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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman;
George A. Omas, Vice Chairman;
Dana B. Covington, Sr.; Ruth Y. Goldway;
and W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc, III

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE'S FILING
OF PROPOSED POSTAL RATE, FEE AND CLASSIFICATION CHANGES
AND ORDER INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS

(Issued January 14, 2000)

I. Filing of an Omnibus Rate and Classification Request

On January 12, 2000, the United States Postal Service filed a Request with the Postal Rate Commission for a recommended decision on proposed changes in domestic postage rates and fees and in certain mail classifications. The Service's action was taken pursuant to sections 3622 and 3623 of the Postal Reorganization Act (39 U.S.C. §§ 3622, 3623). The Service also filed several contemporaneous motions and notices related to its Request.

The Service's rate proposals affect all classes of mail and all special services. They are based on key assumptions regarding costs, volumes, pricing and, in some instances, on proposed reclassifications and anticipated legislative changes. Given

these assumptions, the Service's rate proposal reflects, on average, an increase of 6.4 percent; however, percentage increases vary — sometimes significantly — by class, subclass and category. Moreover, some rates or fees remain the same or decrease under the Service's proposal. The Service's classification proposals affect most classes of mail and special services. In addition, the Service is proposing a general revision of the special services sections of the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule (DMCS).

This notice provides a general overview of the Service's filing. Persons interested in learning how the Service's proposal affects their interests are advised to review the Service's filing in detail.

Reason for filing request; proposed base year and test year. The Service asserts that without the requested changes, it would incur a substantial revenue deficiency (of more than \$3.6 billion) in the proposed test year (FY 2001), in contravention of 39 U.S.C. § 3621 (the "break-even requirement"). The Service estimates that its proposal will reduce that revenue deficiency to approximately \$21.8 million. The base year for Postal Service cost projections in 1998.

Anticipated implementation date. The Service's filing triggers an administrative process which, given due process considerations, can entail up to ten months of consideration at the Commission and additional time for the Governors of the Postal Service to review the Commission's recommendations. Accordingly, the Postal Service indicates that its intention is to implement new rates in January 2001.

II. Contents of Service's Filing

The Service's filing includes its formal request, seven attachments, and 41 pieces of testimony, presented by 40 witnesses. The testimony is supported, in many instances, by exhibits, workpapers and library references. The Service's filing includes the following attachments: Attachment A (reproduced as Attachment A to this order) identifies requested changes in the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule. Attachment B (reproduced as Attachment B to this order) presents a comparison of current and

proposed rates and fees. Attachment C (addressing Commission rule 54(b)(2)) specifies the rules, regulations and practices that establish standards of service and conditions of mailability by reference to the contents of the Domestic Mail Manual. Attachment D is the certification, required by rule 54(p), concerning the accuracy of cost statements and other documentation submitted with the request. Attachment E contains audited financial statements. Attachment F provides an index identifying witnesses by name, testimony, exhibits and workpapers by number, and the name and telephone number of the witness's attorney. Attachment G contains a Compliance Statement addressing pertinent provisions of Commission rules 54 and 64. In the statement, the Service refers to a separate notice relating to the alternate cost presentation required under the rules. See January 12, 2000 Notice of the Postal Service Concerning Provision of Information Pursuant to Rule 54(a)(1).

III. Related Motions and Notices

The Service's Request was accompanied by the following notices and motions: Notice of the United States Postal Service Regarding Attorney/Witness Assignments; Notice of Filing of Master List of Library References, and Notices for LR-I-152 and LR-I-153; Motion of United States Postal Service for Waiver and for Protective Conditions for Analysis of Witness Yezer; Motion of the United States Postal Service Requesting Waiver of the New Commission Rules with respect to Category 1 Library References; Motion of the United States Postal Service Requesting Waiver of the New Commission Rules with Respect to Category 2 Library References; Motion of the United States Postal Service Requesting Waiver of the New Commission Rules with Respect to Category 3 Library References; Motion Requesting Waiver of the New Commission Rules with respect to Category 5 Library References; and Notice of the United States Postal Service Concerning Provision of Information Pursuant to Commission Rule 54(a)(1) (all filed January 12, 2000).

Answers to the motion for protective conditions are to be submitted on or before February 14, 2000.

The Postal Service's motions for waiver of the application of the new library reference rule will be discussed at the prehearing conference.

IV. Availability of the Service's Filing

The Commission has posted the Service's filing on its website (www.prc.gov). The filing and library references are available for public inspection in the Commission's docket section. Docket section hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for government holidays. For information about reviewing the filing at the Commission or accessing it via the website, telephone 202-789-6846.

V. Summary of Proposed Rate and Fee Changes

The Service proposes a one-cent increase in the price of the First-Class stamp. This raises the rate for the first ounce of single-piece First-Class Mail (FCM) from 33 cents to 34 cents. The Service also proposes a one-cent increase in the additional-ounce rate, increasing it from 22 to 23 cents. The single-piece card rate would increase by one cent, to 21 cents. The Service's proposals for other rates and fees appears in Attachment A to this order.

Materials accompanying the Postal Service Request indicate average percentage changes for the classes of mail that appear in the list below (derived from USPS-T-32). Some of the figures presented in the list are based on the Service's assumptions regarding restructuring and legislative changes. Rates proposed for nonprofit mailers presume enactment of changes to existing laws that have not been reported by a committee of either house of Congress. Further details are available in the Service's filing.

First-Class Mail:

Letters and sealed parcels

Average subclass-wide increase: 3.5 percent.

Single-piece letters: 3.4 percent increase.

Work-shared letters: 3.8 percent increase.

Cards

Average subclass-wide increase: 5.0 percent.

Single-piece cards: 4.9 percent

Workshared cards: 5.2 percent

Priority Mail: 15% increase.

Express Mail: 3.8% increase.

Periodicals:

Within County: 8.5% increase.

Outside County Periodicals: 12.7% increase.

Standard Mail (A):

Regular subclass: 9.4% increase.

Enhanced Carrier Route (ECR): 4.9% increase.

Nonprofit subclass: 5.6% increase.

Nonprofit ECR: 14.8% increase.

Standard Mail (B):

Parcel Post: 1.3% increase.

Bound Printed Matter: 18.1% increase.

Special: 4.9% increase.

Library: 4.5% increase.

Special services and fees. The percentage changes for special services and for various fees (such as annual permits or advance deposit accounts) vary widely. See Attachment B for comparisons of current and proposed rates and fees.

VI. Summary of the Service's Proposed Classification Changes

Materials accompanying the Postal Service Request indicate that major proposed classification changes include the following:

First-Class Mail. The Service proposes one change in the FCM rate structure. The change, which affects automation rate flats, would separate the combined 3/5-digit category for flats into discrete 3- and 5-digit tiers.

Periodicals. The Service proposes combining three of the four current Periodicals subclasses into one subclass, which would be referred to as "Outside County."

Standard Mail. For parcels within what is generally referred to as Standard (A) mail (Regular, ECR, Nonprofit and Nonprofit ECR), the Service proposes extending a parcel barcode discount. The Service also proposes extending the following special services to these parcels: delivery confirmation, return receipt for merchandise, and bulk insurance service. The Service proposes renaming Standard (B) as Package Services, renaming Special Standard as Media Mail and renaming destination-entered parcel post as Parcel Select. Parcel post intra- and inter-Bulk Mail Center (BMC) would continue to be called Parcel Post. The Service also proposes allowing pieces weighing less than one pound in all Standard Mail subclasses; and, the elimination of local rates and adding destination drop shipping discounts for Bound Printed Matter. New nonmachinable surcharges would apply to Parcel Select-DBMC and intra-BMC parcels.

Special services. In addition to a general rewrite of the DMCS sections on special services, the Service proposes a major restructuring of the fee structure for post office boxes, elimination of the merchandise return service fee, and extension of several special services to Standard Mail (A) parcels. A quarterly fee option would be added for users of Qualified Business Reply Mail (QBRM).

VII. Institution of Proceedings

The Commission hereby institutes proceedings to consider the Postal Service's request, which has been assigned Docket No. R2000-1. The Commission will issue additional notices regarding this case as needed.

A. Nature of proceedings; possibility that the Commission's recommendation may differ from the Service's proposed changes.

Proceedings in this docket will address, in the first instance, the specific changes in current postal rates, fees and classification provisions the Service has proposed. The Commission will also receive evidence sponsored by other interested participants, including the Commission's Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), responding to the Postal Service's proposed changes and its supporting evidence. These presentations may include alternative rate, fee and mail classification proposals.

After public hearings and the submission of briefs from the Postal Service and other participants, the Commission will consider all proposals advanced and arguments made. Depending upon its assessment of the public policies and statutory factors mandated by the Postal Reorganization Act, the Commission may or may not recommend the same array of rate, fee and mail classification changes the Service requests, or that are proposed in the direct cases of other participants. To accommodate applicable statutory considerations, while observing the technical constraints of setting rates and fees for all postal services, the Commission may recommend a schedule of postal rates and fees that differ from those proposed by the Postal Service and other participants. In addition, the Commission may decline to recommend proposed classifications, but address their objectives through other recommended adjustments in classifications, or rates or fees for existing mail categories.

