

POSTAL SERVICE**39 CFR Part 111****Classification Reform; Implementation Standards****AGENCY:** Postal Service.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This notice presents the full text of the Domestic Mail Manual standards that the Postal Service proposes to adopt for implementing its Classification Reform proposals contained in Postal Rate Commission Docket No. MC96-2, Classification Reform II.

DATES: Comments on the proposed standards must be received on or before July 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed or delivered to the Manager, Customer Mail Preparation, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 6830, Washington DC 20260-2405. Copies of all written comments will be available at the above address for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 4, 1996, pursuant to its authority under 39 U.S.C. 3621, *et seq.*, the Postal Service filed with the Postal Rate Commission (PRC) a request for a recommended decision on several mail classification reform proposals (Classification Reform II). The PRC designated the filing as Docket No. MC96-2. On April 11, 1996, the PRC published a notice of the filing, with a description of the Postal Service's proposals, in the Federal Register (61 FR 16129-16146).

As stated in the Postal Service filing, the changes proposed in Docket No. MC96-2 deliberately mirror those adopted by the Governors of the Postal Service in Docket No. MC95-1. The Postal Service believes that this feature of its proposal will expedite the ratemaking process and facilitate simplified implementing standards if the PRC's Recommended Decision substantially supports the Postal Service's proposal and if that Recommended Decision is approved by the Governors and implemented by the Board of Governors.

Until July 1, 1996 (the implementation date for Classification Reform I), rate eligibility and mail preparation standards are generally similar for both commercial and nonprofit mail. After that date, new

standards will take effect for commercial rate categories, while the existing rules generally will be retained for the "unreformed" nonprofit categories pending the resolution of Docket No. MC96-2. In line with its proposal in Docket No. MC96-2, the Postal Service is proposing revised Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) standards for nonprofit rate categories that will substantively eliminate the preparation and rate eligibility distinctions between commercial and nonprofit mail that will exist during the interim period beginning July 1, 1996.

Accordingly, the following units of the DMM would be eliminated if the Postal Service's proposal is adopted, having been established solely to contain former general standards that are applicable only to nonprofit rate categories during the interim period beginning July 1: E239, E249, E639, E649, L001, L897, L898, L899, M690, M692, M693, M695, M696, M697, M698, M890, M891, M892, M893, M894, M895, M896, M897, and M898. Sections of other units would also be eliminated for the same reason, as described in the detailed text below.

The DMM text presented below reflects other organizational revisions that do not constitute substantive changes: E621 through E625 are consolidated into E620; E631 through E634 are consolidated into E630; and E641 is redesignated as E640.

The proposed rates described below in the revisions to DMM module R are as shown in the Postal Service's Request, currently pending before the Postal Rate Commission.

As shown in the DMM standards below, the "breakpoint" for Nonprofit Standard Mail is also amended, based on the rates proposed in Docket No. MC96-2. Standard Mail (A) is subject to postage at either a minimum rate per piece or a compound rate consisting of a flat piece charge and a pound charge that varies according to the weight of the piece, whichever is higher. The breakpoint is the calculated piece weight at or below which the piece is subject to the minimum per piece rate; above it, the piece/pound rate must be paid. Because the breakpoint is based on the mathematical relationship of specific rate elements, it must be adjusted whenever rates are changed. Moreover, because the heaviest Standard Mail (A) breakpoint was adopted as the maximum weight for automation First-Class Mail and Periodicals "heavy letter" pieces, the standards below (C810.2.3f) reflect a decrease of 0.0976 ounce in that weight (from the current 3.4383 ounces to the proposed 3.3407 ounces).

The Postal Service is also proposing to revise the current standard that prohibits the use of certain nonpaper, plastic-like materials (such as spun-bonded olefin) that do not accept the water-based ink used by the Postal Service to spray barcodes on mail. The current prohibition applies to pieces claimed at ZIP+4 rates, but ZIP+4 rates were eliminated for First-Class Mail, Regular Periodicals, and Regular Standard Mail in MC95-1, and a comparable proposal is advanced in MC96-2 for Preferred Periodicals and Nonprofit Standard Mail. Nonetheless, the Postal Service remains interested in optimizing its ability to "upgrade" (i.e., spray a barcode on) that volume of customer mail that was formerly prepared to qualify for the ZIP+4 rates (e.g., compatible with automated address recognition and automated processing) and that will not hereafter be barcoded before entry into the mailstream. For that reason, the implementing standards for MC95-1 (and those proposed below for MC96-2) prescribe simpler preparation standards for "upgradable" mail than for other nonupgradable pieces. Because the Postal Service seeks to barcode this mail by means similar to those used for ZIP+4 rate mail, the Postal Service proposes to continue to ban the use of certain nonpaper envelope materials for "upgradable" mail as it does now for ZIP+4 rate pieces. This ban is represented by the revision to C830.6.2 shown below.

All references to DMM sections shown in this proposed rule are based not on current Domestic Mail Manual Issue 49 but on the redesignations and revisions of the DMM published in the Federal Register on March 12, 1996 (61 FR 10068-10217), and scheduled for release as DMM Issue 50 (July 1, 1996). The rates shown in DMM module R below are the step 4 rates proposed in the Postal Service's MC96-2 request and, as such, are subject to change.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553 (b), (c)) regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites comments on the following proposed revisions of the DMM, incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR part 111.

PART 111—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. Revise the following sections of the Domestic Mail Manual as set forth below:

A ADDRESSING

A000 Basic Addressing

A010 *General Addressing Standards*

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4.0 RETURN ADDRESS

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[Revise the heading and text of 4.5 to read as follows:]

4.5 Upgradable Mail

The return address on upgradable mail must be outside the OCR read area. If placed on the front of the mailpiece, the return address must be in the top left corner. It must extend no farther than half the length of the mailpiece from the left edge and no lower than one-third the height of the mailpiece from the top edge (see Exhibit 4.5).

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A800 Addressing for Automation

1.0 ACCURACY

1.1 Basic Standards

[Revise 1.1 to read as follows:]

To qualify for automation rates, addresses must be sufficiently complete to enable matching to the current USPS ZIP+4 File when used with current CASS-certified address matching software. Standardized address elements are not required.

