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**Assessment report pursuant article 6 of the Regulation (EU) 2018/644 (non-confidential) for universal service cross-border single-piece tariffs as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

• According to the provisions of Article 6 of the Regulation (EU) 2018/644 of the European Parliament and the Council of 18 April 2018 on cross-border parcel delivery services (the Regulation), the Austrian National Regulatory Authority RTR hereby submits its assessment of cross-border single-piece parcel tariffs.

NRAs shall identify those cross-border tariffs of the universal service parcel delivery provider that originate in its member state and that it objectively considers necessary to assess. As mentioned in recital 25 of the Regulation, an objective pre-assessment filter mechanism may be used for that identification.

The tariffs subject to assessment in accordance with Article 6 of the Regulation are tariffs for fifteen different categories of postal items. Österreichische Post AG as the universal service provider has submitted tariffs for twelve of the fifteen categories of which RTR has identified 348 tariffs to be pre-assessed by the filter mechanism.

RTR has used a filter mechanism as suggested by EC in guidelines COM(2018) 838 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.

The objective of the pre-assessment filter mechanism proposed by the Commission is to rank the tariffs (adjusted according to purchasing-power parities) offered by the universal service provider by destination for each category of postal items. If a tariff falls within the highest 25 per cent of reported tariffs to a particular destination, the pre-filter mechanism identifies this tariff as possibly unreasonably high and it is therefore eligible for further assessment.



RTR has applied this filter mechanism to the tariffs reported in the PARCEL tool by the universal service operator Österreichische Post AG valid on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and adjusted those tariffs for purchasing power parities. None of the tariffs was identified to be among the 25% highest in Europe. In contrast, most of them were among the cheapest (see ANNEX).

As the filter mechanism did not identify any tariff to be possibly unreasonably high and all the requirements of the national postal market act are monitored frequently, RTR does not have any reason to consider any of the tariffs unreasonably high.

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ANNEX: Result overview of filter mechanism application as of 01.01.2023

Yes = potentially high tariff, should be assessed further

No = no indication of high tariff

n.a. = service not offered

PRODUCTS	a 500 g standard letter	a 500 g registered letter	a 500 g track and trace letter	a 1 kg standard letter	a 1 kg registered letter	a 1 kg track and trace letter	a 1 kg standard parcel	a 1 kg track and trace parcel	a 2 kg standard letter	a 2 kg registered letter	a 2 kg track and trace letter	a 2 kg standard parcel	a 2 kg track and trace parcel	a 5 kg standard parcel	a 5 kg track and trace parcel
BE	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
BG	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
CY	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
CZ	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
DE	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
DK	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
EE	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
ES	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
FI	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
FR	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
GR	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
HR	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
HU	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
IE	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
IS	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
IT	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
LI	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
LT	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
LU	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
LV	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
MT	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
NL	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
NO	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
PL	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
PT	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
RO	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
SE	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
SI	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no
SK	no	no	n.a.	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no	n.a.	no	no	no	no