



7. Addressed press



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Addressed press

1. Definition and conditions

Addressed press includes printed publications that are:

- newspapers: are considered newspapers, printed publications appearing at least five times a week and containing several general information articles. The area that can be devoted to commercials, advertisements and advertising texts, is not limited (see Royal Decree of April 24, 2014¹).
- periodicals: are considered as periodicals, magazines, magazines and newsletters which appear, for an indefinite period, at intervals fixed in advance not exceeding three months. (see Royal Decree of April 24, 2014¹).
- addressed and franked by the publisher
- deposited at a (Hyper) Masspost Center or post office
- distributed by bpost to the delivery address with the normal mail


Your mail items must meet the definition of the Royal Decree of 24 April 2014¹ and fulfil all of the conditions of the postal regulations² and the general terms and conditions³ in order to be qualified as addressed press. 

A request for advance approval of your mail items must be submitted to bpost.

When receiving your items, they must, in order to be defined as an addressed press, satisfy the requirements of the bpost checklist (**see appendix at the end of this section**).

Products that do not meet the requirements of this list will be subject to a tariff and conditions different from those reserved for the press addressed.

Did you know?

All publication approval requests are sent to the bpost Service Center⁴. Publications which meet the conditions are issued with an approval number (P number). 

1.1 Regular Supplements

The definition of a supplement is given in the Royal Decree of 24 April 2014¹. The following shall be regarded as regular supplements of a newspaper or a magazine, provided that 'Supplement to...' is printed at the top followed by the title and the date or the publication number and to be added to all copies of said publication:

1. Loose sheets that are the direct and necessary sequel to the part of the publication reserved for additional notes, without in itself constituting a separate publication.

¹ The Royal Decree of April, 24th 2014 that governs the postal regulations can be consulted via the link http://www.ibpt.be/public/files/nl/21341/KB_AR_24-04-14.pdf (only in FR or NL).

² Consult the postal regulations at www.bpost.be/site/fr/conditions.html.

³ The General Terms and Conditions of bpost and the General Terms and Conditions for Magazines can be consulted on the bpost site www.bpost.be/site/fr/conditions.html.

⁴ See **General Annexes 'How to contact bpost?'**.



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2. Prospectuses, subscription forms, payment or bank transfer forms used for subscription or to raise funds for institutions with a mainly humanitarian purpose, when they relate exclusively to the publication itself. However, the payment and bank transfer forms should not have the printed indication prescribed in this paragraph. The payment or bank transfer forms constituting a call for funds in favour of institutions with a mainly humanitarian purpose can only be inserted in a publication of the institution, and not in any other newspaper or magazine.
3. Regular newspapers and magazines sent free of charge to the subscribers of the publication to which they were added.
4. Cards, calendars, and generally every printed publication that forms a complete whole. Commercial advertising, promotional or publicity texts, if they appear in it, must come from at least three different companies or organisations, not including the publisher or the printer.
5. Supplements composed exclusively of paper.

1.2. Irregular Supplements

Irregular Supplements are:

1. On the one hand, those who do not meet the conditions set out in Article 41 of the Royal Decree or on the conditions referred to in the definition of "regular supplements" above.
2. And, on the other hand, Supplements meeting the definition of Regular Supplements when two ("2") Regular Supplements are already attached to a Periodical.

The distribution of Irregular Supplements attached to recognized Periodicals is accepted by bpost when these Supplements meet the following conditions:

1. Dimensions:
 - do not exceed the dimensions of the Periodical to which they are attached.
 - dimensions of the assembly (Periodical + supplement(s) < mold size (maximum allowed = 230 mm x 350 mm x 30 mm, after bending if necessary) ;
2. The unit weight of the Irregular Supplements does not exceed 250 g and the Periodical and Supplement(s) together do not weigh more than 2 kg.
3. Their maximum number is 2 per Periodical, unless previously agreed by bpost.
4. They are, except for derogation authorized by bpost, made up exclusively of paper.
5. They are suitably packaged for distribution, they are not likely to perish prior to their distribution and are neither liquid, nor edible, nor prohibited from carriage under the Terms and Conditions bpost's Offer of Services.

Supplements must be the same for all addressees and cannot be distributed separately from the publication.



The whole (publication + supplements) must include at least 30% of editorial articles of general information.

No more than 2 regular supplements can be added. Any additional supplement is considered as irregular.

Irregular supplements are subject to an additional charge.

¹ Voir la réglementation postale sur www.bpost.be/site/fr/conditions.html.



2. Dimensions, weight & thickness

Addressed press mail items must rigorously comply with each of the following criteria (except where otherwise expressly authorised in advance by bpost).

Publication

Dimensions Maximum (width) 230 mm x (length) 350 mm x (thickness) 30 mm (= the "mold size")¹
Weight Maximum 2 kg for the publication (any supplements included)

Regular supplements (max. 2)

Supplements cannot, under any circumstances, exceed the weight, dimensions and number of pages of the newspaper or magazine to which they relate. Supplements must always be in the same packaging as the publication.

Dimensions Maximum (width) 230 mm x (length) 350 mm x (thickness) 30 mm
Weight Maximum 250 gr

Bundle

Thickness Maximum 12 cm
Weight Maximum 7 kg

Irregular supplements

See conditions at point 1.2

3. Visual presentation of the mail items

3.1 Required notices

The following information must appear on the cover page of the mail item (or on a label glued to it) and be visible for bpost:

- publication title
- frequency (e.g.: quarterly, bimonthly, monthly, biweekly, weekly) except for newspapers (daily)
- franking mark
- date of publication and date of deposit at bpost or covered period (e.g.: April 2020 for monthly magazines - April/May/June 2020 or 2nd quarter 2020 for quarterly magazines)

The name and address of the publisher's Belgian registered office, or the latter's representative, must also appear either on the cover page or inside the publication.

For foreign mail items, the details can be stated on the packaging or on the flyleaf.

Additional notices that must appear on the visible side (first cover page or flyleaf or packaging) for bpost:

- any non-publication period²
- name of the deposit office³
- approval no. (P number) of the magazine

¹ A "folding fee" surcharge will be applied when the maximum dimensions are exceeded, provided that the Periodical and its supplement(s) can be folded to fit the mold size. Otherwise, the deposit may be refused.

² With due consideration for the maximum interval of three months between two deposits.

³ Deposit office: (Hyper) Masspost Center where the magazine must be deposited.



