

2012 International and APO/FPO/DPO Christmas Mailing Dates

To ensure delivery of holiday cards and packages by December 25 to APO/FPO/DPO and international addresses overseas, we suggest that mail be entered by the recommended mailing dates listed below. Beat the last-minute rush and take your mail to your U.S. Post Office[®] by these suggested dates. And don't forget you can print postage, labels, and Customs forms online 24/7 using Click-N-Ship[®] service at www.usps.com/clicknship.

Remember, all mail addressed to military and diplomatic post offices overseas is subject to certain conditions or restrictions regarding content, preparation, and handling. APO/FPO/DPO addresses generally require Customs forms. To see a table of active APO/FPO/DPO ZIP Codes[™] and associated mailing restrictions, go to <http://pe.usps.com> and click *Postal Bulletins* in the blue sidebar. Go to the current issue and see the article "Overseas Military/Diplomatic Mail."

APO/FPO/DPO Mail Addressed To	Express Mail[®] Military Service (EMMS)¹	First-Class Mail[®] Letters/Cards	Priority Mail[®]	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL)²	Space Available Mail (SAM)³	Parcel Post[®]
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 090–092	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 13
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec 3	Dec 3	Nov 30	Nov 26	Nov 13
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 094–098	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 13
APO/FPO/DPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 13
APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIPs 962–966	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 13

¹ EMMS is available to selected military/diplomatic post offices. Check with your local Post Office[™] to determine if this service is available to your APO/FPO/DPO of address.

² PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Parcel Post 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 Parcel Post 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)^{4*}	Express Mail[®] International (EMS)^{5*}	Priority Mail[®] International (PMI)^{6*}	First-Class Mail[®] International
Africa	Dec 19	Dec 11	Dec 3	Dec 3
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec 18	Dec 15	Dec 10	Dec 10
Australia/New Zealand	Dec 18	Dec 15	Dec 10	Dec 10
Canada	Dec 20	Dec 17	Dec 13	Dec 10
Caribbean	Dec 19	Dec 15	Dec 13	Dec 10
Central & South America	Dec 19	Dec 11	Dec 3	Dec 3
Mexico	Dec 20	Dec 15	Dec 10	Dec 10
Europe	Dec 19	Dec 15	Dec 13	Dec 10
Middle East	Dec 19	Dec 15	Dec 13	Dec 10

⁴ GXG Notes: 1) Cutoff dates does not take into account time needed for customs clearance. 2) Should allocate extra transit day(s) for delivery outside major cities. 3) Last day to ship to Afghanistan is Dec 18 and Iraq is Dec 17. <http://pe.usps.com>, and click International Mail Manual (IMM), then Individual Country Listings. Some restrictions apply. Free shipping supplies are available

⁵ EMS is available to over 190 countries with delivery in 3 to 5 average business days. Guaranteed, money-back service is available to Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, and Korea (Republic of South). Flat-rate shipping options and free packaging are available. Purchase postage online and receive an 8% discount.

⁶ PMI is available to over 190 countries with delivery in 6 to 10 average business days. Flat-rate shipping options and free packaging are available. Purchase postage online and receive a 5% discount.

* Average number of days may vary based upon origin and destination.

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