<u>Suspension of postal service for items</u> <u>containing goods to the United States</u>

â€<Hongkong Post announced on February 6 that the acceptance of postal items containing goods destined to the United States will continue to be suspended until further notice.

The incident arose when the postal administration of the United States suddenly notified Hongkong Post on February 5 that postal items containing goods destined to the United States shall not be despatched with immediate effect, unless a "formal entry" has been completely and accurately filed with the United States Customs and Border Protection in accordance with the United States law. It then suddenly announced on the night of February 5 to continue accepting the postal items concerned.

The spokesman for the Government said, "Hongkong Post has been communicating with the postal administration of the United States, but there are still matters that need further clarification, including the request of the United States for the imposition of additional duty."

"The HKSAR Government reiterates its strong disapproval of the United States' imposition of additional duty on products of Hong Kong. We urge the United States to take urgent actions to rectify its wrongdoing, so as to avoid causing confusion and inconvenience to the public owing to its constantly changing policies."

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