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**Regulatory news**

**ANACOM commences public consultation on the provision of the universal postal service**

Pursuant to its duties and powers as a regulatory authority and assistant of the Government, ANACOM has commenced a public consultation on the provision of the universal postal service, in order to gather contributions by the sector and society in general, in particular on the terms and conditions that should be associated to the provision of the universal postal service, their specifications, the need to proceed with the designation of the universal service providers for its different components, and the interest of the postal service providers in rendering this service.

This public consultation includes matters entrusted to the Government (e.g. the need to designate universal service providers and respective designation procedure) and ANACOM (e.g. specification of service quality obligations and price formation criteria), which is why this is a joint public consultation. This also meets the Government's request that ANACOM promote the launch of a public consultation on the universal postal service, and prepare the final report summarizing the received positions.

05/12/2019
ANACOM-Press room

**German regulator forces Deutsche Post DHL into German parcel price U-turn**

Deutsche Post DHL has been forced into a U-turn on its price increases for private customers in Germany following an official investigation by the country’s postal regulator.

DP DHL announced yesterday that it will reverse its price increases for parcels, small packages and additional services for private customers that were introduced on January 1, 2020.

The rate reversal will be effective from May 1, 2020.

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**German regulator probes Deutsche Post DHL consumer parcel price increases**

Deutsche Post DHL’s latest parcel price increases for consumers are to be officially investigated by the country’s postal regulator for potential abuse of a dominant market position.

The Federal Network Agency (Bundesnetzagentur in German) announced today that it has launched an investigation to review the price increases that were introduced on January 1, 2020. Deutsche Post put up consumer parcel prices by 3% on average, with a range of increases for different products.

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**Spanish regulator probes whether Amazon Fulfilment is ‘postal operator’**

The Spanish competition authority has launched a wide-ranging investigation to decide if Amazon’s rapidly expanding fulfilment service should be legally defined as a postal service.

The Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia (CNMC), which regulates the postal sector, announced that it has agreed to open a case “to determine if Amazon satisfies the requirements to be considered a postal operator”. The investigation could take up to three months.

“The Directorate of Transport and the Postal Sector believes that there are indications that, in its e-commerce activity, Amazon provides services that may be considered postal services” it stated.
The CNMC said the investigation will take into account “the characteristics of the shipments that it manages, the activities involved in said shipments, the legal relationship it maintains with freelancers who distribute its parcels and with third-party parcel delivery companies, the management of their self-service lockers, and others”.

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CERP activity

North Macedonia Twinning Newsletter

During the 54th CERP plenary meeting held in Skopje, the ongoing Twinning Project “Strengthening of the capacities of the Postal Agency” was presented. As part of the project a Newsletter has been published. In this edition you can read about the high-level meetings and the importance of the cooperation of the political institutions. Read the Newsletter

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Creation of CERP expert team

Starting in October 2019, CERP began joint activities with UPU IB related to technical cooperation in the areas of postal policy and regulatory issues. This form of cooperation should end with the signing of a contract during the Congress in Abidjan. It is the obligation of CERP to form a team of experts from Member States, who would take part in the implementation of these projects, organized under the umbrella of the UPU. On this basis, as well as the conclusions of the CERP UPU working group at the Budapest meeting, a public invitation for the submission of interested experts was announced on 20th of February, with an application deadline of the 1st of May this year. We are looking for experts of different specialties (legal, economic, postal), oriented towards teamwork and with a strong will for this type of activity. Potential activities include, inter alia, missions to specific countries, organization and participation in specific workshops, as well as the creation of specific documents on this topic. A more detailed presentation of the whole concept is foreseen for the next meeting of the CERP Working Group Policy in scheduled for second of April 2020.

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EU and International Organizations

UPU wants to open up to the private sector.

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has taken the first steps towards opening up the worldwide postal network to private sector players as digitalisation and e-commerce continue to radically transform the industry and cross-border parcel volumes surge upwards.

Ministers, senior officials and top executives broadly agreed in non-binding discussions at a high-level UPU conference in Berne 13th of February that the UN agency, with 192 member countries, should explore how to bring the private sector into its organisation and the global postal network.

Such a move could lead to “win-win” cross-border commercial ‘workshare’ agreements between public and private operators, especially for final-mile deliveries, according to experts.

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PostEurop position paper on UPU opening

Ahead of the UPU’s high-level forum on Feb13, 2020, many PostEurop members have answered the UPU questionnaire “Consultation on opening the UPU to wider postal sector players”. This questionnaire
raised certain critical questions and concerns which PostEurop members, leveraging their broad expertise in postal matters, wish to bring to the highest attention of all UPU stakeholders and to have these comments included in the wider debate within the UPU taskforce on opening up the Union. (…)

Referring to the scope of critical open questions, PostEurop members advise to take a balanced and well thought-through approach. PostEurop members would recall again that multiple options for wider postal sector engagement in the UPU activities already exist. (…)

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PostEurop position paper on the “VAT e-commerce package”

Postal operators remain supportive and are actively engaged in the European Commission’s activities to define an operational roadmap to ensure proper implementation of the new VAT rules.

However, PostEurop urge the Commission to take actions on a number of considerations and serious concerns in order to ensure the smooth transitioning to the new rules.

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IATA and IPC: Airlines and Posts co-operate on sustainable and reliable cross-border airmail network

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the International Post Corporation (IPC) have today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to reinforce cooperation between the two organizations.

The aim for both IATA and IPC is to promote the development and expansion of safe, secure, accessible and high-quality airmail and air cargo services to help their respective members provide quality solutions aligned to consumer needs.

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EP TRAN committee released the study on Research for TRAN Committee - Postal services in the EU

This study aims at providing the European Parliament’s TRAN Committee with an overview of the EU postal services sector, including recent developments, and recommendations for EU policy-makers on how to further stimulate growth and competitiveness of the sector.

Market developments vary across countries and over the past decade we have seen three main trends in policy debates and responses in the various Member States and at the EU level: financial viability of USPS (…), changing user needs have challenged the role of USO (…) and with the increase in cross-border e-commerce shipments, policy makers are debating whether and how to adapt regulatory frameworks to ensure an efficient cross-border parcel delivery. (…)

16/12/2019
Executive summary is available at: European Parliament
The full study, which is available in English can be downloaded at: https://research4committees.blog/2019/12/17/postal-services-in-the-eu/