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[Revise the heading of A900 to read as follows:]

A900 Customer Support

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A950 *Coding Accuracy Support System (CASS)*

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3.0 DATE OF ADDRESS MATCHING AND CODING

3.1 Updating Standards

[Amend 3.1 by revising the second sentence to read as follows:]

* * * Coding must be done within 90 days before the mailing date for all carrier route mailings and within 180 days before the mailing date for all non-carrier route automation rate mailings.

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C CHARACTERISTICS AND CONTENT

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C800 Automation-Compatible Mail

C810 *Letters and Cards*

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2.0 DIMENSIONS

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2.3 Weight

[Revise 2.3 to read as follows:]

Maximum weight limits are:

a. 2.5 ounces: upgradable Presorted First-Class Mail and upgradable nonautomation Standard Mail.

b. 3 ounces: automation First-Class Mail, automation Periodicals, and automation Standard Mail.

c. 3.3062 ounces: automation Enhanced Carrier Route heavy letters, subject to 7.5.

d. 3.3087 ounces: automation Regular Standard Mail heavy letters, subject to 7.5.

e. 3.3384 ounces: automation Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route heavy letters, subject to 7.5.

f. 3.3407 ounces: automation First-Class Mail, automation Periodicals, and automation Nonprofit Standard Mail heavy letters, subject to 7.5.

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8.0 ENCLOSED REPLY CARDS AND ENVELOPES

8.1 Basic Standard

[Revise 8.1 to read as follows:]

Effective January 1, 1997 (or March 1, 1997, for Preferred Periodicals and Nonprofit Standard Mail), all letter-size reply cards and envelopes (business reply, courtesy reply, and metered reply mail) provided as enclosures in automation First-Class Mail, automation Periodicals, and automation Standard Mail (A), and addressed for return to a domestic delivery address, must meet the applicable standards in 1.0 through 7.0, bear a facing identification mark (FIM) meeting the standards in 8.2, and bear the correct delivery point barcode (or, for business reply mail (BRM), the correct ZIP+4 barcode) for the delivery address on the reply piece as defined by the USPS and subject to the barcode standards in C840. Mailers must certify that these standards have been met when the corresponding mail (in which the reply pieces are enclosed) is presented to the USPS. BRM pieces must also meet the applicable standards in S922.

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C830 *OCR Standards*

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6.0 USPS WATER-BASED BARCODE INK

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6.2 Nonpaper Materials

[Revise 6.2 to read as follows:]

Certain nonpaper, plastic-like materials (such as spun-bonded Olefin) are not acceptable for upgradable pieces unless approved by USPS Engineering.

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[Revise the heading of C840 to read as follows:]

C840 *Barcoding Standards*

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2.0 BARCODE LOCATION—LETTER-SIZE PIECES

2.1 Barcode Clear Zone

[Amend 2.1 by replacing the term "upgradable Regular Standard Mail" with "upgradable Standard Mail (A)" in the first sentence to read as follows:]

Each piece in an automation rate mailing and each piece of upgradable Presorted First-Class Mail or upgradable Standard Mail (A) must have a barcode clear zone unless the piece bears a DPBC in the address block. * * *

2.2 General Standards

[Replace 2.2, 2.2a, 2.2b, and 2.2c with new 2.2 to read as follows:]

In automation rate mailings, pieces weighing 3 ounces or less may bear a DPBC either in the address block or in the barcode clear zone; pieces weighing more than 3 ounces (up to the maximum weight permitted by C810) must bear a DPBC in the address block.

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[Revise the heading of 8.0 to read as follows:]

8.0 ZIP+4 OR 5-DIGIT BARCODES

8.1 Automation Pieces

[Replace 8.1, 8.1a, 8.1b, and 8.1c with new 8.1 to read as follows:]

Except under 8.3, letter-size pieces in automation rate mailings may not bear a 5-digit or ZIP+4 barcode in the lower right corner (barcode clear zone); such pieces may bear a 5-digit or ZIP+4 barcode in the address block only if a DPBC appears in the lower right corner. Except under 8.3, flat-size pieces may not bear a 5-digit barcode.

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8.3 Temporary Exception to Barcoding

[Revise 8.3 to read as follows:]

Until January 1, 1997, up to 10% of the pieces in an automation Periodicals mailing of flat-size pieces may be prepared with only a 5-digit barcode (subject to C840); and up to 10% of the pieces in an automation Periodicals mailing of letter-size pieces may be prepared without a barcode or with only a ZIP+4 barcode (subject to C840). Pieces within this 10% allowance must be combined and presorted with the rest

of the mailing, with postage paid at the applicable nonautomation Periodicals rate and supported by documentation under P012.

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E ELIGIBILITY

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E100 First-Class Mail

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E140 Automation Rates

1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

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1.5 Enclosed Reply Cards and Envelopes

Effective January 1, 1997, all letter-size reply cards and envelopes (business reply, courtesy reply, and metered reply mail) provided as enclosures in automation First-Class Mail must meet the standards in C810 for enclosed reply cards and envelopes. Mailers must certify that this standard has been met when the corresponding mail (in which the reply pieces are enclosed) is presented to the USPS.

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E200 Periodicals

E210 Basic Standards

E211 All Periodicals

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14.0 BASIC RATE ELIGIBILITY

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[Revise the heading of 14.3 to read as follows:]

14.3 Adjustments and Discounts

[Replace 14.3, 14.3a, 14.3b, 14.3c, and 14.3d with new 14.3 to read as follows:]

Postage for Periodicals is reduced by all applicable adjustments and discounts. The nonadvertising adjustment applies to the outside-county piece rate charges and is computed under P013. Presort and automation discounts are available under E230 and E240, respectively. Destination entry discounts are available under E250 for copies entered at specific USPS facilities.

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E230 Nonautomation Rates

[Remove E239 and redesignate E231 as E230.]

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Standards

[Amend 1.1 by replacing the reference "M210" with "M200" to read as follows:]

The standards for presort rates are in addition to the basic standards for

Periodicals in E210, the standards for other rates or discounts claimed, and the applicable preparation standards in M200, M810, or M820. Not all combinations of presort level, automation, and destination entry discounts are permitted.