B. Participation: full, limited and commenter status.

Commission rules recognize three main types of participation in Commission proceedings: full, limited or commenter status. Formal intervention in hearings on the Postal Service's Request generally takes the form of full intervention; however, the status of limited intervention is also available under certain circumstances. Persons intending to seek either full or limited status must file a notice of intervention that complies with Commission rules. These rules require certain information and representations, such as whether the intervenor intends to actively participate in the proceeding. Commenter status is available to those wishing to express their views informally. This status does not require a notice of intervention or compliance with the Commission's evidentiary rules. Other distinctions among the forms of participation are explained in Commission rules 20, 20a and 20b. (39 CFR §§ 3001.20, 20a and 20b.) Questions about the interpretation and application of these rules should be directed to the Commission's Office of General Counsel at 202-789-6820.

Other information regarding intervention. Notices of intervention should be sent to the attention of Margaret P. Crenshaw, Secretary of the Commission, 1333 H Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001. Intervenors are asked to include with their notice a telephone number, facsimile number and, if available, an e-mail address. Upon intervention, participants may submit formal discovery or contact the Postal Service to request an informal technical conference. The deadline for intervention is February 14, 2000.

C. Representation of interests of the general public.

The Commission designates Ted P. Gerarden, director of the Commission's Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding pursuant to 39 USC § 3624(a). Mr. Gerarden shall direct the activities of Commission personnel assigned to assist him and, at an appropriate time,

provide the names of these employees for the record. Neither Mr. Gerarden nor the assigned personnel shall participate in or advise as to any Commission decision in this proceeding, other than in their designated capacity. Parties shall serve the OCA separately with three copies of all filings in addition to, and at the same time as, they effect service on the Commission.

D. Prehearing conference date; other scheduling matters.

The Commission will conduct this case with the utmost expedition consistent with the due process rights of all participants. A prehearing conference will be held Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room. The hearing room is located on Commission premises at 1333 H Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001. Participants intending to raise topics for discussion at the prehearing conference are directed to file notice to that effect on or before February 14, 2000. Additional prehearing conferences will be scheduled if needed. The Commission will propose a comprehensive schedule in the near future.

In accordance with the Commission's goal of expeditious consideration, the Commission will conduct the prehearing conference and other hearings en banc (39 CFR 3001.30(b)). Unless otherwise indicated, all conferences and hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. Hearings will be conducted on the record and will be transcribed by an official reporter, unless the presiding officer determines otherwise. Attendees who may require special accommodations to fully participate in the hearings should contact Margaret P. Crenshaw, Secretary of the Commission, at 202-789-6840.

VIII. Effect of the Service's Request on Pending Matters

Several matters, including some docketed proceedings, are currently pending at the Commission. The Commission anticipates addressing the status of these matters

and their impact, if any, on procedural and substantive aspects of the instant docket at the prehearing conference.

IX. Rules of Practice and Procedure

In the recent past, the Commission generally has used a set of special rules in omnibus proceedings. Adoption of many of the special rules on a permanent basis has been under consideration in Docket No. RM98-3, which is one of the cases currently pending at the Commission. As completion of that docket is likely to occur in the near future, the Commission is not issuing a proposed set of special rules at this time. The rules governing this docket will be addressed at the prehearing conference.

It is ordered:

1. The Commission will sit en banc in this proceeding.
2. Notices of intervention shall be filed on or before February 14, 2000.
3. Ted P. Gerarden, director of the Commission's Office of the Consumer Advocate, is designated to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.
4. A prehearing conference will be held Wednesday, February 16, 2000. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room, located at 1333 H Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.
5. Participants intending to raise topics for discussion at the prehearing conference shall provide written notice on or before February 14, 2000.

6. Answers to the Service's Motion for Waiver and Protective Conditions for Analysis of Witness Yezer shall be filed on or before February 14, 2000.

7. The Secretary shall cause this notice and order to be published in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

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Cyril J. Pittack
Acting Secretary

REQUESTED CHANGES IN THE DOMESTIC MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

In this Request, the Postal Service asks the Commission to recommend certain changes in the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule (DMCS). The current DMCS is published at 39 CFR Part 3001, subpart C, appendix A,¹ as amended by the following attachments to Decisions of the Governors of the United States Postal Service:

- Decision of the Governors of the USPS on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission on Renewal of Experimental Classification and Fees for Weight-Averaged Nonletter-Size Business Reply Mail, Docket No. MC99-1 (May 26, 1999);²
- Decision of the Governors of the USPS on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission on Establishment of Permanent Classification and Fees for Weight-Averaged Nonletter-Size Business Reply Mail, Docket No. MC99-2 (November 1, 1999);³
- Decision of the Governors of the USPS on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission on Periodicals Classification Change, Docket No. MC99-3 (July 12, 1999);
- Decision of the Governors of the USPS on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission on Bulk Parcel Return Service Minor Classification Change, Docket No. MC99-4 (August 30, 1999); and
- Decision of the Governors of the USPS on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission on the Market Test of Mailing Online Service, Docket No. MC98-1 (October 16, 1998).⁴

¹ Part 3001, subpt. C, app. A in the 1999 edition of Title 39 of the CFR is current through PRC Order No. 1225, 64 Fed. Reg. 4493 (January 28, 1999).

² Some of these changes are to be affected by the DMCS changes to be implemented on February 6, 2000 pursuant to Resolution No. 99-12 of the Board of Governors. As explained in footnote 3, the changes to be made pursuant to Docket No. MC99-2 are treated as current provisions of the DMCS for purposes of this Attachment to the Request.

³ Since the changes to the DMCS in this decision are scheduled to take effect on February 6, 2000, they are treated as if they were currently implemented for purposes of this Attachment to the Request.

⁴ By letter dated October 26, 1999, to the Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission, the Postal Service advised the Commission of the termination of Mailing Online Service, and identified the affected DMCS sections. The pending Request of the Postal Service for Mailing Online Experiment, Docket No.

Due to the extensive changes in organization and content, the text of the entire DMCS is published in this Attachment. Except as otherwise noted, proposed additions to text are underlined, and proposed deletions appear in brackets.

In this Request, the Postal Service proposes to renumber sections 322 and 323 as 521 through 524. To illustrate substantive changes in these sections and preserve the organization of the proposals in this Request, existing provisions in sections 322 and 323 have been moved between sections 484 and 910. This reorganization, however, necessitates that certain provisions in sections 310 and 330 to 380 be reprinted before and after sections 521 and 524. Some provisions in sections in 310, 330-380, 510, and 530-580 are printed twice in order to show how the proposed reorganization of the DMCS affects current provisions that apply collectively to subclasses in 321, 322, and 323.

MC2000-2, proposes that these sections be modified in order to accommodate the proposal in that proceeding. For this reason, the provisions are included in this attachment without the changes as proposed in Docket No. MC2000-2.

**AMEND THE DOMESTIC MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE BY
INSERTING UNDERLINED TEXT AND DELETING BRACKETED TEXT
AS FOLLOWS:**

**EXPEDITED MAIL
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE**

110 DEFINITION

Expedited Mail is mail matter entered as Express Mail under the provisions of this Schedule. Any matter eligible for mailing may, at the option of the mailer, be mailed as Express Mail. Insurance is either included in Express Mail postage or is available for an additional charge, depending on the value and nature of the item sent by Express Mail.

120 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

121 Same Day Airport Service

Same Day Airport service is available between designated airport mail facilities.

122 Custom Designed Service

122.1 General. Custom Designed service is available between designated postal facilities or other designated locations for mailable matter tendered under a service agreement between the Postal Service and the mailer. Service under a service agreement shall be offered in a manner consistent with 39 U.S.C. 403(c).

122.2 Service Agreement. A service agreement shall set forth the following:

- a. The scheduled place for each shipment tendered for service to each specific destination;
- b. Scheduled place for claim, or delivery, at destination for each scheduled shipment;
- c. Scheduled time of day for tender at origin and for claim or delivery at destination.

122.3 Pickup and Delivery. Pickup at the mailer's premises, and/or delivery at an address other than the destination postal facility is provided under terms and conditions as specified by the Postal Service.

122.4 **Commencement of Service Agreement.** Service provided pursuant to a service agreement shall commence not more than 10 days after the signed service agreement is tendered to the Postal Service.

122.5 **Termination of Service Agreement**

122.51 **Termination by Postal Service.** Express Mail service provided pursuant to a service agreement may be terminated by the Postal Service upon 10 days prior written notice to the mailer if:

- a. Service cannot be provided for reasons beyond the control of the Postal Service or because of changes in Postal Service facilities or operations, or
- b. The mailer fails to adhere to the terms of the service agreement or this schedule.

122.52 **Termination by Mailers.** The mailer may terminate a service agreement, for any reason, by notice to the Postal Service.

