

bpost launches the bbox boutique, an innovation hub for urban parcel logistics & retail

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New concept bridges the gap between e-commerce and the city

bpost is launching the bbox boutique, an innovative hub designed to reinvent urban parcel logistics for local residents, consumers, retailers, e-commerce players and public authorities. In the first four boutiques, two in Brussels and two in Antwerp, bpost will experiment with new logistics services, while also allowing parcels to be sent and collected.

With the introduction of this new concept, bpost strengthens its role as a leading logistics player with a clear focus on parcels, convenience, proximity and sustainability. With the bbox boutique, bpost aims to test and roll out new services for different target groups:

For consumers and retailers:

Allowing neighbourhood residents or passers-by to collect and send parcels.

Offering promotions or product launches for e-commerce companies in search of a physical location in the city, where they can also offer their best-selling products to consumers.

Sending items without labels or packaging

from one private individual to another. For local communities:

Click & Collect for local shops: the retailer places the order in a locker, and the buyer collects it whenever they want, even outside opening hours.

Offering same-day pickup of missed deliveries for city residents.

Renting bbox lockers as private storage for residents or visitors during shopping trips or museum visits.

For logistics players:

Offering same-day delivery through microwarehousing: this allows e-commerce players to have orders delivered on the same day from their warehouses around the city to a bbox boutique.

Night Delivery for businesses: postal workers deliver professionals' work materials during the night to a bbox boutique near their workplace or home, saving them time in the morning by avoiding a stop at the company depot.

Story image

The bbox boutiques are freely accessible from 6am to 9pm., and outside those hours



via a QR code linked to the specific parcel. They are constantly monitored and cleaned daily to ensure a safe and reliable experience for all users.

In recent weeks, four boutiques have opened in 'soft launch' mode, two in Brussels and two in Antwerp. These locations are already processing a growing number of parcels per day, confirming the clear demand for such urban solutions. Interest is also coming from commercial partners, who are spontaneously reaching out to test or offer services in the boutiques.

The first four bbox boutique locations are:

- Hoogstraat 184, 1000 Brussels
- Tenbosstraat 83b, 1050 Ixelles
- Volkstraat 39, 2000 Antwerp
- Tabakvest 83, 2000 Antwerp

Growing out-of-home possibilities

Customer surveys conducted by bpost show that young adults and families aged 25 to 45 increasingly need out-of-home delivery options, especially in urban areas where space is scarce. The use of bbox lockers has already grown by 105% this year.

The bbox boutique responds to this trend by bringing together all bpost parcel services in one accessible location featuring up to 300 lockers. bpost also expects to open

additional bbox boutiques in Belgian cities next year. These will be added to the existing network, which surpassed 4,000 pickup points in November and consists of Post Offices, Post Points, Parcel Points and bbox lockers – a trend that will continue to gain momentum next year.

Laurens Himpe, Chief Automated Parcel Officer at bpost, sees the boutique as a driver of new ideas: "It's our ideas factory: a place where we test, learn and develop new services that we can then scale up. In cities, we face the greatest demand but limited space, making it the perfect environment for innovation. Thanks to this concept, we can offer better out-of-home solutions, from parcel services to collaborations with public authorities and circular partners. In this way, we connect the digital world with a physical experience space."

Chris Peeters, CEO of bpostgroup, emphasises the strategic value of this new step: "With the bbox boutique, we are setting a new standard for urban parcel and retail services. We combine our logistics expertise with innovation, enabling consumers and retailers to rely on solutions that truly meet their needs. This concept demonstrates how bpost continues to evolve and fulfil its societal role in a rapidly changing world."

Source: <u>bpostgroup</u>



Black Friday week 2025: DHL delivers millions of parcels worldwide amid solid consumer demand

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From New York to Berlin to Tokyo: In recent days, millions of online orders have been delivered worldwide by DHL.

Bonn - Black Friday week 2025 has once again demonstrated how strongly shopping behavior worldwide has shifted toward online shopping, especially during the pre-Christmas season. What used to be a one-day discount event has now become an entire season: In recent days, millions of people worldwide have ordered gifts and bargains online, and DHL has been hard at work ensuring that they are delivered securely and on time.

New parcel record in Germany

In Germany, DHL sorted more parcels within 24 hours on December 2 than ever before. The nationwide parcel network of Post & Parcel Germany processed about 12.4 million shipments - almost twice as many as on a normal day (6.7 million parcels). DHL expects this week to be the busiest of the entire year for international deliveries.

Nikola Hagleitner, CEO of Post & Parcel Germany said "When millions of gifts are ordered, we make sure they arrive on time. We're proud that in these moments we do more than logistics - we contribute to happy memories and bringing people together. We sincerely thank our employees for their outstanding commitment during this intense and demanding period."

DHL eCommerce and DHL Express: Increased international demand

DHL's eCommerce unit, which provides cross-border and domestic e-commerce deliveries for businesses in Europe, Asia and the U.S. also expects significant surges in demand internationally during the peak shopping season. Pablo Ciano, CEO of DHL eCommerce, said, "The peak season is here and it's undoubtedly the busiest time of the year for DHL Group. Across our DHL eCommerce network, thousands of people are stepping up to keep things moving. We will handle more than 14 million shipments on the busiest day, which is 60% more than an average day. The team's hard work and commitment to delivering on our customer promise make this possible."

DHL Express, the leading provider of international express delivery services, handled significantly more shipments



between Thanksgiving and Cyber Monday as consumers took advantage of the pre-Christmas discount campaigns: the global DHL Express network processed around 20 percent more shipments than on an average day. With a dedicated global air network and fast customs clearance, DHL Express ensures that important parcels can be delivered worldwide in the shortest possible time, often within a single day. Geert Schoonejans, Senior Vice President Global Network Management at DHL Express said "Peak season demand is increasingly being spread out over the entire period as retailers use promotions and offers to manage their inventory and costs, but the Black Friday weekend remains a peak moment. We have put in place sufficient capacity to handle these volumes reliably and to support our retail and e-commerce customers at a time of year that can be make-or-break for their business performance."

DHL eCommerce Trends Report: High emphasis on Black Friday promotions

The latest DHL eCommerce Trends Report also underscores the significance of shopping events like Black Friday and Cyber Monday for online retailers and consumers worldwide. The survey across 19 countries shows that 84 percent of online retailers intended to participate in Black Friday sales campaigns. 75 percent of online shoppers said they hunt for bargains online during Black Friday or Cyber Monday. This dynamic points to a robust consumer climate, despite economic uncertainties.

The surge in deliveries in 2025 confirms once again that Black Friday and Cyber Monday are no longer just one-off shopping events - they are indicators of retail trends and consumer expectations. Speed, transparency, and reliability are crucial for retailers and consumers alike. DHL continues to invest in capacity, digital solutions, and sustainable logistics to help online retailers meet their customers' expectations during this critical time.

Source: DHL Group



Australia Post champions inclusion 365 days of the year

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As we all come together to celebrate International Day of People with Disability, Australia Post - as one of the nation's largest employers - is proud of the work it does each and every day to embed inclusivity and provide adjusted roles in its workforce.

With 6.5% of its team members identifying as living with a disability, Australia Post is proudly an accredited Disability Confident Recruiter. Reasonable workplace adjustments are offered from the very start of a team member's journey, including in the initial recruitment process.

Applied adjustments have seen Deaf team members become postal officers and forklift drivers, and vision impaired team members provide administrative and customer service support to Australians all around the country.

Earlier this year, Australia Post was recognised as the Top Performer in the Australian Disability Network's (AusDN) Access and Inclusion Index. This was the second time Australia Post has achieved the number one ranking from AusDN, the peak Australian body helping employers build accessibility and inclusion.

Australia Post Executive General Manager People & Culture, Susan Davies, said Australia Post strives to reflect the communities it serves and is proud of the contribution all team members make.

"Our people have helped shape our approach on access and inclusion via our 'Accessibility Matters' employee resource group.

"The passion these team members have for ensuring our strategy helps every person, whatever their ability, to join our workplace and have meaningful employment is enormous.

"Whether they're contributing based on lived experience or simply helping drive equitable access for all as an ally, these critical insights help inform our strategy and decisions. The best outcome is that these team members often stay with Post, grow their career and become mentors and ambassadors for the next generation," Ms Davies said.

Sam Quinn, a People Leader at a Melbourne facility is one of Australia Post's ambassadors. As a Deaf team member who started with Australia Post 25 years ago, Sam has helped pave the way for others,



supported by a Diversity Manager.

"The team was open to receiving all of my feedback, the full A to Z of the barriers I'd faced in the workplace, and we decided to work together to improve things – not just for me but for everyone.

"Attending key meetings with an interpreter

has helped me feel included as part of the team, just like any other leader. I also use technology for everyday communication on the floor, and my team now sees this as completely standard," Mr Quinn said.

Source: <u>Australia Post</u>



This is how postal voting works in the regional elections for the Assembly of Extremadura on December 21st.

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The Provincial Delegations of the Electoral Census Office in Extremadura have begun sending electoral documentation to those who have already requested a postal vote. •Until December 11, you can still request a postal vote online at www.correos.es or in person at any post office. You can deposit your ballot at any post office until December 17. Correos is dedicating all necessary resources to ensure it fulfills its commitments in the electoral processes for managing postal votes.

