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#### 1 Scope of application

These General Terms and Conditions (hereinafter: "GTC") are applicable to the contractual legal relationship with Österreichische Post AG (hereinafter: "Post") for all services in the areas of "Parcel Premium" and "Combi-freight". "Parcel Premium" includes the classic shipping of single packages shipments / single trading unit shipments up to a maximum weight of 31.5 kg. "Combi-freight" enables, in particular, to send shipments; a shipment can consist of one trading unit / package (maximum weight of 31.5 kg) or several trading units / packages and / or of one / several pallet(s). Shipping is made via the transport system of Post and its cooperation partners. These GTC are applicable regardless whether Post carries out the services itself or has third parties perform them.

#### 2 Contractual relationship

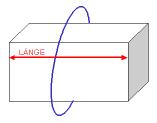
Post enters into a written agreement with the sender / customer on the basis of these GTC. Single provisions deviating from these GTC require the written form to be legally valid; this also applies to the waiving of the formal requirement of written form. The applicability of third-party General Terms and Conditions or contractual terms is explicitly excluded. Should a shipment not comply with these GTC, Post has discretion to decline acceptance or, in case a shipment is already in its custody, to continue transporting a shipment or to return it at the expense of the sender / customer in each case. The sender / customer acknowledges that Post is a mass carrier whose organisational process relies on a simple standardised processing of a large amount of shipments. Shipments are not continuously monitored. To the extent applicable, the "General Austrian Carrier Conditions" (AÖSp) (under exclusion of section X and XI) as well as the provisions of the CMR (Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road) as amended shall apply.

## 3 Shipping conditions

Shipments handed over for shipping must be compact as well as stackable and sortable in the "Parcel Premium" area. The actual value of a shipment to a recipient cannot exceed a total value (market value) of EUR 25,000.00. The sender / customer undertakes to clearly mark bar codes according to the label and avisodata primer (Belabelungs- & Avisodatenfibel) and to provide the aviso data. Aviso data must be transmitted electronically before physically transmitting the item to Post.

## 3.1 Size and weight / bulky goods

3.1.1 A trading unit / package under these GTC is a packaging item with a max. length of 200 cm and a max. girth (length + circumference) (Circumference = 2 x width + 2 x height) of 360 cm.

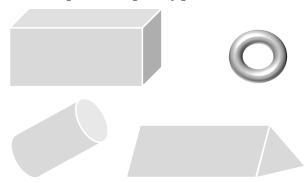


3.1.2 The standard trading unit / package is rectangular



up to a size of L 100 cm x W 60 cm x H 60 cm.

All trading units / packages larger than this or that are not rectangular are large bulky goods.



3.1.3 Parcel Premium Light / Kleinpaket (Small Parcel)

The Parcel Premium Light / Small Parcel requires a written agreement between Post and the sender / customer, which includes the maximum dimensions and maximum weight. Parcel Premium Light / Small Parcel is a partially monitored shipment that can be placed in the recipient's mailbox - depending on the conditions of the parcel, by folding it. There are no additional services available. Parcels Premium Light / Small Parcels must be labelled "Premium Light - Kleinpaket" by the sender. The packaging of a Parcel Premium Light / Small Parcel must be suitable for automatic processing by Post.

- 3.1.4 A pallet in the sense of these GTC is a shipment with a single pallet weight of at least 31.5 kg and max. 800 kg as well as a length of max. 1.2 m, a width of max. 0.8 m and a load height of max 1.7 m.
- 3.1.5 The weight of shipments is determined by Post
- 3.1.6 The minimum size of a shipment (except for point 3.1.3) is L 20 cm x W 15 cm x H 3 cm.

#### 3.2 Mode of transport

Post may select the mode, route and mean of transport at its own discretion. Shipments that are handed over / delivered to the accepting distribution centre by the agreed closing time are usually delivered within 24 hours in Austria. The agreed / published transport times are standard times and are not guaranteed delivery



dates. Special Post scheduling services require a special agreement

#### 3.3 Payment

- 3.3.1 The sender / customer undertakes to pay the agreed fee for every service used and to conclude a corresponding deferral agreement. The invoicing procedure is based on the first scan of the shipment in one of the Post's distribution centres or that of a cooperation partner. Paying the fee settles the transport service from collecting the shipment from the sender / customer to the delivery (incl. 2 delivery attempts). Additional services are charged separately.
- 3.3.2 All fees are quoted net excluding all legally owed taxes and duties, in particular the value-added tax.
- 3.3.3 In the event that the fees are debited from the bank account specified by the customer under the SEPA direct debit scheme (SEPA CORE) or the SEPA business direct debit scheme (SEPA B2B) by Post, a prenotification is sent by Post one day before the account is debited.

