(flats), packages (small packets), and postcards, see Notice 123, Price List.

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[Remove the entry “Postcards (241.22)” and the price for postcards.]

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Extra Services

Certificate of Mailing (312)

[For each country that offers certificate of mailing service, revise the fees to read as follows:]

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International Business Reply Service (382)

[For each country that offers International Business Reply Service, revise the fees to read as follows:]

Fee: Envelopes up to 2 ounces $1.50; Cards $1.00

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International Reply Coupons (381)

[For each country that offers international reply coupons, revise the fee to read as follows:]

Fee: $2.20

Registered Mail (330)

[For each country that offers international Registered Mail service, revise the fee to read as follows:]

Fee: $1.75

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Restricted Delivery (350)

[For each country that offers international restricted delivery service, revise the fee to read as follows:]

Fee: $4.55

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Return Receipt (340)

[For each country that offers international return receipt service, revise the fee to read as follows:]

Fee: $2.35

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We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 20 to reflect these changes if our proposal is adopted.

Stanley F. Mires, Attorney, Legal Policy & Legislative Advice.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

New Standards for Domestic Mailing Services

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In October 2011, the Postal Service filed a notice of mailing services price adjustments with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), effective on January 22, 2012. This proposed rule contains the revisions to Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) that we would adopt to implement the changes coincident with the price adjustments.

DATES: We must receive comments on or before November 23, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to the manager, Product Classification, U.S. Postal Service®, 475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., Room 4446, Washington, DC 20260–5015. You may inspect and photocopy all written comments at USPS® Headquarters Library, 475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., 11th Floor N, Washington, DC by appointment only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday by calling 1–202–268–2906 in advance. E-mail comments, containing the name and address of the commenter, may be sent to: MailingStandards@usps.gov, with a subject line of “January 2012 Domestic Mailing Services Proposal.” Faxed comments are not accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Chatfield, 202–268–7278.


The Postal Service’s proposed rule includes: Several mail classification changes, modifications to mailpiece characteristics, and changes in classification terminology.

Proposed Change for Letters

Commercial First-Class Mail Letters

The pricing structure for presorted and automation First-Class Mail® letters is proposed to change so that the minimum postage charge would be for a 2-ounce letter instead of the current 1-ounce minimum postage charge.

We will also remove standards for Reply Rides Free, because the program ends on December 31, 2011.

Commercial First-Class Mail and Standard Mail Letters

The Postal Service proposes to modify the process of submitting mailpieces to the Pricing and Classification Service Center (PCSC) for testing and to delete the provision that pieces with attached release cards be sent to Engineering.

Standard Mail Nonmachinable Letters

The USPS proposes to clarify that overflow Standard Mail® nonmachinable letters that mailers place into existing trays at another level would require matching documentation.

Proposed Changes for Flats

Automation Flats

The USPS proposes to clarify 301.3.0 to add that automation flats must meet the standards for all flats in 301.1.0 as well as the standards in 301.3.0.

Periodicals Flats

Currently, Periodicals flats are allowed on mixed area distribution center (MADC) pallets only when the flats are sacked. This proposed rule would allow bundles of Periodicals flats to be placed directly on MADC pallets and would assign a specific price for MADC pallets as well.

We propose to revise a price categorization under nonmachinable flats to insert the correct categorization of nonmachinable flats-nonbarcoded.

Detached Address Labels Used With Flats

The Postal Service proposes to add a new term to identify detached address labels (DALs) with advertising. Inclusion of advertising turns DALs into dual purpose pieces—optional addressing vehicles and marketing vehicles. A DAL with advertising on either side would be a type of DAL named as a detached marketing label (DML). Both DALs and DMLs could be used with saturation flats or with Standard Mail Marketing parcels.

Proposed Changes for Parcels

Machinable Parcels

To align the standards for machinable parcels with current mail processing equipment capability, the Postal Service proposes to change the dimensional criteria for all machinable parcels from the current 34 inches x 17 inches x 17 inches to 27 inches x 17 inches x 17
inches. We would additionally change the maximum weight of a machinable parcel from 35 pounds to 25 pounds for all parcels except those mailed as Parcel Select® or Parcel Return Service. We also propose to modify the processes by which parcels that do not fully meet the machinability standards are evaluated for machinability. In addition, the Postal Service proposes to clarify that parcels that meet the lightweight machinable parcel standards are definitively categorized as machinable parcels.

**Standard Mail Parcels**

Standard Mail regular parcels would be separated into two groups, Marketing parcels and parcels that will become Parcel Select Lightweight™ parcels. Nonprofit Standard Mail parcels would have separate standards for Nonprofit Marketing parcels and other Nonprofit parcels.

Marketing parcels are defined as containing information and/or product samples whose purposes are to encourage recipients to purchase a product or service, make a contribution, support a cause, form a belief or opinion, take an action, or provide information to recipients. These parcels would be required to bear an alternative addressing format (occupant or exceptional addressing, or simplified addressing when allowed for saturation mail), and would be presented for mailing in carrier route (basic, high-density, or saturation sortation) or preset separations. All Marketing parcels would have a maximum size of 12 inches by 9 inches by 2 inches thick. When DALs are used with Marketing parcels, the weight of the DALs is added to the parcels in determining postage as is currently the case, but there would be no separate charge for the DALs.

**Not Flat-Machinables (NFMs)**

In 2007, the USPS created a temporary NFM price category for Standard Mail items that could not meet revised automation flats standards. In the revised proposed rule Federal Register published on February 6, 2009 (74 FR 6250–6257), the Postal Service announced our intention to discontinue the NFM category in May 2010. In the March 25, 2010 Postal Bulletin (No. 22281), we announced that the NFM price category would be extended. We now propose to end the NFM category as of January 2012. Pieces that would have been mailed as NFMs should qualify as either Standard Mail Marketing parcels or Parcel Select Lightweight parcels.

**Package Services Pieces**

The Postal Service proposes to eliminate the provision to provide free local forwarding for Package Services pieces. The USPS also proposes to discontinue the 3-cent barcode discount for all BPM, Media Mail®, and Library Mail parcels.

**Special, Extra, and Other Services**

**Adult Signature**

The Postal Service proposes to permit the use of a hard copy PS Form 3811, Domestic Return Receipt, with Adult Signature service when used with Express Mail®, or Priority Mail®, including shipments made under the Prevent All Tobacco Cigarettes Trafficking (PACT) Act. A return receipt fee would be charged in addition to regular postage and the Adult Signature fee.