3.2 Instructions on legible labelling

If the packaging or the shipment strip of your publication covers the following elements:

- title
 - frequency
 - possibly the name of the deposit office
- they must then be repeated on the visible part of the front.

Example

	Required notices	Frequency	
Deposit office	Antwerp X	1 time/week	weekly
Quarterly	April/May/June 2020 or 2nd quarter 2020 or (possibly) 16 April 2020	1 time/month 2 times/month 1 time/2 months 1 time/3 months	monthly biweekly bimonthly quarterly
Monthly	February 2020 or 16 February 2020		
Other frequencies	February 2020 and appears every month except in July and August	(for example, 10 times/year)	

Did you know?

Addressed magazines and newspapers recognised as such by bpost must preferably be franked under the P.P. (postage paid) system¹.



3.3 Format, packaging and sealing of your mail items

Small Format: The characteristics of the **Small Format** (shape, dimensions, weight) are also applicable to periodic shipments. For more information, see **Section 2 Addressed mail, Chapter Creation - Small Format**.

Large Format: for more quality in the optimized processing of your shipments, we recommend you to respect the features of **Large Format**. Otherwise, these must respect at least the characteristics of Large+ Format. For more information, see **Section 2 Addressed mail, Chapter Creation - Large Format or Creation - Large+ Format**.



3.3.1 Mail items wrapped in plastic film

The recommendations for the specifications of **Section 2 The Addressed mail, chapter on Creation - Large Format, point 6** apply to addressed magazines or newspapers wrapped in plastic film.

¹ For more information on franking, consult **section 1 Addressing and franking, chapter on Franking**.



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Specifications for **Large Format and Large+** items (form, dimensions, weight) pertain to the complete mail item, plastic film included.



3.3.2 Sealed with a self-adhesive strip or label

- Publications may be folded and sealed with a self-adhesive label.
- The required notices as laid down in **point 3.1** may be affixed on the self-adhesive strip or label.
- The address must be at least 15 mm from the edge of the shipment (see diagram **Section 2 - Large Format 5.3.1**).

Details of the recipient's address must be shown on the same side as the franking (front of the mail item).



3.3.3 Mail items without packaging (open mail items)

The recipient's address details must be printed:

- on the publication or
- on a label glued to the publication
- at least 15 mm from the edge of the mail item (see illustration in section 2 Large format, point 5.3.1)

The recommendations of specifications of **Section 2 Addressed mail, chapter on Creation - Large Format, point 5.3** back cover apply to open addressed magazines or newspapers.

3.3.4 Mail items in envelopes

All of the obligatory notices and/or notices that must be visible to bpost (see **point 3.1**) always appear on the front of the envelope (the side where the recipient's address and the franking are located).

3.3.5 Addressing of addressed magazines or newspapers

The specifications of **Section 1 in Chapter 1 Addressing** apply in full for addressed magazines or newspapers.

Did you know?

The **Section 1 Addressing and franking methods** and **Section 2 Addressed letters - Large format - Creation** of this Guide are fully applicable to your Large format addressed magazines. Following these rules guarantees the best quality of distribution. A **video** and a **brochure** with these simplified rules are also available on the website

<https://www.bpost.be/site/nl/verzenden/adressering/het-adres-en-het-periodiek>



4. Mail item preparation

Depending on your preferences, your production process (and possibly your contract), you have the option of having your mail items presorted before they are deposited in containers or pallets in a (Hyper) Masspost Center.

Did you know?

Filling a container:

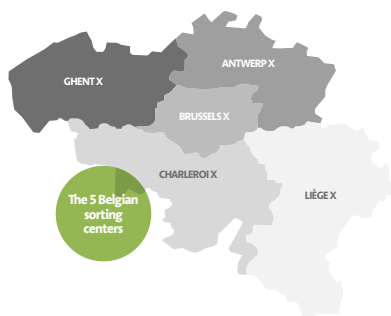
- Minimum 10 trays
- Maximum 24 trays and 500 kg

Filling a pallet:

- Minimum 200 kg or 80 cm high
- Maximum 700 kg or 160 cm high



Publications classified as Small Format (see **Section 2 The Addressed mail, chapter on Creation - Small Format**) are always deposited in blue trays (preferably: presorting by sorting plan Mail ID).



Did you know?

Belgium has:

- 5 sorting centers (Antwerp X, Brussels X, Charleroi X, Ghent X and Liège X)
- 18 sorting sectors (grouped by postal code)¹
- around 270 distribution offices.



¹ See the **General Annexes, point 4**.



4.1 Overview of sorting options for mail items¹

- No presorting.
- Sorting by sector: sorting by postal code (in ascending order) and by sorting sector.
- Sorting by distribution office (DO): sorting by sorting sector and by DO.
- Sorting by Round and sequence V3²: by sorting plan and by distribution office, (in ascending order of sequences).
- MailID option: for your **Small, Large** or **Large+ Format** mailings. More info, see **section 2 chapter Mail ID technology**.

	No sorting	Sorting by sector	Sorting by DO	Sorting by Round and sequence V3
	1 or more mail items	1,000 mail items or more	10,000 mail items or more	10,000 mail items or more
Addressed magazines	✓	✓	✓	✓

When presorting your mail items, you can work with overflow. For the overflow packaging rules, consult **Section 2 The Addressed mail, chapter on Preparation of Your Mail Items - Packaging, point 4**.



4.2 Unsorted mail items

An unsorted deposit means that mail items have not been presorted according to one of the bpost sorting methods (as outlined in this chapter).

4.2.1 Maximum and minimum volume per deposit

	Masspost Center	Hyper Masspost Center
Addressed magazines	Between 1 and 20,000 mail items	Between 1 and ...
Addressed newspapers	/	Between 1 and ...

Newspapers must never be deposited in a Masspost Center; they may only be deposited in a Hyper Masspost Center.



¹ The list of distribution offices, postal codes and sorting sectors is available at www.bpost.be/masspost, tab 'Stap 4, Conditioning'.

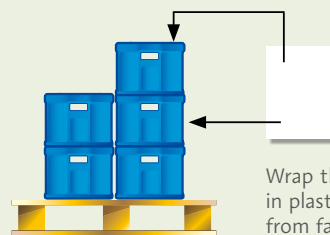
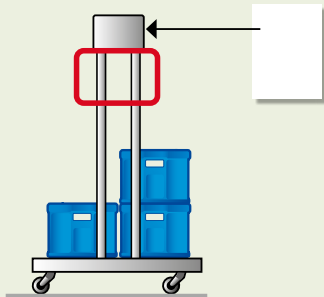
² The sorting Round and sequence V2 can still be used until 30/06/2020.

