

bpost-resumes-parcel-shipments-to-the-united-states

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Starting Monday, 8 December, residential customers in Belgium will once again be able to send parcels to the United States. bpost has implemented a new procedure to comply with recent US customs requirements, allowing for the resumption of this service just before the holiday season.

This reopening follows a temporary suspension triggered by recent changes in US customs rules. With the new process in place, Belgians can once again send gifts and parcels to friends and family across the Atlantic.

A new, simple, and transparent procedure In concrete terms, customers will be asked, as usual, to declare the contents and the value of their parcel. In addition, the country of origin of the content must be specified. To comply with the US requirement for advance payment of customs duties, bpost has adapted its process. Clients will pay:

The shipping costs for the parcel. The applicable customs duties, as well as a small handling fee.

This handling fee enables boost to cover the administrative process involved, including

possible exchange-rate variations.

One exception remains: parcels declared as gifts (from a private individual to another) with a value below 100 USD are exempt from import duties. Only a fixed handling fee of 2 USD applies.

A continued commitment to customers bpost has worked closely with its international partners to restore this service as quickly as possible.

For now, this solution applies to residential customers and small users. Contractual business customers continue to benefit from bpostgroup's professional solutions for their international shipments.

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