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XPO will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

Upcoming Canadian Holidays:

May 24th – Civic Holiday

July 1st – Canada Day Holiday

Industry News

Mail Delivery in Europe Returns to Normal - As the volcanic eruption in Iceland slows, mail delivery returns to normal. According to the International Post Corporation, all posts throughout Europe are delivering the mail with no current backlogs in the network. Effective immediately there are no restrictions on perishable items and money-back guarantees relevant to Global Express Guaranteed (GXG) and Express Mail International apply as usual to all eligible shipments.

USPS Washington - “Facing unprecedented volume declines and a projected, cumulative \$238 billion shortfall during the next decade, Postmaster General John E. Potter today outlined an aggressive plan of cost cutting, increased productivity, and an array of legislative and regulatory changes necessary to maintain a viable United States Postal Service. Despite these efforts, an estimated \$115 billion shortfall will remain. The business plan identifies actions to close that gap: which will include, A modest exigent price increase will be proposed, effective in 2011”

Haiti Restores Some International Mail Services with UN Support - Haiti announced that it was partially resuming international mail services for the first time since the January earthquake ravaged much of the country’s national institutions, including the post office, with support from the United Nations postal union. The Universal Postal Union ([UPU](#)), one of the UN’s specialized agencies, said it had informed the United States and France that they can now release mail.

Australia Post Advises Correct Addressing – Australia Post counts approximately 3 million incorrectly addressed mail items per year whereof 50% won’t reach their destination. Australia Post said the corporation makes every effort to ensure mail reaches its intended recipient and while approximately 50% of mail received at the Mail Redistribution Centre will eventually reach its destination, unfortunately the rest wont. The basic address format in

Australia consists of three lines; the addressee's full name on the first line, followed by a street name and number, or post office box number. The suburb, state and postcode should be printed in capitals on the last line.

Upcoming Industry Events



Forth Worth PCC – Open House

May 5, 2010

UPS Facility

Phoenix, AZ

Phoenix MSMA – UPS Tour

May 5, 2010

USPS P&DC

Forth Worth, TX

BMA N. California – Sales Lead Roundtable

May 6, 2010

Scott's Seafood Restaurant and Grill

Palo Alto, CA

New England Direct Marketing Annual Show

May 12-13, 2010

Bentley College

Waltham, MA

Dallas PCC – Luncheon Motivational Speaker

May 19, 2010

Hilton Garden Inn

Dallas, TX

RMDA – DM Day

May 19, 2010

University of Denver

Denver, CO

Forth Worth PCC – Inspection Service Tour

May 20, 2010

USPS Inspection Facility

Forth Worth, TX

S. California PCC – Gold Rush Seminar/Vendor Show

May 20, 2010

Doubletree Hotel

Commerce, CA



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.

May 2010

May 1- Vappu (Labor Day), Finland. **May Day**, Ireland, Korea N., Luxembourg, Norway.

May 2- Labor Day 2nd Day, Russia, Ukraine. **Lag B'Omer**, Israel.

May 3- Constitution Memorial Day, Japan. **Constitution Day**, Poland. **May Day**, United Kingdom.

May 4- National Holiday, Japan.

May 5- Kodomo-no-Hi, Japan. **Urini Nal**, Korea S. **Cinco de Mayo**, Mexico. **Dutch Liberation Day**, Netherlands. **Coronation Day**, Thailand .

May 6- Martyrs' Day, Lebanon, Syria.

May 8- Liberation Day, Czech Republic. **VE Day (Victory Day)**, France.

May 9- Mother's day, Canada, United States. **Victory Day**, Russia, Ukraine.

May 13- Ascension Day, Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland.

May 15- Independence Day, Paraguay. **Armed Forces Day**, United States

May 17- Agrarian Reform Day, Cuba. **Constitution Day**, Norway.

May 18- Battle of Las Piedras, Uruguay.

May 19- Memorial Day, Finland. **Shavuot**, Israel. **Ataturk Remembrance, Youth and Sports Day**, Turkey.

May 21- Navy Day, Chile. **Buddha's Birthday- Sokkatanshinil**, Korea S.

May 22- National Day, Yemen.

May 23- Whit Sunday, Belgium, Finland. **National Day**, Morocco.

May 24- Whit Monday, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland. **Orthodox Whit Monday**, Greece, Ukraine. **Victoria Day**, Canada. **Battle of Pichincha Day**, Ecuador.

May 25- Independence Day, Argentina, Jordan.

May 28- Vesak Day, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore. **Visakha Bucha**, Thailand.

May 30- Kyiv Day 1st Day, Ukraine.

May 31- Kyiv Day 2nd Day, Ukraine. **Spring Bank Holiday**, United Kingdom. **Memorial Day**, United States