

NZ Post to open state of the art sorting centre and international gateway in Auckland

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NZ Post has opened its state-of-the-art processing centre and international gateway in Wiri, Auckland, with domestic parcels now being processed on site using world class technology. International parcels will follow when the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) move into the site later in 2024.

NZ Post Chief Executive David Walsh says the Auckland Processing Centre (APC) has more capacity than any parcel sorting facility previously seen in New Zealand. "NZ Post is evolving to meet the needs of New Zealanders. This is a generational investment to ensure the ongoing success of NZ Post."

"We are investing to meet the expected long-term growth in domestic and international eCommerce, as we continue to evolve to meet the future needs and growth ambitions of our customers. Our unmatched delivery network will allow NZ Post to manage the transition to a commercially sustainable mail delivery service as we progress our strategy toward a single network for mail and courier delivery."

"Our new 30,000sqm hub of international and national processing will bring together NZ Post, Customs and MPI on one site, continuing our long working relationship with both agencies. The APC is bigger than four rugby fields, and capable of processing more than 30,000 parcels per hour at peak capacity. We've also invested heavily in better technology, which means better accuracy and more visibility of where parcels are in our network, removing manual handling and sorting," says Walsh.

NZ Post General Manager Processing and Automation Marie Watson says the new site will run an automated processing operation for domestic parcels, packets, small packets, international inbound and outbound parcels.

"This site is the third to open under NZ Post's \$200m investment in parcel processing infrastructure, with the Wellington Super Depot and the Southern Operations Centre upgrade both opening in 2022."

"With six sorters on multiple levels, the APC more than doubles our current processing capacity per hour from the previous Auckland Operations Centre – from 13,000 to 30,000 at peak capacity. It's

an impressive multi-story site, and the integration with international product under one roof sets it apart from anything seen before. The APC is a key part of our aim to increase our parcel processing capacity to 190 million items per year by 2033."

"We're proud to continue to work with Customs and MPI and to co-locate with these agencies on site later in 2024. With MPI and Customs also located within APC, parcels will be processed and shipped directly to the airport via our hydrogen truck meaning less handling and transport requirements," says Watson.

Biosecurity New Zealand Deputy Director-General Stuart Anderson says "new screening technology and enhanced processes at the APC for identifying biosecurity threats will reduce the chance of foreign pests and diseases arriving in New Zealand with international parcels and other mail items. The centre will put New Zealand in a strong position to respond to expected rising volumes of international mail and parcels, and changing biosecurity threats in the future."

Customs Deputy Comptroller Operations Bill Perry says "the project initiative, which reaches a key milestone today, enabled both government agencies to work in collaboration with NZ Post for the construction of a purpose-built automated facility. Customs is looking forward to the move, with access to new technology and data tools, which will help enhance our ability to be more effective and efficient when identifying border threats while allowing legitimate mail and parcel items to flow through more quickly."

The APC has been designed with sustainability at its core. Rated a NZGBC five-star Green Star Rating, APC includes equipment built from recycled materials and chutes made from bamboo. Day-to-day practices were also approached with sustainability in mind, with the use of electric forklifts and all of APC's soft-plastic waste to be redistributed for recycling.

Source: [NZ Post](#)

En route to carbon-free road freight transport: DHL Freight introduces fully electric tractor-trailers from Mercedes-Benz Trucks

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At the beginning of April, DHL Freight put its first fully electric tractor-trailers from Mercedes-Benz Trucks into service. Effective immediately, the eActros 300 vehicles are being deployed for delivery and distribution transport at the Koblenz and Hagen sites. The truck stationed in Hagen makes transport more sustainable on round trips between the DHL branch and the Mercedes-Benz plant in Kassel, a Daimler Truck location. The second eActros 300 truck makes carbon-free deliveries to customers in the Koblenz area. With a maximum weight of 19 metric tons, these are DHL Freight's first heavy battery electric tractor-trailers in Germany. In line with the Group's sustainability strategy, the plan is to increase the share of electric vehicles in the delivery fleet to 60% and that of sustainable fuels within the DHL Group to more than 30%.

"While we always emphasize that decarbonizing transport requires the efforts of all players involved, it is something special when customers themselves supply the technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We are delighted about the partnership with Mercedes-Benz Trucks, which sees both partners taking another step toward attaining their sustainability targets," says Dr. Thomas Vogel, CEO DACH, UK & IE DHL Freight.