4.2.2 Packaging¹ and labelling

All mail items should be packaged in trays. The trays are then placed in containers/on pallets. The use of cardboard boxes is exclusively reserved for foreign routers who do not have blue trays. The packaging rules are the same as those described below, with blue trays being replaced by the boxes.

For labelling, see also **Section 2 The Addressed mail, chapter on Preparation of Mail Items - Packaging, point 3.1.**

In containers/pallets

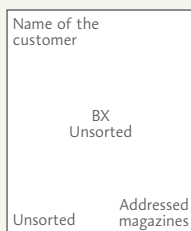


Wrap the trays with the pallet in plastic film to prevent the trays from falling during transport.

Identifying mail items

- for trays: a label
- for containers: a sheet (format A4/A5)
- for pallets: 2 sheets (A4 or A5): one sheet on one of the shorter sides of the pallet and one sheet on top of the pallet

Model label



Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- destination sorting center
- unsorted (minimum font size: 36)
- mail item sorting option: unsorted
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

Model A4/A5



Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- destination sorting center
- unsorted (minimum font size: 72)
- mail item sorting option: unsorted
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

¹ See also **Section 2 Addressed mail, chapter on Preparation of Your Mail Items - Packaging.**



4.3 Mail items sorted by sorting sector

A deposit sorted by sorting sector consists of presorting the mail items by postal code (see **point 4**) and by sorting sector.¹ Applicable for upwards of 1,000 mail items.

- For deposits of fewer than 1,000 items, the sender must arrange mail items by sorting sector, based on postal codes (sequential sorting of the postal codes).
- Between 1,000 and 10,000 items, addressed magazines and/or newspapers must be sorted by sorting sector, in ascending order of the postal codes in order to benefit from a reduced tariff.
- The product sorted by sorting center must, preferably, be presented by postal codes arranged in ascending order.

4.3.1 Maximum and minimum volume per deposit

	Masspost Center	Hyper Masspost Center
Addressed magazines	Between 1 and 10,000 mail items	Between 1 and 10,000 mail items
Addressed newspapers	/	Between 1 and 10,000 mail items

Newspapers are never deposited in a Masspost Center, but rather in a Hyper Masspost Center.



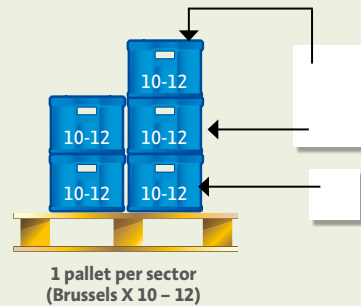
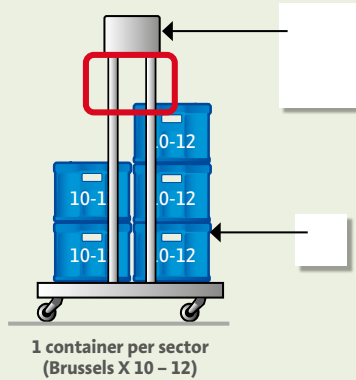
4.3.2 Packaging and labelling

The use of cardboard boxes is reserved exclusively for foreign customers who do not have blue trays. The packaging rules are the same as those described below, the blue trays being replaced by the boxes. For labelling, see also **Addressed mail, chapter on Preparation of Mail Items - Packaging, point 3.1.**

¹ The list of distribution offices, postcodes and sorting sectors is available at www.bpost.be/masspost, tab 'Step 4, Conditioning'.

a Blue trays placed on container/pallet (standard packaging)

1. By sorting sector



1 tray = 1 sector

Wrap the trays with the pallet in plastic film to prevent the trays from falling during transport.

All mail items should be packaged in trays. Each tray contains only mail items for the same sorting sector. The trays are then placed in containers/on pallets that contain exclusively mail items intended for the same sorting sector.

If you don't have enough mail items to fill

- one complete container (minimum 10 trays) per sorting sector
 - one complete pallet per sorting sector (minimum 200 kg or 80 cm high)
- you can add to it trays from other sectors intended for the same sorting center. (see next page)

Identification of the contents

- for trays: a label
- for containers: a sheet (label format tray/A4/A5)
- for pallets: 2 sheets (A4/A5): one sheet on one of the shorter sides of the pallet and one sheet on top of the pallet

Model label

Name of the customer	Deposit number
BX	
Sector number (E.g.: 10-12).	
PC xxxx to yyyy E.g.: 1000-1200	
Sorting by sector + sorting by PC	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- destination sorting center
- sector number + series of postal codes (minimum font size: 36)
- sorting option: sorting by Sorting sector + sorting by Postal Code
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

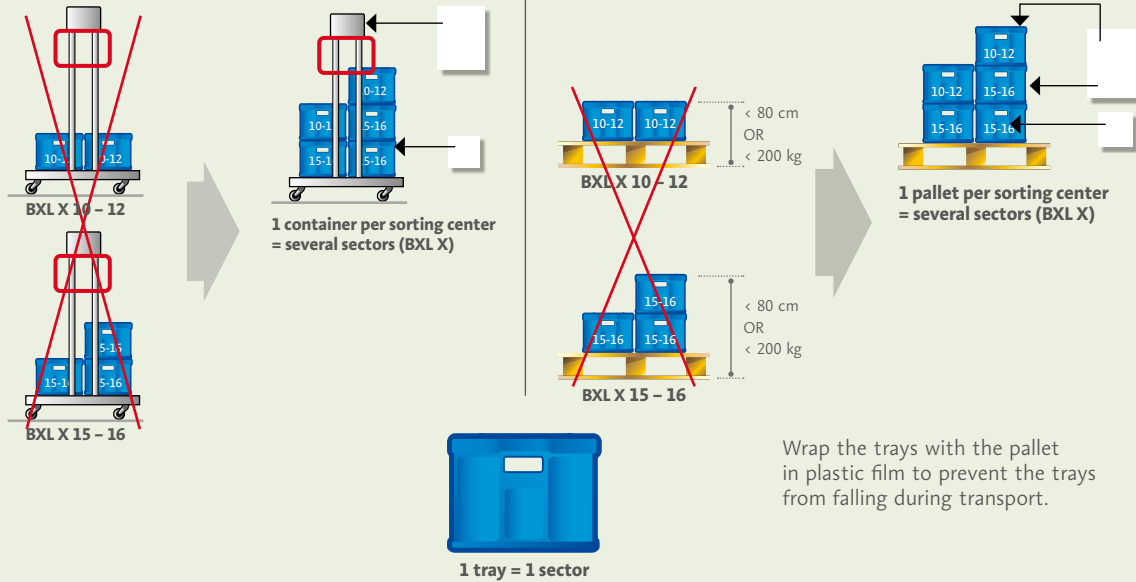
Model A4/A5

Name of the customer	Deposit number
BX	
Sector number (E.g.: 10-12).	
PC xxxx to yyyy E.g.: 1000-1200	
Sorting by sector + sorting by PC	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- destination sorting center
- sector number + series of postal codes (minimum font size: 72)
- sorting option: sorting by Sorting sector + sorting by Postal Code
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

