

# Update on MaltaPost Postage Paid Envelopes Group Type 6

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The Group 6 postage paid envelopes, first seen in early September 2011, are easy to distinguish from all the previous versions because of the new design consisting of a pink, black and blue border pattern edging the envelope all around. The pattern overlaps the folds, making it visible both from the front and back of the envelope. It is to be noted that for the first time these postage paid envelopes incorporate the postage rate of 20 cents in the imprinted stamp as opposed to the “Postage Paid” indicator, while in the initial printings they also had a validity date imprinted right under the stamp.

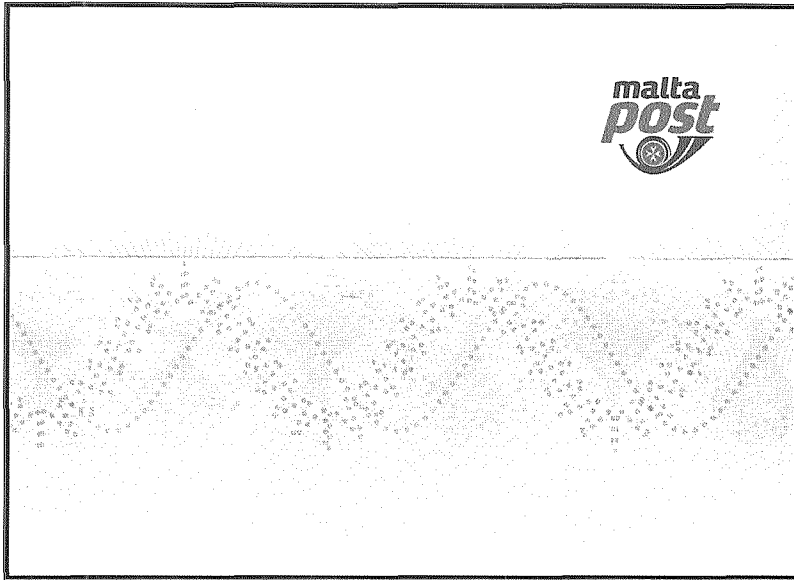
It has since become known that the printing of these latest type of postage paid envelopes is being undertaken by the local security printing firm Printex Limited of Qormi, the same one entrusted with the printing of Malta’s postage stamps. Prior to this group, all MaltaPost postage paid envelopes had been manufactured by Intermarkets Stationeries Limited, an activity in which the company had been involved since the introduction of this type of postal stationery back in September 2002.

To date four types of this group have been observed; the main difference between the first two and the later ones consists in the version of the pattern edging the envelope. The earliest version of the pattern, which exists in both standard (11.1) and window (11.2) format, has a “wide” undulating design. The second version, placed on the market sometime around January 2012, has a “narrow” undulating pattern design which has only been observed in window format (11.2a) envelopes. Around the month of June, the validity date imprinted right under the stamp was done away with. The earliest recorded date for this latest type is 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and up to now it too has only been seen on the narrow undulating pattern in window format (11.2b) version.

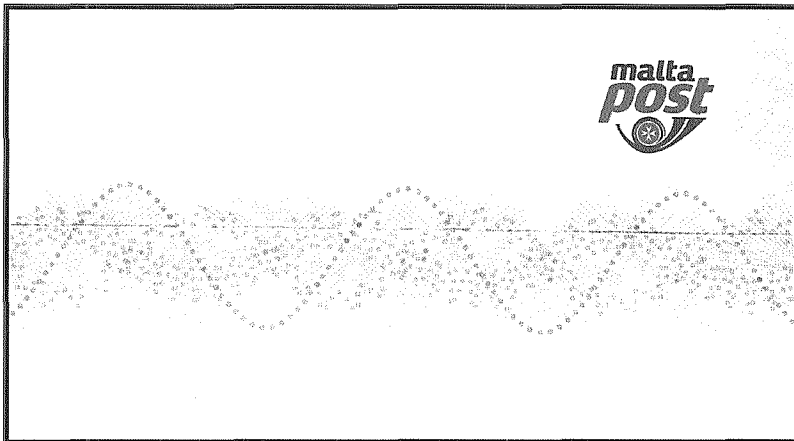
For the record the envelopes are sold at the price of €0.28 each when bought over the post office counters. For high volume users, MaltaPost also offers special reduced rates for postage paid envelopes depending on quantity ordered.

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GROUP TYPE 6	RATE & ENVELOPE FORMAT	STAMP TYPE	IMPRINTED STAMP COLOUR	LOGO TYPE	SIZE MM	SECURITY PRINTING ON INSIDE OF ENVELOPE	INSTRUCTIONS ON FLAP
11.1	20 c LOCAL STANDARD "Wide Pattern" (Expires 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2012)	5 NEOLITHIC CONSTRUCTION & SPIRAL DESIGN	BLACK & RED	4	230 X 110	LIGHT GREY WEAVE PATTERN DESIGN ON WHITE BACKGROUND. GREY MaltaPost p.l.c. ON WHITE TABLET TOP FRONT SECTION	NONE
11.2	20 c LOCAL WINDOW "Wide Pattern" (Expires 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2012)	5 NEOLITHIC CONSTRUCTION & SPIRAL DESIGN	BLACK & RED	4	230 X 110	LIGHT GREY WEAVE PATTERN DESIGN ON WHITE BACKGROUND. GREY MaltaPost p.l.c. ON WHITE TABLET TOP FRONT SECTION	NONE
11.2a	20 c LOCAL WINDOW "Narrow Pattern" (Expires 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2012)	5 NEOLITHIC CONSTRUCTION & SPIRAL DESIGN	BLACK & RED	4	230 X 110	LIGHT GREY WEAVE PATTERN DESIGN ON WHITE BACKGROUND. GREY MaltaPost p.l.c. ON WHITE TABLET TOP FRONT SECTION	NONE
11.2b	20 c LOCAL WINDOW "Narrow Pattern" (No expiry date)	5 NEOLITHIC CONSTRUCTION & SPIRAL DESIGN	BLACK & RED	4	230 X 110	LIGHT GREY WEAVE PATTERN DESIGN ON WHITE BACKGROUND. GREY MaltaPost p.l.c. ON WHITE TABLET TOP FRONT SECTION	NONE



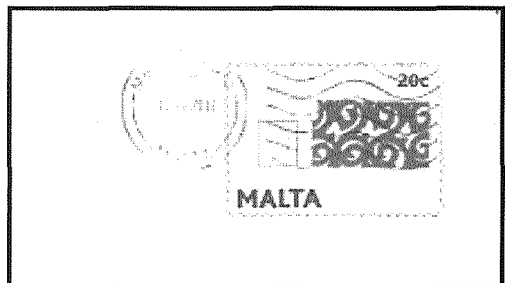
*Initial Type  
~ "Wide"  
Undulating  
Pattern  
Version (used  
on 11.1 &  
11.2)*



*Later Type  
~ "Narrow"  
Undulating  
Pattern  
Version (used  
on 11.2a &  
11.2b)*



*Expiry date on envelope  
Types 11.1; 11.2; 11.2a*



*Earliest recorded envelope  
without expiry date, Type 11.2b*