#### 3.4 Items excluded from transport

- 3.4.1 The following items cannot be sent without a special arrangement:
  - · Shipments from or to private addresses;
  - · shipments with insufficient packaging or labelling;
  - goods of a particular value, such as precious metals, jewellery, money, coins, art objects, furs, official documents (e.g. passport, driver's licence), and public papers of all kinds, deeds and documents of a financial value of all kinds (e.g. securities, bills of exchange, passbooks, vouchers, entrance tickets);
  - · tobacco products and spirits;
  - · living or dead animals;
  - plants as well as quickly perishable (rotting) goods of all kinds;
  - · human remains, organs or body parts;
  - shipments whose content, exterior design or transport violate legal provisions;
  - shipments whose content or external condition can injure or infect people or cause material damage;
  - dangerous goods, problem substances according to the provisions of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) as well as waste and problem substances according to the Waste Management Act (AWG);
  - shipments that were not released for free circulation in the EU at the time of posting and
  - unpackaged removal goods.
- 3.4.2 In addition to point 3.4.1 the following are excluded from shipment in cross-border transport:
  - · Shipments to customs enclaves;

- · personal effects and ATA carnet goods;
- · deliveries against letters of credit or FCR;
- goods whose import or export is excluded according to the provisions in the target country;
- goods that are declared or must be declared by the sender / customer according to Art. 24 CMR and / or Art. 26 CMR, this also applies to declarations of value and interest in accordance with the Warsaw Convention or Montreal Convention.
- 3.4.3 Post is not obligated to verify exclusions from transport. However, Post is entitled unless otherwise required by law to open shipments when there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the shipment contains items that are excluded from transport. Post assumes no liability for the content of shipments.
- 3.4.4 Acceptance of excluded items does not constitute a waiver of transport exclusion. Before handing over the package, the sender / customer undertakes to check and notify Post of any excluded goods.

#### 3.5 Packaging and sealing

- 3.5.1 The sender / customer undertakes to ensure appropriate transport packaging (= outer and inner packaging) as well as secure sealing. The packaging and the sealing must efficiently protect the content against loss and damage as well as against strains that the goods are typically subject to during transport and mechanical handling pressure, impacts and falls in particular during the entire course of transport. The packaging may not allow to draw conclusions on the type and value (with the exception of COD shipments) of the content and must prevent access to the content without leaving visible traces of an interference.
- 3.5.2 Post assumes no liability for any accompanying documents and their content. Instead, the sender / customer is fully liable.
- 3.5.3 Redirections are possible and are charged separately.

## 3.6 Affixing the address and other information

- 3.6.1 The sender / customer shall label every shipment in Latin letters and Arabic numerals with an indication of the recipient's name, recipient's address (street, house number, staircase and door number if required as well as postal code and city) along with any other labels agreed or required. Errors are at the expense of the sender / customer . Should the recipient or their address be incorrect or incomplete, the transport service cannot be provided. "Combi-freight" and crossborder shipments cannot be addressed to poste restante or a PO box.
- 3.6.2 Instructions of the sender / customer on how to proceed with the shipment are only binding if they are made in the form determined in these GTC or of an individual agreement and the appropriate fee has been paid.

## 4 Range of services and additional services

The service covers the collection, reception in a distribution centre, trans-shipment, distribution and



transport of shipments up to the intended recipient or provision of such. Further services are only carried out upon written agreement.

The sender / customer is aware that shipments are transported as part of a consolidated shipment and are sorted and transported in automatic distribution installations within warehouses, distribution centres and transit points. Due to this form of mass transportation, the duty of care as applied to a single shipment cannot be exercised or ensured; therefore, the customer accepts as a proper organisational process that interface checks are carried out by Post as follows:

Post (or its cooperation partners) scan every shipment on the entire transport route (upon acceptance, in distribution centres, in the destination warehouse and upon delivery). Date and time are also recorded.

