

## **SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THE MAILINGS PROHIBITED FROM SHIPMENT**

**Dear User,**

**The information below covers specific circumstances that may arise in connection with the shipment of prohibited mailings or the mailings requiring special permits.**

### **INTERNATIONAL MAILINGS**

- ❖ In international mailings, the goods and items prohibited from shipment are determined in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan On the list of items not allowed to be in civil circulation (withdrawn from civil circulation), article 214 of the Customs Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the List of goods and items prohibited from sending in mailings, approved by the Resolution No. 191 of December 9, 2004 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and relevant UPU regulatory documents.
- ❖ In international mailings, the shipment and the transfer across the customs border of the goods and items specified in the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On the list of the central executive bodies issuing special permission to turnover of items which can belong to certain participants of civil circulation and which stay in turnover is allowed on the basis of special permission (items with limited civil circulation)" is subject to a special permission.
- ❖ Postal operators submit to the customs authorities the international mailings that should pass across customs border of the Republic of Azerbaijan's for the purpose of customs control and clearance.
- ❖ Customs clearance of audio-video recordings, magnetic and other information carriers takes place after customs control is completed using specialized technical inspection equipment.

- ❖ When certain restrictions are put in place in line with Article 215 of the Customs Code, customs authorities will only release the items that are subject to such restrictions only after ensuring that they comply with all applicable laws and international treaties.
- ❖ The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan may impose restrictions on the import or export of goods into the customs territory in compliance with international agreements and laws. These restrictions may be used to fulfill the obligations under international treaties, safeguard the state's economic interests, preserve the domestic market, or respond to discriminatory or other measures taken within an economic policy.
- ❖ If there is a suspicion that a good or item prohibited from shipment is present in a mailing at the time of its receipt, the postal operator has the authority to demand from the sender to present the mailing in an unsealed state. If the sender refuses to present the mailing in an unsealed state, the postal operator has the right to refuse to accept the mailing.

## **DOMESTIC MAILINGS**

- ❖ In domestic mailings, the goods and items prohibited from shipment are determined in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan On the list of items not allowed to be in civil circulation (withdrawn from civil circulation), the List of goods and items prohibited from sending in mailings, approved by the Resolution No. 191 of December 9, 2004 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- ❖ In international mailings, the shipment of the goods and items specified in the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On the list of the central executive bodies issuing special permission to turnover of items which can belong to certain participants of civil circulation and which stay in turnover is allowed on the basis of

special permission (items with limited civil circulation)" is subject to a special permission.

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- ❖ If goods and items prohibited from shipment are found in domestic mailings, the postal operator either returns these items to the sender or takes the measures for their collection pursuant to the established procedure.
- ❖ Mailings that contain the goods or items that are prohibited are kept in a temporary storage place at the postal facility where they are discovered, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for keeping records of such items, ensuring their safety and protecting them from outside intervention.
- ❖ Facts of the discovery and storage of firearms and ammunition, melee weapons, and items specifically designed for attack and intervention, as well as narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, and their precursors (including the and medicines containing such substances), and strong, toxic, flammable, explosive, radioactive, biological, infectious, and other dangerous substances, are promptly forwarded by the postal operator to the appropriate law enforcement authorities. Authorized representatives of these bodies carry out the removal of goods and chemicals that are prohibited from shipment in accordance with a procedure prescribed by law after drafting the necessary report with the participation of the responsible postal official.
- ❖ National or foreign currency found in domestic mailings is returned to the sender by money transfer or sent to the addressee. The foreign currency taken out from a mailing is converted based on the current exchange rate established by

the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The charges for above-mentioned money transfer are deducted from the amount of funds, found in the mailing based on a tariff established by the postal operator.

- ❖ Any noxious animals or plants found in mailings are shipped to veterinary authorities or organizations that carry out the state phytosanitary control upon drawing up relevant report.
- ❖ The perishable food products found in domestic mailings, and the items that, due to their properties and packaging, may pose a threat to the life and health of postal operator employees and third parties, other mailings or items that may contaminate or deteriorate the postal equipment, are withdrawn by the postal operator and destroyed if the threat cannot be eliminated. A statement on the withdrawal and destruction of such mailings is drawn up in this regard and except for a decision on conducting investigative operations, the sender or recipient is informed within ten days by serving a notice.
  - Sending the items subject to customs payment in international ordinary or registered letters is not permitted.
  - Sending current and personal correspondence documents, postage stamps, payment forms and securities in international postal wrappers, M-bags, secogrammes or parcels is not permitted.
  - Sending current and personal correspondence exchanged between the persons not being a sender or an addressee, and any other types of correspondence (except for the disclosure related to an account or the mailing content) in international mailings is not permitted.
  - Placing any mailings received for shipment and formalized by another postal operator of the Republic of Azerbaijan in an international mailing is not permitted.
  - Sending any type of correspondence or documents exchanged between the persons not being a sender or an

addressee in domestic postal wrappers, secogrammes, small packages, letters with declared values, and parcels is not permitted.

- Placing any mailings received for shipment and formalized by another postal operator of the Republic of Azerbaijan in a domestic mailing is not permitted.