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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF POSTAL SHIPMENTS TO THE USA

MaltaPost p.l.c. announces the temporary suspension of all parcel and goods shipments to the United States of America and its territories¹, effective from 10:00 hrs on Saturday, 23 August 2025. Any final parcels and goods addressed to the USA must be deposited at our Head Office located at 305 Qormi Road, Marsa, between 07:00 and 10:00 hrs on Saturday, 23 August 2025. Customers are also informed that any letter/documents destined for the U.S. should no longer be deposited in the street post boxes. MaltaPost is offering a special document/letter express service to the United States through its MEI product, that is only available for purchase across our extensive Post Office network.

This temporary suspension follows an Executive Order issued by the President of the United States, which eliminates the existing duty-free threshold for international postal shipments, effective 29 August 2025. Under this new policy, all postal items sent to the U.S., regardless of value or origin will be subject to customs duties. This significant change affects individuals and businesses globally, including those in Malta who send parcels and goods through postal networks to the United States. Partner cargo carriers and airlines have now informed MaltaPost that they are also suspending the carriage of postal shipments destined for the United States until a workable process is put in place.

The suspension is a temporary and necessary measure to allow for the development, testing, and implementation of new cross-border technical and airline carrier solutions to comply with the new U.S. requirements. Postal operators across Europe are working together to meet these obligations as quickly as possible. However, several key implementation details remain unclear, including how U.S. Customs imposed duties will

¹ American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan and Tinian.

be collected and what data must be submitted. Limited technical guidance was only issued by U.S. Customs and Border Protection on 15 August 2025, leaving insufficient time for full implementation by the imposed deadline.

MaltaPost Express International (MEI) Service

Goods and Parcel shipments via MEI will also be suspended from close of business on Monday, 25 August 2025 until further notice.

Inbound Mail Unaffected

Mail arriving from the United States to Malta remains unaffected.

We remain committed to resuming the full postal service to the USA as soon as possible and we will continue to keep our customers informed. This is a developing situation, and the information provided is accurate at the time of release. Customers are encouraged to visit our website www.maltapost.com regularly for the latest updates concerning our outbound services to the USA .

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SOSPENSJONI TEMPORANJA TAS-SERVIZZ POSTALI LEJN L-ISTATI UNITI

MaltaPost p.l.c. tħabbar is-sospensjoni temporanja tas-servizz postali lejn l-Istati Uniti tal-Amerika u t-territorji tagħha², liema decizzjoni tidħol fis-seħħ mid-10:00 ta fil-ghodu tas-Sibt, 23 ta' Awwissu 2025. Kull pakkett jew oġġett indirizzat lejn l-Istati Uniti għandu jigi depozitat fl-Uffiċċju Prinċipali tagħna, li jinsab f'305 Triq Ħal-Qormi, il-Marsa, bejn is-07:00 u l-10:00 ta fil-ghodu tas-Sibt, 23 ta' Awwissu 2025. Il-klijenti huma infurmati wkoll li kwalunkwe ittra/dokument destinata lejn l-Istati Uniti ma jistghux jibqgħu jiġu depozitati fil-kaxxi tal-posta pubblici. MaltaPost se toffri servizz speċjali li huwa express għal dokumenti/ittri lejn l-Istati Uniti permezz tal-prodott MEI tagħha, li jista jinx tara biss mil-Uffiċċji Postali tagħna.

Din is-sospensjoni ssegwi Ordni Eżekuttiva maħruġa mill-President tal-Istati Uniti, li tneħħi l-beneficċju eżistenti ta' duty-free għal posta internazzjonali, u li ha tidhol b'effett mid-29 ta' Awwissu 2025. Taht din ir-regola l-ġdida, kull oġġett postali mibgħut lejn l-Istati Uniti, irrispettivament mill-valur jew l-orijini tiegħu, se jkun suġġett għal dazji impost mid-dwana tal-Istati Uniti. Din il-bidla sinifikanti tolqot kemm individwi kif ukoll negozji madwar id-dinja, inkluż dawk f'Malta li jibagħtu oġġetti permezz tan-networks postali lejn l-Istati Uniti. Kemm il-linji tal-ajru u dawk tal l-merkanzija msieħba magħna għadhom kif infurmaw lil MaltaPost li qed jissospendu wkoll it-trasport ta' kunsinni postali ddestinati lejn l-Istati Uniti sakemm jitqieghed fis-seħħ proċess effettiv.

² American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan u Tinian

Is-sospensjoni hi mizura temporanja u meħtieġa sabiex ikun hemm bizzejjed żmien għall-iżvilupp, l-ittestjar u l-implimentazzjoni ta' soluzzjonijiet tekniċi u logistiċi, kif ukoll dawk tal-linji tal-ajru, sabiex jiġu ssodisfati r-rekwiżiti l-godda impost mill-Istati Uniti. Operaturi Postali madwar l-Ewropa qed jaħdmu flimkien biex jilħqu dawn l-obbligi kemm jista' jkun malajr. Madankollu, għad hemm diversi dettalji kruċjali mhux ċari dwar l-implimentazzjoni ta' dawn il-mizuri, fosthom kif se jingabru d-dazji imposti mid-Dwana Amerikana u x'tip ta' data trid tiġi sottomessa lill-stess dwana. Gwida teknika izda limitata giet maħruġa minn U.S. Customs and Border Protection fil-15 ta' Awwissu 2025. Din il-publikazzjoni halliet ftit żmien wisq għall-implimentazzjoni shiħa ta' dak rikjest sad-data tal-iskadenza imposta.

Servizz MaltaPost Express International (MEI)

Il-konsenja ta' oġġetti u pakketti permezz tal-MEI se jiġu sospiż minn nhar it-Tnejn, 25 ta' Awwissu 2025 sakemm jingħata avviż ieħor.

Posta lejn Malta mhux Affettwata

Il-posta li tidhol mill-Istati Uniti lejn Malta tibqa' mhux affettwata.

Aħna nibqgħu mpenjati li nerggħu nibdew is-servizz postali shiħ lejn l-Istati Uniti malli jkun possibbli, u se nkomplu nzommu lill-klijenti tagħna aggornati. Din hija sitwazzjoni li qed tiżviluppa, u l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija tajba fil-hin tal-ħruġ tagħha. Il-klijenti huma mhegġa jżuru s-sit elettroniku tagħna www.maltapost.com regolarment għall-aħħar aġġornamenti dwar is-servizzi tagħna ta' ħruġ lejn l-Istati Uniti.

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