#### 4.1 Transport resources

All of Post's transport resources (or that of its cooperation partners) that are made available free of charge / for a fee shall remain property of Post (or its cooperation partners). Inappropriate use (e.g. intermediate transport to third parties and / or transmission, in-house transports / use, material storage, etc.) is not allowed. They shall be used at the user's own risk and – if applicable – against payment of the fee.

Post's transport resources (or that of its cooperation partners) may not be stored ahead for longer than a week. Post is entitled to claim damages in case of damage or loss.

# 4.2 Posting / collection

Posting or collection of a shipment is confirmed by Post with an indication of the quantity. The sender / customer shall provide special forms should any be required for the posting / collection of shipments. Order documents drawn up by the sender / customer shall not be considered a confirmation of the acceptance of a shipment, even if signed; only the initial scan of a shipment in the distribution centre shall be decisive. Post collects the shipment as part of a standard collection agreed separately.

### 4.3 Delivery / delivery confirmation

4.3.1 Shipments are delivered to the recipient named in the address, a person authorised to receive shipments, or a person present on the premises of the recipient, so long as there is no justified doubt as to their right to receive the shipment. Should no person authorised to receive shipments be present at the delivery point, shipments without cash on delivery may be delivered to a neighbour by Post. The acceptance of a shipment must be confirmed by by signature (on paper or on the signature field of a mobile data recording device / handheld computer).

If the acceptance of a shipment is to be confirmed by placing the shipment - after verbal information of the addressee, substitute addressee, the person authorized to accept the shipment or neighbor - at a suitable location in the non-public area (e.g. in front of the (apartment) door) or by placing it in the delivery device intended for the delivery point, the deliverer confirms the acceptance with his signature.

- 4.3.2 If the shipment is collected from an alternative collection facility for self-collection, the collection code provided on the notification represents the proof of authorisation to collect the shipment. Delivery of the shipment is documented electronically. It is possible to track the shipment on the Internet at <a href="mailto:post.at/tracking">post.at/tracking</a> or <a href="mailto:post.at/tracking">post.at/sendungsverfolgung</a> using the tracking number.
- 4.3.3 If the recipient is a trade business (gewerblicher Empfänger), the shipment shall be delivered to the porter, mail reception centre or goods acceptance.
- 4.3.4 A shipment with "personal delivery" is preferably made to the person indicated in the address, otherwise to the person entitled to take delivery or substitute addressee, if the sender / customer has added the note "Personal" to the consignment.
- 4.3.5 If a shipment cannot be delivered, the recipient will be notified in writing about a second delivery attempt. if this seems promising After a second failed delivery attempt, recipients of "Combi-freight" and "Parcel Premium" shipments are informed in writing that the shipment will be made available for pickup at the location specified on the notification for at least 5 working days (except Saturday).
- 4.3.6 Premium Light Parcels / Small Parcels are placed in the delivery appliance of the recipient without obtaining an acceptance confirmation. In case of an obstacle to delivery (e.g. full delivery appliance), the recipient will be informed in writing that the shipment will be made available for pickup at the location specified on the notification for at least 5 working days (except Saturday.

#### 4.4 Acceptance refusal / undeliverable parcels

- 4.4.1 The recipient can refuse to accept shipments.
- 4.4.2 Shipments are undeliverable if delivery is not possible, items held ready are not picked up, and no redirection takes place in case of a valid forwarding agreement between the recipient and Post.
- 4.4.3 Undeliverable shipments are returned to the sender / customer at the sender's / customer's expense. If this is not possible, the sender / customer will be informed about the undeliverable shipment and the location where it can pick up the shipment within a period of 1 month. After this time has elapsed, items that have not been picked up shall become the property of Post. The sender / customer shall be charged any storage costs.
- 4.4.4 If a delivery or return is not possible because of missing sender information (or any other reason), Post may



open the shipment in order to determine the identity of the sender / customer or the recipient. If this check is unsuccessful, the content can be auctioned or, if necessary, destroyed after a reasonable amount of time.