The vehicles are eActros 300 tractor-trailers that are each powered by two electric engines with a peak output of up to 400 kW. The trucks have a range of approximately 220 kilometers and, depending on the charging infrastructure, the battery can be recharged from 20% to 80% in about one hour and 15 minutes at a charging capacity of up to 160 kW.

"Our fully electric eActros 300 tractor-trailers are specially designed for regional distribution transport and are already capable of

performing a wide range of conventional truck operations. We are pleased that the eActros 300 is now also helping to make local road freight transport carbon-free in our own site delivery operations," explains Oliver Berger, network strategy and sustainability manager in Inbound Logistics at Mercedes-Benz Trucks.

DHL is testing and implementing various technological solutions as part of its drive towards more sustainable road freight transport, as no drive type so far has conclusively asserted itself, particularly for long distances. In addition to the fully electric tractor-trailers, for example, DHL Freight recently began operating a hydrogen truck from the commercial vehicle maker Paul Nutzfahrzeuge GmbH. The aim is to not just identify the right engine mix, but also influentially drive the transition to more sustainability in industry.

Source: [DHL Group](#)

Posti strengthens its sustainability know-how with new experts

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Posti has strengthened its sustainability know-how with three new experts. The changing regulatory environment and the rapidly growing need for data collection and reporting, as well as the role of sustainability as part of companies' social position, pose new needs that can now be better met with expertise. In addition, cooperation between Posti's Sustainability and Public Affairs team and the Group's Finance team is further deepening.

Silla Reiman, MSc in Economics, has been appointed Sustainability Specialist and will work specifically on Posti's environmental and climate work. Silla is also involved in the development of both the company's sustainability reporting and the customers' emissions reporting. Silla has previously worked as a sustainability consultant, with a particular focus on emissions accounting and climate targets and roadmaps. In addition, Silla has experience in a number of sustainability reporting frameworks and assurance of sustainability data.

"It is great to be able to contribute in a concrete way to sustainability work in a pioneering company like Posti and in an industry where sustainability work can genuinely create broad impact," says Silla Reiman.

Hanna Kumpulainen, M.Soc.Sc., who has spent the last six months as a sustainability expert trainee at Posti, has been appointed Sustainability Specialist for a fixed term. She will focus in particular on promoting Posti's CSRD roadmap, sustainability and corporate social responsibility reporting and advancing Posti's sustainability objectives in the Baltic operations. In addition, Hanna supports Posti's public affairs and advocacy work. Hanna has previously worked at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and at the legal department of Nike EMEA headquarters with experience among others in commercial law, contracting and regulatory advocacy.

"Posti is a pioneer in sustainability work and a major Finnish employer with ambitious goals for the climate, people and society.

It is a great pleasure to continue working at Posti at this very exciting time, when sustainability regulation is evolving and the implementation of new requirements is in full swing," says Hanna Kumpulainen.

Hanna Kuusela, MSc in Economics, has been appointed Sustainability Reporting Manager in the Group Finance team. The EU's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) introduces new requirements for companies to report on sustainability as part of the Board of Directors Report, with the aim of bringing the quality of information to the same level as financial information. Hanna coordinates the implementation of the related legislation at Group level. Hanna has experience in group accounting at Outokumpu and sustainability consulting at KPMG, as well as in developing sustainability data in the financial sector and in various start-ups.

"Although CSRD is a reporting directive, its aim is to steer finance and thus companies increasingly towards sustainable business. In this work, it is therefore important not only to develop the reporting and quality of sustainability data, but also to make visible the essential issues for which we need to have clear responsibilities, strategy, metrics and targets," says Hanna Kuusela.

Silla Reiman and Hanna Kumpulainen report to Anna Storm, Posti's Director of Sustainability and Corporate Relations. Hanna Kuusela reports to Group Financial Controller Erika Maanpää.

Source: [Posti](#)

PPP and bpost reach agreement to avoid litigation

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In the context of PPP's claim brought against bpost in January regarding bpost's use of the subsidies granted by the State for the distribution of newspapers, in particular for the period between 1 January and 30 June 2024, PPP and bpost have reached an agreement.

bpost will pay PPP an agreed amount, which was determined according to the procedural costs. In this way, both parties wish to avoid lengthy and costly legal proceedings.

