

PRESS STATEMENT

U.S. Executive Order on De Minimis to Affect Global Postal Shipments from 29 August 2025

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PostEurop and its Members are closely following the developments around the U.S. Executive Order “Suspending duty-free de minimis treatment for all countries” on postal goods shipped to the USA¹. PostEurop members are working very hard on solutions to ensure that postal goods shipping to the USA can continue for both business and private customers, considering also the importance of guaranteeing the Universal Postal Service.

The new regulations, which follow a different approach from those provided globally by the Universal Postal Union, are set to take effect on 29 August 2025. This measure will significantly affect all postal companies worldwide and their customers sending shipments through postal networks to the United States Postal Service (USPS)². Currently, low value goods and gifts can be imported into the USA duty-free from other countries due to a de minimis customs threshold of \$800. However, the changes mean that on all goods imported into the USA duties should be paid to U.S. Customs, regardless of their country of origin.

Critical issues and processes, such as customs duties collection, the data to be collected, and the interaction with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, are not yet clearly defined. Select technical details were only released on 15 August³, leaving an extremely short timeframe to prepare.

At this time, if critical issues and processes are not defined and, thus, compliant solutions cannot be found before the regulations take effect on 29 August 2025, PostEurop Members, in alignment with the competent National Authorities, may be constrained to temporarily restrict or suspend the shipping of goods via the postal networks to the USA.

About PostEurop

PostEurop is the association which represents European postal operators. It is committed to supporting and developing a sustainable and competitive European postal communication market accessible to all citizens and ensuring a modern and affordable universal service. Its members employ 1.6 million people, operate over 212,000 service and pick-up points across Europe, handling billions of items a year and deliver to over 295 million homes and 48 million companies across Europe.

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¹ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/07/suspending-duty-free-de-minimis-treatment-for-all-countries/>

² <https://www.usps.com/>

³ <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCBP/bulletins/3ee147f>