



# *Cayman Islands Postal Service*



# *Christmas Mailing Reminder*

**Post Early:** To avoid disappointment, we recommend that you post your mail before the dates provided. International mail transit times can vary greatly from one country to the next and the dates we have provided are based upon information we have received, but should NOT be regarded as a guarantee.

**Customs Declarations:** A Customs declaration is required for all items weighing 16 oz. or more or containing anything other than documents. Declarations can be obtained at any post office counter. Listing an accurate value will help to avoid delays.

**Security Measures:** Any package weighing more than 16+ oz. must be examined by the Postal Service counter Staff to meet international safety requirements. Packages should be sealed only after such an inspection. Due to transportation restrictions items containing lithium batteries, including cell phones, laptops, cannot be accepted for transport in mail originating from the Cayman Islands.

**Prohibited Items:** Hazardous, flammable/combustible materials, including perfume and alcohol 70 proof and over will **NOT** be accepted in the mail. The CIPS is **NOT** responsible for cash to be sent **through** the postal networks.

**Surface Mail:** is the most economical, but slowest way to post an item. An item to the USA sent surface mail will take about 17 – 26 working days to be delivered. Latest recommended posting date, if using this service to the USA or Western Europe is 5 Nov.

**Airmail:** is the standard posting method for letters and light-weight items. Delivery times to the USA range between 5 – 8 working days. Postage to the USA is \$1.50 per ounce. Latest recommended posting date, if using this service to the USA or Western Europe is 10 Dec.

**Air Parcel:** is a trackable service and is the recommended posting method for items weighing 2 lbs. or more. Delivery to the USA ranges between 8 – 11 working days. The cost of sending a 2 lbs. package to the USA is \$4.00 and \$11.00 to the UK. Latest recommended posting date, if using this service to the USA or Western Europe is 3 Dec.

**Express Mail Service (EMS):** is the fastest method of sending an item with the postal service. It is a trackable service with delivery times to the USA ranging between 3-5 working days. The cost of sending a 2 lbs. package to the USA is \$18 and \$25 to the UK. Latest recommended posting date, if using this service to the USA or Western Europe is 16 Dec.

## Latest Recommended Posting Date

### Local

Within Grand Cayman

Wed, 16-Dec

**Grand Cayman to Sister Islands**

Mon, 14-Dec

**Between Sister Islands**

Fri, 18-Dec

### International

**Surface Parcels**

**Air Parcels**

**Air Mail**

**Express Mail  
(EMS)**

**Canada & USA**

Thu, 05-Nov

Thu, 03-Dec

Thu, 10-Dec

Wed, 16-Dec

**Caribbean**

Thu, 29-Oct

Thu, 03-Dec

Thu, 10-Dec

Tue, 15-Dec

**UK & Western  
Europe**

Thu, 05-Nov

Thu, 03-Dec

Thu, 10-Dec

Tue, 15-Dec

**All Other Coun-  
tries**

Fri, 09-Oct

Tue, 17-Nov

Fri, 04-Dec

Fri, 11-Dec