Moreover, both parties wish to devote their energy to the

development of their activities and especially to the negotiations with the publishers on the conditions for the distribution of newspapers and magazines as from 1 July 2024.

Source: [bpost](#)



Poste Italiane: proposal of authorisation for the purchase and disposal of treasury shares and call of the Shareholders' Meeting

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The Board of Directors of Poste Italiane S.p.A., that met today under the chairmanship of Silvia Maria Rovere, resolved to submit to the Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting called for 31 May 2024 a proposal to authorize the purchase and subsequent disposal of treasury shares.

The Board of Directors of Poste Italiane S.p.A. ("Poste Italiane" or the "Company"), that met today under the chairmanship of Silvia Maria Rovere, resolved to submit to the Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting called for 31 May 2024 a proposal to authorize the purchase and subsequent disposal of treasury shares up to a maximum of n. 3.5 million ordinary shares, representing about 0.27% of the share capital, and a total financial commitment of up to 56 million euros ("Buyback Plan").

The Buyback Plan submitted for the approval of the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting is intended to fulfil the obligations arising from the variable remuneration, to be paid in Poste Italiane shares, to directors or employees of the Poste Italiane Group. More specifically, the treasury shares will be used in the "Incentives Plans", i.e.: (i) the long-term incentives plan, "ILT Performance Share 2024-2026", and (ii) the short-term incentive plan 2024, based on financial instruments, for the most relevant personnel of BancoPosta Ring-Fenced Capital. Should there be remaining treasury shares, once the allocation provided for under the incentives plans has been completed, those shares may be disposed of in accordance with the terms and conditions set out, from time to time, by the Board of Directors or by those authorized by it, without prejudice to compliance with the limits provided for under any applicable legislation.

The acquisition of treasury shares will be permitted for 18 months from the date of the Shareholders' Meeting's authorization resolution. No time limit has been set for the disposal of the treasury shares purchased.

The purchase of treasury shares will be carried out at a price to be specified on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the

procedure selected to carry out the transaction, current legislation and in particular the conditions to trading set out under Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1052 implementing Regulation (EU) 596/2014, where applicable. In particular, pursuant to article 3 of Regulation 1052, the acquisitions may be made against a consideration that is not higher than the highest price between the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent purchase bid price on the trading venues where the purchase is carried out. Furthermore, for further precaution, such price shall not diverge up or down by more than 10% of the reference price recorded on the Mercato Telematico Azionario, organized and operated by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., on the day prior to each individual transaction. The sale or other forms of disposition of treasury shares will take place in line with the terms and conditions from time to time determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with current legislation.

In any case, the purchase of treasury shares shall be carried out ensuring the equal treatment among Shareholders, according to the modalities established by Consob within the ambit of Article 144-bis, paragraph 1, of the Consob Issuers Regulation. Purchase transactions may also adopt the procedures envisaged under current legislation or the conditions specified in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) no. 596/2014.

Finally, Poste Italiane currently owns 10,675,798 treasury shares in portfolio – which were acquired (i) in February 2019, (ii) in the period between 30 May 2022 and 13 June 2022, and (iii) in the period between 10 and 31 May 2023 – whose purpose was to fulfil the obligations deriving from the incentives plans already assigned.

Source: [Poste Italiane](#)

Swedish NRA concerned for letter delivery costs and quality of service

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It is becoming more and more expensive to distribute letters. This is shown in the Swedish Post and Telecommunications Board's (PTS) report Swedish postal market 2024. If no changes are made, it may become challenging in the coming years to maintain the universal postal service to a good quality throughout the country.

Today, PTS publishes the report Swedish postal market 2024, which is a review of developments in areas such as competition, service and quality as well as volumes.

More expensive to deliver letters when volumes drop

This year's report shows that letter volumes continue to decrease. In 2023, close to 1.2 billion letters were distributed. This was a decrease of 12 percent compared to the previous year.

Since 2000, two out of three physical letters have been replaced with digital communication, and PTS estimates that the decline will continue at a rapid pace.

As the volumes decrease, so does the unit cost of distributing letters, within the framework of the universal postal service. And even if Postnord has raised the postage, it is not enough to compensate for the reduced volumes.

- There will be major challenges in providing the universal postal service if nothing is done, says Emma Maraschin, head of the PTS unit for postal issues.

