

2021 Holiday Shipping Cut Off Dates - FINAL

Domestic Mail Class/Product	Cut Off Date
First Class Mail	Dec-17
Priority Mail	Dec-18
Priority Mail Express*	Dec-23
USPS Retail Ground	Dec-15
DNDC Drop Ship - Marketing Mail	Dec-19
DSCF Drop Ship - Marketing Mail	Dec-21
DDU Drop Ship - Marketing Mail	Dec-22
International Mail**	**
Priority Mail Express Military APO/FPO/DPO**	**

*Priority Mail Express postage refund eligibility is adjusted for shipments mailed Dec 22-25

** See additional information below

Military Mail Addressed To/From	Priority Mail Express Military™ Service (PMEMS) ^{1/}	First-Class Mail® Letters and Cards	Priority Mail®	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) ^{2/}	Space Available Mail (SAM) ^{3/}	USPS Retail Ground™
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec-16	Dec-9	Dec-9	<i>Services no longer available</i>	Nov-6	
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec-9	Dec-9		Nov-6	
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec-16	Dec-9	Dec-9		Nov-6	
APO/FPO/DPO AA ZIP 340	Dec-16	Dec-9	Dec-9		Nov-6	
APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec-16	Dec-9	Dec-9		Nov-6	

1/ PMEMS: is available to selected military /diplomatic post offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO/DPO address.

2/ PAL: is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for USPS Retail Ground items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface price for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

3/ SAM: parcels are paid at USPS Retail Ground prices with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.

International Mail Addressed To	Global Express Guaranteed® (GXG)***	Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI)	Priority Mail International® (PMI)	First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS)
Africa	Dec-20	Dec-6	Nov-29	Nov-29
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec-20	Dec-13	Dec-6	Dec-6
Australia/New Zealand	Dec-20	Dec-13	Dec-6	Dec-6
Canada	Dec-22	Dec-13	Dec-6	Dec-6
Caribbean	Dec-21	Dec-13	Dec-6	Dec-6
Central & South America	Dec-20	Dec-6	Nov-29	Nov-29
Mexico	Dec-22	Dec-13	Dec-6	Dec-6
Europe	Dec-21	Dec-13	Dec-6	Dec-6
Middle East	Dec-20	Dec-13	Dec-6	Dec-6

***GXG Notes: 1) Cutoff date does not take into account time needed for customs clearance. 2) Should allocate extra transit day(s) for delivery outside major cities.

2021 Holiday Season Import Dates*

SURFACE		AIR		EMS
LC/AO	CP	LC/AO	CP	
Nov-29	Nov-29	Dec-6	Dec-6	Dec-18

*Provides mailing guidelines for foreign postal partners in order to meet December 25 delivery.

2021 Holiday Season Import Dates

November 29 Last day to send parcel post packages via surface transportation

November 29 Last day to send letters, flats and small packages via surface transportation

December 6 Last day to send priority packages via air transportation

December 6 Last day to send letters, flats and small packages via air transportation

December 18 Last day to send Express Mail Service items (any shape)

Mail class by code:

LC = Letters, aerogrammes (USPS no longer offers outbound aerogrammes), cards and letter package

AO = Newspapers, magazines, matter for the blind, printed matter, small package

CP = Packages - parcel post (surface), priority (air)