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# DHL Halts High-Value U.S. Deliveries: What You Need to Know

## Description

DHL Express has announced a temporary halt on deliveries to the United States for packages valued over \$800 (£603). This decision comes in response to a "significant increase" in customs regulations attributed to the new tariff regime implemented by former President Donald Trump.

Starting Monday, the delivery giant will cease shipments from various countries to consumers in the U.S. "until further notice." However, shipments between businesses will continue, albeit with the likelihood of delays.

Earlier, packages worth up to \$2,500 could enter the U.S. with minimal documentation, but recent customs enforcement changes have lowered this threshold significantly.

DHL stated that this shift has resulted in an influx of formal customs clearances, which they are addressing around the clock. While they are making efforts to manage this surge, shipments exceeding \$800 may experience multi-day delays, regardless of their origin.

Nonetheless, packages valued at less than \$800 will still be delivered with limited checks. Importantly, on May 2, the White House plans to tighten regulations on low-value packages, particularly those sent from China and Hong Kong, by closing a loophole that previously allowed these items to enter the U.S. duty-free.

This change will particularly affect companies such as Shein and Temu, which have already indicated that prices might rise due to the evolving trade landscape.

[The Trump administration claims](#) that many Chinese shippers obscure the true nature of their shipments, complicating customs processes.

In response to these developments, Hongkong Post recently announced it would stop accepting packages bound for the U.S. by sea, labeling the U.S. approach as "unreasonable."



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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Customs** /'kʌstəmz/ (noun): Government authorities responsible for regulating goods entering a country.
2. **Shipment** /'ʃɪpmənt/ (noun): The act of sending goods from one place to another.
3. **Regulations** /,rɛgju'leɪʃənz/ (noun): Rules or laws designed to control or govern conduct.
4. **Enforcement** /ɪn'fɔːrsmənt/ (noun): The act of compelling observance of or compliance with a law rule or obligation.
5. **Influx** /'ɪnflʌks/ (noun): An arrival or inward flow of a large number of people or things.
6. **Loophole** /'luːphoʊl/ (noun): An ambiguity or inadequacy in the law or a set of rules that allows someone to evade a burden.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What is the reason for DHL Express halting deliveries to the United States for packages valued over \$800?  
Option: Customs regulations increase attributed to former President Trump  
Option: Supply chain disruptions  
Option: Natural disasters in the U.S.  
Option: Labor strikes at DHL facilities
2. What is the impact of recent customs enforcement changes on the threshold for packages entering the U.S.?  
Option: Increased threshold to \$5,000  
Option: No impact on the threshold  
Option: Lowered the threshold significantly  
Option: Removed the threshold
3. Which group of packages will experience multi-day delays according to DHL?  
Option: Packages from China and Hong Kong  
Option: Packages valued at less than \$500  
Option: Packages valued at exactly \$800  
Option: All packages from Europe



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4. What change is the White House planning to make regarding low-value packages?
- Option: Increase the threshold for duty-free entry
  - Option: Close a loophole for duty-free entry
  - Option: Reduce checks on low-value packages
  - Option: Ban low-value packages from entering the U.S.
5. Which companies are mentioned as potentially affected by the evolving trade landscape?
- Option: Amazon and Walmart
  - Option: Shein and Temu
  - Option: Apple and Microsoft
  - Option: McDonald's and Burger King
6. Why did Hongkong Post decide to stop accepting packages bound for the U.S. by sea?
- Option: U.S. customs issues with sea shipments
  - Option: Increase in sea freight prices
  - Option: Concerns over unfair U.S. regulations
  - Option: Lack of demand for sea shipments

### True-False

7. DHL Express is permanently halting all deliveries to the United States.
8. Shipments between businesses will not be affected by the temporary halt.
9. The White House plans to tighten regulations on high-value packages.
10. Shein and Temu have announced price drops due to the trade landscape changes.
11. The Trump administration claims that Chinese shippers often present accurate shipment details.
12. The U.S. approach to handling packages has been labeled as

### Gap-Fill

14. Packages worth up to \$2,500 could enter the U.S. with minimal documentation, but recent customs enforcement changes have \_\_\_\_\_ this threshold significantly.
15. On May 2, the White House plans to tighten regulations on low-value packages by closing a loophole



that previously allowed these items to enter the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_.

