United States Postal Service®

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Foreign Return Address on Domestic Shipments

Effective December 14, 2023, the Postal Service will no longer accept a foreign return address on an item being shipped domestically; **domestic shipments can only have a domestic return address**.

Due to changes in international shipping requirements, the Postal Service will be amending Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) subsection 602.1.5.4, *Using Return Addresses*, to eliminate an exception that allowed a domestic mail piece to have a foreign return address as a courtesy.

A foreign address can only be used when shipping an item internationally, along with the appropriate customs form.

If a domestic item is undeliverable, and includes a foreign return address, USPS will handle the mail in accordance with the current USPS dead mail procedures (DMM section 507.1.9).

Any feedback or questions can be sent to ShippingServices@usps.gov.

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