2. By sorting center



All mail items should be packaged in trays. If you don't have enough mail items to fill

- one complete container (minimum 10 trays) per sorting center
- one complete pallet per sorting sector (minimum 200 kg or 80 cm high) you can add to it trays from other sorting centers. (see next page)

A tray can only contain mail items from a single sorting sector. The container or the pallet can only contain mail items of sectors intended for the same sorting center.

Identification of the contents

- for trays: a label
- for containers: a sheet (label format tray/A4/A5)
- for pallets: 2 sheets (A4/A5): one sheet on one of the shorter sides of the pallet and one sheet on top of the pallet

Model label

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Sector number (E.g.: 10-12) PC xxxx to yyyy E.g.: 1000-1200	
Sorting by sector + sorting by PC	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- sector number + series of postal codes (destination - minimum font size: 36)
- sorting option: sorting by Sorting sector + sorting by Postal Code
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

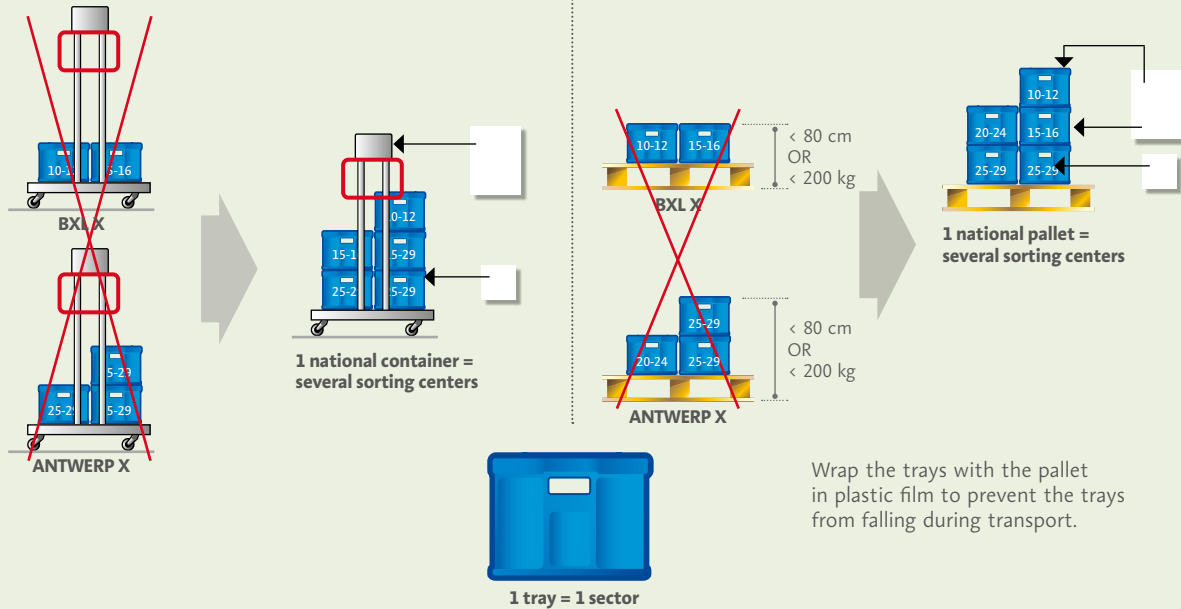
Model A4/A5

Name of the customer	Deposit number
BX	
Sorting by center	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- name of the sorting center (minimum font size: 72)
- sorting option: sorting by Sorting center
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

3. Items labelled 'national'



A tray can only contain mail items intended for a single sorting sector. The national container or the national pallet can contain mail items intended for several sorting centers.

Identification of the contents

- for trays: a label
- for containers: a sheet (label format tray/A4/A5)
- for pallets: 2 sheets (A4/A5): one sheet on one of the shorter sides of the pallet and one sheet on top of the pallet

Model label

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Sector number (E.g.: 10-12) PC xxxx to yyyy E.g.: 1000-1200	
Sorting by sector + sorting by PC	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- sector number + series of postal codes (minimum font size: 36)
- sorting option: sorting by Sorting sector + sorting by Postal Code
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

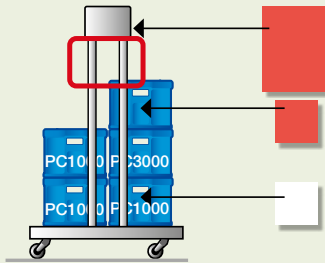
Model A4/A5

Name of the customer	Deposit number
National	
Sorting by sector + sorting by PC	Addressed magazines

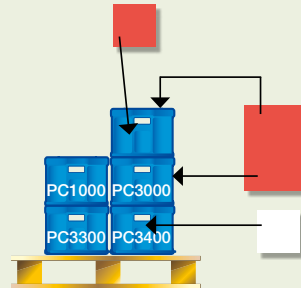
Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- label must specify 'National' (minimum font size: 72)
- sorting option: sorting by Sorting sector + sorting by Postal Code
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

4. In containers with overflow trays/on pallets with overflow trays

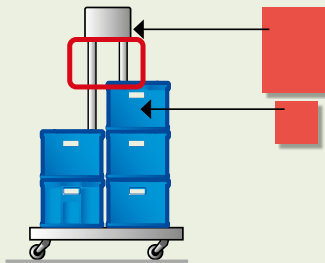


E.g.: 1 container per sorting center = several series of postal codes + overflow tray(s)



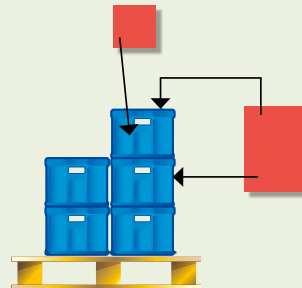
E.g.: 1 pallet per sorting center = several series of postal codes + overflow tray(s)

or



1 overflow container

or



1 overflow pallet



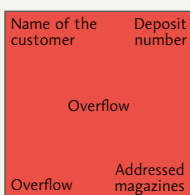
1 tray = 1 series of postal codes
OR
1 tray = overflow

Wrap the trays with the pallet in plastic film to prevent the trays from falling during transport.