123 **Next Day Service and Second Day Service**

123.1 **Availability of Services.** Next Day and Second Day Services are available at designated retail postal facilities to designated destination facilities or locations for items tendered by the time or times specified by the Postal Service. Next Day Service is available for overnight delivery. Second Day Service is available for second day delivery.

123.2 **Pickup Service.** Pickup service is available for Next Day and Second Day Services under terms and conditions as specified by the Postal Service. Service shall be offered in a manner consistent with 39 U.S.C. 403(c).

130 **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS**

Express Mail may not exceed 70 pounds or 108 inches in length and girth combined.

140 **POSTAGE AND PREPARATION**

Except as provided in Rate Schedules 121, 122 and 123, postage on Express Mail is charged on each piece. For shipments tendered in Express Mail pouches under a service agreement, each pouch is a piece.

150 **DEPOSIT AND DELIVERY**

151 **Deposit**

Express Mail must be deposited at places designated by the Postal Service.

152 **Receipt**

A receipt showing the time and date of mailing will be provided to the mailer upon acceptance of Express Mail by the Postal Service. This receipt serves as evidence of mailing.

153 Service

Express Mail service provides a high speed, high reliability service. Same Day Airport Express Mail will be dispatched on the next available transportation to the destination airport mail facility. Custom Designed Express Mail will be available for claim or delivery as specified in the service agreement.

154 Forwarding and Return

When Express Mail is returned, or forwarded, as specified by the Postal Service, there will be no additional charge.

160 ANCILLARY SERVICES

The following services may be obtained in conjunction with mail sent under this classification schedule upon payment of applicable fees:

Service	Schedule
a. Address correction	911
b. Return receipts	945
c. COD	944
d. Express Mail Insurance	943

170 RATES AND FEES

The rates for Express Mail are set forth in the following rate schedules:

	Schedule
a. Same Day Airport	121
b. Custom Designed	122
c. Next Day Post Office to Post Office	123
d. Second Day Post Office to Post Office	123
e. Next Day Post Office to Addressee	123
f. Second Day Post Office to Addressee	123

180 REFUNDS

181 Procedure

Claims for refunds of postage must be filed within the period of time and under terms and conditions specified by the Postal Service.

182 Availability

182.1 Same Day Airport. The Postal Service will refund the postage for Same Day Airport Express Mail not available for claim by the time specified, unless the delay is caused by:

- a. Strikes or work stoppage;
- b. Delay or cancellation of flights; or
- c. Governmental action beyond the control of Postal Service or air carriers.

182.2 Custom Designed. Except where a service agreement provides for claim, or delivery, of Custom Designed Express Mail more than 24 hours after scheduled tender at point of origin, the Postal Service will refund postage for such mail not available for claim, or not delivered, within 24 hours of mailing, unless the item was delayed by strike or work stoppage.

182.3 Next Day. Unless the item was delayed by strike or work stoppage, the Postal Service will refund postage for Next Day Express Mail not available for claim or not delivered:

- a. By 10:00 a.m., or earlier time(s) specified by the Postal Service, of the next delivery day in the case of Post Office-to-Post Office service;
- b. By 3:00 p.m., or earlier time(s) specified by the Postal Service, of the next delivery day in the case of Post Office-to-Addressee service.

182.4 Second Day. Unless the item was delayed by strike or work stoppage, the Postal Service will refund postage for Second Day Express Mail not available for claim or not delivered:

- a. By 10:00 a.m., or earlier time(s) specified by the Postal Service, of the second delivery day in the case of Post Office-to-Post Office service;
- b. By 3:00 p.m., or earlier time(s) specified by the Postal Service, of the second delivery day in the case of Post Office-to-Addressee service.

**FIRST-CLASS MAIL
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE**

210 DEFINITION

Any matter eligible for mailing may, at the option of the mailer, be mailed as First-Class Mail. The following must be mailed as First-Class Mail, unless mailed as Express Mail or exempt under title 39, United States Code, or except as authorized under sections 344.12, 344.23 and 443:

- a. Mail sealed against postal inspection as set forth in section 5000;
- b. Matter wholly or partially in handwriting or typewriting except as specifically permitted by sections 312, 313, 520, 544.2, [323, 344.22,] and 446;
- c. Matter having the character of actual and personal correspondence except as specifically permitted by sections 312, 313, 520, 544.2, [323, 344.22,] and 446;
and
- d. Bills and statements of account.

220 DESCRIPTION OF SUBCLASSES

221 Letters and Sealed Parcels Subclass

221.1 General. The Letters and Sealed Parcels subclass consists of First-Class Mail weighing 13 ounces or less that is not mailed under section 222 or 223.

221.2 Regular Rate Categories. The regular rate categories consist of Letters and Sealed Parcels subclass mail not mailed under section 221.3.

221.21 Single-Piece Rate Category. The single-piece rate category applies to regular rate Letters and Sealed Parcels subclass mail not mailed under section 221.22, or 221.24.

221.22 Presort Rate Category. The presort rate category applies to Letters and Sealed Parcels subclass mail that:

- a. Is prepared in a mailing of at least 500 pieces;
- b. Is presorted, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service; and
- c. Meets the addressing and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

221.23 [RESERVED]

221.24 Qualified Business Reply Mail Rate Category. The qualified business reply mail rate category applies to Letters and Sealed Parcels subclass mail that:

- a. Is provided to senders by the recipient, an advance deposit account business reply mail permit holder, for return by mail to the recipient;
- b. Bears the recipient's preprinted machine-readable return address, a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits), a Facing Identification Mark, and other markings specified and approved by the Postal Service; and
- c. Meets the letter machinability and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

221.25 **[RESERVED]**

221.26 **Nonstandard Size Surcharge.** Regular rate category Letters and Sealed Parcels subclass mail is subject to a surcharge if it is nonstandard size mail, as defined in section 232.

221.27 **Presort Discount for Pieces Weighing More Than Two Ounces.** Presort rate category Letters and Sealed Parcels subclass mail is eligible for an additional presort discount on each piece weighing more than two ounces.

221.3 **Automation Rate Categories -- Letters and Flats**

221.31 **General.** The automation rate categories consist of Letters and Sealed Parcels subclass mail weighing 13 ounces or less that:

- a. Is prepared in a mailing of at least 500 pieces, or is provided for entry as mail using Mailing Online service, pursuant to schedule 981;
- b. Is presorted, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service;
- c. Bears a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits) as specified by the Postal Service; and
- d. Meets the machinability, addressing, barcoding, and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

221.32 **Letter Categories**

221.321 **Basic Rate Category.** The basic rate category applies to letter-size automation rate category mail not mailed under section 221.322[3], 221.323[4], or 221.324[5].

221.322[3] **Three-Digit Rate Category.** The three-digit rate category applies to letter-size automation rate category mail presorted to single or multiple three-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

221.323[4] **Five-Digit Rate Category.** The five-digit rate category applies to letter-size automation rate category mail presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

221.324[5] *Carrier Route Rate Category.* The carrier route rate category applies to letter-size automation rate category mail presorted to carrier routes. It is available only for those carrier routes specified by the Postal Service.

221.33[6] **Flat Categories**

221.331 *Basic Flats Rate Category.* The basic flats rate category applies to flat-size automation rate category mail not mailed under section 221.332[7] or 221.333.

221.332[7] *Three- [and Five]-Digit Flats Rate Category.* The three-[and five]-digit flats rate category applies to flat-size automation rate category mail presorted to single or multiple three-[and five]-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

221.333 *Five-Digit Flats Rate Category.* The five-digit flats rate category applies to flat-size automation rate category mail presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

221.334[8] *Nonstandard Size Surcharge.* Flat-size automation rate category pieces are subject to a surcharge if they are nonstandard size mail, as defined in section 232.

221.34[9] **Presort Discount for Pieces Weighing More Than Two Ounces.** Presorted automation rate category mail is eligible for an additional presort discount on each piece weighing more than two ounces.

222 **Cards Subclass**

222.1 **Definition**

222.11 **Cards.** The Cards subclass consists of Stamped Cards, defined in section 962.1[1], and postcards. A postcard is a privately printed mailing card for the transmission of messages. To be eligible to be mailed as a First-Class postcard, a card must be of uniform thickness and must not exceed any of the following dimensions:

- a. 6 inches in length;
- b. 4 1/4 inches in width;
- c. 0.016 inch in thickness.

222.12 **Double Cards.** Double Stamped Cards or double postcards may be mailed as Stamped Cards or postcards. Double Stamped Cards are defined in section 962.1[2]. A double postcard consists of two attached cards, one of which may be detached by the receiver and returned by mail as a single postcard.

222.2 **Restriction.** A mailpiece with any of the following characteristics is not mailable as a Stamped Card or postcard unless it is prepared as specified by the Postal Service:

- a. Numbers or letters unrelated to postal purposes appearing in the address portion of the card;
- b. Punched holes;
- c. Vertical tearing guide;
- d. An address portion which is smaller than the remainder of the card.

222.3 Regular Rate Categories

222.31 Single-Piece Rate Category. The single-piece rate category applies to regular rate Cards subclass mail not mailed under section 222.32 or 222.34.

