

SUBCHAPTER B—INTERNATIONAL MAIL

PART 20—INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE

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§ 20.1 The International Mail Manual; incorporation by reference of international mail regulations.

Section 552(a) of title 5, United States Code, relating to the public information requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, provides in pertinent part that “* * * matter reasonably available to the class of persons affected thereby is deemed published in the FEDERAL REGISTER when incorporated by reference therein with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register.” In conformity with that provision, and with 39 U.S.C. 410(b)(1), and as provided in this part, the United States Postal Service hereby incorporates by reference in this part, the International Mail Manual, a looseleaf publication published and maintained by the U.S. Postal Service, Washington, DC 20260-5365.

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§ 20.2 Availability of the International Mail Manual.

(a) Copies of the International Mail Manual are available for reference and inspection upon request at the National Headquarters and regional offices of the U.S. Postal Service and at all United States Post Offices and classified stations and branches during

normal business hours. Regional offices are located in Philadelphia, Memphis, Chicago, San Bruno, and Windsor, CT.

(b) A copy of the International Mail Manual, together with each amendment of it, is on file at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

(c) Copies of the International Mail Manual may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC 20402-9371 for \$14.00. This price covers two complete issues of the International Mail Manual. Information about international mail also appears in condensed form in Publication 51, which the Postal Service publishes and distributes to all post offices and area supply centers. This publication is available to the public free of charge at all post offices and classified stations and branches.

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§ 20.3 Amendments to the International Mail Manual.

(a) Except for interim or final regulations published as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, notices of changes made in the International Mail Manual will periodically be published in the Federal Register. A complete issue of the International Mail Manual, including the text of all changes published to date, will be filed with the Director, Office of the Federal Register. Subscribers to the International Mail Manual will automatically receive the latest issue of the International Mail Manual from the Government Printing Office.

(b) When the Postal Service invites comment from the general public on a proposed change to the International Mail Manual, the proposed change and, if adopted, the interim or final regulation will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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(c) Interim or final regulations published as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, and other changes to the International Mail Manual, adopted subsequent to the notices published under paragraph (a) of this section (except for corrections of minor errors or other nonsubstantive changes), are published in the Postal Bulletin, a weekly postal publication that may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC 20402-9371.

(d) Interim regulations will be published in full text or referenced, as appropriate, in the International Mail Manual at the place where they would appear if they become final regulations.

(e) For references to amendments to the International Mail Manual adopted under paragraph (b) of this section subsequent to issuance of the most recent transmittal letter listed below, see §10.3 in the List of CFR Sections Affected at the end of this volume.

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§ 20.4 Approval of the Director of the Federal Register.

Incorporation by reference of the publication now titled the International Mail Manual was approved by the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51 on June 24, 1981.

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§ 20.5 Contents of the International Mail Manual.

The International Mail Manual contains the following parts:

(A) CHAPTER 1—INTERNATIONAL MAIL SERVICES

(1) Subchapter 110—General Information

- (i) Part 111—Scope
- (ii) Part 112—Mailer Responsibility

- (iii) Part 113—Individual Country Listings (ICLs)
- (iv) Part 114—Availability
- (v) Part 115—Official Correspondence

(2) Subchapter 120—Preparation for Mailing

- (i) Part 121—Packaging—Sender's Responsibility
- (ii) Part 122—Addressing
- (iii) Part 123—Customs Forms Required

(3) Subchapter 130—Mailability

- (i) Part 131—General
- (ii) Part 132—Written, Printed, and Graphic Matter
- (iii) Part 133—Improperly Addressed Mail
- (iv) Part 134—Valuable Articles
- (v) Part 135—Animals and Plants
- (vi) Part 136—Special Packaging Requirements
- (vii) Part 137—Perishable Biological Substances
- (viii) Part 138—Radioactive Materials
- (ix) Part 139—Dangerous Materials

(4) Subchapter 140—International Mail Classes

- (i) Part 141—Definitions
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- (i) Part 151—Postage Rates
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(B) CHAPTER 2—CONDITIONS FOR MAILING

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(2) Subchapter 220—Letters and Letter Packages

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(3) Subchapter 230—Postcards and Aerogrammes

- (i) Part 231—Description
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- (iii) Part 233—Weight and Size Limits
- (iv) Part 234—Preparation Requirements

(4) Subchapter 240—Printed Matter

- (i) Part 241—Description
- (ii) Part 242—Postage