

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

RATES AND CLASSIFICATIONS FOR COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS  
NOT OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

Docket No.  
CP2008-8

**NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
OF GOVERNORS' DECISION ESTABLISHING PRICES AND CLASSIFICATIONS  
FOR GLOBAL PLUS CONTRACTS**

(June 2, 2008)

The United States Postal Service ("Postal Service") hereby gives notice, pursuant to 39 USC § 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR §§ 3015.5 and 3020.90, that the Governors have established prices and classifications for competitive products not of general applicability for Global Plus Contracts. The Attachment to this notice consists of previously proposed Mail Classification Schedule language concerning Global Plus contracts<sup>1</sup> with facilitative changes noted in legislative format that reflect the Governors' Decision.

The Governors' Decision, which includes a statement of explanation and justification, and attachments thereto as well as the record of proceedings in connection with the Decision, are being filed separately with the Postal Regulatory Commission under seal. Contract prices are highly confidential in the business world so the Postal Service is protecting them in accordance with industry standards. The ability of the Postal Service to negotiate individual contracts would be severely compromised if prices

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<sup>1</sup> See United States Postal Service Submission of Additional Mail Classification Schedule Information in Response to Order No. 43, November 20, 2007.

for these types of agreements were publicly disclosed. Public disclosure would also compromise the ability of respective shippers to negotiate favorable shipping services contracts in the future.

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## MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

### 2610.5 Global Plus Contracts

These are contracts giving rates for any combination of the following: International Priority Airmail (IPA), International Surface Air Lift (ISAL), Global Bulk Economy (GBE), Global Direct (GD), Express Mail International (EMI), and Priority Mail International (PMI). These contracts are for high-volume mailers or Postal Qualified Wholesalers and are the only contract vehicles for IPA and ISAL mailings. For a mailer to qualify, the contract must cover its attributable costs.

The contracts include all destinations served by IPA, and/or ISAL, and/or GBE, and/or GD, and/or EMI, and/or PMI, as specified by the Postal Service. The preparation requirements are the same as for all IPA shipments, and/or ISAL shipments, and/or GBE shipments, and/or EMI shipments, and/or PMI shipments. For GD shipments, the preparation requirements are the preparation requirements for the given product set by the receiving country. The mailer may use USPS-supplied labeling software, or a non-USPS supplied labeling software that has the same functionality as the USPS-supplied labeling software for EMI and PMI shipments. The software allows for preparation of address labels and Customs declarations and submission of electronic shipment information to the Postal Service, as well as prepayment of Customs duties and taxes and pre-advice for foreign Customs authorities by the Postal Service. The mailer may be required to prepare specific shipments according to country specific requirements.

~~To qualify for a contract, International Priority Airmail (IPA), and/or International Surface Air Lift (ISAL), and/or Global Bulk Economy (GBE) and/or Global Direct (GD), a mailer must tender all of its qualifying mail to the Postal Service and must be capable, on an annualized basis, of either tendering at least 5,000 pieces of international mail to the Postal Service or paying at least \$100,000 in international postage to the Postal Service. paying at least \$2 million in International First-Class Mail International postage to the Postal Service.~~

~~To qualify for Express Mail International (EMI), and/or Priority Mail International (PMI), a mailer must tender all of its qualifying mail to the Postal Service and must be capable, on an annualized basis, of tendering at least 600 pieces of non-First-Class Mail International mail to the Postal Service, or of paying at least \$12,000 in non-First-Class Mail International postage to the Postal Service.~~

#### Size and Weight for Postcards:

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	None
Maximum	6 inches	4.25 inches	0.016 inch	not applicable

**Size and Weight for Letters/Small Packets/Packages:<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>Length</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Thickness</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	None
Maximum	24 inches	Length plus height plus thickness: 36 inches		4 pounds

<sup>1</sup>If ISAL: Packages of letter-size pieces of mail should be no thicker than approximately a handful of mail (4" to 6"); packages of flat-size mail may be thicker than 6", but weigh no more than 11 pounds. A package or packet is defined as 10 or more pieces of mail to the same country separation or 1 pound or more regardless of the number of pieces.