Madrid, December 3, 2025 – The regional elections for the Assembly of Extremadura will be held on December 21, 2025. Correos (the Spanish postal service) has adopted all the necessary organizational measures for the proper execution of its assigned tasks during the electoral process and for the management of postal voting.

Since December 1st, the Provincial Delegations of the Electoral Census Office in Extremadura have been sending electoral documentation to people who have already requested to vote by mail.

Application for postal voting: via the web or in offices, until December 11

Voters who wish to vote by mail in the regional elections to the Assembly of Extremadura can still request their Electoral Census Certificate until December 11 (inclusive), either online or in person at any Correos office in Spain.

Online Application for Postal Voting and How to Check It:

Voters can apply for their postal vote through the Correos website (www.correos.es), without having to go to a post office in person. This online application process, which eliminates the need to travel, requires applicants to verify their identity with an electronic signature. Valid identification methods include digital certificates issued by the Ministry of Industry or the electronic National Identity Document (DNI-e).

People who have applied to vote by mail electronically can check the status of their application on the website www.correos.es via the following link.

Application for a postal vote at post offices: Applications for postal votes can be made at any post office in Spain. This application must be made in person by each voter,



except in cases of illness or disability
—certified by an official medical
certificate—that prevents them from making
the application personally. In this case, it
may be submitted on behalf of the voter by
another person authorized by a notary
public or consular official.

At the time of making the application, interested parties must prove their identity by presenting their original National Identity Document, passport or driver's license to the postal office staff.

Both the online and in-person applications require you to indicate the address where you will be staying during the period in which the Provincial Delegations of the Electoral Census Office in Extremadura send the necessary documentation to vote, a process that began on December 1st.

Once the application has been submitted online or in person, if it is accepted by the Electoral Census Office, it will not be possible to vote at the polling station on the day of the regional elections to the Assembly of Extremadura.

Hand delivery of electoral documentation

After verifying the registration of postal vote applicants in the electoral census, the Provincial Delegations of the Electoral Census Office in Extremadura send the electoral documentation (certificate of

registration in the census, envelopes, and ballot papers for all candidates) to the address indicated by the voter in the application, via certified and urgent mail. These mailings have been taking place since December 1st.

The postman will make at least two attempts to deliver this documentation by hand to the recipient, leaving a notice for them to pick it up at the nearest office if it was not possible to make that delivery by hand.

To make the delivery, the postal staff will verify the voter's identity using their ID card, passport or driver's license and will note the identification document number, attesting to the receipt of the envelopes and ballots with the signature of the delivery by the applicant.

How to request that electoral documentation be forwarded to another address.

Once the Electoral Census Office (OCE) has sent the electoral documentation to the address indicated by the applicant, the Central Electoral Board allows the resending of this electoral documentation to another address, provided there is an express request from the voter. For example, if a person has requested to receive the electoral documentation at one address and has to leave before receiving it, they can carry out this procedure at any computerized post office. To do so, they must provide the



registration number of the electoral documentation they wish to have resend, which can be obtained from the following OCE website: https://sede.ine.gob.es/ce-votoxcorreo/?lang=es_ES.

You can request that the documents be forwarded to another address or post office. In any case, it is important for the voter to keep in mind that they must request this forwarding with enough time for the post office to deliver their documents to the new address.

Vote deposit: until December 17

The applicant has until Wednesday, December 17, to deposit the envelope with their vote at any post office throughout Spain, during its opening hours.

In accordance with the instructions of the Central Electoral Board, this election requires voters to personally deliver the necessary documentation to post offices to cast their ballot by mail. To do so, when depositing their postal ballot, voters must identify themselves by presenting their original National Identity Document, passport, or driver's license, or any other valid document that allows for voter identification, which postal staff will then verify.

Authorization to Delegate Ballot Deposit: Individuals who requested a postal vote but are unable to personally go to the Post Office to deposit their ballot must authorize another person to deliver it on their behalf. The authorization must be signed by the voter and accompanied by a photocopy of their National Identity Document, passport, or other official identification document, as well as a photocopy of the identification document of the person they are authorizing.

To facilitate the drafting of this authorization document with all the necessary information, Correos recommends using the authorization template that can be downloaded from the website www.correos.es.

Postal staff will not accept the delivery of electoral documentation belonging to another voter unless it is accompanied by the corresponding authorization signed by the voter, which must be kept, along with a photocopy of the official document accrediting the voter and the person delivering the electoral documentation on their behalf, for its referral to the corresponding Electoral Board.

Citizens wishing to exercise their right to vote by mail are advised not to wait until the last day and to take advantage of the extended opening hours of post offices.

Census cards and election propaganda



In addition to the tasks directly related to postal voting, Correos' collaboration in the regional elections to the Assembly of Extremadura also extends to the distribution of census cards and the sending of electoral propaganda, as well as sending the census list to the Town Halls, the collection of documentation on election day, etc.

All of these are public service obligations that Correos has been entrusted with as the operator designated by the State to provide the Universal Postal Service in Spain.

In addition, in some cases, Correos is also responsible for sending communications to the members of the Electoral Boards.

All necessary resources

Correos is putting all the necessary technological, logistical and human resources into place to guarantee compliance with the commitments entrusted to it in the electoral processes.

Specifically, Correos will reinforce customer service across its network of 2,380 offices throughout Spain, especially in the 81 offices in Extremadura. Exclusive counters may be set up for elections, and if demand requires it, additional tables specifically designated for processing postal votes will be installed

in the lobby.

In addition, the network of offices will have 1,325 PDAs, 15 of them in Extremadura, to speed up customer service in offices with the highest volume of postal votes, and an employee will be in charge of managing the queues, also using a PDA.

The use of the appointment system, already operational in 536 offices nationwide, 12 of them in Extremadura, will also be expanded. Furthermore, in offices where necessary, a "Postal Vote" option will be activated in the queue management system to prioritize service or direct it to specific departments, all with the aim of streamlining service and reducing waiting times at offices during the election period.

Regarding the distribution network, it will also have additional PDAs to facilitate the delivery of election materials. Furthermore, transport routes for sending documents from the logistics center to all distribution units will be adapted according to need. Service will also be reinforced at all logistics centers, including the Automated Processing Center in Mérida (Badajoz) and the one located at Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport, to ensure the proper management of international shipments.

Source: Correos



This year, Posti delivered 1.7 million parcels during the Black Friday week.

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Black Friday once again kicked off the online shopping holiday season at full speed. Many retailers started their campaigns well in advance, and there have been plenty of parcels on the move throughout Black Week.

"Large numbers of parcels have been delivered across Finland, and deliveries have gone smoothly. This is also reflected in satisfied customers: last week, nearly 90% of customers who collected their parcels from a parcel locker rated our service 4 or 5 on a scale of 1 to 5," says Heidi loannidou, who is responsible for Posti's service point network.

Parcels delivered by Posti can be picked up from over 3,200 locations and more than 170,000 lockers

We are prepared for the growing holiday season parcel rush in many ways to make sending and picking up parcels as easy and smooth as possible.

Posti serves customers across Finland with over 2,100 parcel lockers and around 1,100 service points offering personal assistance. There are over 170,000 lockers in total. Throughout the season, lockers are refilled several times a day as customers collect their parcels.

"Holiday season is the busiest time of the

year for Posti, and we want to deliver parcels quickly and smoothly even during the peak weeks. That's why we have strengthened Finland's most extensive service point network throughout the year. We have opened more than 400 new or expanded parcel lockers this year, and the number of individual lockers has grown by over 26,000. For the busiest days, we also bring temporary solutions, such as mobile pickup points and holiday helpers to service points," says Heidi loannidou.

Remember to send your parcels and cards on time

The holiday rush can easily catch you by surprise, so it's a good idea to send your holiday greetings well in advance. This way, greetings and parcels will delight your loved ones at just the right time.

Domestic parcels will reach their destination by Christmas if you send them by Friday, December 19. A prepaid parcel can be dropped off at any parcel locker or Posti service point.



Christmas cards with a no-value indicator stamp for Christmas need to be mailed by December 11. If you use a domestic no-value indicator stamp, the last mailing date is December 16.

Source: Posti



Australia Post decks WA with parcels as new facility opens in time for Christmas

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Australia Post has officially opened its newest parcel delivery centre in Jandakot, Perth, to support growing demand ahead of the busy festive season.

With parcel volumes across Western Australia expected to rise by 8% year-on-year this Peak period, the new 16,000sqm facility will process up to 48,000 parcels per day, scaling up to 67,000 following the Cyber sales period and through to Christmas.

The new site consolidates five southern metro sites into one, accommodating more than 210 delivery vans and streamlining operations to deliver parcels to customers faster. The facility's delivery catchment stretches from Fremantle to Perth Airport in the north, and Mandurah and Byford in the south, supporting two of Western Australia's busiest online shopping postcodes.

According to Australia Post's latest Quarterly eCommerce report, Mandurah and Success topped the state for online shopping in the July-September quarter, with more than 850,000 Western Australian households shopping online.

Head of Western Australia Operations, Angus Becsi said the new facility marks a significant first step in a broader investment plan for the state.