16. The trade landscape changes might lead to price rises for companies such as \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The Trump administration alleges that many Chinese shippers obscure the true nature of their shipments, \_\_\_\_\_ customs processes.

18. Hongkong Post recently announced it would stop accepting packages bound for the U.S. by sea, citing the U.S. approach as \_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Customs regulations increase attributed to former President Trump 2. Lowered the threshold significantly 3. Packages valued at less than \$800 4. Close a loophole for duty-free entry 5. Shein and Temu 6. Concerns over unfair U.S. regulations

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 14. lowered 15. duty-free 16. Shein and Temu 17. complicating 18. unreasonable

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which word describes something of great importance or significance?

- Option: Staggering
- Option: Landmark
- Option: Victory
- Option: Monumental

2. What is the term for discussions aimed at reaching agreements or settlements?

- Option: Acknowledged
- Option: Skeptical
- Option: Negotiations
- Option: Confusion

3. What is the action of ensuring compliance with laws rules or regulations?

- Option: Influx
- Option: Loophole



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Option: Enforcement

Option: Mitigate

4. Which word describes actions taken in response to harm or provocation?

Option: Reprieve

Option: Frustration

Option: Retaliatory

Option: Optimism

5. What term describes the act of sending or transporting goods?

Option: Customs

Option: Shipment

Option: Regulations

Option: Enforcement

6. Which word describes working together with others towards a common goal?

Option: Influx

Option: Loophole

Option: Collaborating

Option: Mitigate

7. Which word conveys hopefulness and confidence about the future?

Option: Negotiations

Option: Tariffs

Option: Optimism

Option: Apparent

8. What term refers to the official department that administers and collects duties on imported goods?

Option: Incurs

Option: Regulations

Option: Mitigate

Option: Customs

9. Which word means clearly visible or understood?

Option: Reprieve

Option: Frustration

Option: Acknowledged

Option: Apparent

10. What term refers to rules or directives made and maintained by an authority?

Option: Loophole

Option: Significant

Option: Tariffs



Option: Regulations

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The impact of the new policy on the economy was \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Complying with the additional regulations placed a heavy \_\_\_\_\_ on small businesses.
13. Failure to follow the guidelines may result in the company \_\_\_\_\_ penalties.
14. Announcing the decision \_\_\_\_\_ caused confusion among the team.
15. The sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of orders overwhelmed the production team.
16. Efforts were made to \_\_\_\_\_ the impact of the new regulations on consumers.
17. The government decided to increase \_\_\_\_\_ on imported goods.
18. The sudden change in policy led to widespread \_\_\_\_\_ among the citizens.
19. The clever lawyer found a \_\_\_\_\_ in the regulations that allowed her to win the case.
20. The repeated delays caused a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ among the customers waiting for their orders.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The company publicly the mistake and promised to rectify it.
22. The financial report revealed a increase in profits compared to last year.
23. The team celebrated their hard-earned in the final match of the season.
24. The extension granted a temporary from the impending deadline.
25. Despite the promising results some investors remained about the long-term prospects.
26. The presentation skillfully the importance of customer feedback in product development.



27. It was that more resources were needed to complete the project on time.
28. The top seed secured another in the tennis tournament maintaining an unbeaten record.
29. The groundbreaking discovery was considered a scientific in the field of medicine.
30. The constant technical issues led to growing among the software users.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Monumental 2. Negotiations 3. Enforcement 4. Retaliatory 5. Shipment 6. Collaborating 7. Optimism 8. Customs 9. Apparent 10. Regulations

**Gap-Fill:** 11. significant 12. burden 13. incurring 14. prematurely 15. influx 16. mitigate 17. tariffs 18. confusion 19. loophole 20. frustration

**Matching sentence:** 1. Acknowledged 2. Staggering 3. Victory 4. Reprieve 5. Skeptical 6. Emphasizes 7. Apparent 8. Victory 9. Landmark 10. Frustration

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