COVID-19 CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS UPDATE 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-two (22) containers weighing 143,807 kilograms. It is serving mail destined to:

- Austria
- Denmark
- Hungary
- Poland
- Sweden
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- Netherlands
- Spain
- 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:

<u>Rotterdam Port Unloading</u>	<u>Rotterdam Port Custom Clearance/Clear Customs</u>	<u>Rotterdam Port Transit to Den Hague OE</u>	<u>Den Hague OE Acceptance & Sorting</u>	<u>Den Hague OE Road Transit to Delivery Address</u>
1-2 Days	2 Days	1 Day	2-3 Days	1-4 Days

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.

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