"The investment into the new Jandakot facility ensures customers and businesses

across WA benefit from greater reliability, simplicity and choice during the busiest time of year.

"Jandakot is the first stage in our long-term vision to strengthen the WA network, supporting the eCommerce boom and helping us deliver parcels faster and more efficiently across the state," Mr Becsi said.

Jandakot Parcel Delivery Centre integrates Australia Post's full suite of delivery services, including Express Post, Parcel Post, Metro next day delivery and StarTrack Premium.

Australia Post has also announced last sending dates ahead of Christmas. People sending to or from Western Australia, Northern Territory, Tasmania, or regional and remote locations, should allow a few extra days. For Metro locations across Australia:

Parcel Post: Parcels should be sent by Monday 22 December for same state deliveries and Friday 19 December for interstate deliveries.

Express Post: Parcels should be sent by Tuesday 23 December.

Letters/cards: Christmas letters and cards should be sent by Thursday 18 December for same state deliveries and Tuesday 16 December for interstate deliveries.



Source: <u>Australia Post</u>



CEO of Croatian post appointed

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At the Supervisory Board session of 2 December 2025, the decision was made on the appointment of dr. sc. Ivana Mrkonjić to the position of the CEO of the Croatian post.

Mrs. Mrkonjić's term starts on 3 December 2025 and will last until the CEO of the Croatian post Management Board is appointed through a public procedure, for a period of no longer than six months.

Ivana Mrkonjić received her PhD in physics from the Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, where she had also completed her undergraduate and graduate studies, and she speaks seven foreign languages. Since 2022, she has been a member of the Croatian post Management Board, coming from her previous position at the Company as the Chief Executive of the International Affairs Sector.

She started her career in 1997 as a research

associate and teaching assistant at the Department of Physics of the Faculty of Science in Zagreb. From 2004 she worked as an advisor at the Croatian Mission in Brussels, and from 2009 as an advisor to the minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integrations, involved in the preparations for Croatia's EU accession negotiations. From 2010 to 2012 she held the office of a state secretary at the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sport. From 2012 until 2017, she was employed at Privredna banka Zagreb as a chief analyst, dealing with analytical and regulatory operations.

Source: Croatian Post



The post with the package record during Black Week

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During Black Week, Posten Bring handled 11 percent more online shopping packages compared to last year's record year. Christmas shopping seems to have started earlier than before.

– We at Posten Bring have had an incredible week with large parcel volumes on their way to terminals, distribution units and postmen. An increase of 11 percent means a lot of parcels from online shopping. So far in the week after Black Week, we look to have even greater growth, says Executive Vice President for e-commerce and logistics at Posten Bring, Thomas Støkken.

Over the next few weeks leading up to Christmas, the group's forecasts and experience indicate that around 2.5 million packages will be sent and handled – every single week.

WELL PREPARED: Executive Vice President of e-commerce and logistics, Thomas Støkken, says that Posten Bring has prepared well for this year's peak season. Photo: Posten Bring – We have never before handled such large parcel volumes during Black Friday and Black Week as we have this year. This also means a lot of pressure on our parcel boxes and serviced collection points. Nevertheless, we are well prepared with 700 extra employees distributed throughout the country. It will therefore be of great help if parcels are collected quickly after receiving a collection notice from Posten Bring, continues Støkken.

To illustrate the large volume of packages that are now on their way out of Posten Bring's terminals, 40 million tracking searches for packages were made through the Posten app in the last 24 hours.

 At its peak, there were 520 tracking searches per second. The most eager users stop by to check the tracking of their package 15-20 times, while the average user checks two or three times, concludes Executive Vice President Støkken.

Source: Posten Bring



CTT and Temu strengthen partnership for logistics in Iberia and to support European sellers.

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CTT and Temu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today in Shenzhen, aimed at strengthening logistics collaboration in the Iberian Peninsula and boosting the growth of local sellers across Europe.

This agreement marks a new chapter in the relationship between the two organizations, which aim to significantly expand cooperation in cross-border logistics and support Temu's local vendor program, enabling them to benefit from road and sea transport, warehousing, and parcel delivery solutions that are expected to accelerate their presence in the global market.

The partnership will foster more integrated, efficient, and competitive logistics solutions, contributing to a more agile and sustainable supply chain in the region.

"We are proud to strengthen our partnership with Temu, a rapidly growing global

marketplace that shares our vision of efficient and sustainable logistics," says a CTT spokesperson. "This strategic agreement allows us to leverage our operational excellence and low-carbon transport practices to support more sellers across Europe, promoting innovation and value creation in the logistics sector."

"Temu's mission is to make quality products accessible to all consumers," said a Temu spokesperson. "By integrating our digital marketplace ecosystem with CTT's strong logistics infrastructure in Iberia and beyond, we aim to better serve consumers and sellers across Europe."

Source: CTT Portugal Post



Geopost launches Geopost Vision, a new venture serving the future of mapping and mobility

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Updating maps, monitoring road conditions, or bringing automotive driver assistance systems up to date are just a few examples of what becomes possible thanks to the real-time collection of street-level imagery enabled by Geopost's delivery vehicles as they travel across Europe.

Geopost, a leading international parcel delivery network and innovation-driven logistics provider, announces the launch of Geopost Vision, a new entity dedicated to unlocking the value of the vehicle fleet data of its business units for the benefit of partners in mapping, smart mobility and infrastructure planning.

With its new venture, Geopost leverages its 65,000-vehicle fleet to collect road data on a constant basis, bringing fresh street-level imagery to Europe at scale.

Using state-of-the-art technology, Geopost Vision provides GDPR-compliant insights to partners in mapping, smart mobility and infrastructure planning.

Geopost Vision already covers millions of kilometres in 11 countries and will expand EU-wide by 2026.

By harnessing Geopost's unmatched delivery network and state-of-the-art camera technology, we're building Europe's most up-to-date and scalable street-level imagery platform, providing access to GDPR compliant data that can enhance navigation and road safety, or improving the quality of urban infrastructure.

Martin Calmels

CEO of Geopost Vision

A unique pan-European and compliant data source

Geopost operates over 65,000 vehicles every day via its business units, covering more than 2 billion kilometres per year across 22 countries. With Geopost Vision, the Group leverages the breadth of its delivery fleet to provide up-to-date, high-frequency, GDPR-compliant road environment data.

Geopost Vision equips several thousand vehicles from Geopost brands such as DPD, SEUR, BRT, and Chronopost with connected state-of-the-art dashcams. These cameras, integrated into delivery routes, passively and



continuously collect anonymized,
GDPR-compliant imagery across urban,
suburban, and rural environments. Every
delivery tour is turned into an opportunity to
better understand Europe's evolving
streetscape and achieving unmatched
coverage and refresh frequency. This data is
made available through APIs to clients
including mapping providers, mobility
companies, smart city stakeholders and
insurers.

Conscious of its responsibility as a data collector, Geopost Vision is fully committed to the strictest privacy and compliance policies. All collected imagery undergo strict anonymization to remove personal identifiers such as faces and license plates, ensuring full adherence to GDPR and the highest standards of data protection. Moreover, the imagery is never made publicly available and is only used by Geopost Vision customers to detect, for example, new objects on the road such as road signs, speed limits and traffic lights.

Supporting European innovation in mapping and smart cities

Geopost Vision's imagery is already available in 11 European countries (UK, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Ireland, the Czech Republic, Portugal, and the Netherlands) and will be soon expanded to 10 more (Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Belgium, Luxembourg, Croatia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, and Romania). In total, the solution

will cover 21 European countries by mid-2026.

Geopost Vision currently supports organizations across multiple sectors, including:

Mapping & Navigation – validating and refreshing road networks;

Automotive & Autonomous Driving – providing real-world training imagery for ADAS and SDV development;

Infrastructure & Maintenance – monitoring road conditions;

Smart Cities & Mobility – supporting urban planning and mobility insights;

Insurance & Risk Assessment – enhancing claims validation and risk analysis;

Consulting & Strategy Firms – powering location intelligence and mobility innovation.

The launch of Geopost Vision reflects
Geopost's ambition to actively support the
development of resilient, data-driven
infrastructure and services in Europe. By
offering up-to-date, granular road data at
scale, the company aims to play a key role in
the improvement of mobility for all, from
drivers to platforms, cities and citizens.



Geopost Vision will be present at CES 2026 in Las Vegas, alongside its camera and imagery platform provider, Nextbase, to demonstrate how its use of advanced

in-vehicle camera systems is enabling a new era of geospatial data collection at scale.

Source: La Poste Groupe



DHL opens next-gen Innovation Center and builds a state-of-the-art contract logistics warehouse in Dubai, UAE

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This strategic expansion reinforces DHL Group's long-term commitment to the region and builds on its longstanding pioneering history, delivering closer integration of innovation and operations for customers.

Bonn, Dubai - DHL Group today officially opens its newly expanded Middle East & Africa (MEA) Innovation Center in Dubai South, reinforcing the company's continued investment in shaping the future of logistics across the region. In parallel, DHL Supply Chain is investing €120 million in a new multi-user warehouse within the same logistics district. The facility will operate carbon-neutral and is strategically located near the Innovation Center and the upcoming Al Maktoum International Airport. Together, these developments will create a powerful hub where innovation and operations converge, expanding DHL's footprint in Dubai and across the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This strategic expansion reinforces DHL Group's long-term commitment to the region and builds on its longstanding pioneering history, delivering closer integration of innovation and operations for customers.