Customers eligible to mail cigarettes and smokeless tobacco under the business/regulatory purposes and consumer testing exceptions of the PACT Act are currently limited to shipping via Express Mail with Hold for Pickup service. This proposed rule will offer additional options: Express Mail with Adult Signature or Priority Mail with Adult Signature.

**Confirm**

The Postal Service proposes to discontinue Confirm service as a paid subscription service and to replace it with “IMb™ Tracing,” which will provide scan data similar to that provided through Confirm service, but with no paid subscription service required.

**Waiver of Annual Mailing Fees for Full-Service Automation Mailings**

The Postal Service proposes to revise certain requirements for mailers who present full-service (Intelligent Mail®) automation mailings. When mailers present only full-service automation mailings of First-Class Mail or Standard Mail letters and flats or BPM flats with 90 percent or more pieces qualifying for full-service automation prices, the Postal Service proposes to waive payment of the annual mailing fees for mailings presented under specific permits. As an additional allowance, when mailers present only qualifying full-service automation mailings with permit imprint indicia, those mailings will be able to be presented at any PostalOne® acceptance office without payment of an additional permit imprint application fee or payment of an annual mailing fee at the other office(s).

**Post Office Boxes**

The Postal Service proposes to add a new 3-month prepaid payment option, only available via recurring automatic payments, for Post Office Box service.

**Stamp Fulfillment Services**

Currently, the Postal Service charges a standard fee for most Stamp Fulfillment Services orders; however Stamp Fulfillment Services shipping fees are not identified in the DMM nor listed in Notice 123—Price List. However, the fees are subject to regulation by the PRC.

The USPS proposes to add new DMM language to explain that there are fees associated with Stamp Fulfillment Services and to refer customers to Notice 123 for the prices. A single standard fee is charged for orders up to $50, and a higher fee for larger orders.

**Stationery**

Currently, the USPS does not offer postcard stationery sheets that easily fit on standard computer printers. We propose to offer four perforated postcards on an 8½ inches x 11 inches sheet that would allow customers to feed them readily into computer printers. Once separated, each card will be 4¼ inches x 5½ inches.

Additionally, the USPS does not currently offer personalized stamped postcards. This proposed rule will allow customers to purchase stamped postcards with pre-printed return addresses.

Although we are exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act [5 U.S.C. of 553(b), (c)] regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), we invite public comments on the following proposed revisions to Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR 111.1.

**List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111**

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

Accordingly, 39 CFR Part 111 is proposed to be amended as follows:

**PART 111—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:


2. Revise the following sections of Mailing Standards of the United States
Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), as follows:

100 Retail Mail

101 Physical Standards

3.0 Physical Standards for Parcels

[Renumber current 3.1 through 3.6 as new 3.2 through 3.7 and add new 3.1 as follows:]

3.1 Processing Categories

USPS categorizes parcels into one of three mail processing categories: machinable, irregular, or outside parcel. These categories are based on the physical dimensions of the piece, regardless of the placement (orientation) of the delivery address on the piece.

3.4 Machinable Parcels

[Revise the introductory text of renumbered 3.4 as follows:]

A machinable parcel is any piece that is not a letter or a flat and that is (see Exhibit 3.4):

[a. Not more than 27 inches long, or 17 inches high, or 17 inches thick. Parcels cannot weigh more than 25 pounds, except Parcel Select and Parcel Return parcels which have a maximum weight of 35 pounds, except for those containing books or other printed matter (25 pound maximum).

Exhibit 3.4 Machinable Parcel Dimensions

[Revise the current length dimension in to read 27 inches and delete the sentences describing the minimum and maximum weights in Exhibit 3.4.]

170 Media Mail and Library Mail

173 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Media Mail and Library Mail Prices

[Delete 1.4, Barcode Discount—Machinable Parcels, in its entirety.]

[Renumber current 1.5 and 1.6 as new 1.4 and 1.5.]

200 Commercial Letters and Cards

201 Physical Standards

2.0 Physical Standards for Nonmachinable Letters

2.3 Additional Criteria for Standard Mail Nonmachinable Letters

[Revise 2.3 to read as follows:]

The nonmachinable prices in 243.1.0 apply to Standard Mail letter-size pieces that have one or more of the nonmachinable characteristics in 2.1. Mailers must prepare all nonmachinable letters as described in 245.5.0.

3.0 Physical Standards for Machinable and Automation Letters and Cards

[Revise the titles of 3.4 and 3.4.1 as follows:]

3.4 Standards for Letter-Size Pieces Containing One Disc (CD or DVD)

3.4.1 Basic Standards for One Disc in a Letter-Size Mailpiece

[Revise the text of 3.4.1 as follows:]

A letter-size mailpiece containing one disc and meeting the general standards in 3.0 and the specific standards in 3.4.3 is considered automation-compatible. A mailpiece with one enclosed disc not meeting these standards must be tested and approved for automation-compatibility. For this purpose, mailers must submit 5 sample mailpieces and a written request to the local postmaster or business mail entry manager for submission to the Pricing and Classification Service Center.

3.12 Flexibility Standards for Automation Letters

3.12.2 USPS Services for Flexibility Testing

[Revise the text of 3.12.2 as follows:]

A mailer requesting flexibility testing for letter-size mailpieces must submit at least 5 mailpieces and a written request to their local postmaster or business mail entry manager for submission to the Pricing and Classification Service Center (PCSC) at least 6 weeks before the mailing date. The request must describe mailpiece contents and construction, number of pieces being produced, and preparation level. The PCSC will evaluate the piece and, if warranted, will instruct the mailer to submit samples to USPS Engineering for testing. The PCSC advises the mailer of its findings. If the mailpiece is approved, the letter includes a unique number identifying the piece and serves as evidence that the piece meets the relevant standards. A copy of the letter must accompany each postage statement submitted for mailings of the approved piece. If requested by the USPS, the mailer must show that pieces presented for mailing are the same as those approved.

3.13 Labels, Stickers, Release Cards, and Perforated Pockets Affixed to the Outside of Letter-Size Mailpieces

3.13.4 Letter-Size Piece With Attached Release Card

[Revise the introductory text of 3.13.4 as follows:]

A letter-size mailpiece, with one or two attached release cards, must have the following characteristics:

1.2 Price Computation for First-Class Mail Letters

[Revise the text of 1.2 as follows:]

Commercial First-Class Mail presorted letters are charged at one price for the first two ounces, with separate prices for pieces over two ounces up to three ounces and for pieces over three ounces up to 3.5 ounces. Any fraction of an ounce is considered a whole ounce. For example, if a piece weighs 2.2 ounces, the weight (postage) increment is 3 ounces. The pricing per ounce is similar for automation First-Class Mail letters, with pricing differences per sortation level.

