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PB/USPS-T32-21. How many single-piece First-Class Mail letter stamps are expected to be sold through USPS vending machines in the Test Year?

RESPONSE

It is estimated that there will be approximately 580 million single-piece First-Class Mail letter stamps sold through USPS vending machines in FY '08.

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PB/USPS-T32-23. How many single-piece First-Class Mail letter stamps were sold by Stamps by Mail in the Base Year?

RESPONSE

This number is not available. Stamps by Mail offers several items at varying prices. The total revenue from Stamps by Mail in FY 2005 was \$244,268,376. A significant portion of this revenue is probably from the sale of basic First-Class Mail letter stamps.

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PB/USPS-T32-24. How many single-piece First-Class Mail letter stamps were sold by Stamps by Mail in each of the five years before the Base Year?

RESPONSE

Please see the response to PB/USPS-T23, above. The total revenue from Stamps by Mail for FY 2003 and FY 2005 are \$201,602,096 and \$264,523,078, respectively. This information is not available for other years.

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PB/USPS-T32-25. How many single-piece First-Class Mail letter stamps will be sold by Stamps by Mail in the Test Year?

RESPONSE

The Postal Service has not projected the sale of First-Class Stamps through the Stamps by Mail program for the test year.