222.32 Presort Rate Category. The presort rate category applies to Cards subclass mail that:

- a. Is prepared in a mailing of at least 500 pieces;
- b. Is presorted, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service; and
- c. Meets the addressing and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

223.33 [RESERVED]

222.34 Qualified Business Reply Mail Rate Category. The qualified business reply mail rate category applies to Cards subclass mail that:

- a. Is provided to senders by the recipient, an advance deposit account business reply mail permit holder, for return by mail to the recipient;
- b. Bears the recipient's preprinted machine-readable return address, a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits), a Facing Identification Mark, and other markings specified and approved by the Postal Service; and
- c. Meets the card machinability and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

222.4 Automation Rate Categories

222.41 General. The automation rate categories consist of Cards subclass mail that:

- a. Is prepared in a mailing of at least 500 pieces;
- b. Is presorted, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service;
- c. Bears a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits) as specified by the Postal Service; and
- d. Meets the machinability, addressing, barcoding, and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

222.42 Basic Rate Category. The basic rate category applies to automation rate category cards not mailed under section 222.43, 222.44, or 222.45.

- 222.43 **Three-Digit Rate Category.** The three-digit rate category applies to automation rate category cards presorted to single or multiple three-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 222.44 **Five-Digit Rate Category.** The five-digit rate category applies to automation rate category cards presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 222.45 **Carrier Route Rate Category.** The carrier route rate category applies to automation rate category cards presorted to carrier routes. It is available only for those carrier routes specified by the Postal Service.
- 223 **Priority Mail Subclass**
- 223.1 **General.** The Priority Mail subclass consists of:
- a. First-Class Mail weighing more than 13 ounces; and
 - b. Any mailable matter which, at the option of the mailer, is mailed for expeditious mailing and transportation.
- 223.2 **Single-Piece Priority Mail Rate Category.** The single-piece Priority Mail rate category applies to Priority Mail subclass mail[not mailed under section 223.4].
- 223.3 **[Reserved]**
- 223.4 **[Reserved]**
- 223.5 **Flat Rate Envelope.** Priority Mail subclass mail sent in "flat rate" envelope provided by the Postal Service is charged the two-pound rate.
- 223.6 **Pickup Service.** Pickup service is available for Priority Mail subclass mail under terms and conditions specified by the Postal Service.
- 223.7 **Bulky Parcels.** Priority Mail subclass mail weighing less than 15 pounds, and measuring over 84 inches in length and girth combined, is charged a minimum rate equal to that for a 15-pound parcel for the zone to which the piece is addressed.
- 230 **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS**
- 231 **Size and Weight**
- First-Class Mail may not exceed 70 pounds or 108 inches in length and girth combined. Additional size and weight limitations apply to individual First-Class Mail subclasses.
- 232 **Nonstandard Size Mail**

Letters and Sealed Parcels subclass mail weighing one ounce or less is nonstandard size if:

- a. Its aspect ratio does not fall between 1 to 1.3 and 1 to 2.5 inclusive; or
- b. It exceeds any of the following dimensions:
 - i. 11.5 inches in length;
 - ii. 6.125 inches in width; or
 - iii. 0.25 inch in thickness.

240 POSTAGE AND PREPARATION

Postage on First-Class Mail must be paid as set forth in section 3000. Postage is computed separately on each piece of mail. Pieces not within the same postage rate increment may be mailed at other than a single-piece rate as part of the same mailing only when specific methods approved by the Postal Service for determining and verifying postage are followed. All mail mailed at other than a single-piece rate must have postage paid in a manner not requiring cancellation.

250 DEPOSIT AND DELIVERY

251 Deposit

First-Class Mail must be deposited at places and times designated by the Postal Service.

252 Service

First-Class Mail receives expeditious handling and transportation, except that when First-Class Mail is attached to or enclosed with mail of another class, the service of that class applies.

253 Forwarding and Return

First-Class Mail that is undeliverable-as-addressed is forwarded or returned to the sender without additional charge.

260 ANCILLARY SERVICES

The following services may be obtained in conjunction with mail sent under this classification schedule upon payment of applicable fees:

Service	Schedule
a. Address correction	911
b. Business reply mail	931
c. Certificates of mailing	947
d. Certified mail	941

e.	COD	944
f.	Insurance	943
g.	Registered mail	942
h.	Return receipt (limited to merchandise sent by Priority Mail)	945
i.	Merchandise return	932
j.	Delivery Confirmation (limited to Priority Mail)	948
[k.]		
[l.]	Mailing Online	981
k.		

270 RATES AND FEES

271 The rates for First-Class Mail are set forth in the following schedules:

Schedule

a.	Letters and Sealed Parcels	221
b.	Cards	222
c.	Priority Mail	223

272 **Keys and Identification Devices.** Keys, identification cards, identification tags, or similar identification devices that:

- a. weigh no more than 2 pounds;
- b. are mailed without cover; and
- c. bear, contain, or have securely attached the name and address information, as specified by the Postal Service, of a person, organization, or concern, with instructions to return to the address and a statement guaranteeing the payment of postage due on delivery; are subject to the following rates and fees:
 - i. the applicable single-piece rates in schedules 221 or 223;
 - ii. the fee set forth in fee schedule 931 for payment of postage due charges if an active business reply mail advance deposit account is not used, and
 - iii. if applicable, the surcharge for nonstandard size mail, as defined in section 232.

280 AUTHORIZATIONS AND LICENSES

The mailing fee set forth in Schedule 1000 must be paid once each year at each office of mailing or office of verification, as specified by the Postal Service, by or for [any person who mails] mailers of other than single-piece First-Class Mail[or courtesy envelope mail]. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any First-Class rate.

**STANDARD MAIL
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE**

310 DEFINITION

311 General

Anyailable matter weighing less than 16 ounces may be mailed as Standard Mail except:

- a. Matter required to be mailed as First-Class Mail;
- b. Copies of a publication that is entered as Periodicals class mail, except copies sent by a printer to a publisher, and except copies that would have traveled at the former second-class transient rate. (The transient rate applied to individual copies of second-class mail (currently Periodicals class mail) forwarded and mailed by the public, as well as to certain sample copies mailed by publishers.)

312 Printed Matter

Printed matter, including printed letters which according to internal evidence are being sent in identical terms to several persons, but which do not have the character of actual or personal correspondence, may be mailed as Standard Mail. Printed matter does not lose its character as Standard Mail when the date and name of the addressee and of the sender are written thereon. For the purposes of the Standard Mail Classification Schedule, "printed" does not include reproduction by handwriting or typewriting.

313 Written Additions

Standard Mail may have the following written additions placed on the wrapper, on a tag or label attached to the outside of the parcel, or inside the parcel, either loose or attached to the article:

- a. Marks, numbers, name, or letters descriptive of contents;
- b. "Please Do Not Open Until Christmas," or words of similar import;
- c. Instructions and directions for the use of an article in the package;
- d. Manuscript dedication or inscription not in the nature of personal correspondence;
- e. Marks to call attention to any word or passage in text;
- f. Corrections of typographical errors in printed matter;
- g. Manuscripts accompanying related proof sheets, and corrections in proof sheets to include: corrections of typographical and other errors, alterations of text, insertion of new text, marginal instructions to the printer, and rewrites of parts if necessary for correction;
- h. Handstamped imprints, except when the added matter is itself personal or converts the original matter to a personal communication;

- i. An invoice.

320 **DESCRIPTION OF SUBCLASSES**

[321 **Subclasses Limited to Mail Weighing Less than 16 Ounces]**

[321.1 **Reserved]**

321[.2] **Regular Subclass**

321.[2]1 **General.** The Regular subclass consists of Standard Mail [weighing less than 16 ounces] that is not mailed under sections 322, 323, or 324. [321.3, 321.4, 321.5 or 323.]

321.[2]2 **Presort Rate Categories**

321.[2]21 **General.** The presort rate categories apply to Regular subclass mail that:

- a. Is prepared in a mailing of at least 200 addressed pieces or 50 pounds of addressed pieces;
- b. Is presorted, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service; and
- c. Meets the machinability, addressing, and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

321.[2]22 **Basic Rate Categories.** The basic rate categories apply to presort rate category mail not mailed under section 321.23 [321.223].

321.[2]23 **Three- and Five-Digit Rate Categories.** The three- and five-digit rate categories apply to presort rate category mail presorted to single or multiple three- and five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

321.[2]3 **Automation Rate Categories**

321.[2]31 **General.** The automation rate categories apply to Regular subclass mail that:

- a. Is prepared in a mailing of at least 200 addressed pieces or 50 pounds of addressed pieces, or is provided for entry as mail using Mailing Online service, pursuant to schedule 981;
- b. Is presorted, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service;
- c. Bears a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits) as specified by the Postal Service;
- d. Meets the machinability, addressing, barcoding, and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

321.[2]32 **Basic Barcoded Rate Category.** The basic barcoded rate category applies to letter-size automation rate category mail not mailed under section 321.[2]33 or 321.[2]34.