#### 4.5 Redirection

- 4.5.1 "Parcel Premium" shipments are redirected if a valid redirection agreement was concluded between the recipient and Post.
- 4.5.2 The sender / customer is entitled to exclude redirection by applying the information "Do not redirect" (free of charge). Post is bound by such sender's / customer's wish, which even takes precedence over a redirection order. Post shall not disclose the recipient's new address to the sender.

#### 4.6 Dangerous goods

Category 1 dangerous goods according to ADR need not be by Post accepted in principle. Other dangerous goods require a special arrangement / agreement prior to acceptance by Post. The sender / customer is solely responsible and, in case of damages, liable for observing relevant legal provisions concerning the declaration, packaging, inclusion of accompanying documents, written instructions, etc. This also applies where the dangerous goods are handed over by a person other than the sender / customer.

#### 4.7 Cash on delivery (COD

- 4.7.1 Cash on delivery shipments require a special agreement. This additional service is subject to a fee.
- 4.7.2 The sender / customer may commission Post to only deliver a shipment against collection of a cash amount. The COD amount per order may amount to a maximum of EUR 25,000.00 in Austria and EUR 5,000.00 in case of cross-border transport.
- 4.7.3 COD orders must be placed in the local currency of the country of destination. COD amounts in Austria are paid out in Euro.
- 4.7.4 A cash on delivery shipment is ordered by filling out the "Cash on delivery money order" form or via electronic means. Only one shipment can be accepted per COD order. COD shipments must be clearly labelled as such by the sender / customer with a COD sticker.



- 4.7.5 The cash on delivery shipment is handed-over / delivered only against immediate payment of the COD amount. The collected COD amount is transferred to the bank account specified by the sender / customer in the "Cash on delivery money order" form (or via electronic means) at a bank belonging to the SEPA zone.
- 4.7.6 If the cash on delivery information is transmitted electronically (currently only available for domestic shipments), the sender must observe the provisions concerning the Post's labelling and avisodata primer as

amended.

#### 4.8 Fragile

Adequately packaged shipments with a content that is fragile or sensible to vibrations must be labelled as "fragile" in addition to their appropriate packaging, in absence of which the liability of Post for breakage or damage due to vibrations is excluded. Post handles such shipments with special care. (Items that are sensible to vibrations are CD/DVD player, electronic articles, notebooks, computers and accessories, coffee machines, etc.) This additional service is subject to a fee.



## 4.9 Additional insurance (Höherversicherung)

Shipments with a value higher than EUR 510.00 will only be sent with additional insurance, in absence of which liability of Post is limited to this amount. The sender must provide the shipment number with the actual value (market value) of the shipment to the Post's Service Centre before shipping. (The additional insurance may not exceed the maximum authorised total value according to point 3.) This additional service is subject to a fee.

## 5 Inquiry

The sender / customer may initiate an inquiry about the correct delivery of the shipment (or in case of a COD order, about the correct collection and transfer of the COD amount) within three months from the day following the posting of the shipment – on presentation of the proof of posting or notification of the tracking number, and has to fill out completely the respective form for this purpose.

If the inquiry results in the conclusion that the service was duly performed by Post, the sender / customer has to pay the inquiry fee in line with the GTC Index of Products and Services - Domestic Parcels as amended when being informed about the inquiry result.

(The sender can track the domestic shipment on the webpage <u>post.at/sendungsverfolgung</u> for free by entering the tracking number.)

## 6 Liability

# 6.1 Liability of Post

6.1.1 Post is liable according to the provisions of CMR as well as – in Austrian domestic transport – in addition to the provisions of AÖSp (General Austrian Forwarders' Terms and Conditions) (and in case of airfreight shipments, according to the provisions of the Warsaw / Montreal Convention) for shipment loss and damage



during the period of custody over the shipment. There shall be no liability for shipments whose contents fall under the exclusions listed under point 3.4 or that were seized or destroyed by the authorities.

