

**ASSESSMENT OF CROSS-BORDER SINGLE-PIECE PARCEL TARIFFS**

**REPORT**

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## LEGAL BASIS:

The Office of the Commissioner for Electronic Communications and Postal Regulation (OCECPR-National Regulatory Authority in Cyprus), acting in accordance to Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2018/644, has assessed the cross-border single piece parcel tariffs and is hereby submitting to the Commission the results of its assessment.

## BACKGROUND:

**Regulation (EU) 2018/644 on cross-border parcel delivery services** defines the 15 single-piece postal items (listed in Annex I) that are subject to the price transparency measures and the assessment to be carried out as per Articles 5 and 6.

- **Article 5 - Transparency of cross-border tariffs**
  - According to Article 5.1, parcel delivery service providers in Cyprus (eligible according to Article 4, paragraphs 6 and 7) submitted by 31/1/2023 the cross-border single piece parcel tariffs valid from 1/1/2023, through the Commission's Web Parcel Tool.
  - According to Article 5.2, OCECPR validated the tariffs submitted and informed the Commission about it on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2023. The Commission apprised Cyprus for the tariffs submitted by all other countries (EU/EEA member states – excluding Germany) on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.
- **Article 6 - Assessment of cross-border single-piece parcel tariffs**
  - According to **Article 6**, OCECPR is obliged to assess the tariffs for each of the single piece postal items listed in the Annex that are part of the Universal Service and whether these tariffs are unreasonably high and require further assessment/investigation. The assessment concerns the tariffs for items that are originated in Cyprus and delivered to another EU/EEA Member State.

## ASSESSMENT:

OCECPR, taking into account the “Communication from the Commission on guidelines to national regulatory authorities on the transparency and assessment of cross-border parcel tariffs pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/644 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1263” and its Annex, decided to apply the proposed pre-assessment filter mechanism.

OCECPR collected the tariffs for all EU Member States and tabulated them for each product (the tariffs were already adjusted for Purchasing Power Parities) and ranked them per country destination. The results agreed with the Commission's conclusion that Cyprus is not in the 20% or 25% of the most expensive countries for any destination for any of the 15 single piece postal items, and **therefore no tariff is considered unreasonably high**.

## CONCLUSION:

OCECPR, taking into consideration the abovementioned assessment decided that the cross-border single piece parcel tariffs are not unreasonably high and hence no further assessment is necessary.

## **ANNEX I**

Single-piece postal items for which parcel delivery service providers' tariffs are subject to the price transparency measures and the assessment provided for in Articles 5 and 6:

- (a) a 500 g (domestic and intra Union) standard letter;
- (b) a 1 kg (domestic and intra Union) standard letter;
- (c) a 2 kg (domestic and intra Union) standard letter;
- (d) a 500 g (domestic and intra Union) registered letter;
- (e) a 1 kg (domestic and intra Union) registered letter;
- (f) a 2 kg (domestic and intra Union) registered letter;
- (g) a 500 g (domestic and intra Union) track and trace letter;
- (h) a 1 kg (domestic and intra Union) track and trace letter;
- (i) a 2 kg (domestic and intra Union) track and trace letter;
- (j) a 1 kg (domestic and intra Union) standard parcel;
- (k) a 2 kg (domestic and intra Union) standard parcel;
- (l) a 5 kg (domestic and intra Union) standard parcel;
- (m) a 1 kg (domestic and intra Union) track and trace parcel;
- (n) a 2 kg (domestic and intra Union) track and trace parcel;
- (o) a 5 kg (domestic and intra Union) track and trace parcel.

The postal items listed in points (a) to (o) shall meet the following criteria:

(a) The size limits of the postal items listed in points (a) to (i) (letter mail products) shall follow the following rule:

Length, width and thickness combined: 900 mm, the greatest dimension shall not exceed 600 mm, the smallest dimension shall exceed 20 mm;

(b) The parcels listed in points (j) to (o) shall not be smaller than the size prescribed for those listed in points (a) to (i).