- It is partly about changes in the regulations, such as how quickly the letter must be delivered and how far from the home, but also about the fact that we users may have to pay more for a functioning postal service. It is reasonable that we users pay for what it costs to send a letter in order for the service to maintain a good quality and for the letter to be delivered on time.

Continued quality issues

The report also shows that Postnord has not lived up to the existing quality requirements. During the year, Postnord delivered 93.1 percent of the letters on time, while the requirement is that at least 95 percent of domestic letters submitted for two-day forwarding before the latest submission deadline must have been delivered within two working days.

2023 was the second year in a row that Postnord did not meet the requirements at the national level.

- It is very serious if people cannot trust the postal service. Even if the circumstances are difficult, the postal operator must cherish its customer promise and ensure that the quality requirements are met to meet the needs of the users. PTS will continue to monitor developments and that Postnord lives up to the requirements, says Emma Maraschin.

[Swedish postal market 2024](#)

Source: [PTS](#)

Posti starts change negotiations concerning delivery services in eCommerce and Delivery Services -business group: aiming for a flexible and more efficient transportation network

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Posti plans to reform the corporate delivery services of its eCommerce and Delivery Services business group. Our customers expect continuously improving services and excellent cost-efficiency. We need to streamline and reorganize our operations to ensure a flexible and more efficient transportation network.

The weak economic cycle has for the time being contributed to a significant decline in the overall volume of shipments transported. A flexible production structure is essential if we are to operate efficiently.

"The general economic outlook and the downward trend in transportation volumes confirm the need for a comprehensive renewal of our transportation network. This will also require a review of current operating models and work tasks, and we will have to start change negotiations. We will do our best to support our personnel in this challenging change situation," says Ari Olli, responsible for corporate and delivery services in Posti's eCommerce and Delivery Services business group.

The planned restructuring has no impact on our customers or our services: all shipments are and will continue to be delivered as agreed.

Impact of the planned changes

Today, April 18, Posti has invited employee representatives to

change negotiations concerning employees working in the transportation and terminal operations in Posti Kuljetus Oy. The need for the change negotiations is based on reduced customer demand, not on other external factors such as, for example, the labor market situation.

It is estimated that the planned changes, if implemented, could lead to a reduction of up to 295 jobs. The change negotiations concern altogether 1,319 persons. Decisions on the possible impact on personnel will be taken once the negotiations have been completed. The planned changes will be implemented to minimize the number of redundancies. We will support our personnel by seeking for example possible voluntary solutions and providing training. In addition, financial support is available through Posti's own program.

Postal Services business and Transval's warehousing and in-house logistics services are not affected by the change negotiations. Posti employs around 15 000 people in Finland

Source: [Posti](#)

DHL Group expands GoHelp program to Europe and trains Disaster Response Team at Istanbul International Airport

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In partnership with the United Nations, DHL Group volunteers its logistics expertise and global network to help provide global relief efforts in disaster areas since 2005. Now, DHL Group expands its GoHelp program to Europe due to a growing number of catastrophes in recent times. With the launch of GoHelp Europe, the program now covers all global disaster hotspots. At Istanbul International Airport in Turkey, the first training for a Disaster Response Team (DRT) in Europe is held from April 19-21, attended by 50 employees. GoHelp is divided into disaster response and disaster preparedness: The DRTs deploy to airports in need when called upon by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The Get Airports Ready for Disaster program collaborates with the United Nations Development Program to prepare airport personnel and local disaster management organizations to better manage incoming relief goods.

"Europe has been facing an increasing number of climate-related crises, like the floods in Germany and Belgium in 2021. On top of this we witnessed terrible earthquakes in Turkey and Morocco last year", says Christoph Selig, Vice President Sustainability Communications and Programs at DHL Group. "Recognizing this, we're extending GoHelp's reach and impact to Europe after a successful implementation over the past 15 years in Latin America, Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa region. This expansion reflects our commitment to contributing our core logistics expertise to support those affected by disasters, ensuring a more efficient and coordinated disaster response."

DRTs help to optimize logistics procedures and provide timely support at disaster-site airports free of charge within 72 hours. For Europe, the scope of DRT operations may be expanded to beyond airport deployments. The DRT training consists of theoretical and practical sessions. Multiple exercises are included, depending on the region and venue of the training. The focus lies on optimizing

movement sequences and mastering techniques for assembling and disassembling pallets, particularly for airline pallets, locks, and nets. Furthermore, the training covers essential skills such as operating forklifts, as well as effective radio communication for seamless coordination.

