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UPU and PUASP have collaborated to compile this bulletin, highlighting key news and developments from ministries and postal regulatory authorities across the region (May–September 2026).

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Colombia

Market Liberalization and Tariff Freedom for Bulk Mail Services.

With the explicit regulatory objective of promoting the principles of free competition and stimulating technological innovation in the sector, Colombia's Communications Regulation Commission (CRC) adopted the definitive deregulation and elimination of minimum tariffs previously established for bulk mail and express messaging services nationwide.

Date: 15 May 2024
Source: Colombia: CRC

Argentina

Decree No. 604/2026: Harmonization of the Import Regime for Postal and Courier Services.

Decree No. 604/2026 harmonizes the import regime applicable to official postal services with the courier system (door-to-door delivery). It establishes a duty-free allowance of up to USD 400 FOB per shipment (subject to a maximum of five shipments per person per year), exempt from import duties and statistical fees.

The measure applies to both the designated operator and private service providers. Any amount exceeding the allowance is subject to the general tax regime.

Date: 16 July 2026
Source: Argentina: Decreto 604/2026

Uruguay

Consolidation of the New Postal Tax Regime.

On 1 May 2026, the structural reform of the tax system and the single service regime for international postal items officially entered into force under Decree No. 50/2026. The reform introduces a major conceptual shift: postal operators now assume responsibility for third-party obligations, acting as withholding agents for taxes collected by customs authorities.

Subsequently, in June 2026, the first full month of strict enforcement of the latest regulatory framework introduced by URSEC was completed. Private postal operators and the designated operator are now subject to the mandatory application of VAT (22%) on shipments originating from Asian cross-border e-commerce platforms (Shein, Temu and AliExpress), requiring immediate technological adjustments to act as customs withholding agents.

This liability framework redefines the relationship between the regulator, operators and the State, with the aim of ensuring tax traceability.

Date: 22 April 2026
Source: Uruguay: Aduanas

Jamaica

Jamaica Post expands the role of its postal network in government service delivery.

The Jamaican Government announced plans to transform Jamaica Post into a government service centre, leveraging its network of approximately 400 postal points to improve access to digital public services. Supported by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), a pilot project is expected to launch in 2026.

The initiative includes assisted access to online government services, civil registration and national identification services, and public Wi-Fi in rural areas. Express mail services will also expand from 66 to 100 locations, with a target of 150 by 2027/2028.

Date: 22 July 2026
Source: Jamaica Information Service: Jamaica Post

Bolivia

ATT Strengthens Quality Monitoring and Control of Postal Services.

Bolivia's Telecommunications and Transport Regulation and Supervision Authority (ATT), through its Postal Services Unit, processed and handled a total of 512 formal complaints submitted by users of the postal system during the first half of the year.

The regulator's active intervention was aimed at ensuring timely solutions to consumer disputes and monitoring licensed operators' strict compliance with their commercial obligations.

Date: 30 July 2026
Source: Bolivia: ATT

Argentina

ARCA General Resolution No. 5886/2026: New Simplified Regime for Postal Exports.

The Customs Collection and Control Agency (ARCA) has regulated the new simplified declaration procedure for commercial exports carried out through the designated postal operator under General Resolution No. 5886/2026. The measure aims to streamline operational procedures for exporting SMEs.

Date: 31 July 2026
Source: Argentina: ARCA

Bolivia

ATT Consolidates the Postal Register: 33 Operators Hold Valid Licences.

Bolivia's Telecommunications and Transport Regulation and Supervision Authority (ATT), through its Postal Services Unit, continues to strengthen regulatory, inspection and supervisory activities in the postal sector, ensuring the legality and proper functioning of postal services. A total of 33 postal operators currently hold valid licences.

Date: 31 July 2026
Source: Bolivia: ATT

Spain

CNMC Resolution on the Postal Network in Urban Municipalities.

Spain's National Commission on Markets and Competition (CNMC) ruled that municipalities with more than 40,000 inhabitants must have at least two post offices open to the public, provided that the existing network guarantees a maximum distance of 2.5 km from any residence to the nearest post office.

Date: 15 August 2026
Source: Spain article

Canada – Canada Post

Canada Post advances changes to mail delivery arrangements.

Canada Post announced further steps in the conversion of door-to-door mail delivery to community mailboxes, as part of its transformation programme following the Government of Canada's decision to lift the moratorium on these conversions in September 2025.

On 16 September 2026, Canada Post identified five additional communities for conversion in 2027, bringing the total to approximately 686,000 addresses across 55 communities scheduled to transition in late 2026 or 2027. The broader programme aims to convert approximately four million addresses currently receiving door-to-door delivery over the next five years.

The changes are intended to reduce delivery costs and support the financial sustainability of the postal service. Canada Post will consult local authorities and notify affected residents in advance. Its Delivery Accommodation Program will continue to provide assistance to customers with functional limitations, including alternative delivery arrangements where necessary.

Date: 16 September 2026
Source: Government of Canada instructs Canada Post to begin transformation - Canada.ca / Five communities added to 2027 community mailbox conversion schedule | Canada Post

UPCOMING UPU-PUASP EVENTS

UPU Council of Administration (S2)

The next session will take place from 26 to 30 October 2026, Berne, Switzerland.

UPU Conference on Postal Regulation

The conference will take place on 28 October 2026 from 9:00 to 13:00 CET. See **program**

PUASP CONSULTATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (CEC)

The PUASP CEC will take place from 1 to 3 December 2026, Montevideo Uruguay.