- 321.[2]33 **Three-Digit Barcoded Rate Category.** The three-digit barcoded rate category applies to letter-size automation rate category mail presorted to single or multiple three-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 321.[2]34 **Five-Digit Barcoded Rate Category.** The five-digit barcoded rate category applies to letter-size automation rate category mail presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 321.[2]35 **Basic Barcoded Flats Rate Category.** The basic barcoded flats rate category applies to flat-size automation rate category mail not mailed under section 321.[2]36.
- 321.[2]36 **Three- and Five-Digit Barcoded Flats Rate Category.** The three- and five-digit barcoded flats rate category applies to flat-size automation rate category mail presorted to single or multiple three- and five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 321.[2]4 **Destination Entry Discounts.** The destination entry discounts apply to Regular subclass mail prepared as specified by the Postal Service and addressed for delivery within the service area of the BMC (or auxiliary service facility), or sectional center facility (SCF), at which it is entered, as defined by the Postal Service.
- 321.[2]5 **Residual Shape Surcharge.** Regular subclass mail is subject to a surcharge if it is prepared as a parcel or if it is not letter or flat shaped.
- 321.6 **Barcode Discount.** The barcode discount applies to Regular Subclass mail that is subject to the residual shape surcharge in 321.5, is entered at designated facilities, bears a barcode specified by the Postal Service, is prepared as specified by the Postal Service, and meets all other preparation and machinability requirements of the Postal Service.
- 322[1.3] **Enhanced Carrier Route Subclass**
- 322.1[1.31]**Definition.** The Enhanced Carrier Route subclass consists of Standard Mail weighing less than 16 ounces that is not mailed under section 321, 323, or 324 [321.2, 321.4, 321.5 or 323], and that:
- a. Is prepared in a mailing of at least 200 addressed pieces or 50 pounds of addressed pieces;
 - b. Is prepared, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service;
 - c. Is presorted to carrier routes as specified by the Postal Service;
 - d. Is sequenced as specified by the Postal Service; and
 - e. Meets the machinability, addressing, and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

322.[1.3]2 Basic Rate Category. The basic rate category applies to Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail not mailed under section [321.33, 321.34 or 321.35] 322.3, 322.4 or 322.5.

322.[1.3]3 Basic Pre-Barcoded Rate Category. The basic pre-barcoded rate category applies to letter-size Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail which bears a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits), as specified by the Postal Service, and which meets the machinability, addressing, and barcoding specifications and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

322.[1.3]4 High Density Rate Category. The high density rate category applies to Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail presented in walk-sequence order and meeting the high density requirements specified by the Postal Service.

322.[1.3]5 Saturation Rate Category. The saturation rate category applies to Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail presented in walk-sequence order and meeting the saturation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

322.[1.3]6 Destination Entry Discounts. Destination entry discounts apply to Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail prepared as specified by the Postal Service and addressed for delivery within the service area of the BMC (or auxiliary service facility), sectional center facility (SCF), or destination delivery unit (DDU) at which it is entered, as defined by the Postal Service.

322.[1.3]7 Residual Shape Surcharge. Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail is subject to a surcharge if it is prepared as a parcel or if it is not letter or flat shaped.

323[1.4] Nonprofit Subclass

323.[1.4]1 General. The Nonprofit subclass consists of Standard Mail weighing less than 16 ounces that is not mailed under section 321, 322, or 324 [321.2, 321.3, 321.5 or 323], and that is mailed by authorized nonprofit organizations or associations of the following types:

- a. Religious, as defined in section 1009,
- b. Educational, as defined in section 1009,
- c. Scientific, as defined in section 1009,
- d. Philanthropic, as defined in section 1009,
- e. Agricultural, as defined in section 1009,
- f. Labor, as defined in section 1009,
- g. Veterans', as defined in section 1009,
- h. Fraternal, as defined in section 1009,
- i. Qualified political committees,
- j. State or local voting registration officials when making a mailing required or authorized by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

323.[1.4]11 Qualified Political Committees. The term "qualified political committee" means a national or State committee of a political party, the Republican and Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committees, the Democratic National Congressional Committee, and the National Republican Congressional Committee:

- a. The term "national committee" means the organization which, by virtue of the bylaws of a political party, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of such political party at the national level; and
- b. The term "State committee" means the organization which, by virtue of the bylaws of a political party, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of such political party at the State level.

323.[1.4]12 Limitation on Authorization. An organization authorized to mail at the nonprofit Standard rates for qualified nonprofit organizations may mail only its own matter at these rates. An organization may not delegate or lend the use of its permit to mail at nonprofit Standard rates to any other person, organization or association.

323.[1.4]2 Presort Rate Categories

323.[1.4]21 General. The presort rate categories apply to Nonprofit subclass mail that:

- a. Is prepared in a mailing of at least 200 addressed pieces or 50 pounds of addressed pieces;
- b. Is presorted, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service; and
- c. Meets the machinability, addressing, and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

323.[1.4]22 Basic Rate Categories. The basic rate categories apply to presort rate category mail not mailed under section 322.[1.4]23.

323.[1.4]23 Three- and Five-Digit Rate Categories. The three- and five-digit rate categories apply to presort rate category mail presorted to single or multiple three- and five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

323.[1.4]3 Automation Rate Categories

323.[1.4]31 General. The automation rate categories apply to Nonprofit subclass mail that:

- a. Is prepared in a mailing of at least 200 addressed pieces or 50 pounds of addressed pieces;
- b. Is presorted, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service;
- c. Bears a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits) as specified by the Postal Service; and
- d. Meets the machinability, addressing, barcoding, and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

323.[1.4]32 Basic Barcoded Rate Category. The basic barcoded rate category applies to letter-size automation rate category mail not mailed under section 323.[1.4]33 or 323.[1.4]34.

323.[1.4]33 Three-Digit Barcoded Rate Category. The three-digit barcoded rate category applies to letter-size automation rate category mail presorted to single or multiple three-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

323.[1.4]34 Five-Digit Barcoded Rate Category. The five-digit barcoded rate category applies to letter-size automation rate category mail presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

323.[1.4]35 Basic Barcoded Flats Rate Category. The basic barcoded flats rate category applies to flat-size automation rate category mail not mailed under section 323.[1.4]36.

323.[1.4]36 Three- and Five-Digit Barcoded Flats Rate Category. The three- and five-digit barcoded flats rate category applies to flat-size automation rate category mail presorted to single or multiple three- and five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

323.[1.4]4 Destination Entry Discounts. Destination entry discounts apply to Nonprofit subclass mail prepared as specified by the Postal Service and addressed for delivery within the service area of the BMC (or auxiliary service facility) or sectional center facility (SCF) at which it is entered, as defined by the Postal Service.

323.[1.4]5 Residual Shape Surcharge. Nonprofit subclass mail is subject to a surcharge if it is prepared as a parcel or if it is not letter or flat shaped.

323.6 Barcode Discount. The barcode discount applies to Nonprofit subclass mail that is subject to the residual shape surcharge in 323.5, is entered at designated facilities, bears a barcode specified by the Postal Service, is prepared as specified by the Postal Service, and meets all other preparation and machinability requirements of the Postal Service.

324[1.5] Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Subclass

324.[1.5]1 Definition. The Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass consists of Standard Mail [weighing less than 16 ounces] that is not mailed under section 321, 322, or 323 [321.2, 321.3, 321.4 or 323], that is mailed by authorized nonprofit organizations or associations (as defined in section 323[1.4]1) under the terms and limitations stated in section 323.[1.4]12, and that:

- a. Is prepared in a mailing of at least 200 addressed pieces or 50 pounds of addressed pieces;
- b. Is prepared, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service;
- c. Is presorted to carrier routes as specified by the Postal Service;

- d. Is sequenced as specified by the Postal Service; and
- e. Meets the machinability, addressing, and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

324.[1.5]2 **Basic Rate Category.** The basic rate category applies to Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail not mailed under section 324.3, 324.4, or 324.5. [321.53, 321.54 or 321.55.]

324.[1.5]3 **Basic Pre-Barcoded Rate Category.** The basic pre-barcoded rate category applies to letter-size Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail which bears a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits), as specified by the Postal Service, and which meets the machinability, addressing, and barcoding specifications and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

324.[1.5]4 **High Density Rate Category.** The high density rate category applies to Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail presented in walk-sequence order and meeting the high density requirements specified by the Postal Service.

324.[1.5]5 **Saturation Rate Category.** The saturation rate category applies to Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail presented in walk-sequence order and meeting the saturation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

324.[1.5]6 **Destination Entry Discounts.** Destination entry discounts apply to Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail prepared as specified by the Postal Service and addressed for delivery within the service area of the BMC (or auxiliary service facility), sectional center facility (SCF), or destination delivery unit (DDU) at which it is entered, as defined by the Postal Service.

324.[1.5]7 **Residual Shape Surcharge.** Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail is subject to a surcharge if it is prepared as a parcel or if it is not letter or flat shaped.

