

Allow about ten days for airmail and about a month for sea mail.

The size limit for sending parcels by mail is 25 cm x 30 cm x 10 cm; larger items must be sent by air freight. In all cases the contents and value must be clearly indicated on the wrapper to facilitate clearing through customs and to have a notice of arrival of the goods sent to the addressee.

Advertising and Information

Advertising is not widely used; however, advertising messages can be published in the local magazines and newspapers and in some movie theatres.

The best way of advertising a product is through direct contact with the procurement officers in the state corporations that import and use the product.

Credit and Banks

The banking system is state controlled. Besides the Banque Centrale, which issues the currency, controls exchanges and credit, and handles rediscounting, there is the Banque Algérienne de Développement (BAD), whose function is to provide and manage medium-term investment credits, particularly from abroad, and four commercial banks which have an important role in financial control, in the search for international credits, and in the selection of projects for the state corporations. Each of these banks is assigned sectors for which it has exclusive jurisdiction:

- the Banque Nationale d'Algérie (BNA) for textiles, wood, mines, metals processing, and Air Algeria;
- the Banque Extérieure d'Algérie (BEA) for hydrocarbons, iron and steel, construction materials, paper, electricity, and correspondence with foreign banks;
- the Crédit Populaire d'Algérie (CPA) for regional governments and firms, construction, transportation and tourism;
- the Banque de l'Agriculture et du Développement Rural (BADR) for the entire agri-business sector.

Foreign firms with contracts for work in Algeria that do not have independent establishments should open internal non-resident accounts (INR).