"The Middle East and Africa is one of our most vibrant regions, and DHL was among

the first logistics companies to establish a strong presence here. Building on the success of its previous mobile setup, the new Innovation Center is now a permanent hub, showcasing our commitment to MEA and the UAE as one of only four DHL Innovation Centers worldwide. It helps customers navigate the region's dynamic logistics landscape through collaboration and cutting-edge innovation," said Katja Busch, Chief Commercial Officer DHL and Head of DHL Customer Solutions & Innovation.

Orkun Saruhanoglu, CEO at DHL Supply Chain Middle East & Africa, added: "Our new multi-user warehouse in Dubai South's free zone strengthens our regional presence by bringing innovation and operations even closer together. Shaping the future of trade, this state-of-the-art facility is designed to power global supply chains and will enhance DHL's ability to serve customers seeking shorter lead times. The site will serve as a contract logistics gateway, acting as a vital bridge between East and West. Our customers will benefit from integrated



solutions and innovation that drive efficiency, sustainability, and growth across their entire supply chains."

Driving Innovation in the Heart of MEA

Spanning 1,700 square meters, the DHL MEA Innovation Center is designed as a collaborative platform and brings customers, partners, startups, and academic institutions to foster exchange and explore emerging technologies, test scalable solutions, and co-create innovations that address real-world logistics challenges. It features dedicated meeting and workshop spaces, and serves as a regional lighthouse for logistics transformation. The center also hosts experts from DHL Customer Solutions & Innovation's regional team, driving thought leadership and practical innovation. As part of DHL's global network of Innovation Centers in Cologne, Singapore, and Chicago, it enables cross-regional collaboration, trend scouting, and the scalable development of next-generation logistics solutions.

New modern contract-logistics gateway to power logistics in Dubai South

DHL Supply Chain has signed a €120 million landmark agreement, including leasehold commitments, for a 38-year term on a 96,000 square meter land plot in Dubai

South. The development will include a 55,000 square meter multi-user warehouse plus additional office space, strategically located near the upcoming Al Maktoum International Airport, set to become the world's largest airport. Construction is scheduled to break ground in Q1 2026, with completion planned for summer 2027. DHL Supply Chain is committed to 100% net zero-carbon warehousing operations, enabling customers to significantly reduce their own carbon footprints by pursuing greener supply chains. Designed to serve customers across multiple sectors, the facility will handle high-value goods under stringent security and operational standards. This long-term investment underscores DHL's renewed commitment to Dubai South as a key logistics hub for the Middle East.

The new warehouse and the launch of DHL's MEA Innovation Center are complemented by significant infrastructure investments that reinforce the company's regional growth strategy. Earlier this year, DHL recently unveiled its multi-year investment agenda, allocating €500 million for the Middle East and €300 million for Sub-Saharan Africa, an ambitious plan already being translated into action.

Source **DHL Group**



Pre-Christmas parcel rush: Big differences in how quickly Norwegians collect their packages

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On average, packages are collected from the collection points after a day and a half, but this year, like last year, it is the residents of Møre og Romsdal who are most eager to collect their packages quickly.

– No one is faster at picking up their packages than those who live in Møre og Romsdal, on average they take just over 27 hours before their packages are picked up, which is very fast. We also see that the people of Oslo have a way to go, where it takes an average of 39 hours before their packages are picked up. Which is the slowest in the entire country, says Communications Director Kenneth Tjønndal Pettersen at Posten Bring.

Looking at the municipal overview, it is the online retailers from Utsira in Rogaland who are by far the fastest at picking up their packages. On average, packages wait seven hours and 28 minutes before being picked up by the recipients.

(See the full overview of both counties and municipalities further down in the article)

– There is a big jump to second and third place on the list, in Vevelstad and Værøy in Nordland respectively, which complete the top trio. Here, residents spend 15 and a half hours and 16 hours and 44 minutes to pick

up their packages. At the other end of the scale, we find Lebesby in Finnmark. There, it takes an average of over 51 hours for packages to be picked up, says Pettersen.

Record number of packages

In recent weeks, Posten Bring has handled an average of two million packages, going east, west, south and north. During Black Week, the group experienced an increase of 11 percent more online shopping packages than during the record year 2024.

– Many people are very good at picking up their packages, but before Christmas there are very large quantities of packages to be sent and picked up. Now many collection points are filled to the brim with packages and it is a great help if everyone who receives a pick-up message is quick to pick up the packages. This frees up space for new packages so that others don't have to wait, continues Pettersen.

PACKED: The over 3,700 pick-up locations



are now full of packages. Photo: Posten Bring

The packing boxes are filling up.

Posten Bring has self-service parcel boxes at 2,150 locations across the country. Since their launch in 2020, they have become very popular – and fill up quickly with parcels. When parcels are left uncollected for a long time, this means that on some days – in some areas – they have to be sent to another collection point.

- We do this so that people can collect the

packages they are waiting for as quickly as possible. In some cases, we then move the packages to a collection point near the original location. We work continuously throughout the year to develop our nationwide network of collection points and this year we have a record number to offer our customers. If we include serviced collection points, such as mail in stores, Posten parcel delivery and post offices, we have over 3,700 collection points in Norway, says the communications director.

Source: Posten Bring



Together against loneliness - Posti and HelsinkiMissio have reached over 100,000 young people through their collaboration

03-12-2025

Loneliness is one of the biggest challenges young people face. For three years, Posti has promoted the well-being of children and youth by supporting HelsinkiMissio's School to Belong program. The program reaches more than 100,000 young people annually and has expanded to over 200 educational institutions.

The results speak for themselves: in upper secondary schools participating in the program, the experience of loneliness has decreased by 5 percentage points and the feeling of exclusion by 14 percentage points. At the same time, young people's perceived ability to ease loneliness has increased by 9 percentage points.

"It has been impactful to see how the School to Belong program brings concrete support to young people's everyday lives. Together, we have reached young people who might otherwise be left alone. The program brings hope and practical tools to school communities – and at Posti we are delighted to have been part of this important work. Caring is visible in small actions that can have a big impact," says Anna Storm, Posti's VP, Sustainability & Stakeholder Relations.

With Posti's support, schools have received annual Starter Packs, organized Valentine's Day card campaigns and Buddy Challenge events, and distributed materials that promote inclusion and prevent loneliness among young people.

The School to Belong program provides schools with concrete tools to prevent loneliness and strengthen community spirit. Its impact is evident not only in young people's experiences but also in the increased understanding of loneliness among school staff and guardians, as well as in improved everyday life in schools.

"Thanks to this collaboration, we have been able to expand our activities and reach even more young people. It's wonderful to see how a shared commitment can turn into concrete actions that make everyday life more meaningful," says Tuula Colliander, Executive Director of HelsinkiMissio.

Posti and HelsinkiMissio have worked together to reduce loneliness in schools across Finland. The collaboration is part of Posti's sustainability program, which aims to promote equality and the well-being of young people. The three-year partnership is now coming to an end, but its impact will continue in schools and in the daily lives of young people.

Source: Posti





Correos installs magic mailboxes in more than 600 offices to send letters to Santa Claus and the Three Wise Men

04-12-2025

Until January 5th, children can deposit their letters with their wishes in the more than 600 magic mailboxes that Correos (the Spanish postal service) has installed in offices throughout the country. • In addition, this Christmas, "magic packs" containing letters, envelopes, and Christmas-themed stickers to decorate them will be available at these post offices and at Correos Market. • Personalized stamps featuring Santa Claus and the Three Kings (Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) will also be offered at all post offices and at Correos Market.

Madrid, December 4, 2025 – Until January 5, children who wish to do so can deposit their letters for Santa Claus and the Three Wise Men in the more than 600 magic mailboxes that Correos has installed in offices distributed throughout the country.

In addition to fostering the Christmas spirit, this initiative by Correos also aims to encourage the practice of writing among the youngest members of the household.

Therefore, this Christmas, in the more than 600 post offices with special mailboxes and through Correos Market , you can also get "magic packs" that contain letters to write wishes, special envelopes and stickers with Christmas motifs to decorate them and attract the attention of their illustrious recipients.

In addition, personalized "magic stamps" featuring Santa Claus and the Three Kings Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar can be purchased at all post offices and at Correos

Market.

Correos has been celebrating Christmas for 30 years with special mailboxes to collect children's wishes and deliver them directly to their recipients in Lapland and the East.

This Christmas, teams of Correos (the Spanish postal service) volunteers will once again visit several hospitals in Spain to collect letters from hospitalized children. In addition to giving the children a small gift, they assure them that their wishes will reach Santa Claus and the Three Wise Men directly.

In this way, Correos, which has been the logistics operator of Christmas for more than 300 years, will continue to maintain the excitement of all children, reminding them that there are few things as magical as writing a letter to Santa Claus and the Three Wise Men.

Source: Correos



Australia Post teams up with The ICONIC and Oz Hair and Beauty to boost secure, flexible deliveries

08-12-2025

Australia Post has partnered with THE ICONIC and Oz Hair and Beauty on a new national campaign designed to encourage online shoppers to choose more secure and flexible delivery options.