330 **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS**

331 **Size**

[Except as provided in section 322.161,]Standard Mail may not exceed 108 inches in length and girth combined. Additional size limitations apply to individual [Standard Mail subclasses] rate categories. The maximum size for mail [presorted to carrier route] in the Enhanced Carrier Route and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclasses is 14 inches in length, 11.75 inches in width, and 0.75 inch in thickness, except that merchandise samples mailed with detached address cards, prepared as specified by the Postal Service, may exceed those dimensions. [For merchandise samples mailed with detached address cards, the carrier route maximum dimensions apply to the detached address cards and not to the samples.]

332 **Weight**

Standard Mail may not weigh more than 16 ounces. [70 pounds. Additional weight limitations apply to individual Standard Mail subclasses.]

340 POSTAGE AND PREPARATION

341 Postage

Postage must be paid as set forth in section 3000. When the postage [computed at a Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Standard rate] is higher than the rate prescribed in any of the Package Services [Standard] subclasses [listed in 322] for which the piece also qualifies [(or would qualify, except for weight)], the piece is eligible for the applicable lower rate. All mail mailed at a bulk or presort rate must have postage paid in a manner not requiring cancellation.

342 Preparation

All pieces in a Standard mailing must be separately addressed. All pieces in a Standard mailing must be identified as specified by the Postal Service, and must contain the ZIP Code of the addressee when specified by the Postal Service. All Standard mailings must be prepared and presented as specified by the Postal Service. Two or more Standard mailings may be commingled and mailed only when specific methods approved by the Postal Service for determining and verifying postage are followed.

343 Non-Identical Pieces

Pieces not identical in size and weight may be mailed at a bulk or presort rate as part of the same mailing only when specific methods approved by the Postal Service for determining and verifying postage are followed.

344 Attachments and Enclosures

344.1 [Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Subclasses (section 321)]

[344.11] **General.** First-Class Mail may be attached to or enclosed in Standard Mail containing books, catalogs, and merchandise[entered under section 321]. The piece must be marked as specified by the Postal Service. Except as provided in section 344.[1]2, additional postage must be paid for the attachment or enclosure as if it had been mailed separately. Otherwise, the entire combined piece is subject to the First-Class rate for which it qualifies.

344.[1]2 **Incidental First-Class Attachments and Enclosures.** First-Class Mail, as defined in subsections b through d of section 210, may be attached to or enclosed with Standard Mail [merchandise entered under section 321 including] containing merchandise, including books, but excluding merchandise samples, with postage paid on the combined piece at the applicable Standard rate, if the attachment or enclosure is incidental to the piece to which it is attached or with which it is enclosed.

[344.2 **Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library Subclasses (sections 322 and 323)]**

[344.21 **General.** First-Class Mail or Standard Mail from any of the subclasses listed in section 321 (Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route) may be attached to or enclosed in Standard Mail mailed under section 322 and 323. The piece must be marked as specified by the Postal Service. Except as provided in sections 344.22 and 344.23, additional postage must be paid for the attachment or enclosure as if it had been mailed separately. Otherwise, the entire combined piece is subject to the First-Class or section 321 Standard rate for which it qualifies (unless the rate applicable to the host piece is higher), or, if a combined piece with a section 321 Standard Mail attachment or enclosure weighs 16 ounces or more, the piece is subject to the Parcel Post rate for which it qualifies.]

[344.22 **Specifically Authorized Attachments and Enclosures.** Standard Mail mailed under sections 322 and 323 may contain enclosures and attachments as specified by the Postal Service and as described in subsections a and e of section 323.11 with postage paid on the combined piece at the Standard rate applicable to the host piece.]

[344.23 **Incidental First-Class Attachments and Enclosures.** First-Class Mail that meets one or more of the definitions in subsections b through d of section 210, may be attached to or enclosed with Standard Mail mailed under section 322 or 323, with postage paid on the combined piece at the Standard rate applicable to the host piece, if the attachment or enclosure is incidental to the piece to which it is attached or with which it is enclosed.]

350 **DEPOSIT AND DELIVERY**

351 **Deposit**

Standard Mail must be deposited at places and times designated by the Postal Service.

352 **Service**

Standard Mail may receive deferred service.

353 Forwarding and Return

[353.1 Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Subclasses (section 321)]

Undeliverable-as-addressed Standard Mail [mailed under section 321] will be returned on request of the mailer, or forwarded and returned on request of the mailer. Undeliverable-as-addressed combined First-Class and Standard Mail pieces will be returned as specified by the Postal Service. Except as provided in section 935, the applicable First-Class Mail rate is charged for each piece receiving return only service. Except as provided in section 936, charges for forwarding-and-return service are assessed only on those pieces which cannot be forwarded and are returned. Except as provided in sections 935 and 936, the charge for those returned pieces is the appropriate First-Class Mail rate for the piece plus that rate multiplied by a factor equal to the number of [section 321] Standard Mail pieces nationwide that are successfully forwarded for every one piece that cannot be forwarded and must be returned.

[353.2 Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library Subclasses (sections 322 and 323)]

[Undeliverable-as-addressed Standard Mail mailed under sections 322 and 323 will be forwarded on request of the addressee, returned on request of the mailer, or forwarded and returned on request of the mailer. Pieces which combine Standard Mail from one of the subclasses described in 322 and 323 with First-Class Mail or Standard Mail from one of the subclasses described in 321 will be forwarded if undeliverable-as-addressed, and returned if undeliverable, as specified by the Postal Service. When Standard Mail mailed under sections 322 and 323 is forwarded or returned from one post office to another, additional charges will be based on the applicable single piece Standard Mail rate under 322 or 323.]

360 ANCILLARY SERVICES

361 All Subclasses

All Standard Mail will receive the following services upon payment of the appropriate fees:

Service	Schedule
a. Address correction	911
b. Certificates of mailing indicating that a specified number of pieces have been mailed	947

Certificates of mailing are not available for Standard Mail [Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail] when postage is paid with permit imprint.

[362 Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library Subclasses]

[Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library subclass mail will receive the following additional services upon payment of the appropriate fees:]

Service	Schedule
a. Certificates of mailing	947
b. COD	944
c. Insurance	943
d. Special handling	952
e. Return receipt (merchandise only)	945
f. Merchandise return	932
g. Delivery Confirmation	948

[Insurance, special handling, and COD services may not be used selectively for individual pieces in a multi-piece Standard Mail mailing unless specific methods approved by the Postal Service for determining and verifying postage are followed.]

362[3] Regular and Nonprofit

362.1 Regular and Nonprofit subclass mail will receive the following additional services upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Service	Schedule
a. Bulk Parcel Return Service	935
b. Shipper-Paid Forwarding	936

362.2 Regular and Nonprofit subclass mail subject to the residual shape surcharge in 321.5 and 323.6, respectively, will receive the following additional services upon payment of the appropriate fees.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
<u>a. Bulk Insurance</u>	<u>943</u>
<u>b. Return receipt (merchandise only)</u>	<u>945</u>
<u>c. Delivery Confirmation</u>	<u>948</u>

Bulk insurance may not be used selectively for individual pieces in a multi-piece Standard Mail mailing unless specific methods approved by the Postal Service for determining and verifying postage are followed.

363[4] Regular

The following service may be obtained in conjunction with mail sent under this classification schedule upon payment of the appropriate fees:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
a. Mailing Online	981

370 **RATES AND FEES**

The rates and fees for Standard Mail are set forth as follows:

	Schedule
a. Regular subclass	[321.2]
<u>Presort category</u>	<u>321A</u>
<u>Automation category</u>	<u>321B</u>
Enhanced Carrier Route subclass	322[1.3]
c. Nonprofit subclass	[321.4]
<u>Presort category</u>	<u>323A</u>
<u>Automation category</u>	<u>323B</u>
d. Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass	324[1.5]
[e. Parcel Post subclass]	
[Inter-BMC	322.1A]
[Intra-BMC	322.1B]
[Destination BMC	322.1C]
[Destination SCF	322.1D]
[Destination Delivery Unit	322.1E]
[f. Bound Printed Matter subclass]	
[Single-Piece	322.2A]
[Bulk and Carrier Route	322.2B]
[g. Special subclass	323.1]
[h. Library subclass	323.2]
[i.]e. Fees	1000

380 **AUTHORIZATIONS AND LICENSES**[381 **Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Subclasses]**

[A] The mailing fee [as] set forth in Schedule 1000 must be paid once each year at each office of mailing or office of verification, as specified by the Postal Service, by or for mailers of [Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass] Standard [m]Mail. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any Standard Mail rate.

**PERIODICALS
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE**

410 DEFINITION

411 General Requirements

411.1 Definition. A publication may qualify for mailing under the Periodicals Classification Schedule if it meets all the requirements in sections 411.2 through 411.5 and the requirements for one of the qualification categories in sections 412 through 415. Eligibility for specific Periodicals rates is prescribed in section 420.

411.2 Periodicals. Periodicals class mail is mailable matter consisting of newspapers and other periodical publications. The term "periodical publications" includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Any catalog or other course listing including mail announcements of legal texts which are part of post-bar admission education issued by any institution of higher education or by a nonprofit organization engaged in continuing legal education.
- b. Any looseleaf page or report (including any index, instruction for filing, table, or sectional identifier which is an integral part of such report) which is designed as part of a looseleaf reporting service concerning developments in the law or public policy.