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2.0 CARRIER ROUTE RATES

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2.2 Eligibility

[Amend 2.2 by replacing the reference "M210" with "M200" in the introductory text to read as follows:]

Preparation to qualify eligible pieces for carrier route rates is optional and is subject to M200. Carrier route sort need not be performed for all carrier routes in a 5-digit area. Specific rate eligibility is subject to these standards:

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3.0 3/5 RATES

[Amend 3.0 by revising the introductory text to read as follows:]

Subject to M200, 3/5 rates apply to pieces not claimed at in-county rates, as follows:

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4.0 BASIC RATES

[Revise 4.0 to read as follows:]

Basic rates apply to pieces prepared under M200 but not claimed at Carrier Route or 3/5 rates.

[Redesignate current 5.0 and 6.0 as 6.0 and 7.0, respectively; add new 5.0 to read as follows:]

5.0 IN-COUNTY RATES

In-county Basic rates apply to all pieces eligible for in-county rates that are not also eligible under 2.0 for in-county Carrier Route rates.

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E240 Automation Rates

[Remove E249 and redesignate E241 as E240.]

1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

1.1 All Pieces

[Amend 1.1 by revising the introductory text to read as follows:]

All pieces in an automation Periodicals mailing must:

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1.2 Enclosed Reply Cards and Envelopes

[Revise 1.2 to read as follows:]

Effective January 1, 1997 (or March 1, 1997, for Preferred Periodicals), all letter-size reply cards and envelopes (business reply, courtesy reply, and metered reply mail) provided as

enclosures in automation Periodicals must meet the standards in C810 for enclosed reply cards and envelopes. Mailers must certify that this standard has been met when the corresponding mail (in which the reply pieces are enclosed) is presented to the USPS.

1.3 Temporary Exception to Barcoding

[Revise 1.3 to read as follows:]

Until January 1, 1997, up to 10% of the pieces in an automation Periodicals mailing of flat-size pieces may be prepared with only a 5-digit barcode (subject to C840); and up to 10% of the pieces in an automation Periodicals mailing of letter-size pieces may be prepared without a barcode or with only a ZIP+4 barcode (subject to C840). Pieces within this 10% allowance must be combined and presorted with the rest of the mailing, with postage paid at the applicable nonautomation Periodicals rate and supported by documentation under P012.

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E600 Standard Mail

E610 Basic Standards

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E612 Additional Standards for Standard Mail (A)

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4.0 BULK RATES

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4.2 Minimum Per Piece Rates

[Revise 4.2 to read as follows:]

The minimum per piece rates (i.e., the minimum postage that must be paid for each piece) apply to Enhanced Carrier Route rate pieces weighing no more than 0.2066 pound rounded (3.3062 ounces rounded); Regular nonautomation and automation rate pieces weighing no more than 0.2068 pound rounded (3.3087 ounces rounded); Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route rate pieces weighing no more than 0.2087 pound rounded (3.3384 ounces rounded); and Nonprofit nonautomation and automation rate pieces weighing no more than 0.2088 pound rounded (3.3407 ounces rounded). The base postage rate applies to pieces meeting minimum preparation standards (e.g., Basic rate) and may be reduced if additional standards are met. In applying the minimum per piece rates, mail is categorized as either letters or other than letters, based on whether the mail meets the letter-size standard in C050. That standard disregards address placement, except that, for automation rates, mail may be assigned

to the other than letters category based on the standards in C820. Address placement is also used to apply the aspect ratio standard in C810 to letter-size automation rates.

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4.7 Annual Fees

[Replace 4.7, 4.7a, and 4.7b with new 4.7 to read as follows:]

Bulk rate Standard Mail (A) is subject to an annual mailing fee once each 12-month period. The fee may be paid in advance only for the next year and only during the last 30 days of the current service period. The fee charged is that in effect on the date of payment. Each mailer who enters mail at bulk rates paid with meter or precanceled stamps must pay an annual bulk mailing fee at each post office of mailing; a mailer paying this fee may enter clients' mail as well as the mailer's own. The mailer whose permit imprint appears on pieces in a mailing paid with a permit imprint must show that permit number on the postage statement and must pay the annual bulk mailing fee for that permit; this fee is in addition to the fee for an application to use permit imprints.

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4.9 Preparation

[Amend 4.9 by revising the introductory text and 4.9c to read as follows:]

Each bulk rate mailing is subject to these general standards:

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c. The same mailing may not contain both automation and nonautomation rate pieces.

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E620 Nonautomation Nonpresort Rates

[Redesignate E621 as E620.1.0; revise to read as follows:]

1.0 SINGLE-PIECE STANDARD MAIL (A)

[Redesignate E621.1.1 through 1.6 as E620.1.1 through 1.6, respectively, and revise internal references accordingly; no other change in text.]

[Redesignate E622 as E620.2.0; revise to read as follows:]

2.0 PARCEL POST

[Redesignate chart under 2.1 as Exhibit 2.4 and revise redesignated 2.1 to read as follows:]

2.1 Basic Standards

Any Standard Mail (B) matter may be mailed at parcel post rates, subject to the basic standards in E611 and E613.

[Redesignate E622.1.2 and 1.3 as E620.2.2 and 2.3, respectively.]

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[Redesignate E622.2.0, 3.0, and 4.0 as E620.2.4, 2.5, and 2.6, respectively, and revise internal references accordingly; no other change in text.]

2.4 Rate Eligibility

[Revise redesignated E620.2.4 to read as follows:]

Parcel post rates are based on zones; on whether a parcel is mailed and delivered within the service area of the same bulk mail center (BMC), auxiliary service facility (ASF), or other designated service area (as shown in Exhibit 2.4); and on the weight of the parcel. Specific rates and discounts are subject to these additional standards:

[Redesignate E622.2.1 through 2.5 as E620.2.4a through 2.4e, respectively, and revise internal references accordingly; no other change in text.]

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2.5 Nonmachinable Surcharge

[Revise redesignated E620.2.5 to read as follows:]

The nonmachinable surcharge applies only to the items listed in 2.5a through 2.5i if mailed at the inter-BMC/ASF parcel post rates. The surcharge does not apply to those items or to other matter mailed at another Standard Mail (B) rate or if the mailer paid the special delivery or special handling fee. The nonmachinable surcharge applies to items that meet any of these standards:

[Remove the introductory text of E622.3.2 and redesignate E622.3.2a through 3.2i as E620.2.5a through 2.5i, respectively.]

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2.6 Fees

[Revise redesignated E620.2.6 to read as follows:]

Parcel post is subject to these fees, as applicable:

[Redesignate E622.4.1 and 4.2 as E620.2.6a and 2.6b, respectively.]

