

Latest Recommended Posting Dates for Christmas 2016



International Economy

(formerly known as Surface Mail)

Date	Destination
Wednesday 28 September	All non-European destinations (except Canada, Far East, Middle East, South Africa and USA)
Thursday 29 September	Middle and Far East (except Hong Kong and Singapore)
Thursday 13 October	Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, USA
Thursday 3 November	Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey
Thursday 17 November	Western Europe

International Standard (formerly Airmail) and all International Tracking and Signature services

(formerly Airsure[®] and International Signed For[®])

Date	Destination
Saturday 3 December	Africa, Middle East
Wednesday 7 December	Asia, Cyprus, Far East, Eastern Europe (except Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia)
Thursday 8 December	Caribbean, Central and South America
Saturday 10 December	Australia, Greece, New Zealand
Wednesday 14 December	Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland
Thursday 15 December	Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA
Friday 16 December	Austria, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland
Saturday 17 December	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg,

International Standard HM Forces Mail -

British Forces Post Office[®] (BFPO)

Date	Destination
Monday 28 November	Operational BFPOs
Monday 12 December	Static BFPOs

UK Non-contract Services

Date	Service
Tuesday 20 December	2nd Class and Royal Mail Signed For [®] 2nd Class
Wednesday 21 December	1st Class and Royal Mail Signed For [®] 1st Class
Thursday 22 December	Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed [®]
Friday 23 December	Royal Mail Special Delivery Saturday Guaranteed [®]

UK Business Contract Services

Date	Service
Saturday 17 December	Royal Mail Business Mail [®] (Sorted) Economy Royal Mail Advertising Mail [®] Economy
Tuesday 20 December	2nd Class Royal Mail Business Mail [®] (Sorted or Unsorted) 2nd Class Royal Mail Advertising Mail [®] 2nd Class Royal Mail Publishing Mail [®] Royal Mail 48 [®] with/without sorting options
Wednesday 21 December	Royal Mail Tracked 48 [®] Royal Mail Tracked Returns [®] 48 1st Class Royal Mail Business Mail [®] (Sorted or Unsorted) 1st Class Royal Mail Advertising Mail [®] 1st Class Royal Mail Publishing Mail [®] Royal Mail 24 [®] with/without sorting options
Thursday 22 December	Royal Mail Tracked 24 [®] Royal Mail Tracked Returns [®] 24 Royal Mail Publishing Mail [®] Premium (posted by 01:00) Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed [®]
Friday 23 December	Royal Mail Special Delivery Saturday Guaranteed [®]

Economy Deferred

Date	For delivery over the Christmas / New Year Period
Wednesday 14 December	For delivery on/from Wednesday 28 December
Wednesday 21 December	For delivery on/from or after Tuesday 3 January (Wednesday 4 January in Scotland)

Last arrival dates for Import Mail

Date	Import Mail
Tuesday 20 December	Inward Surface Mail
Wednesday 21 December	Inward Airmail