- 6.1.2 A heavy damage is deemed to have occurred if the shipment becomes unusable, etc., due to said damage. Damages caused by proper and usual transport, proper and usual processing or loading shall not give cause to any claims.
- 6.1.3 Liability shall only be assumed for actual direct damage to the shipment or its content. Any further liability of Post, in particular for loss of profit, default damages, financial losses, consequential damages, unrealised savings, interest losses as well as damages resulting from third party claims against the sender / customer, etc., is excluded unless mandatory legal provisions should provide otherwise.
- 6.1.4 Additional liability provisions for shipments without additional insurance:

In case of intent and gross negligence, Post shall be liable for damages caused by Post or a legally related person to shipments without additional insurance – in particular due to demonstrable loss or damage – up to a maximum amount of EUR 510.00 – this in light of the fact that shipments with a higher value are only accepted by Post if the sender has concluded a corresponding additional insurance. Damages to Premium Light Parcels / Small Parcels are covered up to EUR 50.00. The sender / customer must prove the intent or gross negligence.

6.1.5 Additional liability provisions for shipments with additional insurance:

The liability of Post for shipments with additional insurance is limited to

- the indicated actual value (market value),
- the indicated value if a value lower than the actual value was indicated,
- the actual value (market value) if a higher value was indicated.
- 6.1.6 Additional liability provisions for shipments with cash on delivery

If the COD amount collected by Post is not transferred to the recipient indicated by the sender / customer or if the COD amount is not collected upon delivery of the shipment, the sender / customer can request the payment of the collected COD amount or an amount equal to that of the COD amount to be collected from Post.

#### 6.1.7 Other damages

The liability of Post for slight negligence is excluded for cases of damages not regulated by CMR or AÖSp. Post is only liable for direct damages up to EUR 510.00; any further liability of Post, in particular for loss of profit, financial losses, consequential damages, as well as damages resulting from third party claims against the sender / customer, etc., is excluded unless mandatory

legal provisions should provide otherwise. The sender / customer must prove the intent or gross negligence.

#### 6.2 Exclusion of liability

Liability of Post is especially excluded if

- the damage is due to a lack of or insufficient packaging, the natural character of the transported item, insufficient or inaccessible marking of the mailed shipment, a fault of the sender or circumstances which could not be avoided by Post and the consequences of which it was unable to prevent;
- the content of a shipment is broken or damaged by vibrations and a shipment that is fragile or sensible to vibrations was not marked with the appropriate sticker;
- · a Parcel Premium Light / Small Parcel was lost;
- the content of the shipment falls under the exclusions listed under point 3.4 or the shipment was seized or destroyed by the authorities.

#### 6.3 Liability of sender

- 6.3.1 The sender / customer of a shipment is liable for all damages, costs and expenses that occurred as a result of the shipment of items excluded from transport (see point 3.4) or as a result of the non-observance of the conditions of transport, and must pay Post at least one third of the agreed transport fee as a compensation. Post reserves the right to claim further damages, costs (in particular transport costs) and compensations. The sender / customer shall hold Post harmless from any third-party claims. Post's acceptance of such a shipment does not release the sender / customer from their liability.
- 6.3.2 The sender shall be liable for three years from the days of posting the shipment for any fees not paid as well as for amounts charged by Post to the sender / customer in relation with proper transport. Post has the right to retain the shipment as a security for its claims and to realise the security by sale of the item if the sender or the recipient refuses to pay the fees or expenses for the shipment.

## 6.4 Offsetting or retaining payment

Post's claims may only be offset or retained with the sender / customer 's due and undisputed counterclaims.

#### 7 Data protection

Post is compliant with data protection provisions set out in the Austrian Data Protection Act (Federal Act on the Protection of Natural Persons with regard to the Processing of Personal Data, BGBl I 120/2017, Datenschutzgesetz hereafter "DSG"), the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data, hereafter "GDPR") as well as the Austrian Telecommunications Act (BGBl I 70/2003, hereafter "TKG") or any subsequently applicable statutory provisions.



Any data customers share with Post may be used for business processing purposes. When the shipment is handed over to Post, Post is responsible for the data protection.

The sender / mail order company hereby confirms that he / she is authorized to transmit recipient information (in particular email address and telephone number) for the purpose of providing postal services. The sender agrees to refrain from holding Post to account for legal claims and damages in this matter.

## 8 Miscellaneous

All disputes arising from or in connection with this agreement shall be governed by Austrian law, with exclusion of CISG and conflict of law provisions.

The exclusive place of jurisdiction shall be the court legally competent for 1030 Vienna.

Should a term of these GTC be invalid, this shall not affect the validity of the remaining terms. An invalid term shall be replaced by one which closest reflect its economic purpose.

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