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www.dhl.com/gb-en/ecommerce/businessusers/business-services/servicepoints.html

## **DHL Postage Labels.**

#### Are the labels in date?

- Preprinted labels received with your boxes are valid for 90 days.
- Labels requested by email are valid for only 7 days.

#### Is the barcode on the label damaged?

• If the bar code on the label has been stuck to the box with a kink, is smudged or damaged in any way it will not scan properly.

#### Why else might the label not scan?

- Sometimes the DHL system needs some encouragement. Please ask for the label to be scanned a few times.
- Alternatively, ask the Service Point to manually enter the label number onto their system. This option is not always offered; you may need to advise the Service Point further.

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## **Service Point Storage**

#### The labels work, but the Service Point cannot take my boxes

- We would suggest taking no more than two or three boxes at a time wherever possible.
- Some Service Points will refuse a box/boxes due to a lack of storage space at the location.
- Please ask to check if this is the case and only process one or two boxes at a time.

\*You can also look up the contact number online, to call the Service Point ahead of time before dropping your boxes off.

### We are here to help!

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