The initiative highlights the convenience of Australia Post Parcel Lockers, with customers receiving a \$10 bonus reward* when they select a Parcel Locker at checkout. Front Row members at THE ICONIC** are able to access the offer until 31 December 2025, while the Oz Hair and Beauty promotion runs until 21 December 2025.

The initiative is being promoted across all three company's channels, from prominent prompts at checkout and website banners to targeted eDMs and social content. Australia Post is further amplifying visibility through its retail network, featuring partner messaging on Post Office screens nationwide and wrapping select Parcel Locker sites across metro Sydney.

Australia Post Executive General Manager Parcel, Post and eCommerce Services, Gary Starr, said the partnership builds on recent retail collaborations and reflects Australia Post's commitment to giving customers more choice and convenience in how they receive their parcels.

"Online shoppers want choice, control and confidence when receiving parcels. By partnering with leading retailers like The ICONIC and Oz Hair and Beauty, we can spotlight convenient delivery options and make receiving a parcel even smoother during the busiest time of year," Mr Starr said.

The collaboration is part of Australia Post's broader strategy to work with leading eCommerce brands to expand flexible delivery options and strengthen its role as the delivery partner of choice for Australian retailers. Australia Post Parcel Lockers offer customers convenient access to collect, return or send their parcel at 1000 convenient locations across Australia.

- *\$10 reward redeemable at original place of purchase
- **THE ICONIC \$10 Bonus Reward is available exclusively for THE ICONIC Front Row loyalty program

Source: <u>Australia Post</u>





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

05-12-2025

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.

Source: <u>bpostgroup</u>



bpostgroup becomes bnode

09-12-2025

A new brand architecture to support the transformation into a logistics leader.

Six months after Capital Markets Day, the group is taking a decisive step and unifying its identity around bnode. The name of bpostgroup changes to bnode, as of today. The further rebranding of the 3 business units will unfold progressively, with bnode ultimately encompassing paxon (3PL), Landmark Global (cross-border) and bpost (BeNe last-mile).

"The time has come to make the transformation more tangible," explains Chris Peeters, CEO of bnode and bpost. "This new brand architecture reflects our strategic repositioning from a postal operator with logistics capabilities to a logistics leader also offering postal services. It unifies our capabilities, simplifies the customer experience and demonstrates our concrete progress."

From 31 brands to a four-brand architecture bpostgroup is adopting the name bnode as its new corporate brand, supported by three commercial brands: paxon for 3PL activities, Landmark Global for cross-border activities, and bpost for the last mile in Belgium and the Netherlands. This new brand architecture is a major step in the implementation of the strategy.

The change comes six months after the Capital Markets Day in June 2025, during which the group presented its ambition to become a digital expert in parcel size logistics, active in Western-Europe, North America and Asia. The rebranding translates all of this into a clear and unified visual identity.

The group currently operates with 31 different brands, each with its own values and positioning. The new four-brand architecture brings clarity, consistency and commercial impact, while reflecting the group's strategic repositioning.

bnode: a group identity rooted in connection

The name bnode embodies the group's renewed identity. The "b" refers to Belgium and bpost, while also evoking concepts such as " borderless," "business," and "bridge." The term "node" refers to a connection point in a network, giving a modern and digital dimension to the group's identity.



"bnode tells a story of connection, growth and ambition," says Chris Peeters. "It's a name that works across countries, sounds modern and shows that we are ready for the future."

Three commercial brands aligned with the business units

The implementation of the name change of the commercial brands will start in January with the cross-border business, and continues in the second quarter for 3PL.

paxon: the unified 3PL brand for Europe and North America

paxon unifies the group's 3PL activities, including Staci, Radial Europe and North America, and Active Ants, and their subsidiaries. The name combines "pack" (the essence of logistics) and "on" (always in motion), evoking dynamism and reliability.

The root "Pax" (peace in Latin) symbolizes the peace of mind offered to customers through a smooth and secure service.

"Most 3PL-customers knew one of the multiple brands, while today, we have joined forces and together, we present a much broader and stronger logistics service offering," explains Thomas Mortier, CEO of paxon Europe. Tom Schmitt, CEO paxon North America; "paxon better reflects the extent of our logistics services. A single third-party logistics (3PL) brand allows us to work better together, offer integrated

solutions and position ourselves in a much clearer way in the market." Landmark Global: the cross-border brand with an international reach

Landmark Global maintains and strengthens its position as an expert in cross-border flows. The name "landmark" evokes milestones and key moments, while "global" underlines the group's global reach and expertise.

"This new brand identity reflects the evolution of a company that has grown into a unified, global logistics leader," says James Edge, CEO of Landmark Global. "Although our look is new, the dependable service and cross border expertise we're known for remains the same."

bpost: a modernized reference brand for the BeNe

bpost is maintaining its name for last-mile activities in Belgium and the Netherlands, with a modernized visual identity. This continuity is based on the trust and notoriety of the brand among Belgian consumers.

"Keeping bpost for the BeNe last mile allows us to capitalize on this trust and strengthen it," adds Chris Peeters. " This business unit will also include our subsidiaries such as Dyna and speos, ensuring full alignment under our renewed brand architecture " Increased clarity for customers and



stakeholders

"This new architecture brings clarity and impact," says Christel Dendas, CCO of bnode. "It sharpens our identity and service offer, making it easier for customers to see the full

service range we deliver. By unifying our brands, we boost recognition and strengthen the value proposition as a group."

Source: bnode



Nan'll never know: Nearly 8 million Brits predicted to send Al-penned Christmas cards

04-12-2025

Al is set to play Santa's little helper this Christmas, with almost half of Brits (42%) planning to use it for festive preparations - rising to 70% among 18-34-year-olds.

According to new Royal Mail research, AI is most likely to be used for researching gifts (19%), festive party ideas (13%), decoration inspiration (13%), and even for the timeless tradition of sending Christmas cards (11%).

It's the under-55s driving the trend, with 57% planning to lean on AI for guidance, compared to just 14% of over 55s. And keep an extra eye on cards from the men in your life, who are 67% more likely than women to use AI to help with their Christmas well wishes (15% vs 9%).

With so many AI inspired cards expected to be posted this Christmas the real question is: will your loved ones actually notice? Probably not – especially Nan. A huge 90% of over 55s aren't confident they could spot an AI written card. Younger Brits however, back themselves: with over 60% aged 18-24 thinking they could probably tell the difference.

It's easy to see why people are turning to tech to find the right words. Nearly one in five (19%) Brits say they don't know what to write in cards, with this rising to 31% for

18–24-year-olds.

Despite this, three quarters of Brits (74%) think it is important to keep the tradition of sending handwritten Christmas cards alive, and 78% believe handwritten cards are more meaningful than digital greetings.

Technology journalist and broadcaster Georgie Barrat says it's no surprise that people are turning to tech for inspiration:

"Al is becoming part of everyday life for many people, so it's natural we'll see it used during the festive season. When it comes to writing cards, it can help you go beyond a simple 'Merry Christmas' and choose words that feel more unique. Often, people know what they want to say—they just need a little help expressing it."

Finding the perfect festive message

For 42% of Brits, receiving a Christmas card is proof the sender has made a real effort to show they personally care. But crafting the perfect message is taking more thought than ever, with over half (51%) of cards senders



including more than a "Merry Christmas". And many are going deep, with 18% including a heartfelt note, 10% sharing a family update, and 10% slipping in a joke.

Regionally, the East of England takes the title for the nation's funniest, with 14% including

a gag or inside joke. Northern Irish senders, meanwhile, keep things sincere – only 4% go for humour, but they lead the nation in heartfelt messages (30%).

Source: International Distribution Services



LHV and Ellex Raidla to support preparations for Omniva's potential privatisation

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The potential privatisation of Omniva will be supported by LHV Bank's investment banking division and the Ellex Raidla Law Firm. As a result of the preparatory work, a package of proposals outlining various potential privatisation and ownership structure options for Omniva's owner – the Republic of Estonia – will be completed in the first quarter of next year.

A procurement process was conducted to identify the professional partners needed for the preparatory phase, with nine of Estonia's leading financial and legal advisory firms participating. The most successful bid was jointly submitted by LHV Bank's investment banking division and Ellex Raidla Law Firm, with whom the agreement was signed on 2 December.

During the preparatory phase, different privatisation options (e.g. sale of shares, involvement of a strategic partner, public offering) and the potential need for capital raising, depending on the chosen approach, will be analysed. The expected outcome of the work is a recommendation that reflects the interests of the owner and supports the

company's development, enabling the state to decide whether and how to proceed with privatisation.

Omniva, or AS Eesti Post, is a company fully owned by the Republic of Estonia. On 13 November, the Government of the Republic decided to launch the analysis and preparation phase for a potential privatisation of Omniva. In considering privatisation, the state aims to ensure a sustainable and reliable postal service throughout Estonia, strengthen the company's investment capacity, and reduce the state's business risk.

Richard Travers, Managing Director of Letters at Royal Mail, said: "Cards are a cherished tradition for a reason. They really cut through the digital noise and prove that genuine human connection matters most, especially at Christmas. No matter what you include in your card, or how you choose to write your message – cards are truly a way of spreading festive cheer."