3.0 Basic Standards for First-Class Mail Letters

3.4 Presort Mailing Fee

[Revise the text of 3.4 by adding a new second sentence as follows:]

Payment of this fee is waived for mailers who present only full-service automation mailings (under 705.23) containing 90% or more pieces qualifying for full-service prices.

7.0 First-Class Mail Incentive Programs

[Delete 7.2, Reply Rides Free Program, in its entirety.]

234 Postage Payment and Documentation
2.0 Postage Payment for Presorted and Automation Letters

2.2 Affixing Postage for Presorted and Automation First-Class Mail

Unless permitted by other standards or authorization by Business Mailer Support, when precanceled postage or meter stamps are used, only one payment method may be used in a mailing and each piece must bear postage under one of these conditions:

b. Not more than 27 inches long, or 12 inches high, or 17 inches thick. [Revise the introductory sentence to 1.3 by adding a new fourth sentence to read as follows:]

1.3 Maximum Weight and Size

[Revise text of 1.3 by adding a new second sentence as follows:]
2.4 Standard Mail Parcels

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[Revise title and text of 2.4.2 to delete references to Not Flat-Machinables and add standards for Marketing parcels to read as follows:]

2.4.2 Marketing Parcels

Marketing parcels do not meet letters or flats standards and have the following characteristics:

a. Height not more than 9 inches high.
   Minimum height must be 3½ inches if the parcel is ¼ inch thick or less.
   b. Length not more than 12 inches long. Minimum length must be 5 inches if the parcel is ¼ inch thick or less.
   c. Thickness at least 0.009 thick, but not more than 2 inches.
   d. An alternative addressing format, according to 602.3.0.

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2.6 Bound Printed Matter Parcels

2.6.1 General Standards

[Revise the text of 2.6.1 by moving the text of item 2.6.1a into the introductory sentence and deleting item 2.6.1b in its entirety as follows:]

Pieces mailed at Bound Printed Matter prices may not weigh more than 15 pounds.

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440 Standard Mail

443 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Prices and Fees for Standard Mail

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[Revise title of 1.2 to read as follows:]

1.2 Regular and Nonprofit Standard Mail—Marketing Parcel Prices

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[Revise title of 1.3 as follows:]

1.3 Nonprofit Standard Mail—Machinable and Irregular Parcel Prices

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3.0 Basic Standards for Standard Mail Parcels

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3.2 Defining Characteristics

[Renumber current 3.2.2 through 3.2.8 as 3.2.4 through 3.2.10 and add new 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 as follows:]

3.2.2 Standard Mail Marketing Parcels

All Standard Mail Marketing parcels (both regular and nonprofit) must bear an alternative addressing format (see 602.3.0) and are subject to size restrictions in 401.2.4.2.

3.2.3 Nonprofit Standard Mail Machinable and Irregular Parcels

Nonprofit Standard Mail parcels that do not qualify as Marketing parcels may be prepared and mailed as machinable or irregular parcels.
3.3 Additional Basic Standards for Standard Mail

Each Standard Mail mailing is subject to these general standards:

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[Revise text of item 3.3d as follows:]
d. Each Marketing parcel must bear an alternative addressing format subject to 602.3.0. Nonprofit Standard Mail machinable or irregular parcels must bear the addressee’s name and complete delivery address, or may use an alternative addressing format. Detached address labels may be used subject to 602.4.0.

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4.0 Price Eligibility for Standard Mail

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4.2 Minimum Per Piece Prices

The minimum per piece prices (i.e., the minimum postage that must be paid for each piece) apply as follows:

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[Revise text of item 4.2c as follows:]
c. Individual Prices. There are separate minimum per piece prices for each product and, within each product, for the presort and destination entry levels within each mailing. There are also separate prices for Marketing parcels and for Nonprofit machinable parcels and Nonprofit irregular parcels. DDU prices are available for parcels entered only at 5-digit or one of the Enhanced Carrier Route prices.

4.3 Piece/Pound Prices

[Revise the text of 4.3 as follows:]

Pieces that exceed 3.3 ounces (0.2063 pound) are subject to a fixed charge per piece and a variable pound charge based on weight. There are separate per piece prices for each product and within each product for the type of mailing and the presort and destination entry levels within each mailing. There are separate per pound prices for each product. There are also separate prices for Marketing parcels and for Nonprofit machinable parcels and Nonprofit irregular parcels.

4.4 Surcharge

[Revise the introductory text of 4.4 to read as follows:]

Unless prepared in carrier route or 3-digit scheme containers, Standard Mail parcels are subject to a surcharge if:

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[Revise item 4.4b as follows:]
b. The Marketing parcels or the machinable parcels do not bear a GS1-128 routing barcode or Intelligent Mail package barcode, under 708.5.0, for the delivery address.

[Delete current item 4.4c as in its entirety; redesignate current item d as new item c and revise to read as follows:]
c. The irregular parcels do not bear a GS1-128 routing barcode, Intelligent Mail package barcode or POSTNET barcode for the delivery address.

4.5 Extra Services for Standard Mail

4.5.1 Available Services

[Revise the introductory text of 4.5.1 as follows:]

Only the following extra services may be used with Standard Mail parcels, with restrictions as noted in 4.5.2:

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[Delete 4.5.2, Eligible Matter, in its entirety and rename current 4.5.3 and 4.5.4 as new 4.5.2 and 4.5.3.]

5.0 Additional Eligibility Standards for Presorted Standard Mail Pieces

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5.2 Price Application

[Revise 5.2 as follows:]

Prices for Standard Mail and Nonprofit Standard Mail apply separately to Marketing parcels that meet the eligibility standards in 2.0 through 4.0 and the preparation standards in 445.5.0, 705.6.0, 705.8.0, or 705.20. Prices for Nonprofit parcels not qualifying as Marketing parcels apply separately to machinable parcels and irregular parcels. When parcels are combined under 445.5.0, 705.6.0, or 705.20, all pieces are eligible for the applicable prices when the combined total meets the eligibility standards.

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[Revise title of 5.4 to read as follows:]

5.4 Prices for Irregular Parcels and Marketing Parcels

5.4.1 5-Digit Price

[Revise the introductory text of 5.4.1 as follows:]

5-digit prices apply to irregular parcels and to Marketing parcels that are dropshipped to a DNDC (or ASF when claiming DNDC prices), DSCF, or DDU and presented:

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[Delete item 5.4.1e in its entirety.]