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[Redesignate E623 as E620.3.0.]

3.0 BOUND PRINTED MATTER

[Redesignate E623.1.1 through 1.4 as E620.3.1 through 3.4, respectively; no other change in text.]

[Redesignate E624 as E620.4.0.]

4.0 SPECIAL STANDARD MAIL

[Redesignate E624.1.1 through 1.4 as E620.4.1 through 4.4, respectively; no other change in text.]

[Redesignate E625 as E620.5.0.]

5.0 LIBRARY MAIL

[Redesignate E625.1.1 through 1.7 as E620.5.1 through 5.7, respectively; no other change in text.]

E630 Nonautomation Presort Rates

[Remove E639; redesignate E631 through E634 as E630.1.0 through 4.0, respectively, and revise as follows:]

1.0 REGULAR AND NONPROFIT STANDARD MAIL

[Redesignate E631.1.0 through 3.0 as E630.1.1 through 1.3, respectively; in redesignated 1.1 and 1.2, replace the term "Regular Standard Mail" with "Regular or Nonprofit Standard Mail"; in redesignated 1.3, replace the term "Regular rates" with "Regular and Nonprofit rates"; no other change in text.]

2.0 ENHANCED CARRIER ROUTE STANDARD MAIL

[Redesignate E632.1.1 through 1.7 as E630.2.1 through 2.7, respectively; in redesignated 2.3, replace the reference "E641" with "E640"; redesignate E632.2.1 and 2.2 as E630.2.8 and 2.9, respectively; revise the heading of redesignated 2.8 to read as "Basic Rates"; in redesignated 2.9, replace the reference "1.6 and 1.7" with "2.6 and 2.7"; no other change in text.]

3.0 BULK BOUND PRINTED MATTER

[Redesignate E633.1.1 and 1.2 as E630.3.1 and 3.2, respectively; in redesignated 3.1, replace the phrase "basic standards in E623" with "basic standards for bound printed matter in E620"; no other change in text.]

4.0 PRESORTED SPECIAL STANDARD MAIL

[Redesignate E634.1.0 and 2.1 through 2.5 as E630.4.1 and 4.2 through 4.6, respectively; no change in text.]

E640 Automation Rates

[Remove E649; redesignate E641 as E640; in 1.1, 1.1b, and 1.2, replace the term "Regular Standard Mail" with "Regular or Nonprofit Standard Mail"; in 1.3, replace the term "Regular automation rates" with "Automation rates"; in 1.4, replace the term "Regular automation rates" with "Automation rates."]

[Revise the heading of 1.0 to read as follows:]

1.0 REGULAR AND NONPROFIT RATES

1.1 All Pieces

[Amend 1.1 by revising the introductory text and 1.1b to read as follows:] All pieces in an automation

rate Regular or Nonprofit Standard mailing must:

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b. Be part of a single mailing of at least 200 pieces or 50 pounds of pieces of automation rate Standard Mail (Regular and Nonprofit mailings must meet separate minimum volumes).

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1.2 Enclosed Reply Cards and Envelopes

[Revise 1.2 to read as follows:]

Effective January 1, 1997 (or March 1, 1997, for Nonprofit Standard Mail), all letter-size reply cards and envelopes (business reply, courtesy reply, and metered reply mail) provided as enclosures in automation Regular or Nonprofit Standard Mail must meet the standards in C810 for enclosed reply cards and envelopes. Mailers must certify that this standard has been met when the corresponding mail (in which the reply pieces are enclosed) is presented to the USPS.

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[Revise the heading of 2.0 to read as follows:]

2.0 ENHANCED CARRIER ROUTE RATES

2.1 All Pieces

[Amend 2.1 by revising the introductory text and 2.1b to read as follows:]

All pieces in an automation rate Enhanced Carrier Route Standard mailing (available for letters only) must:

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b. Be part of a single mailing of at least 200 pieces or 50 pounds of pieces of automation rate Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail (Regular and Nonprofit mailings must meet separate minimum volumes).

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2.4 Enclosed Reply Cards and Envelopes

[Revise 2.4 to read as follows:]

Effective January 1, 1997 (or March 1, 1997, for Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail), all letter-size reply cards and envelopes (business reply, courtesy reply, and metered reply mail) provided as enclosures in automation Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail must meet the standards in C810 for enclosed reply cards and envelopes. Mailers must certify that this standard has been met when the corresponding mail (in which the reply pieces are enclosed) is presented to the USPS.

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E650 Destination Entry

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E652 Parcel Post

[In 1.4, replace the reference "E622" with "E620"; no other change in text.]

E670 Nonprofit Standard Mail

1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

1.1 Organization Eligibility

[Amend 1.1 by adding the qualifying phrase "i.e., all nonautomation and automation Nonprofit rates" to the end of the section to read as follows:]

Only organizations that meet the standards in 2.0 or 3.0 and that have received specific authorization from the USPS may mail eligible matter at the Nonprofit Standard Mail rates, i.e., all nonautomation and automation Nonprofit rates.

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L LABELING LISTS

[Remove L001, L897, L898, and L899.]

M MAIL PREPARATION AND SORTATION

M000 General Preparation Standards

M010 Mailpieces

M011 Basic Standards

[Revise the heading of 1.0 to read as follows:]

1.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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1.2 Presort Levels

[Amend 1.2 by revising 1.2d, 1.2h, and 1.2i to read as follows:]

Terms used for presort levels are defined as follows:

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d. 3-digit: the ZIP Code in the delivery address on all pieces begins with the same three digits (see L002, Column A).

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h. SCF: the separation includes pieces for two or more 3-digit areas served by the same SCF (see L005), except that, where required or permitted by standard, mail for a single 3-digit area may be prepared in an SCF separation when no mail for other 3-digit ZIP Code areas is available.

i. ADC/AADC: all pieces are addressed for delivery in the service area of the same ADC or AADC (see L004 or L801).

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1.4 Mailing

[Revise 1.4 to read as follows:]

A mailing is a group of pieces within the same class of mail and processing category that may be sorted together under the applicable standards. Other specific standards may define whether separate mailings may be combined, palletized, reported, or deposited

together. The following types of mail may not be part of the same mailing despite being in the same class and processing category: automation and nonautomation mail; automation rate Enhanced Carrier Route and other mail; any combination of Enhanced Carrier Route, Regular, Nonprofit, and/or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail.

