

# Postal services to certain destinations suspended

In view of the substantial reduction in flight frequencies or even cancellation of flights to certain destinations by airlines, Hongkong Post announced today (March 27) that it was considered necessary to adjust air mail services to these destinations.

At this critical moment, Hongkong Post still hopes to maintain its Speedpost services to major destinations by all means where possible, so as to facilitate the posting of urgent mail by the public. Notwithstanding this, even though Hongkong Post has completed the handling procedures after posting, as a result of substantial reduction in flight frequencies, the time required for handing in posted items to airlines is subject to considerable delays of more than two weeks.

In respect of the service suspension of air mail to these major destinations, the public may consider using surface mail services instead. In this connection, Hongkong Post has requested service providers concerned to advance their shipping schedules or increase their frequencies of service to up to once per week. Members of the public may visit the Hongkong Post website at [www.hongkongpost.hk/en/preparation/posting/latest\\_dates/index.html](http://www.hongkongpost.hk/en/preparation/posting/latest_dates/index.html) and refer to the latest dates of posting for forthcoming surface despatches. Major destinations affected are set out below:

Destinations		Service types available
Asia	Japan, Korea	Speedpost and surface mail
Europe	United Kingdom, Spain	Speedpost and surface mail
	Ireland	Surface mail
North America	United States of America, Canada	Speedpost and surface mail
Oceania	Australia, New Zealand	Surface mail

In addition, mail items to be sent to the following destinations are required to transit via the above destinations, therefore their air mail services will also be subject to impacts of varied degrees:

Destinations		Service types suspended
Asia	Timor-Leste	Air mail (excluding Speedpost)
	Korea, North	Air parcel
Africa	Gambia, Malawi	Air parcel
	Canary Islands, Spanish Territories of North Africa	Air mail (excluding Speedpost)
Central and South America	Falkland Islands, The Territory of South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	Air mail (excluding Speedpost)
Europe	Guernsey, Isle of Man	Air letter
	Balearic Islands, Channel Islands	Air mail (excluding Speedpost)
North America	Cayman Islands, Haiti, St. Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis	Air letter
	Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent And The Grenadines, Turks & Caicos Islands	Air parcel
	Virgin Islands of the United States of America, Anguilla, Barbados, Montserrat, Puerto Rico, St. Pierre and Miquelon, Tortola	Airmail (except Speedpost)

Oceania	Kiribati, Samoa (the United States of America Territory), Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Western Samoa	Air letter
	Wake Island	Air parcel
	Christmas Island (Indian Ocean), Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Cook Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand Islands Territories, Norfolk Islands, Pitcairn Islands, Vanuatu (The Republic of)	Airmail (except Speedpost)

As advised respectively by the postal administration of France about its suspension of surface mail and the postal administration of India about its suspension of surface and air mail, postal services to and transit via these two destinations are also subject to impacts of varied degrees. The list of destinations affected is set out as follows:

Destinations		Service types suspended
Asia	India	Airmail (including Speedpost) and surface mail
	Nepal	All surface mail
	Bhutan	Surface parcel
	Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkmenistan	Surface letter
Africa	Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Monaco, Namibia, Niger, Rwanda (Rep.), Togo	Surface letter
	Comoros	All surface mail

Central and South America	Antigua And Barbuda, Haiti, Mauritania	Surface letter
	French West Indies (Guadeloupe), French West Indies (Martinique)	All surface mail
Europe	Andorra, Corsica, France	All surface mail
	Armenia	Surface letter
Oceania	Cape Verde, St. Pierre And Miquelon, Wallis And Futuna Islands	Surface letter

As the substantial reduction in flight frequencies continues, it is anticipated that air traffic capacity would not be able to resume stable in the near future. Members of the public may visit the Hongkong Post website and refer to the links [www.hongkongpost.hk/en/about\\_us/whats\\_new/notices/index\\_id\\_898.html](http://www.hongkongpost.hk/en/about_us/whats_new/notices/index_id_898.html) and [www.hongkongpost.hk/en/about\\_us/whats\\_new/notices/index\\_id\\_899.html](http://www.hongkongpost.hk/en/about_us/whats_new/notices/index_id_899.html) for all the destinations and their respective services under influence.