



No worries at Christmas: DPD's Express-Services ensure that Christmas gifts will arrive in good time

Aschaffenburg, 21 November 2007 – Those who leave their Christmas shopping until the last minute on Christmas Eve are faced with the familiar headache of how to get the Christmas gift to its recipient before it's too late. However, parcel service provider DPD has a reassuring message for all last-minute shoppers – thanks to the company's express products every parcel will be right there under the Christmas tree in good time.

DPD's Express-Services even enable consignees to decide the time at which their Christmas parcels are to be delivered. The options are delivery at 08.30 hrs, 10.00 hrs, 12.00 hrs or 18.00 hrs the following working day. A further piece of good news for all last-minute shippers – deliveries will even be made on 24 December. And all shipping orders can be placed online simply and fast with DPD's Online Shipping* service at www.dpd.net.

Parcel shipment made easy with DPD Online Shipping

With DPD Online Shipping the customer fills out the parcel label on the internet and enters the day when the shipment is to be picked up. The parcels are then picked up between 08.00 and 18.00 hrs. And those who prefer to send their gifts on their way in person can do so at any one of the 2000 DPD Parcel Shops throughout Germany. The Parcel Shop finder on the www.dpd.net website enables customers to find their nearest shop quickly and conveniently.

Attractive Christmas parcels – even without gift wrapping

To make sure that Christmas gifts reach the consignee safely the parcels should not be packaged in gift wrapping. Of course a parcel with gift wrapping looks more attractive, but a robust cardboard box is still better suited to the requirements of conveyor belts and delivery vehicles. And during the busy

* The service is being gradually rolled out throughout Germany.



Christmas period in particular it is vital to ensure that parcels with their eagerly anticipated contents reach their destination intact.

Christmas time is parcel time

Even those who send their Christmas gifts in good time should note some relevant information, such as standard delivery times for domestic and international parcel shipments and delivery schedules during the holiday period. In the run-up to Christmas, too, DPD's usual standard delivery times will apply. For DPD CLASSIC parcels sent anywhere in Germany these are as a rule one day, while shipments within Europe will take one to four days. Standard delivery times for all the countries served by DPD, both in Europe and worldwide, can be viewed at www.dpd.net.

About DPD

With the daily transport of more than 1.4 million parcels in a seamless international network, DPD GmbH & Co. KG is one of the leading courier service providers in Europe. This global franchisor based in Aschaffenburg, Germany offers a wide product portfolio both domestically and abroad through its franchisees. The offer ranges from standard, guarantee and Express parcels through services such as cash-on-delivery, right through to individual customer solutions. In approximately 500 depots in 38 countries, more than 22,000 employees and 15,000 vehicles are working to serve 200,000 commercial customers. Heading DPD GmbH & Co. KG are the two CEOs Hans Fluri and Arnold Schroven. The French GeoPost Group holds the majority of shares in DPD, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Groupe La Poste.

About GeoPost

GeoPost, which groups together the Express subsidiaries of the Groupe La Poste, is a parcel specialist and a major player on the express market. Active in all Europe, it caters for more than 230 territories on behalf of over 300,000 clients throughout the world. Today, the GeoPost group boasts 1st rank positioning in France and 3rd rank in Europe with an annual turnover of around 3 billion Euros in 2006.

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