411.3 Issuance

411.31 Regular Issuance. Periodicals class mail must be regularly issued at stated intervals at least four times a year, bear a date of issue, and be numbered consecutively.

411.32 Separate Publication. For purposes of determining Periodicals rate eligibility, an "issue" of a newspaper or other periodical shall be deemed to be a separate publication when the following conditions exist:

- a. The issue is published at a regular frequency more often than once a month either on (1) the same day as another regular issue of the same publication; or (2) on a day different from regular issues of the same publication, and
- b. More than 10 percent of the total number of copies of the issue is distributed on a regular basis to recipients who do not subscribe to it or request it, and
- c. The number of copies of the issue distributed to nonsubscribers or nonrequesters is more than twice the number of copies of any other issue distributed to nonsubscribers or nonrequesters on that same day, or, if no other issue that day, any other issue distributed during the same period. "During the same period" shall be defined as the periods of time ensuing between the distribution of each of the issues whose eligibility is being examined. Such separate publications must independently meet the qualifications for Periodicals eligibility.

- 411.4 **Office of Publication.** Periodicals class mail must have a known office of publication. A known office of publication is a public office where business of the publication is transacted during the usual business hours. The office must be maintained where the publication is authorized original entry.
- 411.5 **Printed Sheets.** Periodicals class mail must be formed of printed sheets. It may not be reproduced by stencil, mimeograph, or hectograph processes, or reproduced in imitation of typewriting. Reproduction by any other printing process is permissible. Any style of type may be used.
- 412 **General Publications**
- 412.1 **Definition.** To qualify as a General Publication, Periodicals class mail must meet the requirements in section 411 and in sections 412.2 through 412.4.
- 412.2 **Dissemination of Information.** A General Publication must be originated and published for the purpose of disseminating information of a public character, or devoted to literature, the sciences, art, or some special industry.
- 412.3 **Paid Circulation**
- 412.31 **Total Distribution.** A General Publication must be designed primarily for paid circulation. At least 50 percent or more of the copies of the publication must be distributed to persons who have paid above a nominal rate.
- 412.32 **List of Subscribers.** A General Publication must be distributed to a legitimate list of persons who have subscribed by paying or promising to pay at a rate above nominal for copies to be received during a stated time. Copies mailed to persons who are not on a legitimate list of subscribers are nonsubscriber copies.
- 412.33 **Nominal Rates.** As used in section 412.31, nominal rate means:
- a. A token subscription price that is so low that it cannot be considered a material consideration;
 - b. A reduction to the subscriber, under a premium offer or any other arrangements, of more than 50 percent of the amount charged at the basic annual rate for a subscriber to receive one copy of each issue published during the subscription period. The value of a premium is considered to be its actual cost to the publishers, the recognized retail value, or the represented value, whichever is highest.
- 412.34 **Nonsubscriber Copies**

- 412.341 *Up to Ten Percent.* Nonsubscriber copies, including sample and complimentary copies, mailed at any time during the calendar year up to and including 10 percent of the total number of copies mailed to subscribers during the calendar year are mailable at the rates that apply to subscriber copies provided that the nonsubscriber copies would have been eligible for those rates if mailed to subscribers.
- 412.342 *Over Ten Percent.* Nonsubscriber copies, including sample and complimentary copies, mailed at any time during the calendar year, in excess of 10 percent of the total number of copies mailed to subscribers during the calendar year which are presorted and commingled with subscriber copies are charged the applicable rates for [Regular] Outside County Periodicals, but are not eligible for preferred rate discounts. The 10 percent limitation for a publication is based on the total number of all copies of that publication mailed to subscribers during the calendar year.
- 412.35 **Advertiser's Proof Copies.** One complete copy of each issue of a General Publication may be mailed to each advertiser in that issue as an advertiser's proof copy at the rates that apply to subscriber copies, whether the advertiser's proof copy is mailed to the advertiser directly or, instead, to an advertising representative or agent of the publication. These copies count as subscriber copies.
- 412.36 **Expired Subscriptions.** For six months after a subscription has expired, copies of a General Publication may be mailed to a former subscriber at the rates that apply to copies mailed to subscribers, if the publisher has attempted during that six months to obtain payment, or a promise to pay, for renewal. These copies do not count as subscriber copies.
- 412.4 **Advertising Purposes**
- A General Publication may not be designed primarily for advertising purposes. A publication is "designed primarily for advertising purposes" if it:
- Has advertising in excess of 75 percent in more than one-half of its issues during any 12-month period;
 - Is owned or controlled by individuals or business concerns and conducted as an auxiliary to and essentially for the advancement of the main business or calling of those who own or control it;
 - Consists principally of advertising and editorial write-ups of the advertisers;
 - Consists principally of advertising and has only a token list of subscribers, the circulation being mainly free;
 - Has only a token list of subscribers and prints advertisements free for advertisers who pay for copies to be sent to a list of persons furnished by the advertisers; or
 - Is published under a license from individuals or institutions and features other businesses of the licensor.

413 **Requester Publications**

- 413.1 **Definition.** A publication which is circulated free or mainly free may qualify for Periodicals class as a Requester Publication if it meets the requirements in sections 411, and 413.2 through 413.4.
- 413.2 **Minimum Pages.** It must contain at least 24 pages.
- 413.3 **Advertising Purposes**
- 413.31 **Advertising Percentage.** It must devote at least 25 percent of its pages to nonadvertising and not more than 75 percent to advertisements.
- 413.32 **Ownership and Control.** It must not be owned or controlled by one or more individuals or business concerns and conducted as an auxiliary to and essentially for the advancement of the main business or calling of those who own or control it.
- 413.4 **Circulated to Requesters**
- 413.41 **List of Requesters.** It must have a legitimate list of persons who request the publication, and 50 percent or more of the copies of the publication must be distributed to persons making such requests. Subscription copies paid for or promised to be paid for, including those at or below a nominal rate may be included in the determination of whether the 50 percent request requirement is met. Persons will not be deemed to have requested the publication if their request is induced by a premium offer or by receipt of material consideration, provided that mere receipt of the publication is not material consideration.
- 413.42 **Nonrequester Copies**
- 413.421 *Up to Ten Percent.* Nonrequester copies, including sample and complimentary copies, mailed at any time during the calendar year up to and including 10 percent of the total number of copies mailed to requesters during the calendar year are mailable at the rates that apply to requester copies provided that the nonrequester copies would have been eligible for those rates if mailed to requesters.
- 413.422 *Over Ten Percent.* Nonrequester copies, including sample and complimentary copies, mailed at any time during the calendar year, in excess of 10 percent of the total number of copies mailed to requesters during the calendar year which are presorted and commingled with requester copies are charged the applicable rates for [Regular] Outside County Periodicals, but are not eligible for preferred rate discounts. The 10 percent limitation for a publication is based on the total number of all copies of that publication mailed to requesters during the calendar year.
- 413.43 **Advertiser's Proof Copies.** One complete copy of each issue of a Requester Publication may be mailed to each advertiser in that issue as an advertiser's proof copy at the rates that apply to requester copies, whether the advertiser's proof copy is mailed to the advertiser directly or, instead, to an advertising representative or agent of the publication. These copies count as requester copies.

414 Publications of Institutions and Societies

414.1 Publisher's Own Advertising. Except as provided in section 414.2, a publication which meets the requirements of sections 411 and 412.4, and which contains no advertising other than that of the publisher, qualifies for Periodicals class as a publication of an institution or society if it is:

- a. Published by a regularly incorporated institution of learning;
- b. Published by a regularly established state institution of learning supported in whole or in part by public taxation;
- c. A bulletin issued by a state board of health or a state industrial development agency;
- d. A bulletin issued by a state conservation or fish and game agency or department;
- e. A bulletin issued by a state board or department of public charities and corrections;
- f. Published by a public or nonprofit private elementary or secondary institution of learning or its administrative or governing body;
- g. Program announcements or guides published by an educational radio or television agency of a state or political subdivision thereof, or by a nonprofit educational radio or television station;
- h. Published by or under the auspices of a benevolent or fraternal society or order organized under the lodge system and having a bona fide membership of not less than 1,000 persons;
- i. Published by or under the auspices of a trade(s) union;
- j. Published by a strictly professional, literary, historical, or scientific society; or,
- k. Published by a church or church organization.

414.2 General Advertising. A publication published by an institution or society identified in sections 414.1 h through k, may contain advertising of other persons, institutions, or concerns, if the following additional conditions are met:

- a. The publication is originated and published to further the objectives and purposes of the society;
- b. Circulation is limited to:
 - i. Copies mailed to members who pay either as a part of their dues or assessment or otherwise, not less than 50 percent of the regular subscription price;
 - ii. Other actual subscribers; and
 - iii. Exchange copies.
- c. The circulation of nonsubscriber copies, including sample and complimentary copies, does not exceed 10 percent of the total number of copies referred to in 414.2b.