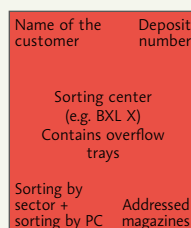
If after sorting, you still have mail items that you cannot package in complete trays (per sorting sector) due to insufficient volume, you can make overflow trays.

For the identification of containers, pallets and overflow trays, please refer to **Section 2 Addressed mail, chapter on Preparation of Your Mail Items - Packaging, point 4.**

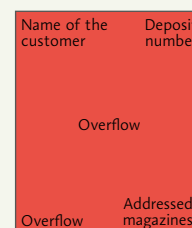
Model label tray



Model A4/A5 container/pallet containing overflow



Model A4/A5 overflow container/pallet





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4.4 Mail items sorted by sorting sector and by distribution office

For more than 10,000 mail items, the newspapers or addressed magazines must be sorted by distribution office (DO). Sorting by distribution office corresponds to sorting the mail items by sorting sector and by distribution office¹.

A distribution office is a physical place from which postal delivery workers leave to make their rounds. Each distribution office covers one or more postal codes.



4.4.1 Maximum and minimum volume per deposit

	Masspost Center	Hyper Masspost Center
Addressed magazines	10,000 > 20,000	10,000 > ...
Addressed newspapers	/	10,000 > ...

Newspapers must never be deposited in a Masspost Center; they may only be deposited in a Hyper Masspost Center.



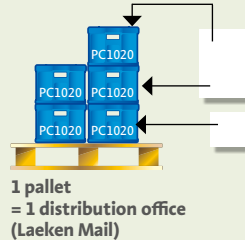
4.4.2 Packaging¹ and labelling

The use of cardboard boxes is exclusively reserved for foreign customers who do not have blue trays. The packaging rules are the same as those described below, the blue trays being replaced by the boxes. For labelling, see also **Section 2 Addressed mail, chapter on Preparation of Mail Items - Packaging, point 3.1.**

¹ See also **Section 2 Addressed mail, Chapter on Preparation of Your Mail Items - Packaging.**

a Direct trays placed on container/pallet (standard packaging)

1. By distribution office



1 direct tray = 1 distribution office

Wrap the trays with the pallet in plastic film to prevent the trays from falling during transport.

All mail items should be packaged in direct trays (trays containing only mail items intended for a single DO). The trays are then placed in containers/on pallets that contain exclusively mail items intended for the same distribution office (DO).

If you have insufficient mail items for filling

- one full container (minimum 10 trays) per distribution office
 - one full pallet (minimum 200 kg or 80 cm high) per distribution office
- you may add containers from other distribution offices of the same sorting sector (see next page point 2 'By sorting sector').

Identification of the contents

- for trays: a label
- for containers: a sheet (label format tray/A4/A5)
- for pallets: 2 sheets (A4/A5): one sheet on one of the shorter sides of the pallet and one sheet on top of the pallet

Model label

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Postal code of the DO (E.g.: 1020)	
Sorting by DO	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- postal code of the distribution office (minimum font size: 36)
- sorting option: sorting by distribution office
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

Model A4/A5

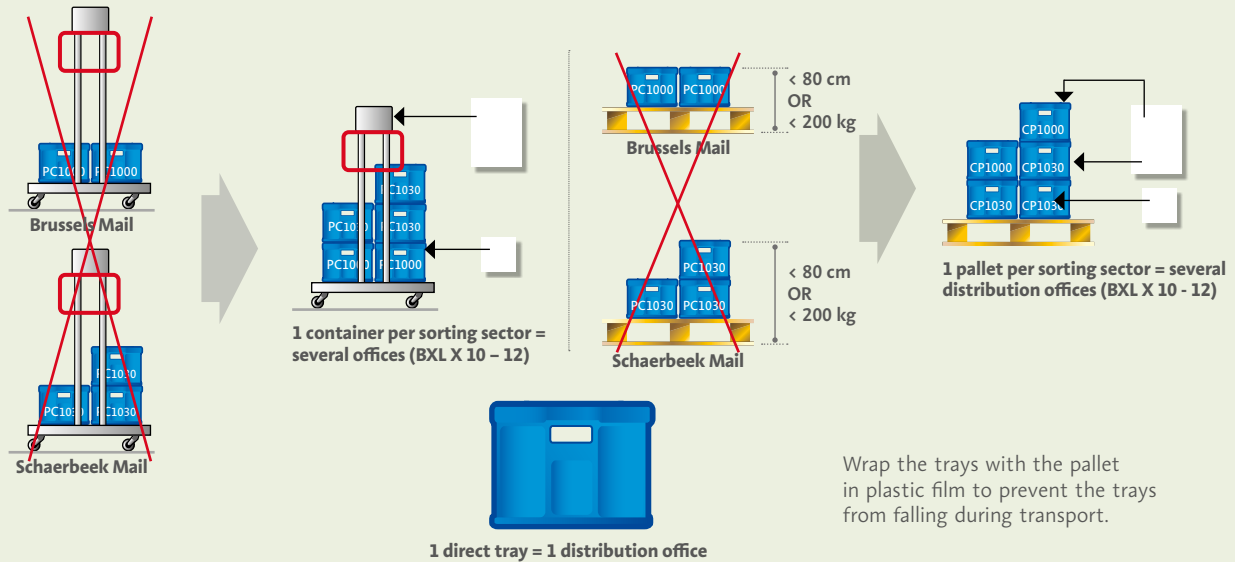
Name of the customer	Deposit number
BX Postal code of the DO (E.g.: 1020)	
Sorting by DO	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- destination sorting center
- postal code of the distribution office (minimum font size: 72)
- sorting option: sorting by distribution office
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

¹ The list of distribution offices, postcodes and sorting sectors is available at www.bpost.be/masspost, tab 'Step 4, Conditioning and pre-sorting'.

2. By sorting sector



All mail items should be packaged in direct trays (trays containing only mail items intended for a single DO).

If you don't have enough mail items to fill

- one complete container (minimum 10 trays) per sorting sector
- one complete pallet (minimum 200 kg or 80 cm high) per sorting sector

you can add to it trays from other distribution offices of the same sorting center (**see next page**).