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M013 Optional Endorsement Lines

1.0 USE

1.1 Basic Standards

[Amend 1.1 by removing in the chart the entries for Optional City and Working; by revising the parenthetical following the first entry for Carrier Route to read as "(Periodicals)"; by revising the parenthetical following the entry for SCF to read as "(bound printed matter)"; and by removing the parenthetical "(Except Preferred Periodicals and Nonprofit Standard Mail)" following the entries for AADC and Mixed AADC.]

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1.4 Rate Markings

[Amend 1.4 by replacing the term "automation Regular Standard Mail" with "automation Regular or automation Nonprofit Standard Mail."]

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M014 Carrier Route Information Lines

1.0 BASIC INFORMATION

[Amend 1.0 by replacing the terms "carrier route and Level I/K Periodicals" with "Carrier Route Periodicals."]

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M020 Packages and Bundles

[Remove 2.0; redesignate 3.0 and 4.0 as 2.0 and 3.0, respectively; revise the heading of redesignated 2.0 as "Additional Standards—First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail (A)"; amend redesignated 2.1c by replacing the terms "Regular Standard Mail" with "Standard Mail (A)" and "Regular Periodicals" with "Periodicals"; no other change in text.]

M030 Containers

M031 Labels

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4.0 PALLET LABELS

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4.8 Delivery Unit, SCF, DDU, and DSCF Rates

[Revise 4.8 to read as follows:]

If a 5-digit, 3-digit, or SCF pallet contains copies claimed at Periodicals

delivery unit and SCF zone rates, or Standard Mail DDU and DSCF rates, as applicable, the contents line of the pallet label must show the designation DDU/SCF, after the description of the contents.

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M032 Barcoded Labels

1.0 BARCODED TRAY LABELS

1.1 Standards

[Revise 1.1 to read as follows:]

Effective January 1, 1997, barcoded tray labels are required for all mailings of automation rate First-Class Mail flat-size pieces and automation rate First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail (A) letter-size pieces. Barcoded tray labels may be used before that date and may be used for other trayed mail. Mailer-produced barcoded tray labels must meet the standards below. Revisions to preprinted barcoded labels (e.g., handwritten changes) are not permitted.

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2.0 BARCODED SACK LABELS

2.1 Standards

[Revise 2.1 to read as follows:]

Effective January 1, 1997, barcoded sack labels are required for all mailings of automation rate Periodicals and Standard Mail (A) flat-size pieces prepared in sacks. Barcoded sack labels may be used before that date and may be used for other sacked mail. Mailer-produced barcoded sack labels must meet the standards below. Revisions to preprinted barcoded labels (e.g., handwritten changes) are not permitted.

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M033 Sacks and Trays

[In 1.2a, replace the terms "Regular Periodicals, and Regular and Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail (A)" with "Periodicals, and bulk rate Standard Mail (A)"; remove the last sentence of 1.2f; in 1.4, remove the phrase and clause "except for Preferred Periodicals and Nonprofit Standard Mail, which are covered in 3.0 and 4.0"; in 1.7, replace the phrase "Except for Nonprofit Standard and Preferred Periodicals mailings, after" with "After"; revise the heading of 2.0 to read as "First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Bulk Rate Standard Mail (A)"; remove 3.0 and 4.0; no other change in text.]

M040 Pallets

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M045 Palletized Mailings

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2.0 PACKAGES

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2.2 Size—Periodicals

[Amend 2.2 by replacing the references "M210 and M290" in 2.2a with "M200" to read as follows:]

Package size: Six-piece minimum, 20-pound maximum, except that:

a. Firm packages may contain as few as two copies of a publication and do not have to be consolidated into bundles with other packages to the same 5-digit destination. A firm "package" may be one piece for presort standards (see M200).

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8.0 MIXED RATE LEVELS ON PALLETS—NONPROFIT STANDARD MAIL

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8.2 Authorizations

[Amend 8.2 by revising the first sentence to read as follows:]

Mailers must obtain a USPS authorization before commingling nonautomation, automation, or Enhanced Carrier Route Nonprofit Standard Mail on pallets. * * *

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8.4 Documentation

[Replace 8.4, 8.4a, and 8.4b with new 8.4 to read as follows:]

At the time of mailing, the mailer must provide standardized documentation, as required by the standards for the rate claimed, that includes pallet numbers to facilitate postal verification of the corresponding mail. When requested, the mailer must present pallets selected by USPS employees for verification.

8.5 Additional Pallet Standards

[Remove 8.5c and redesignate 8.5d as 8.5c.]

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[Revise the heading of M050 to read as follows:]

M050 Delivery Sequence

[Amend 1.1 by replacing the references "M290 or M693" with "M200 or M620"; no other change in text.]

M070 Mixed Classes

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M073 Combined Mailings of Standard Mail Machinable Parcels

[Amend 1.1 by replacing the term "Regular Standard Mail (A)" with "Standard Mail (A)."]

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M200 Periodicals (Nonautomation)

[Remove M290; redesignate M210 as M200 and revise internal references accordingly; amend 1.1, 1.2, and 2.3 (heading and text) by replacing the term "Regular Periodicals" with "Periodicals."]

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M600 Standard Mail (Nonautomation)

[Revise the heading of M610 to read as follows:]

M610 Single-Piece and Nonautomation Standard Mail (A)

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[Revise the heading of 2.0 to read as follows:]

2.0 BASIC STANDARDS—NONAUTOMATION RATES

2.1 All Mailings

[Amend 2.1 by revising the introductory text, 2.1a, and 2.1e to read as follows:]

All nonautomation (Basic and 3/5) rate mailings are subject to these general standards (automation rate Standard Mail must be prepared under M810 or M820, as applicable):

a. Each mailing must meet the applicable standards in E630 and in M010, M020, and M820.

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e. Subject to M012, all pieces eligible for and claimed at Nonprofit rates must be marked "Nonprofit Organization" (or "Nonprofit Org." or "Nonprofit"); all other pieces must be marked "Bulk Rate" (or "Blk. Rt."). In addition, pieces may be marked "Single-Piece" (or "SNGLP") under P600 to correct an incorrect rate marking.

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2.3 Exception—Standard Mail (A)

[In 2.3, replace the terms "Regular Standard Mail" with "Standard Mail" and "Regular nonletter nonautomation" with "nonletter nonautomation."]