**Size and Weight for Letters:<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>Length</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Thickness</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	None
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	3.5 ounces

<sup>1</sup> If ISAL: Packages of letter-size pieces of mails should be no thicker than approximately a handful of mail (4" to 6"); a package or packet is defined as 10 or more pieces of mail to the same country separation or 1 pound or more regardless of the number of pieces.

**Size and Weight for Large Envelopes (Flats):<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>Length</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Thickness</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Minimum <sup>2</sup>	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	none
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inch	4 pounds

<sup>1</sup> If ISAL: Packages of flat-size mail may be thicker than 6", but weigh no more than 11 pounds. A package or packet is defined as 10 or more pieces of mail to the same country separation or 1 pound or more regardless of the number of pieces.

<sup>2</sup> Every minimum dimension does not have to be met; only one does.

**Size and Weight for Packages (Small Packets):**

	<b>Length</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Thickness</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Minimum	Large enough to accommodate postage, address and other required elements on the address side.			None
Maximum	<b>Length</b>	<b>Length plus height plus thickness</b>		<b>Weight</b>
	24 inches	36 inches		4 pounds

**Size and Weight for Rolls:**

	<b>Length</b>	<b>Length plus twice the diameter</b>	<b>Weight<sup>1</sup></b>
Minimum	4 inches	6.75 inches	none
Maximum	36 inches	42 inches	4 pounds

**Size and Weight for Express Mail International:**

	<b>Length</b>	<b>Width</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Weight<sup>1</sup></b>
Minimum	None	None	None	
Maximum	36 inches	Length plus girth: 79 inches		

<sup>1</sup> Country-specific restrictions may apply as specified in the International Mail Manual

**Size and Weight for Priority Mail International:**

	<b>Length</b>	<b>Width</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Weight<sup>1</sup></b>
Minimum	5.5 inches	None	3.5 inches	none
Maximum	42 inches	Length plus girth: 79 inches Circular parcels: length plus diameter: 64 inches		70

<sup>1</sup> Weight and other exceptional size limits based on shape and destination country restrictions may apply as specified in the International Mail Manual

**Minimum Volume or Revenue Commitment:**

Mailers must commit to tender varying minimum volumes or postage on an annualized basis. The minimum volume requirement for GBE is 100 pounds per mailing. The mailer may be required to meet a volume minimum or weight requirement for Global Direct. If paying through permit imprint, the mailer is required to meet the minimum volume or weight requirements in effect for manifest mailings. For EMI paid through an Express Mail Corporate Account (EMCA), there is no minimum volume requirement per mailing.

**Price Categories:**

The discount percentage or price, as applicable to the service, is dependent upon a volume or postage commitment on the part of the customer. Additional tiered discounts are available if the mailer exceeds the minimum volume or postage commitment. Also, separate charges apply if the customer has ~~the Postal Service label the mailpieces~~ labeling, for harmonization and for or return services.

Global Plus – IPA

Global Plus – ISAL

Global Plus – GBE

Global Plus – EMI

Global Plus – GD

Global Plus – PMI

**Optional Features:**

Pickup On-Demand (EMI and PMI only)

### International Ancillary Services

- International Certificate of Mailing (IPA, PMI flat-rate envelope only)
- International Insurance (EMI, PMI parcels only)
- International Registered Mail (PMI flat-rate envelope only)
- International Restricted Delivery (PMI flat-rate envelope only)
- International Return Receipt (EMI, PMI only)

For GD, all optional features applicable to the product as set by the receiving country.

### Software-Related Services (EMI and PMI only):

- Labeling: At the mailer's request, the Postal Service will arrange for ~~apply~~ labels and Customs declarations ~~at a postal location~~ to be applied.
- Harmonization: At the mailer's request, the Postal Service ~~facilitates~~ will arrange for classification of merchandise according to country specified Customs regulations to determine applicable duties and taxes.
- Returns: At the mailer's request, the Postal Service will ~~contracts~~ with a returns center appropriate for the particular country. The returns center inspects the goods it receives from the mailer's customers and returns the goods in bulk to the mailer in the United States. The Postal Service invoices the mailer for appropriate charges. The Postal Service may also charge for certain Express Mail International and Priority Mail International undeliverable-as-addressed returns when customs duties have been prepaid.