A direct tray can only contain mail items from a single distribution office. The container or the pallet can only contain mail items from distribution offices of the same sorting sector.



Identification of the contents

- for trays: a label
- for containers: a sheet (label format tray/A4/A5)
- for pallets: 2 sheets (A4/A5): one sheet on one of the shorter sides of the pallet and one sheet on top of the pallet

Model label

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Postal code of the DO (E.g.: 1000)	
Sorting by DO	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- postal code of the distribution office (minimum font size: 36)
- sorting option: sorting by distribution office
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

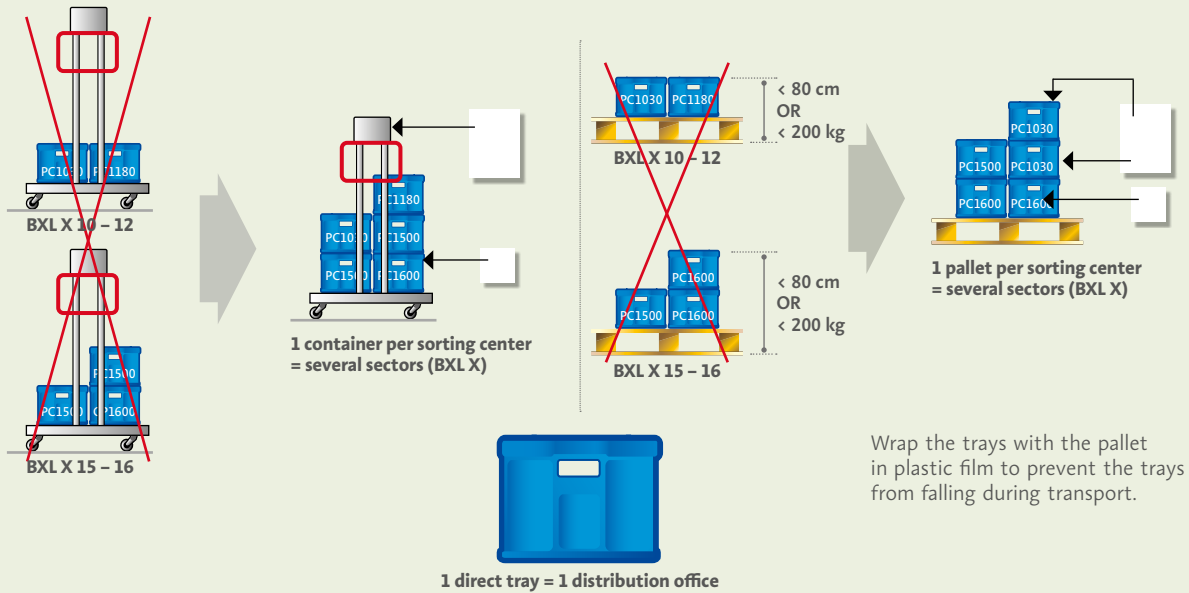
Model A4/A5

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Name of the sorting center (E.g.: Brussels X) Sector number (E.g.: 10 - 12)	
Sorting by DO	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- name of the sorting center + sector number (minimum font size: 72)
- sorting option: sorting by distribution office
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

3. By sorting center



All mail items should be packaged in direct trays (trays containing only mail items intended for a single DO).
 If, after sorting, there are mail items left that you cannot condition in complete containers (by distribution office) because there are too few of them, you can compose overflow trays (see next point 4).

A direct tray can only contain mail items from a single distribution office. The container or the pallet can contain mail items for different distribution offices of the same sorting center.

Identification of the contents

- for trays: a label
- for containers: a sheet (label format tray/A4/A5)
- for pallets: 2 sheets (A4/A5): one sheet on one of the shorter sides of the pallet and one sheet on top of the pallet

Model label

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Postal Code of the DO (E.g.: 1000)	
Sorting by DO	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- postal code of the distribution office (destination - minimum font size: 36)
- sorting option: sorting by distribution office
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

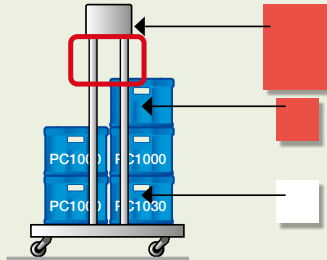
Model A4/A5

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Sorting center (E.g.: BXL X)	
Sorting sector number (E.g.: 10-12 & 15-16)	
Sorting by DO	Addressed magazines

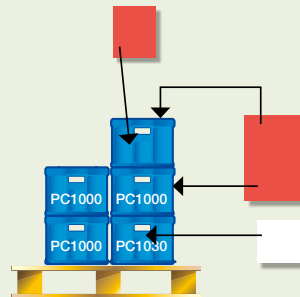
Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number or unique deposit identifier
- name of the sorting center + number of sorting sector (destination - minimum font size: 72)
- sorting option: sorting by distribution office
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

4. In containers with overflow trays/on pallets with overflow trays

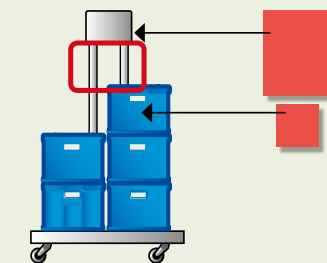


E.g.: 1 container per sorting sector
= several distribution offices + overflow tray(s)



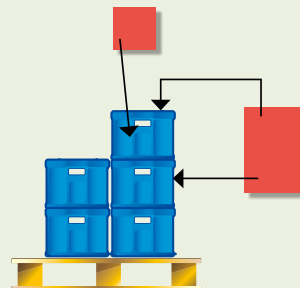
E.g.: 1 pallet by sorting sector
= several distribution offices + overflow tray(s)

or



1 overflow container

or



1 overflow pallet



1 tray = 1 distribution office
OR
1 tray = overflow

Wrap the trays with the pallet in plastic film to prevent the trays from falling during transport.

For the identification of the containers, pallets and overflow trays, please refer to **Section 2 Addressed mail, chapter on Preparation of your Mail Items - Packaging, point 4.**

Model label tray

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Overflow	
Overflow	Addressed magazines

Model A4/A5 container/pallet containing overflow

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Sorting center (e.g. BXL X) Contains overflow trays	
Sorting by sector + sorting by PC	Addressed magazines

Model A4/A5 overflow container/pallet

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Overflow	
Overflow	Addressed magazines

b Direct bundles on Restmail container/pallet (alternative)

Did you know?