5.4.2 SCF Price

[Revise the introductory text of in 5.4.2 as follows:]

SCF prices apply to irregular parcels and to Marketing parcels that are dropshipped and presented to a DSCF or DNDC:

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5.4.3 NDC Price

[Revise the introductory text of 5.4.3 as follows:]

NDC prices apply to irregular parcels and to Marketing parcels as follows under either of the following conditions:

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5.4.4 Mixed NDC Price

[Revise the text of 5.4.4 as follows:]

Mixed NDC prices apply to irregular parcels and to Marketing parcels in origin NDC or mixed NDC containers that are not eligible for 5-digit, SCF, or NDC prices. Place irregular parcels at mixed NDC prices in origin NDC or mixed NDC sacks under 445.5.4.4 or on origin NDC or mixed NDC pallets under 705.8.10.

[Revise the title of 6.0 as follows:]

6.0 Additional Eligibility Standards for Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail Marketing Parcels

6.1 General Enhanced Carrier Route Standards

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6.1.2 Basic Eligibility Standards

[Revise the introductory text of 6.1.2 as follows:]

All pieces in an Enhanced Carrier Route or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route mailing of Standard Mail Marketing parcels must:

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d. Bear a delivery address that includes the correct ZIP Code, ZIP + 4 code, or numeric equivalent to the delivery point barcode (DPBC) and that meets these addressing standards:

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[Revise item d2 to require alternative addressing to read as follows:]

2. An alternative addressing format as described in 602.3.0.

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[Revise the first sentence of item 6.1.2 to indicate new size restrictions to read as follows:]

f. Enhanced Carrier Route Marketing parcels may not be more than 9 inches high, 12 inches long, or 2 inches thick.

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445 Mail Preparation

1.0 General Information for Mail Preparation

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1.3 Terms for Presort Levels

Terms used for presort levels are defined as follows:

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[Delete current item 1.3e, Origin/Entry 3-Digit, in its entirety and redesignate current item 1.3f as new item 1.3e.]
5.1 Basic Standards

[Revise the introductory sentence of 5.1 as follows:]

All mailings and all pieces in each mailing at Standard Mail and Nonprofit Standard Mail parcel prices are subject to preparation standards in 5.3 or 5.4, and to these general standards:

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b. Marketing parcels, Nonprofit machinable parcels, and Nonprofit irregular parcels must each be prepared as separate mailings, except under 5.3.1.

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5.2 Markings

[Revise the text of 5.2 as follows:]

All parcels must be marked according to 402.2.0.

[Revise the title of 5.3 as follows:]

5.3 Preparing Marketing Parcels (6 Ounces or More) and Machinable Parcels

5.3.1 Sacking

[Revise the introductory text of 5.3.1 as follows:]

Prepare mailings of Marketing parcels weighing 6 ounces or more and mailings of machinable parcels under 5.3.0. Prepare 5-digit sacks only for parcels dropshipped to a DNDC (or ASF when claiming DNDC prices), DSCF, or DDU. Prepare ASF or NDC sacks only for parcels dropshipped to a DNDC (or ASF when claiming DNDC prices). There is no minimum for parcels in 5-digit/scheme sacks entered at a DDU. Mailers combining irregular parcels with machinable parcels must prepare those sacks under 5.3.2. Mailers may not prepare sacks containing irregular and machinable parcels to other presort levels. Mailers may combine irregular parcels with Marketing parcels weighing less than 6 ounces in sacks under 5.4.3. For mailings of only Marketing parcels weighing less than 6 ounces, use “MKTG” on line 2 of sack labels instead of “IRREG” under items 5.4.3a through f.

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5.4 Preparing Marketing Parcels (Less Than 6 Ounces) and Irregular Parcels

5.4.1 Bundling

[Revise the text of 5.4.1 as follows:]

Bundling is permitted only for bundles of Marketing parcels under 7.0.

5.4.2 Sacking

[Revise the text of 5.4.2 as follows:]

Prepare mailings of Marketing parcels weighing less than 6 ounces and mailings of irregular parcels under 5.4.0. Prepare 5-digit sacks only for parcels dropshipped to a DNDC (or ASF when claiming DNDC prices), DSCF, or DDU. See 5.4.3 for restrictions on SCF, ASF, and NDC sacks. Mailers must prepare a sack when the quantity of mail for a required presort destination reaches 10 pounds of pieces. There is no minimum for parcels prepared in 5-digit/scheme sacks entered at a DDU. Mailers combining irregular parcels with machinable parcels and Marketing parcels weighing 6 ounces or more in 5-digit/scheme sacks must prepare those sacks under 5.3.2. Mailers may not prepare sacks containing irregular and machinable parcels to other presort levels. Mailers may combine irregular parcels with Marketing parcels weighing less than 6 ounces in sacks under 5.4.3. For mailings of only Marketing parcels weighing less than 6 ounces, use “MKTG” on line 2 of sack labels instead of “IRREG” under items 5.4.3a through f.

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6.3 Residual Pieces

[Revise the text of renumbered 6.3 as follows:]

Parcels not sorted as a carrier route mailing must be prepared as a separate mailing at Standard Mail Presorted prices.

6.4 Bundling

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6.4.2 Bundles and Sacks With Fewer Than the Minimum Number of Pieces Required

[Revise the text of renumbered 6.4.2 as follows:]

As a general exception to 6.4.1 and 6.5.1, mailers may prepare a bundle with fewer than 10 pieces and a less-than-full sack with fewer than 125 pieces or less than 15 pounds of pieces to a carrier route when they are claiming the saturation price for the contents and the applicable density standard is met. Mailers using Express Mail Open and Distribute or Priority Mail Open and Distribute to dropship ECR parcels also may prepare sacks of fewer than 125 pieces or less than 15 pounds of mail.

[Revise the title of renumbered 6.5 as follows:]

6.5 Preparing Carrier Route Marketing Parcels

6.5.1 Sack Minimums

[Revise the introductory text of renumbered 6.5.1 as follows:]

Except under 6.4.1, a sack must be prepared when the quantity of mail for a required presort destination reaches either 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces, whichever occurs first, subject to these conditions:

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[Revise item 6.5.1b as follows:]

b. For nonidentical-weight pieces, mailers must use the minimum weight that applies to either the average piece weight for the entire mailing or the actual piece count or mail weight for each sack, if documentation can be provided with the mailing that shows (specifically for each sack) the number of pieces and their total weight.

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6.5.2 Sacking and Labeling

Preparation sequence, sack size, and labeling:

a. Carrier route: required (minimum of 125 pieces/15 pounds).