On top of that, DHL Group hosts a Global GoHelp Conference in Istanbul (April 22-23). The conference intends to serve as a platform for focused discussions and collaborative initiatives within the humanitarian sector, featuring representatives from the Group's GoHelp program, internal DHL divisional and functional experts, esteemed partners and colleagues from the United Nations, and other organizations. The objective of the conference is to examine the achievements of the GoHelp program, the European launch of GoHelp, and the 15-year milestone of Get Airports Ready for Disaster.

Source: [DHL Group](#)

Post logistic center Salzburg awarded as family friendly

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The Salzburg logistics center of the Austrian Post AG was recently certified with the state "work and family" seal of quality. The pilot location in Wals-Siezenheim has set itself special goals and taken measures to enable further improvements in professional and family life for the postal workers employed there. The following were implemented:

A buddy system for expectant or maternity leave mothers. The maternity leave buddies provide support and are a contact point for all personnel, legal and personal questions. We regularly have breakfasts together to exchange ideas.

Dedicated discussion times for group leaders, who can now dedicate time and space to their teams for personal concerns every shift. This improves collaboration and communication between each other.

Low-threshold posters show development opportunities and career prospects within the Swiss Post, taking into account different requirements and opportunities in different phases of life. They contribute to a better understanding of your own development opportunities within the company.

The Salzburg logistics center is an example of the ongoing measures that Austrian Post is implementing nationwide as an employer. At the same time, the Vienna post office 1110 was also certified as family-friendly. Employees are already acting as cultural ambassadors across the country and are spreading these improvements to other parts of the company. Internal media or joint family celebrations at the Post locations provide information about topics relating to the compatibility of work, family and private life. These measures will subsequently be expanded to all operational areas such as logistics centers, post offices and delivery bases.

Source: [Austrian Post](#)

Introducing the Albert Jackson Processing Centre: Designed and built for the future of ecommerce

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Located in northeast Toronto, this 585,000 square-foot sorting facility is our largest parcel plant, with nearly eight kilometres of conveyors and the capacity to process more than one million packages a day. It can sort items to more than 300 Canada Post facilities - more than twice as many as our Gateway facility in Mississauga. This critical hub will strengthen our national network to help us deliver the consistent and reliable service you depend on.

Canada's largest zero-carbon facility

But that's not all. The Albert Jackson Processing Centre is our first net-zero carbon building and leads the way as the largest industrial project in Canada with the Zero Carbon Building Standard designation. It's part of our commitment to help you and your customers make sustainable shipping choices and a key milestone on our path toward net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

While the Albert Jackson Processing Centre was built with the future in mind, its name pays respect to the past. The facility was named after Albert Jackson, who is believed to be the first Black letter carrier in Canada.

Through the Albert Jackson Processing Centre, we're redefining what it means to deliver – and we're just getting started.

Source: [Canada Post](#)

Looking ahead while paying respect to the past

General meeting of Austrian Post AG

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At today's general meeting of Österreichische Post AG, around 500 shareholders and shareholder representatives exercised their voting rights, 250 of whom were also physically present in the Vienna Stadthalle. A further 713 shareholders took part by postal vote.

All agenda items were approved. The board of directors of Austrian Post presented, among other things, the business development for 2023 and a strategic outlook for the group.

The dividend for the 2023 financial year is EUR 1.78 per share - the payment will be made from May 2, 2024 by credit to the custodian banks - trading ex-dividend will take place from April 26, 2024.
NEW MEMBER

OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

Felicia Kölliker and Maria Zesch were elected to the Supervisory

Board of Austrian Post at today's Annual General Meeting. Their terms of office run until the end of the 2026 Annual General Meeting, which will decide on discharge for the 2025 financial year. The mandates of Felicia Kölliker and Sigrid Stagl from the 2020 to 2024 term of office have expired.

The CVs of Felicia Kölliker and Maria Zesch are available at post.at/haupttreffen. Details and resolution results for the individual agenda items can also be found here.

Source: [Austria Post](https://post.at/haupttreffen)

German e-commerce makes hopeful start to 2024

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E-commerce in Germany has made a hopeful start to this year, with online sales of physical goods stabilising in comparison to last year's heavy drop due to weak consumer spending, according to new figures from the Bevh e-commerce association.