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[Revise the heading of 3.0 to read as follows:]

3.0 BASIC PREPARATION—NONAUTOMATION RATE LETTER-SIZE PIECES

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[Revise the heading of 4.0 to read as follows:]

4.0 OPTIONAL PREPARATION—UPGRADABLE NONAUTOMATION RATE LETTER-SIZE PIECES

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[Revise the heading of 5.0 to read as follows:]

5.0 PREPARATION— NONAUTOMATION RATE FLAT-SIZE PIECES AND ALL IRREGULAR PARCELS

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[Revise the heading of 6.0 to read as follows:]

6.0 MACHINABLE PARCELS

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[Revise the heading of 7.0 to read as follows:]

7.0 BEDLOADED BUNDLES OF NONAUTOMATION RATE FLAT-SIZE PIECES

[Amend 7.1 by replacing the term "Regular nonautomation rate Standard Mail (A)" with "nonautomation rate Standard Mail (A)"; no other change in text.]

M620 Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail

1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

1.1 All Mailings

[Amend 1.1 by revising 1.1a and 1.1e to read as follows:]

All nonautomation rate Enhanced Carrier Route mailings are subject to these general standards (automation rate Enhanced Carrier Route mailings must be prepared under M810):

a. Each mailing must meet the applicable standards in E630 and in M010, M020, and M030.

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e. Subject to M012, all pieces eligible for and claimed at Nonprofit rates must be marked "Nonprofit Organization" (or "Nonprofit Org." or "Nonprofit"); all other pieces must be marked "Bulk Rate" (or "Blk. Rt."). In addition, Basic, High Density, and Saturation rate pieces must each be marked "ECRL0T," "ECRWSH," or "ECRWSS," respectively. Pieces not claimed at the corresponding rate must not be marked "ECRL0T," "ECRWSH," or "ECRWSS" unless paid at single-piece rate or a corrective single-piece rate marking is applied under P600.

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1.4 Exception—Standard Mail (A)

[Revise 1.4 to read as follows:]

When a Standard Mail (A) mailing job could, by size, qualify for Standard Mail automation rates as either letters or flats, if part of the job is prepared as palletized flats at automation rates for flats, the remainder may be prepared as palletized flats at Enhanced Carrier Route rates and nonletter nonautomation rates if the number of nonletter nonautomation rate pieces does not exceed 10% of the total

number of pieces in the entire mailing job.

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5.0 RESIDUAL MAIL

[Amend 5.0 by replacing the term "Regular Standard Mail rates" with "Regular or Nonprofit Standard Mail rates, as appropriate" to read as follows:]

Pieces not sorted under 2.0 and either 3.0 or 4.0 must be prepared as a separate mailing at Regular or Nonprofit Standard Mail rates, as appropriate.

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[Remove M690, M692, M693, M695, M696, M697, and M698.]

M800 All Automation Mail

[Revise the heading of M810 to read as follows:]

M810 Letter-Size Mail

1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

1.1 Standards

[Amend 1.1 by replacing the term "Regular Periodicals" with "Periodicals" in the first sentence to read as follows:]

Letter-size automation rate First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail (A) must be prepared under M810 and the eligibility standards for the rate claimed.

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1.3 Marking

[Revise 1.3 to read as follows:]

Periodicals require no marking. Subject to M012, all pieces must be marked "AUTO" (or "AUTOCR" for carrier route rate) and "Presorted" and "First-Class" if First-Class Mail; "Nonprofit Organization" (or "Nonprofit Org." or "Nonprofit") if eligible Nonprofit Standard Mail; or "Bulk Rate" (or "Blk. Rt.") if other Standard Mail. Pieces not claimed at an automation rate may not be marked "AUTO" or "AUTOCR" unless single-piece rate postage is affixed or a corrective single-piece rate marking is applied under P100 or P600.

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1.5 Carrier Route

[Amend 1.5 by replacing the reference "E641" with "E640."]

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[Revise the heading of M820 to read as follows:]

M820 Flat-Size Mail

1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

1.1 Standards

[Amend 1.1 by replacing the term "Regular Periodicals" with

"Periodicals" in the first sentence to read as follows:]

Flat-size automation rate First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail (A) must be prepared under M820 and the eligibility standards for the rate claimed.

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1.4 Marking

[Revise 1.4 to read as follows:]

Periodicals require no marking. Subject to M012, all pieces must be marked "AUTO" and "Presorted" and "First-Class" if First-Class Mail; "Nonprofit Organization" (or "Nonprofit Org." or "Nonprofit") if eligible Nonprofit Standard Mail; or "Bulk Rate" (or "Blk. Rt.") if other Standard Mail. Pieces not claimed at an automation rate may not be marked "AUTO" unless single-piece rate postage is affixed or a corrective single-piece rate marking is applied under P100 or P600.

1.5 Exception—Standard Mail (A)

[Amend 1.5 by replacing the terms "Regular Standard Mail" with "Standard Mail" and "Regular nonletter nonautomation" with "nonletter nonautomation" to read as follows:]

When a Standard Mail (A) mailing job could, by size, qualify for Standard Mail automation rates as either letters or flats, if part of the job is prepared as palletized flats at automation rates for flats, the remainder may be prepared as palletized flats at Enhanced Carrier Route rates and nonletter nonautomation rates if the number of nonletter nonautomation rate pieces does not exceed 10% of the total number of pieces in the entire mailing job.

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[Remove M890, M891, M892, M893, M894, M895, M896, M897, and M898.]

P POSTAGE AND PAYMENT METHODS

P000 Basic Information

P010 General Standards

P011 Payment

1.0 PREPAYMENT AND POSTAGE DUE

1.1 Prepayment Conditions

[Amend 1.1 by revising 1.1e to read as follows:]

The mailer is responsible for proper payment of postage. Postage on all mail must be fully prepaid at the time of mailing, except as specifically provided by standard for:

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e. Keys and identification devices returned to owners (see E620).