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[Revise item a2 as follows:]

2. Line 2: “STD MKTG WSS” or “STD MKTG WSH” or “STD MKTG LOT” as applicable, followed by the route type and number.

b. 5-digit carrier routes: required (no minimum).

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[Revise item b2 as follows:]


446 Enter and Deposit

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5.0 Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) Entry

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5.2 Eligibility

Pieces in a mailing that meets the standards in 2.0 and 5.0 are eligible for the DDU price when deposited at a DDU, addressed for delivery within the facility’s service area, and prepared as follows:

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[Revise item 5.2b by deleting the reference to Not Flat-Machinable pieces to read as follows:]

b. One or more parcels in 5-digit containers.

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460 Bound Printed Matter

463 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Prices and Fees for Bound Printed Matter

1.1 Nonpresorted Bound Printed Matter

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[Delete 1.1.3 Barcode Discount—Machinable Parcels in its entirety and renumber current items 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 as new 1.1.3 and 1.1.4.]

1.2 Commercial Bound Printed Matter

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1.2.3 Bound Printed Matter Presorted and Carrier Route Prices

[Delete the second sentence of 1.2.3.]

1.2.4 Bound Printed Matter Destination Entry Prices

[Delete the second sentence of 1.2.4.]

4.0 Price Eligibility for Bound Printed Matter Parcels

4.1 Price Eligibility

* * * Price categories are as follows:

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[Delete item 4.1d in its entirety.]

470 Media Mail and Library Mail

473 Prices and Eligibility

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6.0 Price Eligibility for Media Mail and Library Mail Parcels

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6.3 Price Categories for Media Mail and Library Mail Parcels

* * * The price categories and discounts are as follows:

[Delete item 6.3c in its entirety.]

500 Additional Mailing Services

503 Extra Services

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6.0 Return Receipt

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6.2 Basic Information

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6.2.4 Additional Services

[Revise the introductory text of 6.2.4 as follows:]

If return receipt service has been purchased with one of the services listed in 6.2.2, one or more of the following extra services may be added at the time of mailing if the standards for the services are met and the additional service fees are paid:

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6.3 Price Categories for Media Mail and Library Mail Parcels

* * * The price categories and discounts are as follows:

[Delete item 6.3c in its entirety.]

500 Additional Mailing Services

503 Extra Services

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6.0 Return Receipt

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6.2 Basic Information

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6.2.4 Additional Services

[Revise the introductory text of 6.2.4 as follows:]

If return receipt service has been purchased with one of the services listed in 6.2.2, one or more of the following extra services may be added at the time of mailing if the standards for the services are met and the additional service fees are paid:

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8.0 Adult Signature

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8.2 Basic Information

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8.2.5 Confirmation of Delivery

Confirmation of delivery information for Adult Signature is available as follows:

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[Add new item 8.2.5c as follows:]

c. Return receipt service (hard copy PS Form 3811 option only), under 6.0, may be purchased with Express Mail or Priority Mail pieces requesting Adult Signature.

8.2.6 Additional Services

Adult Signature may be combined with:

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[Add new item 8.2.6d as follows:]

d. Return receipt (hard copy PS Form 3811 only) for Express Mail and Priority Mail pieces.

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10.0 Delivery Confirmation

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10.2 Basic Information

10.2.2 Eligible Matter

[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text of 10.2.2 as follows:]

Delivery Confirmation is available for First-Class Mail parcels and First-Class Package Service parcels; all Priority Mail pieces; Standard Mail parcels (electronic option only); Package Services, Parcel Select, and Parcel Select Regional Ground parcels (electronic option only) under 401.1.0.

10.2.3 Electronic Option Delivery Confirmation for Standard Mail

[Revise the first sentence of 10.2.3 as follows:]

If electronic option Delivery Confirmation is requested for all pieces in the mailing and the pieces are of identical weight, then postage may be paid with metered postage or permit imprint under the applicable standards in 444.2.0 for parcels.

11.0 Signature Confirmation

11.2 Basic Information

11.2.2 Eligible Matter

[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text of 11.2.2 as follows:]

Signature Confirmation is available for First-Class Mail parcels and First-Class Package Service parcels; all Priority Mail pieces; Standard Mail parcels (electronic option only); Package Services, Parcel Select, and Parcel Select Regional Ground parcels (electronic option only) under 401.1.0.

14.0 Confirm Service and IMb Tracing

[Delete the current text of 14.1 through 14.4 and replace with the following:]

14.1 Basic Information

14.1.1 General Information

IMb Tracing is a replacement for Confirm service. Participation in Confirm service is limited to those customers who have already paid for a current subscription until the subscription expires. After the expiration of a Confirm subscription, IMb Tracing provides the same basic information as Confirm, but is available at no charge without a subscription.

Requirements for participation in IMb Tracing are the use of the Intelligent Mail barcode, the use of a Mailer Identifier that has been registered (via the Business Customer Gateway, accessible on usps.com) to receive scan data, and verification by the Postal Service that the Intelligent Mail barcode (IMb) as printed meets all applicable postal standards.

14.1.2 Description of Service

IMb Tracing (and Confirm) provides a mailer with data electronically collected from the scanning of barcoded mailpieces as they pass through automated mail processing operations. Scanned data can include the postal facility where such pieces are processed, the operation used to process the pieces, the date and time when the pieces are processed, and the numeric equivalent of a barcode(s) that help to identify the specific pieces. Any piece intended to generate scanned data must meet the physical characteristics and standards in 14.0, although not every piece is guaranteed such data or complete data. This service does not provide proof of delivery. Existing users must convert to the use of an IMb to receive data once existing subscriptions expire.

14.1.3 Availability

IMb Tracing is available to mailers for obtaining scan data for automation-compatible letter-size and automation-compatible flat-size mail.

