

## Postal services to certain destinations suspended

In view of the substantial reduction in flight frequencies or even cancellation of flights to destinations in the below list by airlines, which results in no provision of air traffic capacity, Hongkong Post announced today (March 31) that there will be service suspension of Airmail (including Speedpost) to these destinations arising from such development. Members of the public may consider using surface mail service. In this connection, Hongkong Post has requested service providers concerned to advance their shipping schedules or increase their frequencies of service to these destinations to up to once per week. The new destinations affected and the estimated surface journey time is set out as follows:

Destinations		Estimated Surface Journey Time
North America	Canada	15 days
Europe	Spain	23 days
	Norway	40 days
South America	Brazil	28 days

For Korea, as the substantial reduction in flight frequencies continues and the air traffic capacity provided cannot cope with the posting volume of Speedpost to this destination (Hongkong Post already announced on March 27 for suspension of Airmail service to Korea), members of the public may consider using surface mail to Korea, which has an increased frequency to once per week and the surface journey time is around 5 days.

In addition, air traffic capacity can barely be provided to the below listed European destinations. Hongkong Post can only endeavor to maintain Speedpost services to these destinations to facilitate the posting of urgent mail by the public.

Notwithstanding this, even though Hongkong Post has completed the handling procedures after posting, Speedpost handed to airlines for these destinations is subject to delays of more than two weeks. Members of the public may consider using surface mail service. Hongkong Post has requested service providers concerned to advance their shipping schedules or increase their frequencies of service also to these destinations to up to once per week.

Destinations		Service types available
Europe	Austria	Speedpost and surface mail
	Belgium	
	Denmark	
	Germany	
	Greece	
	Hungary	
	Poland	
	Portugal	
	Sweden	
	Switzerland	

Members of the public may visit the Hongkong Post website and refer to the link [hongkongpost.hk/en/preparation/posting/latest\\_dates/index.html](http://hongkongpost.hk/en/preparation/posting/latest_dates/index.html) for the latest dates of posting for forthcoming surface despatches.