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P012 Documentation

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[Revise the heading of 2.0 to read as follows:]

2.0 STANDARDIZED DOCUMENTATION—FIRST-CLASS MAIL, PERIODICALS, AND STANDARD MAIL (A)

2.1 Basic Standard

[Amend 2.1 by replacing in the first sentence the terms “Regular Periodicals” with “Periodicals” and “Regular and Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail” with “Standard Mail (A)” to read as follows:]

For First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail (A), subject to the standards for the rate claimed, documentation must be produced by software certified under the USPS Presort Accuracy Validation and Evaluation (PAVE) or Manifest Analysis and Certification (MAC) programs, appropriate for the accompanying class of mail and rate claimed, or must be prepared to meet the criteria for standardized documentation in this section. * * *

2.2 Format and Content

[Amend 2.2 by revising the introductory text to read as follows:]

For First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail (A), standardized documentation includes:

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2.5 Combined and Copalletized Mailings

[Amend 2.5 by revising the introductory text to read as follows:]

For combined or copalletized mailings of Periodicals and Standard Mail (A) prepared under M045, the listing must show the following additional information:

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[Remove 3.0; redesignate 4.0 as 3.0.]

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P013 Rate Application and Computation

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4.0 RATE APPLICATION—STANDARD MAIL (A)

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4.3 Bulk Rates

[Revise 4.3 to read as follows:]

Bulk rates are based on the weight of the pieces and are applied differently to pieces weighing less than or equal to a

“breakpoint” (rounded to four decimal places) and those weighing more, as follows:

a. The appropriate minimum per piece rate applies to pieces weighing 0.2066 pound (3.3062 ounces) or less (Enhanced Carrier Route rates), 0.2068 pound (3.3087 ounces) or less (Regular rates), 0.2087 pound (3.3384 ounces) or less (Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route rates), or 0.2088 pound (3.3407 ounces) or less (Nonprofit rates).

b. A rate determined by adding the appropriate fixed per piece charge and the corresponding variable per pound charge (based on the weight of the piece) applies to pieces weighing more than 0.2066 pound (3.3062 ounces) (Enhanced Carrier Route rates), 0.2068 pound (3.3087 ounces) (Regular rates), 0.2087 pound (3.3384 ounces) (Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route rates), or 0.2088 pound (3.3407 ounces) (Nonprofit rates).

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P014 Refunds and Exchanges

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4.0 REFUND REQUESTS FOR EXCESS POSTAGE—AT TIME OF MAILING (“VALUE ADDED REFUNDS”)

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4.13 Standard Mail (A)

[Replace 4.13, 4.13a, 4.13b, and 4.13c with new 4.13 to read as follows:]

If a value added refund request is submitted when a Standard Mail (A) mailing is presented to the USPS, each piece must be letter-size, weigh less than the applicable maximum weight for automation mail prescribed in C810, be part of an automation rate mailing, and be metered by the presenter or the presenter's customer at a 3/5 nonautomation rate or at any automation minimum per piece rate. Pieces for each entry must be prepared as a separate mailing if the destination entry rates are claimed.

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P040 Permit Imprints

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2.0 PREPARING PERMIT IMPRINTS

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2.5 References to Expedited Handling

[Amend 2.5 by revising 2.5a to read as follows:]

Except for postcard-size mail and imprints placed on address labels, permit imprints on bulk rate Standard Mail (A) bearing references to expedited handling or delivery (e.g., “Priority,” “Express,” “Overnight”) must:

a. Show the words “Bulk Rate” or “Nonprofit Organization” (or “Nonprofit Org.” or “Nonprofit”) more prominently than other words in the imprint.

b. Have a clear space of at least 3/8 inch around the entire permit imprint.

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4.0 FORMATS

4.1 Basic Standard

[Amend the Nonprofit Standard Mail examples in Exhibit 4.1b by replacing the endorsement “Carrier Route Presort” with “AUTOCR.”]

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P600 Standard Mail

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3.0 AUTOMATION RATES

3.1 Method

[Amend 3.1 by removing the parenthetical “(including Nonprofit ZIP+4 and Barcoded rates)” in the first sentence to read as follows:]

Postage on any mailing made at an automation rate must be paid with meter stamps, permit imprints, or precanceled postage, under applicable standards. * * *

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P710 Manifest Mailing System (MMS)

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3.0 KEYLINE

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3.3 Rate Category Abbreviations

[Revise 3.3 and Exhibit 3.3b to read as follows:]

Keylines on First-Class Mail or bulk Standard Mail (A) may use only the rate category abbreviations in Exhibit 3.3a or Exhibit 3.3b, respectively. All pieces that qualify for more than one postage rate must show each rate category abbreviation, separated by a “/” (slash) (e.g., NV/DS).

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EXHIBIT 3.3b—RATE CATEGORY ABBREVIATIONS—STANDARD MAIL (A)

Code	Rate Category
AV	Automation 5-Digit [letters only].
AT	Automation 3-Digit [letters only].
AF	Automation 3/5 [flats only].
AB	Automation Basic.
RA	Regular 3/5.
RB	Regular Basic.
EA	Enhanced Carrier Route Automation Basic [letters only].
EB	Enhanced Carrier Route Basic.
EH	Enhanced Carrier Route High Density.

EXHIBIT 3.3b—RATE CATEGORY AB-
BREVIATIONS—STANDARD MAIL (A)—
Continued

Code	Rate Category
ES	Enhanced Carrier Route Saturation.
NV	Nonprofit Automation 5-Digit [letters only].
NT	Nonprofit Automation 3-Digit [letters only].
NF	Nonprofit Automation 3/5 [flats only].
NB	Nonprofit Automation Basic.
FA	Nonprofit 3/5.
FB	Nonprofit Basic.
PA	Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Automation Basic [letters only].
PB	Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Basic.
PH	Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route High Density.
PS	Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Saturation.
DB	Destination Bulk Mail Center (DBMC).
DD	Destination Delivery Unit (DDU).
DS	Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF).
SP	Single-Piece Rate [when fewer than 200 pieces accompany automation rate mail].

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P760 First-Class or Standard Mail Mailings With Different Payment Methods

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2.0 POSTAGE

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2.2 Metered Pieces—Standard Mail (A)

[Revise 2.2 to read as follows:]

Metered pieces in a combined mailing must bear postage at a nonautomation presort or automation rate for which the pieces are eligible. Additional postage due for metered pieces in a combined mailing is deducted from the mailer's postage due advance deposit account. Full postage must be affixed to accompanying single-piece rate mail.

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2.4 Precanceled Pieces — Standard Mail (A)

[Revise 2.4 to read as follows:]

Pieces with precanceled stamps in a combined mailing must bear postage in any denomination of precanceled stamp permitted in an automation rate mailing. Nonprofit postage may appear only on pieces in a Nonprofit rate mailing that are eligible for and claimed at a Nonprofit rate. Additional postage due for precanceled stamp pieces in a combined mailing is deducted from the mailer's postage due advance deposit

account. Full postage must be affixed to accompanying single-piece rate mail.