14.2 Barcodes

14.2.1 General Barcode Requirements

Each piece in a mailing that is intended to generate IMb Tracing information must bear an Intelligent Mail barcode under 14.2.2. Until the time when their current Confirm subscription expires, mailers may use PLANET Code barcodes and POSTNET barcodes under the provisions in Publication 197, Confirm Service Featuring OneCode Confirm, accessible online at http://ribbs.usps.gov/. Otherwise, mailers must apply Intelligent Mail barcodes under 708.4.0 and the following standards:

14.2.2 Intelligent Mail Barcode Requirements

To obtain IMb Tracing, mailers apply Intelligent Mail barcodes on letter-size pieces or on flat-size pieces meeting automation-compatibility standards in 201.3.0 (letters) or 301.3.0 (flats). No other barcode use is acceptable on these pieces. Only one Intelligent Mail barcode may appear on each piece, according to these standards:

1. Intelligent Mail barcodes must be assigned under 708.4.0 and in Specification USPS–B–3200 at http://ribbs.usps.gov/.

2. Place barcodes on letters according to 202.5.0, and on flats according to 302.5.0.

507 Mailer Services

1.0 Treatment of Mail

1.5 Treatment for Ancillary Services by Class of Mail

1.5.3 Standard Mail

Undeliverable-as-addressed (UAA) Standard Mail is treated as described in Exhibit 1.5.3a and Exhibit 1.5.3k, with these additional conditions:

1.5.4 Package Services and Parcel Select

Undeliverable-as-addressed (UAA) Package Services and Parcel Select mailpieces are treated as described in Exhibit 1.5.4, with these additional conditions:

1.5.5 Forwarding Postage

[Revise item 1.5.5 as follows:]d. If a Package Services (except for endorsed Bound Printed Matter) or a Parcel Select mailpiece and any attachment are not opened by the addressee, the addressee may refuse delivery of the piece and have it returned to the sender without affixing postage. Pieces endorsed “change service requested” are not returned to sender. If a Package Services or Parcel Select piece or any attachment to that piece is opened by the addressee, the addressee must affix the applicable postage to return the piece to the sender. If the addressee does not want to pay forwarding postage for all Package
Services at the single-piece price for the additional service fee and Package Parcel Select nonpresort price plus the price for forwarding; Parcel Select at the additional postage at the applicable pieces are subject to the collection of follows:

2.3.6 and revise the text to read as follows:

Exhibit 1.5.4 Treatment of Undeliverable Package Services Mail and Parcel Select

[Revise the text in the Exhibit 1.5.4 column “USPS Treatment of UAA Pieces” endorsement “Address Service Requested as follows:] If change-of-address order on file:

- Months 1 through 12: Package Services forwarded at the single-piece price for the class of mail. *

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[Revise the text in the Exhibit 1.5.4 column “USPS Treatment of UAA Pieces” endorsement “Forwarding Service Requested as follows:] If change-of-address order on file:

- Months 1 through 12: Package Services forwarded at the single-piece price for the class of mail. *

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4.2 Basic Information for Post Office Box Service

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4.2.7 Service Period

[Revise the text of 4.2.7 as follows:] Post Office Box service is available in 3-, 6- or 12-month prepaid periods. The 3-month option is available only through recurring automatic payments. The 3-month option is not available at Post Office locations on the semi-annual (April/October) payment schedule. *

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4.5 Basis of Fees and Payment

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4.5.4 Payment

[Revise the first sentence of 4.5.4 as follows:] All fees for Post Office Box service are for 3-, 6- or 12-month prepaid periods, except as noted under 4.5.6, 4.5.7, and 4.5.10. *

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4.7 Fee Refund

4.7.1 Calculation

When Post Office Box service is terminated or surrendered by the customer, the unused portion of the fee may be refunded as follows: [Revise item 4.7.1a as follows:] a. If service is discontinued any time within the first 3 months of the service period, then one-half of the fee is refunded, except that none of the fee is refunded under the 3-month payment option.

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[Revise item 4.7.1c as follows:] c. For Express Mail or Adult Signature service, Express Mail with Hold for Pickup service, Express Mail with an Adult Signature service (see 503.8.0), or Priority Mail with an Adult Signature service; *

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11.6 Exception forCertain Individuals

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11.6.2 Mailing

* * * Each mailing under the certain individuals exception must:

[Revise 11.6.2a as follows:] a. Be entered in a face-to-face transaction with a postal employee (carrier pickup not permitted) as Express Mail with Hold for Pickup service, Express Mail with an Adult Signature service (see 503.8.0), or Priority Mail with an Adult Signature service; unless shipped to APO/FPO/DPO addresses under 11.6.4. *

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[Revise 11.6.2c as follows:] c. Bear the full name and mailing address of the sender and recipient on the Express Mail or Priority Mail label; *

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11.6.3 Delivery

Delivery under the certain individuals exception is made under the following conditions:

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[Revise 11.6.3c as follows:] c. For Express Mail or Adult Signature articles, once age is established, the recipient must sign PS Form 3849 in the appropriate signature block. *

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11.7 Consumer Testing Exception

11.7.2 Mailing

Mailings must be tendered under the following conditions:

b. All mailings under the consumer testing exception:

4.1.1 Definitions

For these standards, item(s) refers to the types of mail described in 4.1.2 through 4.1.4. DALs and DMLs in their basic form may be used by mailers as an optional method of addressing and printing of postage indicia on the DALs instead of printing addresses and postage on the items mailed with the DALs. DMLs are types of DALs, but also include advertising. For purposes of standards in 4.0, the term “DALs” (or “DAL”) will be used to mean both DALs and DMLs, unless a standard specifically states that it applies only to DMLs.

4.1.3 Standard Mail Marketing Parcels

DALs may be used with Standard Mail Marketing parcels mailed at carrier route, high density, or saturation parcel prices.

4.1.5 Alternative Addressing Format

DALs may have alternative addressing formats under 3.0, subject to the applicable standards.

4.2 Label Preparation

4.2.5 Other Information

In addition to the information described in 4.2.2 and 4.2.4 and an indicium of postage payment, only official pictures and data circulated by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children may appear on the front of a DML. Advertising may appear on a DML, under the following conditions:

a. The DMLs must meet the physical characteristics for DALs under 4.2.1 and have a correct POSTNET or Intelligent Mail barcode with an 11-digit routing code (see 708.4.0).

b. The advertising must not obstruct or overlap any of the required elements on the front of a DML.

c. The advertising must be to the left of the delivery address and placed to maintain required clear spaces around the address and postage payment (see 202 and 1.0).

4.5 Postage

4.5.1 Prices

DAL mailings are not eligible for automation prices, but the pieces may qualify for carrier route prices, subject to applicable standards. Mailers must pay a surcharge for each DAL used with Standard Mail flats. See Notice 123-Price List for prices.

4.5.2 Postage Computation and Payment

Postage is computed based on the combined weight of the item and the accompanying DAL. If the number of DALs and items mailed is not identical, the number of pieces used to determine postage is the greater of the two. No postage refund is allowed in these situations. In addition, these methods of postage payment apply:

604 Postage Payment Methods

2.0 Stamped Stationery

2.3 Other Stationery

2.3.1 Stamped Cards

Stamped cards are available as single stamped cards, double (reply) stamped cards, and in sheets of 40 for customer imprinting. Single and double stamped cards are 3 1/2 inches high by 5 1/2 inches long. Stamped cards are also available in 8 1/2 inches by 11-inches perforated and non-perforated sheets with four 4 1/4 inches by 5 1/2 inches cards. Sheets must be cut so that the stamp is in the upper right corner of each card. The USPS offers personalized stamped cards (cards imprinted with a return address).