In 2023, revenues from online sales of goods slumped by 11.8% to €79.7 billion from €90.4 billion in the previous year, according to the association's continuous survey of 40,000 Germans (aged 14+) regarding their online spending. This left e-commerce at about 10.2% of total retail sales in Germany compared to 11.8% in 2022.

In the first three months of this year, online sales of goods declined by a further 2.6% to €18.9 billion, compared to €19.4 billion in the first quarter of 2022, according to Bevh figures released earlier this month. In contrast, revenues from digital products such as travel and tickets grew by 14.6% to €2.7 billion.

Transition year

"The lean period in the retail sector is still continuing, but consumers' willingness to save is slowly being exhausted," commented Martin Groß-Albenhausen, deputy director of Bevh.

"Even though it is still too early to speak of a return to growth, for online retail we are in an important transition year out of the consumption crisis," he underlined.

Source: [CEP-Research](#)

New CLA for PostNL's mail deliverers signed

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Improved employment conditions and pay increase of 19% minimum

The Hague, the Netherlands, 23 April 2024 – PostNL and the memberships of trade unions BVPP and CNV have signed a new collective labour agreement (CLA) covering some 15,000 mail deliverers. The new CLA runs from 1 January 2024 through 31 December 2025. Mail deliverers are looking at improved employment conditions and a pay rise of at least 19%.

Rising pay and improved employee benefits

A key element of the new CLA is the new pay structure. This reflects the work experience built up by mail deliverers and the increase in the legal minimum wage. It has five scales: the longer people have been working as mail deliverers, the higher their wages. There will be multiple pay increases in the course of the new CLA, the first of which – the legally required raise of 9.9% – came into force on 1 January 2024, while the last will take effect on 1 July 2025. By that date, pay will have added between 19% and 25% relative to 31 December 2023.

In addition to these pay rises, other agreements include higher pay for 16- and 17-year-olds, an end to youth wages from age 18, a

bonus payment for mentors, higher bike allowances and monthly payment of the holiday allowance for new mail deliverers.

Future of the postal service in the Netherlands

Maurice Unck, Director of Mail in the Netherlands at PostNL, said: "Mail deliverers play a vital role in our society. The new CLA makes this part-time job more attractive and reflects appreciation for the work our mail deliverers do. The postal service in the Netherlands faces major challenges because of changing consumer needs, declining postal volumes and rising costs. Our responsibility is to strike the right balance between our appreciation for our people and keeping the postal service accessible across the country."

PostNL is doing everything in its power to keep mail accessible, reliable and affordable. On 26 February 2024, it announced it is looking to change from delivering within 24 hours to two days, to reflect changing customer and consumer needs. This will require a change to postal laws for PostNL to be able to further adjust its network and so keep the postal service future-proof and financially healthy.

Source: [PostNL](#)

FedEx Express and Zonos team up for EU/UK customs transparency

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FedEx Express has teamed up with cross-border tech firm Zonos to help expedite the customs clearance process for UK and EU retailers and eliminate unexpected charges and shipping delays for customers.

The partnership, which aims to significantly enhance the global online shopping experience, will see FedEx leverage Zonos's cross-border technology to create transparency on customs processes and charges. According to FedEx Express, the alliance will enable UK and EU retailers to expand their market reach confidently and easily while ensuring customer satisfaction through timely and transparent delivery processes.

Automated solutions

Zonos' automated solutions inform shoppers of the total cost of their purchases, allowing them to pay all duties, taxes, and fees at checkout. This approach ensures packages are shipped fully prepaid.

Source: [CEP-Research](#)



Posten Bring hits key locker network milestones in Norway and Sweden

23-04-2024

Postal and logistics group Posten Bring has celebrated hitting two key milestones in the roll out of its locker network in the Nordics, with 6,000 machines now available in Norway and a further 800 installed in Sweden, with more lockers due to be deployed soon.

In Norway, Posten has rolled out 6,000 self-service parcel lockers at 2,000 locations across the country. Today, its parcel lockers can be found from Lindesnes in the south to Longyearbyen in the north, making the group's Norwegian parcel locker network the longest in Europe at 2,300km in distance.

Bring, meanwhile, has deployed 800 parcel boxes in Sweden, with 23 new locations on the cards thanks to a new agreement with real estate firm Wählin Fastigheter.

