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Industry News

XPO will be exhibiting at the 2010 ERA D2C Convention in Las Vegas, NV. Come visit us at XPO booth #309.

New Air Cargo Screening Directive

Effective August 1, 2010 - XPO is fully certified by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to handle all of your mail and cargo. Under new federal mandates, effective August 1, 2010, all cargo, including mail, traveling on commercial passenger aircraft must be screened. XPO is a Certified Cargo Screening Facility (CCSF). If you are not an XPO customer, to avoid mailing delays, make sure your current supplier is approved. XPO is also one of only 19 USPS Postal Qualified Wholesaler and is GSA certified. More information about new air cargo screening requirements can be found [here](#), or contact your XPO representative.

China Customs Announcement

Effective July 1, 2010 - China Customs (GAC) has issued a new regulation, "Announcement 33", requiring the following:

- All Dutiable (Non-Doc) shipments to China must have a **Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) code**, regardless of value.
- **Full detailed shipment description** (Samples is an unacceptable description)

Please note this is a China customs announcement for all carriers. XPO can help you locate the HST code for every commodity you ship.

USPS - Rate Increase

A proposal has been filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission to adjust prices for Market Dominant products — including First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, Periodicals (newspapers and magazines), Package Services (including retail Parcel Post), and Special Services. If approved, the prices would be in effect on Jan. 2, 2011.

U.S. Embargoed Countries - Reminder

Effective April 4, 2010 - In addition to the standard shipping charges, there is a "Restricted Access Country" service charge of \$100 per package for shipments going to countries where U.S. economic embargoes are in effect, which currently includes:

Burma (Myanmar), Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Iran, Sudan and Syria.

If you are sending courier shipments going to any of the countries listed above, XPO will pass along the \$100.00 RAC charge, in addition to the regular courier rate.



Upcoming Industry Events

BMA Northern CA – Marketing Strategy Roundtable

August 3, 2010

Scott's Seafood & Grill
Palo Alto, CA

Rocky Mountain DMA – Summer Toast

August 5, 2010

Winter Square
Denver, CO

Rocky Mountain DMA – Golf Tournament

August 16, 2010

Green Gables Country Club
Denver, CO

ERA D2C Convention 2010

XPO Booth # 309

September 21-23, 2010

Wynn Hotel
Las Vegas, NV



Upcoming Worldwide Holidays:

Please note this is meant as a general guideline, it would be impossible to list all holidays here. If you have a question regarding a specific area of the world or country please call our customer service department at 1-866-784-8444.

August 2010

Aug 1- Swiss National Day, Switzerland

Aug 2- Civic Day, Canada. **Virgin of the Angels Day**, Costa Rica. **Bank Holiday**, Ireland.

Aug 6- Sheikh Zayed's Accession Day, United Arab Emirates.

Aug 7- Battle of Boyaca, Colombia.

Aug 8- Cease-fire Day, Iraq.

Aug 9- Independence Day, Singapore. **National Women's Day**, South Africa.

Aug 10- Independence Day, Ecuador.

Aug 11- King Hussein Accession Day, Jordan. **First of Ramadan**, Malaysia.

Aug 12- Queen's Birthday, Thailand.

Aug 14- Allegiance of Wadi-Ed-Dahab, Morocco.

Aug 15- Assumption Day, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland. **Foundation of Asuncion**, Paraguay. **Mother's Day**, Costa Rica. **Independence Day**, India. **Liberation Day**, Korea N., Korea S.

Aug 16- Discovery Day, Canada. **Sino-Japanese War Victory Day**, Hong Kong.

Aug 17- San Martin Day, Argentina. **Independence Day**, Indonesia.

Aug 20- Constitution Day, Hungary. **Anniversary of the King's and People's Revolution**, Morocco.

Aug 24- Independence Day, Ukraine.

Aug 25- Independence Day, Uruguay.

Aug 30- St. Rose of Lima, Peru. **Victory Day**, Turkey. **Summer Bank Holiday**, United Kingdom.

Aug 31- Merdeka, Malaysia.