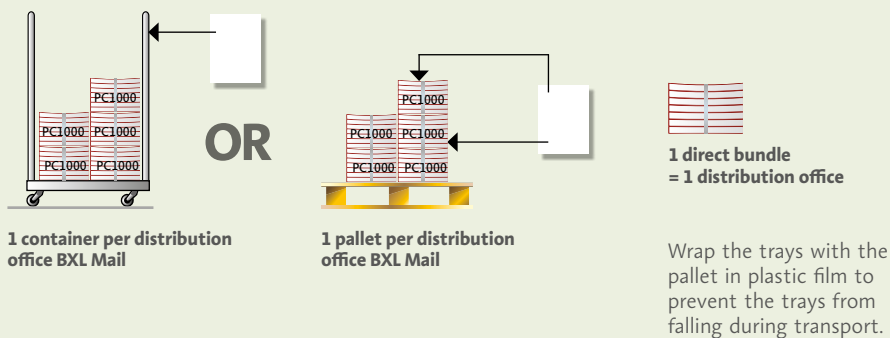
Filling of a Restmail container = minimum 200 kg or one-half of the container
 A bundle = several packages of mail items
 = minimum 3 cm high and maximum 7 kg



Find the information on preparing bundles (bundling) in **Section 2 Addressed mail, Preparation of Your Mail Items - Packaging, point 1.2.1.**



1. By distribution office



All mail items are packaged in direct bundles. Each bundle contains only mail items for a single distribution office. The bundles are then deposited in Restmail containers/on pallets containing exclusively mail items for a single distribution office.

If you have insufficient mail items for filling

- one full Restmail container (minimum 200 kg or half the container) per distribution office
- one full pallet (minimum 200 kg or 80 cm high) per distribution office

then you may add bundles from other distribution offices of the same sorting sector (see next page '2. By sorting sector').

Identification of the mail item

- for Restmail containers: one sheet (A4/A5)
- for pallets: 2 sheets (format A4/A5): one sheet on one of the shorter sides of the pallet and one sheet on top of the pallet

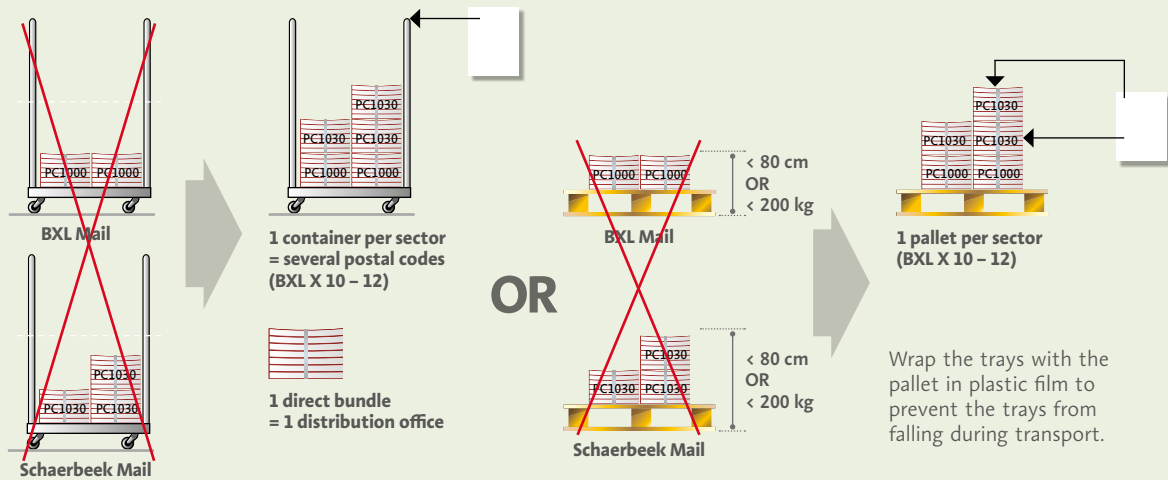
Model A4/A5

Name of the customer	Deposit number
BX Postal Code of the DO (E.g.: 1000)	
Sorting by DO	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- destination sorting center
- postal code of the DO (minimum font size: 72)
- sorting option: sorting by DO
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

2. By sorting sector



All of the mail items are packaged in direct bundles (bundles containing only mail items intended for a single DO).

If you don't have enough mail items to fill

- one complete Restmail container (minimum 200 kg or one-half of the container) per sorting sector
 - one complete pallet (minimum 200 kg or 80 cm high) per sorting sector
- you can add to it bundles from other distribution offices of the same sorting center (**see next page point 3**).

A direct bundle can only contain mail items of a single distribution office. The Restmail container or the pallet can only contain mail items from distribution offices of the same sorting sector.



Identification of the mail item

- for Restmail containers: one sheet (A4/A5)
- for pallets: 2 sheets (A4/A5): one sheet on one of the shorter sides of the pallet and one sheet on top of the pallet

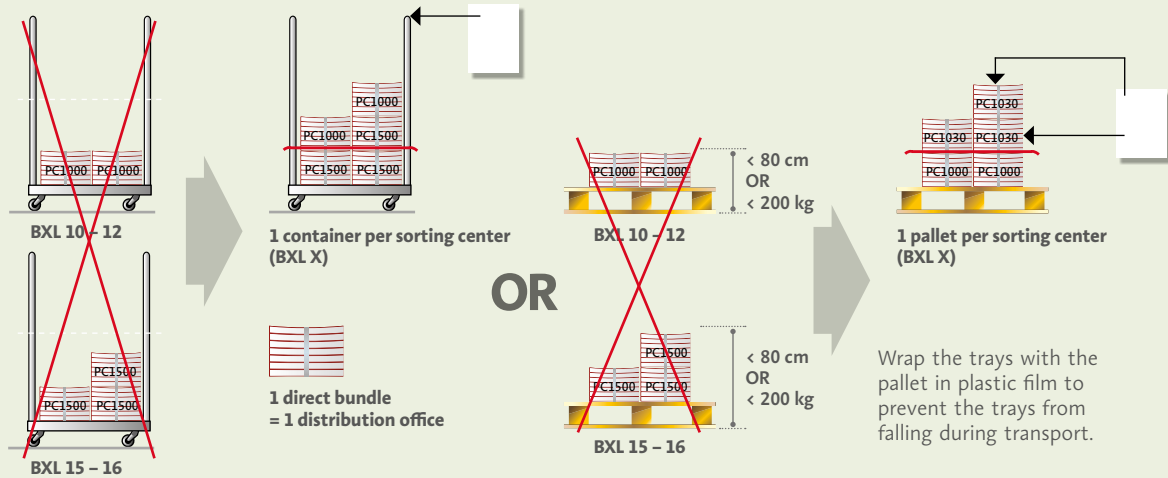
Model A4/A5

Name of the customer	Deposit number
BX Sector number (E.g.: 10 – 12)	
Sorting by DO	Addressed magazines

Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- destination sorting center
- sector no. (minimum font size: 72)
- mail item sorting option: sorting by DO
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

3. By sorting center



All of the mail items are packaged in direct bundles (bundles containing only mail items intended for a single DO).