The Posten network

Posten deployed its first parcel locker in early 2020 in cooperation with locker manufacturer Swipbox. Since then, both the popularity and usage of the lockers have "exceeded all expectations," said Thomas Støkken, Executive Vice President for e-commerce and logistics at Posten Bring.

Source: [CEP-Research](#)

Alibaba.com launches SME-focused B2B logistics marketplace in the US

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Chinese B2B e-commerce platform Alibaba.com has announced the launch of its new Logistics Marketplace in the US, which has been developed to reshape how SMEs manage their supply chain strategies.

The marketplace provides SMEs with access to pre-vetted affordable and customizable logistics services to streamline their supply chains and gain global reach with greater ease, Alibaba noted.

The platform, which offers support for online logistics orders to 46 markets, also enables SMEs to identify solutions tailored to their individual logistics demands and enables them to navigate the global marketplace with fewer of the traditional hurdles.

"Streamlined access"

"With the launch of the Alibaba.com Logistics Marketplace for US buyers, we've transformed a previously lengthy, complicated process, streamlining access to a marketplace of pre-vetted logistics service providers," said Yikun Shao, Head of Supply Chain for Alibaba.com's North America business.

Source: [CEP-Research](#)

bpost has entered into an agreement with Flemish newspaper publishers on the delivery of newspapers from 1 July 2024. For the distribution of periodicals, bpost launches a commercial offering

26-04-2024

Thanks to this agreement bpost is able to safeguard the jobs of its employees on open ended contracts in Flanders. Discussions with French-speaking publishers continue. In addition, bpost presented its new magazine offer to BIPT/IBPT this month.

On 12 December last, the government decided to end the concession for newspaper and magazine deliveries, introducing a six-month transition period between 1 January and 30 June 2024. Following this announcement bpost has worked hard to develop a new commercial service offer for newspaper and magazine deliveries from 1 July. The company entered into discussions with publishers with the aim of proposing an attractive, high-quality service while retaining the highest possible volume.

Today, Flemish publishers and bpost reached an agreement on further cooperation in the coming years. This agreement allows bpost to avoid a social shock and achieve a soft transition to a different distribution model from 2025.

bpost has made every effort to convince the publishers with a competitive offer for the provision of a high-quality service. Concretely, this means that bpost plans a gradual transfer of newspaper volumes to its subsidiary AMP as of 2025. AMP will work with subcontractors employing permanent staff for the distribution of newspapers. The agreement covers a volume equivalent to +/- 75% of the current volume delivered by bpost.

bpost services will also have to be gradually adapted to the continual reduction of newspaper and mail volumes. The reduction of these volumes, which cannot be completely offset by increasing parcel volumes, shows that bpost needs to increasingly adapt to the current context. This is essential for the continuity of the Belgian business and to avoid social consequences going forward.

These two measures mean that bpost is able to safeguard the jobs

of employees on open ended contracts in Flanders.

Discussions continue with French-speaking newspaper publishers. Here again, the aims are to retain the highest possible newspaper volume, avoid social consequences and safeguard the jobs of employees on open ended contracts.

New service offer for magazine deliveries

In order to meet the diverse requirements of the various organizations issuing periodicals (including commercial companies and NGOs), bpost has developed a new delivery service offer, that is in line with the universal postal service obligations and that takes into account the needs of the customers. The goal of the new service offer is to safeguard the continuity of the business, with due consideration for the specifics of the Belgian media landscape.

Customer visits have already been scheduled from earlier this week. The offer will be available online on the bpost website early May.

Chris Peeters, CEO bpostgroup: "Our goal was to find the right balance between safeguarding the continuity and high quality of the service, on the one hand, and meeting the price expectations of publishers, on the other. This agreement provides a clear solution for the editors and colleagues in Flanders. Discussions continue with French-speaking publishers to also reach an agreement with them."

Source: [bpost](https://www.bpost.be)

IPC certifies Barcelona- Office of Exchange

25-04-2024

On 25 April 2024, IPC CEO, Holger Winklbauer, handed over an IPC Certificate of Excellence in the management and processing of international priority products to Olga García, Correos Chief Operations Officer for the Office of Exchange at the Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport, which now holds a Certificate of Excellence until February 2027.

The IPC Certification of Excellence in the Management and Processing of International Priority Products has already existed for almost 25 years, becoming an essential instrument to measure the quality of the international postal service. Today, we have a total of 29 offices of exchange with a valid Certificate of Excellence.