Source: Omniva



The Postal Service Is Ready for the Busiest Week of 2025

10-12-2025

USPS is ready to deliver millions of holiday greetings and gifts

WASHINGTON — Next week is the last week to get holiday gifts and greetings in the mail by the recommended deadlines. Customer traffic at all Post Office locations has been steadily increasing since Dec. 1, with the week of Dec. 15 expected to be the busiest of the year.

USPS holiday service schedule

Post Office locations nationwide will be closed Christmas Day (Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025) and New Year's Day (Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026).

All Post Office locations will be open, and regular mail delivery will resume, on Friday, Dec. 26, 2025, and Friday, Jan. 2, 2026.

Services and hours of operation may vary by location. Always check with your local Post Office for specific hours. For more details, visit usps.com/holidayhours.

2025 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

For expected delivery before Dec. 251, the Postal Service recommends the following send-by dates:

2025 Holiday Shipping Dates for Contiguous U.S. (Lower 48 States)

- Dec. 17 USPS Ground Advantage service
- Dec. 17 First-Class Mail
- Dec. 18 Priority Mail
- Dec. 20 Priority Mail Express2

2025 Holiday Shipping Dates for Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and U.S. Territories

- Dec. 16 USPS Ground Advantage service3
- Dec. 17 First-Class Mail
- Dec. 18 Priority Mail
- Dec. 20 Priority Mail Express4
- 1. Actual delivery date may vary and is based on origin, destination, Post Office™ acceptance time, and other conditions.
- 2. For Priority Mail Express® 1-Day shipments mailed December 22nd through December 25th, postage for the money-back, guaranteed service is not refunded if the shipment was delivered, or delivery was attempted, within two (2) business days of the date of mailing.
- 3. Ground Advantage packages weighing over 1 lb. that are shipped to or from offshore ZIP codes (AK, HI, PR, and U.S. Territories) may experience longer transit times and extended Estimated Delivery Dates (EDD). Please review the EDD for these



ZIP codes and adjust the induction date as needed.

4. Excluding Puerto Rico, USPS does not process refund requests for guaranteed service on these items. Refund requests for loss will still be processed.

For a complete list of suggested dates for customers sending packages to military or international addresses, the Postal Service recommends visiting the USPS holiday shipping page.

Modernization Investments

The Postal Service has been preparing for the holiday peak season — the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day — since January. Continued nationwide investment in modernization efforts has resulted in more capacity in its processing, logistics and delivery infrastructure. The organization is staying ahead of challenges and pulling together its people, technology, transportation, equipment and facilities into a well-integrated, streamlined mail and package network to meet customers' evolving postal needs, during the holidays and beyond.

Network improvements enabled the Postal Service to outperform its competitors last holiday season. USPS delivered 45 percent more packages and more than 350 million mailpieces per operating day in December 2024 than its competitors.

Key preparations for the 2025 holiday season include:

- Installing more than 600 package sorters since 2020, including 94 this year. The machines have increased daily processing capacity to 88 million from 60 million.
- Updating service standards. New standards enable the Postal Service to expand its reach for turnaround service

 that is, processing and delivering mail and packages within the same region. These enhancements now have a 2-day or 3-day service standard, which means local consumers and businesses can send holiday greetings in the region more quickly and reliably.
- To date USPS has received more than 36,000 new delivery vehicles. The organization expects to acquire a total of 106,480 new vehicles, including 66,000 zero-emission electric vehicles, demonstrating its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility while ensuring reliable service.
- Opening nearly 200 processing facilities nationwide in the past four years, including in Dallas; Phoenix; Johnson City, TN; and other cities this year alone. The new facilities will ensure the Postal Service has the space needed to not only process additional holiday volume but to better serve customers year-round.
- Developing a more stable workforce.
 Nearly 232,000 precareer employees have been converted to full time since 2020. A national drive began in



October to hire an additional 14,000 seasonal employees — down from 40,000 just a few years ago. The seasonal workforce complements the full-time employees and better positions the Postal Service to handle the extra holiday volume in key locations throughout the nation.

 Providing a variety of convenient and affordable products and services for shipping gifts. Customers can rely on USPS Ground Advantage (expected delivery in 2-5 business days), Priority Mail (2-3 business days) and Priority Mail Express (1-3 business days) during the holidays. \$100 insurance and tracking is included on most shipments.

For information on preparing packages, ordering stamps or free shipping supplies for the holidays, and featured products and services, visit usps.com.

The Postal Service also offers shipping tips in 10 video "how to" guides. Each video is less

than three minutes long and touches on topics such as how to address packages, how to ship them and how to pack a box so items arrive safely.

Additional Information

As in previous years, the Postal Service will prioritize morning parcel delivery, enhanced scanning technology and extended retail and pick-up delivery hours at popular Post Office locations. Sunday delivery has been expanded in select locations that experience high package volumes — the Postal Service already delivers packages on Sundays in most major cities, and it continues to offer the lowest postage rates in the industrialized world.

Mail carriers will also deliver Priority Mail Express packages for an additional fee on Christmas Day in select locations.

Source: <u>USPS</u>



Letters to Santa Claus, the only ones that can circulate without a stamp, have already started arriving at the post office.

11-12-2025

The magic of Christmas is in the air, and the Portuguese postal service (CTT) has already started receiving several letters addressed to Santa Claus.

The magic of Christmas is in the air, and the Portuguese postal service (CTT Portugal Post) has already started receiving several letters addressed to Santa Claus. This initiative, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, reinforces the magic experienced at this time of year and helps not only to maintain the tradition of writing but also to promote the spirit of this festive season.

This initiative began with children spontaneously writing letters to Santa Claus and leaving them in a mailbox. Since 1985, CTT has decided to start responding to all of them. CTT maintains this initiative with great pride and has a unique feature: these are the only letters that can circulate without a stamp.

Every year, for this purpose, CTT creates a kind of 'Santa's office' and mobilizes a team

that dedicates itself full-time to ensuring that all children receive a response, helping everyone to keep the dream of Christmas alive.

This year, CTT is expected to receive around 170,000 letters addressed to Santa Claus, typically addressed to the "North Pole" or "Lapland," but also to more creative destinations such as "The Land of Cold" or "The Path of the Stars."

All letters will be answered, but it is important that they include the sender's address so that the postal service knows where to send the reply.

For many children, this is their first experience writing a letter, which ensures that the tradition remains alive despite the increasing digitalization of communication.

Source: CTT Portugal Post



Increase in parcel volumes drives revenue growth for posts in 2024 and in H1 2025

11-12-2025

• The postal industry shows an average revenue growth of 2% • Parcel volumes increased by 4.4% in 2024 • First estimates for H1 2025 indicate a continued parcels growth for the postal industry

Brussels, 11 December 2025 – Despite the ongoing decline of traditional mail volumes, the postal industry worldwide showed increased revenue, benefitting from e-commerce growth and diversification strategies, as revealed in the IPC Global Postal Industry Report 2025 Key Findings, published today.

Holger Winklbauer, CEO of IPC, states: "Posts showed resilience in 2024, despite a challenging economic environment. Postal operators worldwide saw

revenue increase by 2.0% on average in 2024, up from an increase of 1.1% a year earlier. This is the result of the efforts of the postal operators to increase efficiency, to diversify and to innovate to better respond to the changing needs of e-commerce consumers on delivery markets. The transformation of postal operators into e-commerce consumer-centric

companies is more than ever essential."

Average revenue grows by 2%

Postal operators worldwide saw revenue increase by 2.0% on average in 2024, up from an increase of 1.1% a year earlier. While growth rates ranged widely across the 53 posts covered in this report, more than two thirds saw stable or increasing revenues in 2024. EBIT margin was -0.8% on average in 2024, slightly down from -0.5% in 2023.

Parcel volume continues to increase and generate revenue growth

After declining by 3.7% in 2022, parcel volumes increased 5.7% in 2023 and continued to grow by 4.4% in 2024. Parcels & express revenue continued to grow, on average, by 3.8% in 2024, up from 2.3% in 2023.

Mail revenue stabilises due to posts' efforts to increase efficiency

Since 2019, mail volumes have consistently fallen year-on-year due to evolving



consumer habits and accelerated business adoption of digital channels. Although the rate of decline varied, the overall trajectory remained downward. Average mail revenue growth returned to positive territory at 1.7%, ending a two-year contraction period.

volumes fell almost 10% on average and mail revenue slightly declined by 1% in H1 2025. On the other hand, parcel volumes grew 4% and parcel revenue increased by

The share of mail in postal revenue declines further, while the share of parcels and express increases

3% in H1 2025.

Over 65% of posts derived less than half of their

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revenue from mail services in 2024, up from 55% of posts in 2019. In 2024, postal operators accelerated diversification to counter mail decline and stabilise revenues. Parcels & express, financial services, and logistics & freight serve as primary revenue sources alongside mail.

The above insights are published today in IPC's publicly available key findings report, which provides a distillation of data and analysis included in the full IPC Global Postal Industry Report 2025. Published annually and now in its thirteenth edition, the full report covers 53 postal operators from Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America as well as integrators FedEx and UPS. While aiming to deepen understanding about key trends shaping the postal industry, the report also benchmarks the performance of individual posts both against their peers and an industry average. The full IPC Global Postal Industry Report is available for purchase by stakeholders outside the IPC membership.