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R200 Periodicals

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[Revise 2.0, 3.0, and 4.0 to read as follows:]

2.0 PREFERRED—IN-COUNTY

2.1 Pound Rates

Per pound or fraction:

Zone	Rate
Delivery Unit	\$0.112
All Others	0.122

2.2 Piece Rates

Per addressed piece:

Presort level	Nonautomation	Automation ¹	Letter-size
			Flat-size
Basic	\$0.081	\$0.081	\$0.081
3/5			0.066
3-Digit		0.077	
5-Digit		0.064	
Carrier Route	0.043		
High Density	0.038		
Saturation	0.036		

¹ Lower maximum weight limits apply: letter-size at 3 ounces (or 3.3407 ounces for heavy letters); flat-size at 16 ounces.

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3.0 PREFERRED—NONPROFIT

3.1 Pound Rates

Per pound or fraction:

a. For the nonadvertising portion: \$0.138.

b. For the advertising portion:

Zone	Rate
Delivery Unit	\$0.169
SCF	0.190
1 & 2	0.214
3	0.224
4	0.251
5	0.292
6	0.336
7	0.388
8	0.432

3.2 Piece Rates

Per addressed piece:

Presort level	Nonautomation	Automation ¹	
		Letter-size	Flat-size
Basic	\$0.216	\$0.186	\$0.192
3/5	0.171		0.147
3-Digit		0.148	
5-Digit		0.148	
Carrier Route	0.104		
High Density	0.097		
Saturation	0.083		1

¹ Lower maximum weight limits apply: letter-size at 3 ounces (or 3.3407 ounces for heavy letters); flat-size at 16 ounces.

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4.0 PREFERRED—CLASSROOM

4.1 Pound Rates

Per pound or fraction:

a. For the nonadvertising portion: \$0.110.

b. For the advertising portion:

Zone	Rate
Delivery Unit	\$0.169
SCF	0.190
1 & 2	0.214
3	0.224
4	0.251
5	0.292
6	0.336
7	0.388
8	0.432

4.2 Piece Rates

Per addressed piece:

Presort level	Nonautomation	Automation ¹	
		Letter-size	Flat-size
Basic	\$0.171	\$0.154	\$0.148
3/5	0.128		0.113
3-Digit		0.118	
5-Digit		0.111	
Carrier Route	0.090		
High Density	0.088		
Saturation	0.083		

¹ Lower maximum weight limits apply: letter-size at 3 ounces (or 3.3407 ounces for heavy letters); flat-size at 16 ounces.

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[Revise the heading of 5.0 to read as follows:]

5.0 PREFERRED—SCIENCE-OF-AGRICULTURE

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R600 Standard Mail

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[Revise 5.0 to read as follows:]

5.0 NONPROFIT

5.1 Letter-Size Minimum Per Piece

Rates—Pieces 0.2088 lb. (3.3407 oz.) or
Less

Entry discount	Nonautomation		Automation ¹		
	Basic	3/5	Basic	3-Digit	5-Digit
None	\$0.132	\$0.114	\$0.099	\$0.095	\$0.082
DBMC	0.119	0.101	0.086	0.082	0.069
DSCF	0.114	0.096	0.081	0.077	0.064
DDU					

¹ Pieces weighing over 3 ounces subject to additional standards.

5.2 Nonletter-Size Minimum Per Piece

Rates—Pieces 0.2088 lb. (3.3407 oz.) or
Less

Entry discount	Nonautomation		Automation ¹	
	Basic	3/5	Basic	3/5
None	\$0.195	\$0.143	\$0.171	\$0.119
DBMC	0.182	0.130	0.158	0.106
DSCF	0.177	0.125	0.153	0.101
DDU				

¹ Available only for automation-compatible flats.5.3 Piece/Pound Rates—Pieces More
Than 0.2088 lb. (3.3407 oz.)

Piece pound rate ¹	Nonautomation		Automation ²	
	Basic	3/5	Basic	3/5
Per Piece	\$0.100	\$0.048	\$0.076	\$0.024
Per Pound (includes entry discount if applicable)	Plus	Plus	Plus	Plus
None	\$0.455	\$0.455	\$0.455	\$0.455
DBMC	0.393	0.393	0.393	0.393
DSCF	0.367	0.367	0.367	0.367
DDU				

¹ Each piece is subject to both a piece rate and a pound rate.² Available only for automation-compatible flats.[Redesignate 6.0 through 11.0 as 7.0
through 12.0, respectively, with no
change in text; add new 6.0 to read as
follows:]6.0 NONPROFIT ENHANCED
CARRIER ROUTE

6.1 Letter-Size Minimum Per Piece

Rates—Pieces 0.2087 lb. (3.3384 oz.) or
Less

Entry discount	Nonautomation			Automa- tion ¹
	Basic	High density	Saturation	Basic
None	\$0.087	\$0.081	\$0.075	\$0.079
DBMC	0.074	0.068	0.062	0.066
DSCF	0.069	0.063	0.057	0.061
DDU	0.063	0.057	0.051	0.055

¹ Pieces weighing over 3 ounces subject to additional standards.

6.2 Nonletter-Size Minimum Per Piece Rates—Pieces 0.2087 lb. (3.3384 oz.) or Less

Entry discount	Basic	High density	Saturation
None	\$0.095	\$0.088	\$0.082
DBMC	0.082	0.075	0.069
DSCF	0.077	0.070	0.064
DDU	0.071	0.064	0.058

6.3 Piece/Pound Rates—Pieces More Than 0.2087 lb. (3.3384 oz.)

Piece/pound rate ¹	Basic	High density	Saturation
Per Piece Per Pound (includes entry discount if applicable)	\$0.013	\$0.006	\$0.000
None	Plus \$0.393	Plus \$0.393	Plus \$0.393
DBMC	0.331	0.331	0.331

Piece/pound rate ¹	Basic	High density	Saturation
DSCF	0.305	0.305	0.305
DDU	0.279	0.279	0.279

¹ Each piece is subject to both a piece rate and a pound rate.

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An appropriate amendment to 39 CFR 111.3 to reflect these changes will be published if the proposal is adopted.

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