France

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<td>3 3 3 8 0</td>
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**Coding method**

3 3 3 8 0

- delivery area
- department

**Position of the address on the envelope**

- Bottom right-hand corner

**Alignment of address lines**

- Left-aligned

**Address formats**

- The address starts with the most specific information (name or company name) and ends with the most general (country of destination).
- Maximum six lines (seven for international). No blank lines should be included.
- A maximum of 38 characters or spaces per line. There should be one space between words.
- There should be no punctuation from the line with the house number and street name onwards.
- Capital letters are recommended for the last three lines (four with the country name) of the address.
- The address lines should be left aligned and without italics.

The address should be written as followed:

- Line 1, addressee identification (civility, full name, title).
- Line 2, delivery point information (apartment number, floor, hallway, staircase).
- Line 3, additional geographical information (entrance number, building name).
- Line 4, house number and street name (street, road, hamlet).
- Line 5, delivery service, additional information for street localisation (poste restante, P.O box, lieu-dit with street names).
- Line 6, postcode and locality.
- Line 7, name of the destination country.

The words "SAINT" and "SAINTE" on line 5 and 6 (locality) are abbreviated "ST" and "STE" (e.g. SAINT AGNANT is written ST AGNANT).

The name of the town in the address may be followed by the word CEDEX (Courrier d’Entreprise à Distribution EXceptionnelle – special business mail). CEDEX mail benefits from special delivery services. Never delete CEDEX from an address: your item will no longer benefit from the special CEDEX handling.

In certain cases, the word CEDEX is followed by a one or two-digit number. This is the case for cities with a several delivery centres or the postal districts of Paris, Lyon or Marseille.

**Examples**

**Private address**

In a detached house:

Monsieur Jean DURAND
25 RUE DES FLEURS
33500 LIBOURNE
FRANCE

addressee

street number and name

postcode + locality
France (cont.)

Examples (cont.)

In a residence:
Monsieur Jean DELHOURME
Chez Mireille COPEAU Apartment 2
Entrée A Bâtiment Jonquille
25 RUE DE L’ÉGLISE
CAUDOS
33380 MIOS
FRANCE

In a hamlet:
Madame Isabelle RICHARD
LE VILLAGE
82500 AUTERIVE
FRANCE

Company address:
DURAND SA
Service achat
Zone industrielle Ouest
22 RUE DES FLEURS
BP 40122
33506 LIBOURNE CEDEX
FRANCE

Société DUPONT
Mademoiselle Lucie MARTIN
Résidence les Capucines
56 RUE EMILE ZOLA
BP 90432 MONTFERRIER SUR LEZ
34092 MONTPELLIER CEDEX 5
FRANCE

*only if geographical locality differs from CEDEX delivery office

Thoroughfare types and abbreviations (extract)

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### Contact

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33506 LIBOURNE CEDEX  
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