Estimates indicate continued parcels growth in 2025

This report includes data for the following 53 postal operators:

Across the limited subset of posts that published interim reports for 2025, mail

An Post; Australia Post; bpostgroup; Canada Post;



China Post; Chunghwa Post; Correios Brasil; Correo Argentino; Correos; Correos de Chile; Correos de Mexico*; Croatian Post; CTT Portugal Post; Cyprus Post; Czech Post; DHL Group; Hellenic Post-ELTA; Hongkong Post*; Iceland Post; India Post*; Israel Post*; Japan Post; Korea Post*; Latvian Post; La Poste Groupe; Lithuania Post; Magyar Posta; NZ Post; Omniva; Österreichische Post; PHLPost; POST Luxembourg; Poczta Polska; Pos Indonesia; Pos Malaysia; Posta Romana; Posta Slovenije; Poste Italiane; Posten Bring; Posti Group; PostNL; PostNord;

PTT Turkish Post*; Royal Mail; Russian Post*; Singapore Post; Slovenska Posta; South African Post Office*; Swiss Post; Thailand Post; Ukrposhta; United States Postal Service; Vietnam Post.

Operators marked above with an asterisk (*) had not published financial data covering the full 2024 period at the time of analysis; data for these posts are based on the latest periods for which data exists.



Locky lockers are now available at OZ Energia service stations.

15-12-2025

Locky, the smart locker brand of the CTT Group, has partnered with OZ Energia to install lockers at various service stations within that network, from north to south of the country.

With ambitions to expand to other locations, the partnership begins with the installation of five lockers at the following locations: Oz Penafiel, Oz Energia Alvalade, Oz Energia Sines, Oz Energia Terrugem, and Oz Energia Sanfins. All lockers are public, and four of them operate 24 hours a day.

"At Locky, we work to simplify people's lives by making sending, receiving, and returning packages easier and more convenient. The partnership with OZ Energia is an important step in this mission, allowing us to bring our network of smart lockers to highly accessible locations across the country," highlights Francisco Travassos, CEO of Locky.

According to Márcio Veiga, Mobility Director at OZ Energia, "the presence of CTT lockers at our service stations represents more than just convenience; it's an extension of our commitment to simplifying our customers' daily lives. We want every visit to our stations to be an opportunity to access more

services, with greater flexibility, security, and proximity."

Through Locky, the CTT Group currently has the largest network of smart lockers in Portugal (more than 1000) for receiving, sending and returning parcels.

Locky lockers are part of the Collectt network, the CTT Group's newest brand that brings together all parcel delivery and collection points in the Iberian Peninsula. Currently with over 20,000 Pick & Drop points, the Collectt network guarantees a more sustainable, local service for the collection, delivery, and return of express parcels. In addition to Locky lockers, this network in Portugal includes CTT Stores and Points, as well as Payshop Agents present throughout the country. In Spain, Collectt Express is supported by partner networks with a significant presence across the territory.

Source: CTT Portugal Post



Romanian Post enters a new strategic stage of development: completely modernized operational fleet and the launch of the first modular post office - universal counter

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The National Company "Poșta RomânÄf", the leader in postal and logistics services in Romania, marks a defining moment in the broad process of institutional and operational transformation, with the launch of the new modernized fleet of vehicles and the inauguration of the first modular post office - universal counter.

These two projects represent the first concrete milestones of the national rebranding and the clear signal that the Romanian Post is undergoing a real, profound change, from a traditional institution to a modern, flexible and future-oriented logistics operator.

2025 – the year of the strategic reconstruction of the Romanian Post: investments, re-technologies and new identity

The year 2025 marks the transition from intention to execution for the Romanian Post. Under the sign of three fundamental directions – major investments, accelerated re-technologicalization and a new visual identity – the Company is laying the foundations for a high-performance operational model, aligned with European standards in courier, logistics and integrated services.

Modernization is no longer a concept of the future, but an operational reality that is being built in stages, with a direct impact on the quality of services, competitiveness and level of customer trust.

Large-scale strategic investment: 80 new vans for a faster, more efficient, more competitive Romanian Post

A central pillar of this process is the acquisition of 80 modern vans, worth a total of approximately 4 million euros, intended to streamline logistics flows at national level. The new vehicles are configured to: optimize transport routes; reduce delivery times; increase daily shipment volume; reduce resource consumption and operational costs.

The fleet is named ZOR, symbol of the new courier service of the Romanian Post and the expression of a change in mentality: speed,



reliability, predictability. The modernization program will continue with a new wave of investments in trucks and trailers, to strengthen transport capacity at national level.

It's a paradigm shift: The post office no longer waits for the citizen, but actively goes to him.

"The modernization of the Romanian Post does not just mean equipment purchases or image changes. It means a profound transformation of mentality, processes, vision and reporting to the market. We said from the beginning that our objective is to reposition the Romanian Post as a major player in modern courier, capable of competing on an equal footing with any private operator. Today we are no longer talking about plans, but about concrete results.

This fleet of 80 vehicles is more than a logistical investment: it is an instrument of economic development, an engine of efficiency and a clear signal that the Romanian Post has entered a new stage. Our target is clear: we want a fast, efficient, connected and relevant Romanian Post for every Romanian, no matter where they live – in big cities or in the most remote communities", declared Valentin È tefan, the general director of the Romanian Post.

"We are proud to have managed to deliver

to the Romanian Post a modern fleet, perfectly adapted to its operational needs. Through our integrated solutions - reliable vehicles, flexible financing and complete services - we demonstrate Renault's commitment to being a reliable long-term partner. This collaboration confirms our ability to meet challenges and support the performance of our customers at every stage," said Istvan LÅ'rinczi, Renault Commercial Romania special sales director.

The first modular post office – universal counter: Romanian Post becomes more mobile, more flexible, closer to citizens

A second major pillar of modernization is represented by the launch of the first modular post office – universal counter, an innovative solution that allows for the rapid expansion of postal services where classic infrastructure is limited.

The new modules: can be deployed quickly, are scalable, allow for the digitalization of workflows, and provide access to essential services in a modern, efficient, and secure format.

By modernizing its fleet and launching modular offices-universal counters, Poșta RomânÄf not only streamlines its operations, but also creates real economic value: it optimizes logistics costs, increases delivery speed and capacity, stimulates e-commerce and contributes to the



dynamization of the postal and courier services market in Romania. This strategic transformation consolidates $Po\grave{E}^{\text{TM}}ta$ Român $\ddot{A}f$ as a relevant economic actor and

reliable logistics infrastructure at the national level.

Source: Posta Romana



Numspot is rethinking cloud management with an innovative next-generation platform

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Numspot, a European player in digital sovereignty, is taking a new step in its development by positioning itself as a trusted technology partner and facilitator of innovation through Al.

With its next-generation technology platform, Numspot offers a unique range of services designed to support the digital transformation of businesses and government agencies.

European public cloud and trusted platform for digital uses

By simplifying the management of private and public cloud infrastructure environments via a unified console and a single language, Numspot is rethinking the cloud approach by providing the choice, flexibility, and peace of mind needed to build sustainable and adaptable digital infrastructures.

Numspot's new platform combines the advantages and services of the public cloud—namely elasticity, performance, and accessibility—with unprecedented versatility, catering to multiple types of users, from developers to CIOs. Backed by the sovereign infrastructure of Outscale (a subsidiary of Numspot's co-shareholder, Dassault Systèmes), it is also designed to be fully portable across different types of on-premises infrastructures or those of European players.

In addition, the Numspot platform meets the digital resilience needs of businesses by offering sovereignty, continuity, and security for their strategic activities.

Getting the most out of Al

To accelerate innovation, Numspot enables its customers to fully leverage the potential of AI while retaining control of their data, thanks to its solution that unifies data access, governance, and processing across all environments: public cloud, private cloud, and on-premises infrastructure. To accelerate its customers' time to market, the Numspot platform will gradually offer preconfigured, ready-to-use tools through an ecosystem of data and AI partners, requiring little or no lengthy and complex integration.

Offering the right level of security for customer needs

The Numspot platform is designed to meet the highest security standards. It is already ISO 27001 certified and is currently undergoing SecNumCloud qualification and HDS certification. The platform adapts in real time to all risk profiles. It therefore offers



each customer the possibility to dynamically adjust their level of trust, depending on the criticality and confidentiality of their data: whether for sovereign needs, regulatory compliance, or enhanced security via SecNumCloud.

Another key factor reassuring users is that Numspot offers a genuine ecosystem of digital trust. Based on infrastructure operated in Europe and entirely French governance, not subject to foreign extraterritorial laws, its model offers a sovereign, secure, and controlled cloud environment for its customers' data.

In addition to its sovereign public cloud

offering (eu-west), the Numspot platform takes security one step further with a second public cloud offering (cloud-gouv) that meets the highest security qualification standards (currently undergoing SecNumCloud qualification). Finally, the Numspot platform is designed with an "open source first" approach.

This approach not only guarantees the flexibility and scalability of the technological base, but also reversibility and digital autonomy, two criteria that have become essential for organizations seeking to break free from the lock-in of proprietary solutions.