After sorting, if you still have mail items that you cannot package in direct bundles (per distribution office) due to insufficient volume, you can make overflow trays. These trays must

- be placed on the pallet / in the container of the sorting center above the sorted mail items. They must also be clearly identified by a red label), OR
- be placed on a pallet / in a container composed only by overflow trays (with a specific identification as overflow).

(see next page point 4).

A direct bundle can only contain mail items of a single distribution office. The Restmail container or the pallet can only contain mail items of distribution offices of the same sorting center.



Identification of the mail item

- for the bundles: separated per sector by a divider (cardboard or paper) having the size of the surface of the Restmail container or of the pallet with the following criteria:
 - code for the sorting indication: sector (E.g.: 10 – 12) and distribution office (postal code, E.g.: 1000)
 - sorting of the product: sorting by distribution office
- for Restmail containers: one sheet (A4/A5)
- for pallets: 2 sheets (A4/A5): one sheet on one of the shorter sides of the pallet and one sheet on top of the pallet

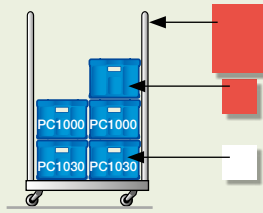
Model A4/A5

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Sorting center (E.g.: BXL X)	
Sorting sector number (E.g.: 10 -12)	
Sorting by DO	Addressed magazines

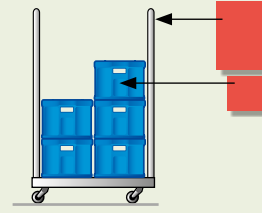
Information to be included

- customer's name (minimum font size: 36)
- deposit number
- destination sorting center (minimum font size: 72)
- sorting sectors
- sorting option
- label must specify: 'Addressed magazines'

4. In Restmail containers / on pallets with overflow trays

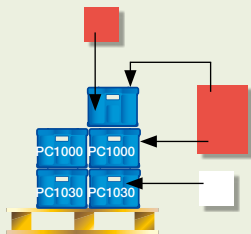


E.g.: 1 container per sorting center = several distribution offices + overflow tray(s)



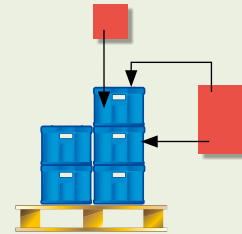
1 overflow tray

or



E.g.: 1 pallet per sorting center = several distribution offices + overflow tray(s)

or



1 overflow pallet



1 tray = 1 distribution office
OR
1 tray = overflow

Wrap the trays with the pallet in plastic film to prevent the trays from falling during transport.

For the identification of the containers, pallets and Overflow trays, please refer to **section 2 Addressed mail, Preparation of your mail items - Packaging, point 4.**

Model label tray

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Overflow	
Overflow	Addressed magazines

Model A4/A5 container/pallet containing overflow

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Sorting center (e.g. BXL X) Contains overflow trays	
Sorting by sector + sorting by PC	Addressed magazines

Model A4/A5 overflow container/pallet

Name of the customer	Deposit number
Overflow	
Overflow	Addressed magazines



4.5 Mail items sorted by Round and sequence V3¹

For more information on this type of sorting, consult **Section 2 Addressed mail, chapter on Preparation of Your Mail Items - Sorting Options, point 5.**

5. Deposit and delivery of mail items

- Addressed press is deposited at (Hyper) Masspost Center² counters:
 - either during the relevant period
 - or at the latest on the publication date indicated
- Deposits must always include:
 - a deposit³ statement in duplicate (one for the customer and one for the (Hyper) Masspost Center)
 - two specimens of the publication
- The publisher is responsible for the deposit of its publications.

5.1 Addressed newspapers

The conditions for the deposit and distribution of newspapers are subject to the conditions of the contract (concession) concluded between the publisher and bpost. 

For more information, call the Service Center at **02 201 11 11.**

5.2 Magazines

Deposit

- Before 4 pm (Masspost Center)⁴
- Before 5 pm (Hyper Masspost Center)

Delivery period

- Weekly magazines: D+1
- Magazines other than weekly: D+2

If the depositor or the publisher does not comply with the deposit deadlines and/or the packaging rules, it will not be possible to guarantee these delivery periods to the addressees.

¹ The sorting Round and Sequence V2 can still be used until 30/06/2020.

² With due consideration for the maximum interval of three months between two deposits for magazines.

³ See **General Annexes, Notes.**

⁴ Some Masspost Centers are subject to specific time constraints. Therefore, make sure to always consult this page at <http://www.bpost2.be/locations/business/fr/both.php> for the latest updates.



6. Annex: checklist

	Belgian Periodical	E.U Periodical
Dimensions & Weight		
Maximum Dimension 230mmX350mmX30mm	✓	✓
Pliable if maximum dimensions reached	✓	✓
Weight < 2 Kg	✓	✓
Contents		
Minimum 30% editorial articles mandatory	✓	✓
Authorized ads	(1)	(1)
Required information on the 1st cover page or on the packaging or on the cover sheet		
Titel	✓	✓
Periodicity	✓	(2)
Covered period or date of issue	✓	(2)
Deposit office	✓	(3)
Approval number (blocking if absent)	✓	(3)
Required Mention (not mandatory on the cover)		
Responsible Publisher (physical name and address of the registered office in Belgium)	✓	(3)
Supplements		
Number of regular supplements (maximum two)		
Number of irregular supplements at 0,027 €		
Number of irregular supplements (gadgets) at 0,054 €		
<small>(1) No ads or minimum 3 different advertisers (publisher or printer excluded) (2) For publications issued from the U.E, this mention may appear on the internal pages (3) For publications issued from the U.E, name and address of the representative in Belgium and this mention may appear on the address sheet, envelope or packaging</small>		