2.3.4 Printing Specifications

The printing specifications for personalized stamped envelopes also apply to stamped postcards (see 2.2.3).

2.4 Stamp Fulfillment Service

2.4.1 Description

Stamp Fulfillment Services provides the fulfillment of stamp orders placed by customers via mail, phone, fax, or online to the Stamp Fulfillment Services organization. Stamp Fulfillment Services charges shipping and handling fees associated with fulfilling stamp orders. The fees vary depending on the dollar amount of the order. All prices and fees are listed on Notice 123—Price List.

700 Special Standards
6.0 Combining Mailings of Standard Mail, Package Services, and Parcel Select Parcels

[Revise title of 6.1 by deleting the reference to NFMs to read as follows:]

6.1 Basic Standards for Combining Parcels

6.1.1 Basic Standards

[Revise text in the first sentence of 6.1.1 by deleting NFMs to read as follows:]

Standard Mail parcels, Package Services, and Parcel Select parcels in combined mailings must meet the following standards:

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[Revise title of 6.2 by deleting reference to NFMs to read as follows:]

6.2 Combining Parcels—DNDC Entry

[Revise 6.2 by deleting reference to NFMs 6 ounces or more to read as follows:]

Mailers may combine Standard Mail machinable parcels with Package Services and Parcel Select machinable parcels for entry at an NDC when authorized by the USPS under 6.1.4.

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6.2.2 Additional Standards

[Revise the introductory text of 6.2.2 by deleting references to NFMs 6 ounces or more to read as follows:]

Standard Mail machinable parcels and Package Services and Parcel Select machinable parcels prepared for DNDC entry must meet the following conditions in addition to the basic standards in 6.1:

[Revise text of 6.2.2a by deleting references to NFMs to read as follows:]

a. Each piece in a combined Standard Mail, Package Services, and Parcel Select mailing must meet the criteria for machinable parcels in 401.1.5.

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[Revise text of 6.2.2e by deleting references to NFMs to read as follows:]

e. Mailers must deposit combined machinable parcels at NDCs or ASFs (see Exhibit 6.2.3) under applicable standards in 15.0.

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6.3 Combining Parcels—Parcel Select ONDC Presort, NDC Presort, DSCF, and DDU Prices

6.3.1 Qualification

Combination requirements for specific discounts and prices are as follows:

6.4 Combining Package Services, Parcel Select, and Standard Mail—Optional 5-Digit SCF Entry

6.4.2 Qualifications and Preparation

[Revise the introductory paragraph of 6.4.2 by deleting references to NFMs to read as follows:]

Parcel Select, Bound Printed Matter machinable parcels, and Standard Mail parcels may be prepared for entry at designated SCFs under these standards:

[Revise item 6.4.2a by deleting references to NFMs to read as follows:]

a. Standard Mail parcels that weigh less than 2 ounces and Standard Mail parcels that are tubes, rolls, triangles, and similar pieces may not be included.

[Revise item 6.4.2b as follows:]

b. Mailers must prepare pieces on 3-digit pallets or pallet boxes, or upload and physically separate the pieces into containers as specified by the destination facility.

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[Revise item 6.4.2d by deleting references to NFMs to read as follows:]

d. Standard Mail machinable parcels are eligible for the NDC presort level, DNDC price; irregular parcels are eligible for the 3-digit presort level, DSCF price.

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8.0 Preparing Pallets

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8.10 Pallet Presort and Labeling

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8.10.2 Periodicals—Bundles, Sacks, or Trays

[Add a new last sentence in the introductory text to read as follows:]

* * * Prepare pallets in the following sequence:

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[Revise the introductory text of item 8.10.2k to read as follows:]

k. Mixed ADC, optional, permitted for sacks and trays, and bundles of flats. Pallet may contain carrier route, automation price, and/or presorted price mail. Pallets must contain origin mixed ADC (OMX) sacks. Labeling:

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8.10.3 Standard Mail—Bundles, Sacks, or Trays

[Revise the third sentence of 8.10.3 for clarity to read as follows:]

* * * For irregular parcels, use this preparation only for pieces in sacks or in carrier route bundles. * * *

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[Revise the title and introductory text of 8.10.6 to read as follows:]

8.10.6 Standard Mail, Package Services, Parcel Select

Prepare pallets under 8.0 in the sequence below. Unless indicated as optional, all sort levels are required. Combined mailings of Standard Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services machinable parcels also must meet the standards in 6.0 or 20.0. Label pallets according to Line 1 and Line 2 information below and under 8.6, except for combined mailings that include Standard Mail parcels.

[Delete the reference to “NFM” and replace the reference to “STD MACH” with “STD/PSVC MACH.” to revise item 8.10.6a as follows:]

a. 5-digit scheme, required. Pallet must contain parcels for the same 5-digit scheme under L606. For 5-digit destinations not part of L606, or for which scheme sorts are not performed, prepare 5-digit pallets under 8.10.6b. Labeling:

1. Line 1: Use L606.
2. Line 2: “STD/PSCV MACH 5D;,” followed by “SCHEME” (or “SCH”).

[Delete the reference to “NFM” and replace the reference to “STD MACH” with “STD/PSVC MACH.” to revise item 8.10.6b as follows:]

b. 5-digit, required. Pallet must contain parcels only for the same 5-digit ZIP Code. Labeling:

1. Line 1: city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code destination (see 8.6.4c for overseas military mail).
Line 2: "STD/PSVC MACH 5D"
[Delete the reference to "NFM" and replace the reference to "STD MACH" with "STD/PSVC MACH." to revise item 8.10.6c as follows:]

- c. ASF, optional, but required for DNDC prices. Not available for the Buffalo NY ASF in L602. Pallets must contain only parcels for the 3-digit ZIP Code groups in L602. Labeling:
  1. Line 1: Use L602.
  2. Line 2: "STD/PSVC MACH ASF."
[Delete the reference to "NFM" and replace the reference to "STD MACH" with "STD/PSVC MACH." to revise item 8.10.6d as follows:]

- d. NDC, required. Pallets must contain only parcels for the 3-digit ZIP Code groups in L601. Labeling:
  1. Line 1: Use L601.
  2. Line 2: "STD/PSVC MACH NDC."
[Delete the reference to "NFM" and replace the reference to "STD MACH" with "STD/PSVC MACH." to revise item 8.10.6e as follows:]

- e. Mixed NDC, optional. Labeling:
  1. Line 1: "MXD" followed by information in L601, Column B, for NDC serving 3-digit ZIP Code prefix of entry Post Office (or labeled to plant serving entry Post Office if authorized by processing and distribution manager).
  2. Line 2: "STD/PSVC MACH WKG.."
[Revise title and introductory text of 8.10.7 to remove references to Not Flat-Machinables and NFMs and revise as follows:]

8.10.8 Standard Mail and Parcel Select Lightweight Irregular Parcels Weighing 2 Ounces or More

Mailers who palletize unbundled or unsacked irregular parcels must make pallets or pallet boxes when there are 250 pounds or more for the destination levels below for DNDC, DSCF, or DDU prices. When prepared at origin, a 200-pound minimum is required for the NDC price. Prepare pallets or pallet boxes under 8.0 in the sequence below. Unless indicated as optional, all sort levels are required.