Source: La Poste Groupe



All I want for Christmas is…

12-12-2025

Royal Mail and Santa reveal the most asked for toys - and not a single electronic gadget makes the top 10!

With just weeks to go until Christmas, Royal Mail has revealed this year's Top 10 most wanted presents, according to children in their special letters to Santa.

Santa's team of Royal Mail elves, who have managed the Christmas mailbag for over 60 years, have carried out the most authoritative survey of children's wishes this Christmas.

Unlike most toy surveys in the run up to Christmas, Royal Mail's findings come directly from the children themselves. The 2025 sees a return to more traditional toys with no electronic devices making the list.

This year sees an almost repeat of the top three gifts asked for in 2024.

Lego retains the top spot, with Barbie in second place and scooters, bikes and skateboards combined in third.

Children across the UK will be looking extra smart this Christmas, both during the day and at bedtime, as clothes and pyjama sets ranked as the fourth most requested gifts. Books take the fifth spot, proving that traditional gifts still hold strong appeal for children and parents alike.

In sixth place, chocolate and sweets remain a festive staple, adding a little extra sweetness to the celebrations.

Seventh on the list is Labubu, the quirky collectible character that's become a surprise hit among kids and collectors.

Up next in eighth is Stitch, the beloved blue alien from Lilo & Stitch, which continues to charm fans of all ages.

Ninth place goes to "a surprise", showing that many children still love the thrill of not knowing what's under the tree.

Finally, make-up rounds out the top ten, holding steady from last year as older kids and teens embrace creative self-expression.

The findings come from Santa's helpers' analysis of letters sent to Santa, and reveal what children REALLY want for Christmas this year.

The Top 10 most requested toys of 2025 are:



- 1. Lego
- 2. Barbie / doll
- 3. Bike / scooter / skateboard
- 4. Clothes / pyjamas
- 5. Books
- 6. Chocolate / sweets
- 7. Labubu
- 8. Stitch (from Lilo and Stitch)
- 9. A surprise...
- 10. Make-up sets

Head of Santa's Mailroom, Jennifer Robb, has the important task of ensuring children's letters reach Reindeerland in the North Pole. She said: "It's wonderful to see the magic of Christmas shining through in this year's wish lists.

"Lego and Barbie continue to lead the way, but we love the mix of timeless favourites like bikes, books and sweets alongside popular character collectibles such as Labubu and Stitch. Whatever's under the tree, it's clear that simple joys are at the heart of every child's Christmas."

Royal Mail is making Christmas even more magical this year their Magical Card Prize Draw giving card senders a chance to win a share of £500,000 every day. From 1 to 24 December, Royal Mail is giving away a £10,000 prize every day, shared equally between the winning card's sender and the recipient, with a bumper giveaway of £100,000 on Christmas Eve. To enter, simply take a photo of a Christmas card with a 2025 Christmas stamp and the word 'magical' written on the envelope. Upload it to www.royalmailmagic.com along with details of you and the recipient.

Source: International Distribution Services



Christmas with Poczta Polska: The parcel rush continues! The number of parcels has increased

12-12-2025

As soon as Black Friday promotions began, and throughout the following week before St. Nicholas Day, Poles rushed to buy gifts, which they sent en masse, using services such as Pocztex. The result? A nearly 10 percent increase in the number of parcels compared to the same week in December last year.

With Christmas still two weeks away, the growth will undoubtedly be even greater. For several years now, analysts have been observing the growing popularity of convenient and fast online shopping, with the e-commerce market growing by 8-10% year-on-year. This trend intensifies in December, during the peak holiday shopping season.

Post office ready for the rising wave of parcels

Poczta Polska has extensive experience in effectively preparing for the growing wave of gift parcels.

"We started preparations in September. We checked our transportation infrastructure and sorting machines. Together with our customers, we gathered information about how shipment volumes might increase this year, and then spent several intensive weeks preparing our staff and logistics resources to handle the rapidly growing number of shipments. We are therefore pleased with

these increases, knowing that we will deliver all these parcels on time and without any major problems, " commented PaweÅ, Witkowski, Director of the Logistics Operations Office at Poczta Polska.

Over 20,000 collection points throughout Poland

Poczta Polska is one of the largest operators in the country. The company has a parcel collection network of over 20,000 points, including 2,150 parcel machines, 7,600 branches, and several thousand partner locations, including Żabka, ABC, Lewiatan, Groszek, Arhelan, and Delikatesy Centrum stores. As many as 92% of Poles use Poczta's services.

The operator's potential also stems from a network of dozens of sorting plants and a modern fleet of 5,000 of its own vehicles. This allows it to service over 15 million addresses across Poland.

4 million pieces per day – safely and on time



Poczta Polska's postmen and couriers deliver nearly 4 million pieces of various types of parcels daily. Importantly, over the past year, we've significantly improved our on-time delivery performance – for example, with Pocztex, approximately 95% of parcels are delivered D+1, meaning the next business day.

Source: Poczta Polska



LP EXPRESS expands to the regions: First parcel terminal installed in DarbÄ—nai

15-12-2025

The first LP EXPRESS parcel machine has started operating in DarbÄ—nai. It will allow residents of this town in the Kretinga district to send and receive parcels even more easily.

This parcel machine is a regional project of Lithuanian Post, which aims to assess the need for parcel machine services in settlements with fewer residents. The testing period in each area will last about half a year - during this time, it will be monitored how actively the parcel machine is used, whether it is sufficiently filled and whether it becomes a frequent place for sending and collecting parcels. In the near future, LP EXPRESS parcel machines will also appear in Žeimiai, MerkinÄ—, KÅ«lupÄ—nai and Switzerland.

"It is important that every resident receives convenient services not dozens of kilometers away, but right here - close to their home. Post offices are open all the time, so this will allow people to send and receive parcels without having to adjust to post office hours. In 2026, 81 new post offices are planned to be installed. They will also provide universal postal service. And this is just the beginning - soon even more residents in all regions of the country will be able to use the benefits of post offices," says Minister of Transport and Communications Juras Taminskas.

"For people, parcel machines primarily mean

convenience – the ability to send and collect parcels when it is convenient and closer to home. We receive a number of requests from communities for their installation, but it is very important for us to responsibly and accurately assess whether such a service has sufficient potential for use in a specific area. The trial parcel machines allow us to assess this need in real conditions," says Kastytis Valantinas, Director General of Lithuanian Post.

In accordance with the requirements approved by the Ministry of Transport and Communications, starting next year, the LP EXPRESS parcel locker network will also be expanded to smaller settlements. This expansion in the regions will take place in stages until the end of 2028.

Starting in the first quarter of 2026, settlements where new LP EXPRESS parcel machines will be installed during the year will be announced annually.

The LP EXPRESS parcel locker network has grown rapidly this year not only in Lithuania, but also in all the Baltic countries. 54 new



parcel lockers have been installed in Lithuania, and another 174 in Latvia and Estonia, where the network operates under the name "Unisend". The network expansion also included new locations. This year, the first LP EXPRESS parcel lockers in Lithuania appeared in UÅ³/₄liedÅ³/₄iai, Senieji Trakai, Kalveliai, Vydmantai, KretingalÄ—, Kairiai, KvÄ—darna and Jiezne.

Source: Lithuania Post



Buy some time and shop online this Black Friday with NZ Post

11-12-2025

"This is the busiest time of year for NZ Post, with Black Friday sales starting earlier and there's some great deals available. NZ Post is expecting to deliver about 2.4 million parcels over the next week as a result. That's about 800k more parcels than a â€~normal' week.â€□

NZ Post has brought on extra vans, trucks and flights to prepare for additional volume through the sales period, and their teams will be working flat out to get parcels delivered for Kiwis.

"This is just the beginning of the busy season for NZ Post, and we are forecasting to deliver about 10 million parcels between now and Christmas Eve. Our advice to Kiwis is to save time and shop online this festive season. It's a good idea to get organised and send early to give your gift the best chance of arriving in time for Christmas, "says Dobson.

All of the deadlines for sending overseas or within New Zealand can be found on the NZ Post website.

"NZ Post is here to make online shopping as easy as possible for Kiwis. We've partnered with our sending customers to bring Kiwis a helpful Gift Guide this Christmas. Whether it's an eight-person tent to sleep the whole family, togs for the little ones, or even a

special limited edition stamp from the NZ Post collectables range, NZ Post has you covered. Simply browse and click, and NZ Post will bring it straight to your door."

"NZ Post has been investing in our network to ensure that we have the best parcel processing infrastructure, to help us sort and send parcels as quickly and efficiently as possible. We've invested particularly in our Auckland network, to help parcels move quickly through the rest of the country. Our new Auckland Processing Centre (APC) can process up to 33,000 parcels per hour, and has vastly improved the efficiency of parcel handling and border security for parcels coming in and out of the country. This will be the first Christmas with the APC operating fully, and we are proud to bring this efficiency to Kiwis at the busiest time of year for festive giving and sending."

"Wherever you are in the country, the team at NZ Post is working hard to deliver for Kiwis this Christmas. We'll be delivering parcels right up until Santa arrives," says



Dobson. Source: <u>NZ Post</u>