Label pallets according to Line 1 and Line 2 information below and under 8.6.
[Revise items 8.10.7a through f by removing reference to NFMs and revising as follows:]

- a. 5-digit scheme, required. Pallet must contain parcels for the same 5-digit scheme under L606. For 5-digit destinations not part of L606, prepare 5-digit pallets under 8.10.7b, Labeling:
  1. Line 1: Use L606.
  2. Line 2: "STD/PSLV WACH 5D."
- b. 5-digit, required. Pallet must contain parcels only for the same 5-digit ZIP Code. Labeling:
  1. Line 1: city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code destination (see 8.6.4c for overseas military mail).
  2. Line 2: "STD/PSLV WACH 5D.,"
- c. ASF, optional, but required for DNDC prices. Not available for the Buffalo NY ASF in L602. Pallets must contain only parcels for the 3-digit ZIP Code groups in L602. Labeling:
  1. Line 1: Use L602.
  2. Line 2: "STD/PSLV MACH ASF."
- d. NDC, required. Pallets must contain only parcels for the 3-digit ZIP Code groups in L601. Labeling:
  1. Line 1: Use L601.
  2. Line 2: "STD/PSLV MACH NDC."
- e. Origin NDC (required); no minimum; labeling:
  1. Line 1: L601, Column B.
  2. Line 2: "STD/PSLV MACH NDC.
- f. Mixed NDC, optional; no minimum.
  1. Line 1: "MXD" followed by information in L601, Column B, for NDC serving 3-digit ZIP Code prefix of entry Post Office (or labeled to plant serving entry Post Office if authorized by processing and distribution manager).
  2. Line 2: "STD/PSLV WACH WKG..

8.17 Pallets of Machinable Parcels

8.17.1 DNDC Price
[Revise text of 8.17.1 to read as follows:]

Pieces may be eligible for the 5-digit price only when prepared under 8.10.7a or 8.10.7b and entered at a destination facility under 446.

8.17.2 Averages of Machinable Parcels

21.0 Optional Combined Parcel Mailings

21.1 Basic Standards for Combining Parcel Select, Package Services, and Standard Mail Parcels

21.1.1 Basic Standards
[Revise first sentence in 21.1.1 by deleting the references to NFMs to read as follows:]

Package Services parcels, Parcel Select parcels, and Standard Mail parcels in a combined parcel mailing must meet the following standards:

- d. Combined mailings must meet the following minimum volume requirements:
  [Revise item d1 to delete the reference to NFMs to read as follows:]

- 1. Standard Mail—Minimum 200 pieces or 50 pounds of Standard Mail parcels.
21.2 Price Eligibility

21.2.2 Price Application

Apply prices based on the criteria in 400 and the following standards:
[Revise item 21.2.2a by deleting the reference to NFMs to read as follows:]

a. Standard Mail parcels are based on the container level and entry (see 443.5.0).

21.3 Mail Preparation

21.3.1 Basic Standards

Prepare combined mailings as follows:

a. Different parcel types must be prepared separately for combined parcel mailings as indicated below:
[Revise item a1 through a4 by deleting the references to NFMs to read as follows:]


2. Standard Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services irregular parcels at least 2 ounces and up to (but not including) 6 ounces, except for tubes, rolls, triangles, and other similarly irregularly-shaped pieces. Use “STD/PSVC IRREG” for line 2 content labeling.

3. Standard Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services tubes, rolls, triangles, and similarly irregularly-shaped parcels; and all parcels weighing less than 2 ounces. Use “STD/PSVC PARCELS” for line 2 content labeling.

4. Combine all parcel types in 5-digit and 5-digit scheme containers. Use “STD/PSVC PARCELS” for line 2 content labeling.

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[Revise title of 21.3.2 to read as follows:]

21.3.2 Combining Standard Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services Machinable Parcels

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[Revise title of 21.3.3 to read as follows:]

21.3.3 Combining Standard Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services Apps-Machinable Parcels

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[Revise title of 21.3.4 to read as follows:]

21.3.4 Combining Standard Mail (Under 2 Ounces), Parcel Select, and Package Services Other Irregular Parcels

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23.0 Full-Service Automation Option

23.2 General Eligibility Standards

[Renumber current 23.3 and 23.4 as new 23.4 and 23.5, and add new 23.3 as follows:]

23.3 Eligibility for Waiver of Annual Fees and Waiver of Deposit of Permit Imprint Mail Restrictions

Mailers who present only full-service automation mailings (of First-Class Mail cards, letters, and flats, Standards Mail letters and flats, or Bound Printed Matter flats) that contain 90 percent or more pieces eligible for full-service automation prices are eligible for the following exceptions to standards:

a. The annual presort mailing or destination entry fees, as applicable, will be waived for qualified full-service mailings.

b. Mailers may present qualified full-service mailings with mailpieces bearing a current valid permit imprint for acceptance at any USPS acceptance office that has a PostalOne! acceptance functions without payment of any additional permit imprint application or annual mailing fees.

c. If any mailing (of the classes and shapes of mail in 23.3) presented under a mailing permit does not contain at least 90 percent of the pieces qualifying for full-service automation prices:

1. The mailer must pay the applicable annual fee before that mailing may be accepted.

2. The provision in 23.3b for presentation of mailings at multiple offices is discontinued for all mailings presented under the applicable permit imprint.

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707 Periodicals

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2.0 Price Application and Computation

2.1 Price Application

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2.1.2 Applying Outside-County Piece Prices

[Revise item 2.1.2c as follows:]

2. Apply the “Nonmachinable Flats—Nonbarcoded” prices to pieces that meet the standards for nonmachinable flats in 707.26 but do not include a barcode.

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