415 Publications of State Departments of Agriculture

A publication which is issued by a state department of agriculture and which meets the requirements of sections 411 qualifies for Periodicals class as a publication of a state department of agriculture if it contains no advertising and is published for the purpose of furthering the objects of the department.

416 Foreign Publications

Foreign newspapers and other periodicals of the same general character as domestic publications entered as Periodicals class mail may be accepted on application of the publishers thereof or their agents, for transmission through the mail at the same rates as if published in the United States. This section does not authorize the transmission through the mail of a publication which violates a copyright granted by the United States.

420 DESCRIPTION OF SUBCLASSES

421 [Regular] Outside County Subclass

421.1 Definition. The [Regular] Outside County subclass consists of Periodicals class mail that is not mailed under section 423 and that:

- a. Is presorted, marked, and presented as specified by the Postal Service; and
- b. Meets machinability, addressing, and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

421.2 [Regular] Outside County Pound Rates

An unzoned pound rate applies to the nonadvertising portion of [Regular] Outside County subclass mail. A zoned pound rate applies to the advertising portion and may be reduced by applicable destination entry discounts. The pound rate postage is the sum of the nonadvertising portion charge and the advertising portion charge.

421.3 [Regular] Outside County Piece Rates

421.31 Basic Rate Category. The basic rate category applies to all [Regular] Outside County subclass mail not mailed under section 421.32, 421.33, or 421.34.

421.32 Three-Digit Rate Category. The three-digit rate category applies to [Regular] Outside County subclass mail presorted to single or multiple three-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

421.33 Five-Digit Rate Category. The five-digit rate category applies to [Regular] Outside County subclass mail presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

- 421.34 **Carrier Route Rate Category.** The carrier route rate category applies to [Regular] Outside County subclass mail presorted to carrier routes as specified by the Postal Service.
- 421.4 **[Regular] Outside County Subclass Discounts**
- 421.41 **Barcoded Letter Discounts.** Barcoded letter discounts apply to letter size [Regular] Outside County subclass mail mailed under sections 421.31, 421.32, and 421.33 which bears a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits) as specified by the Postal Service, and which meets the machinability, addressing, and barcoding specifications and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.
- 421.42 **Barcoded Flats Discounts.** Barcoded flats discounts apply to flat size [Regular] Outside County subclass mail mailed under sections 421.31, 421.32, and 421.33 which bears a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits) as specified by the Postal Service, and meet the flats machinability, addressing, and barcoding specifications and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.
- 421.43 **High Density Discount.** The high density discount applies to [Regular] Outside County subclass mail mailed under section 421.34, presented in walk-sequence order, and meeting the high density and preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.
- 421.44 **Saturation Discount.** The saturation discount applies to [Regular] Outside County subclass mail mailed under section 421.34, presented in walk-sequence order, and meeting the saturation and preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.
- 421.45 **Destination Entry Discounts.** Destination entry discounts apply to [Regular] Outside County subclass mail which is destined for delivery within the service area of the destination sectional center facility (SCF) or the destination delivery unit (DDU) in which it is entered, as defined by the Postal Service. The DDU discount only applies to Carrier Route rate category mail.
- 421.46 **Nonadvertising Discount.** The nonadvertising discount applies to all [Regular] Outside County subclass mail and is determined by multiplying the proportion of nonadvertising content by the discount factor set forth in Rate Schedule 421 and subtracting that amount from the applicable piece rate.
- 421.47 **Preferred Rate Discount.** Periodicals Mail qualifying as Nonprofit or Classroom mail under sections 422.2 and 422.3 is eligible for the Preferred rate discount set forth in Rate Schedule 421.
- 422 **Preferred Qualification Categories**

422.1 **Definition.** Preferred Qualification Outside County Subclass Periodicals consist of Periodicals Mail, other than publications qualifying as Requester Publications, that meets applicable requirements in sections 422.2, 422.3, or 422.4.

422.2 **Nonprofit**

The Periodicals Outside County Subclass Nonprofit category consists of publications entered by authorized nonprofit organizations or associations of the following types:

- a. Religious, as defined in section 1009,
- b. Educational, as defined in section 1009,
- c. Scientific, as defined in section 1009,
- d. Philanthropic, as defined in section 1009,
- e. Agricultural, as defined in section 1009,
- f. Labor, as defined in section 1009,
- g. Veterans', as defined in section 1009,
- h. Fraternal, as defined in section 1009, and
- i. Associations of rural electric cooperatives,

and the publications of the following types:

- j. one publication, which contains no advertising (except advertising of the publisher) published by the official highway or development agency of a state,
- k. program announcements or guides published by an educational radio or television agency of a state or political subdivision thereof or by a nonprofit educational radio or television station, or
- l. one conservation publication published by an agency of a state which is responsible for management and conservation of the fish or wildlife resources of such state.

422.3 **Classroom**

The Periodicals Outside County Subclass Classroom rate category consists of religious, educational, or scientific publications designed specifically for use in school classrooms or religious instruction classes.

422.4 **Science of Agriculture**

442.41 **Definition.** Science of Agriculture mail consists of Periodicals Mail devoted to the science of agriculture if the total number of copies of the publication furnished during any 12-month period to subscribers residing in rural areas amounts to at least 70 percent of the total number of copies distributed by any means for any purpose.

422.42 **Rates.** Science of Agriculture mail is subject to pound rates, piece rates, and piece rate discounts (except for discount set forth in section 421.47) for Outside County Subclass Periodicals Mail, except for DDU, DSCF and Zone 1 & 2 pound rates. Rates for Science of Agriculture are set forth in Rate Schedule 421.

- 422.42 Nonadvertising Discount.** The nonadvertising discount for Outside County Subclass Periodicals Mail applies to Science of Agriculture Periodicals, and is determined by multiplying the proportion of nonadvertising content by the discount factor set forth in Rate Schedule 421 and subtracting that amount from the applicable piece rate.
- 442.43 Destination Entry Discounts.** Destination entry discounts apply to Science of Agriculture Periodicals which are destined for delivery within the service area of the destination sectional center facility (SCF) or the destination delivery unit (DDU) in which it is entered, as defined by the Postal Service. The DDU discount only applies to Carrier Route rate category mail.
- 423 [Preferred Rate Periodicals] Within County Subclass**
- 423.1 [Reserved] [Definition.** Periodicals class mail, other than publications qualifying as Requester Publications, may qualify for Preferred Rate Periodicals rates if it meets the applicable requirements for those rates in sections 423.2 through 423.5.]
- 423.2 General [Within County Subclass]**
- 423.21 Definition.** Within County mail consists of Periodicals class mail, other than publications qualifying as Requester Publications, [Preferred Rate Periodicals class mail] mailed in, and addressed for delivery within, the county where published and originally entered, from either the office of original entry or additional entry. In addition, a Within County publication must meet one of the following conditions:
- a. The total paid circulation of the issue is less than 10,000 copies; or
 - b. The number of paid copies of the issue distributed within the county of publication is at least one more than one-half the total paid circulation of such issue.
- 423.22 Entry in an Incorporated City.** For the purpose of determining eligibility for Within County mail, when a publication has original entry at an independent incorporated city which is situated entirely within a county or which is contiguous to one or more counties in the same state, such incorporated city shall be considered to be within the county with which it is principally contiguous. Where more than one county is involved, the publisher will select the principal county.
- 423.23 Pound Rate.** One pound rate applies to Within Country pieces presorted to carrier routes to be delivered within the delivery area of the originating post office, and another pound rate applies to all other pieces.
- [423.3 Nonprofit]**

- [Nonprofit mail is Preferred Rate Periodicals class mail entered by authorized nonprofit organizations or associations of the following types:
- a. Religious, as defined in section 1009,
 - b. Educational, as defined in section 1009,
 - c. Scientific, as defined in section 1009,
 - d. Philanthropic, as defined in section 1009,
 - e. Agricultural, as defined in section 1009,
 - f. Labor, as defined in section 1009,
 - g. Veterans', as defined in section 1009,
 - h. Fraternal, as defined in section 1009, and
 - i. Associations of rural electric cooperatives,
 - j. One publication, which contains no advertising (except advertising of the publisher) published by the official highway or development agency of a state,
 - k. Program announcements or guides published by an educational radio or television agency of a state or political subdivision thereof or by a nonprofit educational radio or television station.
 - l. One conservation publication published by an agency of a state which is responsible for management and conservation of the fish or wildlife resources of such state.]

[423.4 Classroom Subclass]

- [Classroom mail is Preferred Rate Periodicals class mail which consists of religious, educational, or scientific publications designed specifically for use in school classrooms or religious instruction classes.]

[423.5 Science of Agriculture]

- [Science of Agriculture mail consists of Preferred Rate Periodicals class mail devoted to the science of agriculture if the total number of copies of the publication furnished during any 12-month period to subscribers residing in rural areas amounts to at least 70 percent of the total number of copies distributed by any means for any purpose.]

[423.6 Preferred Rate Pound Rates]

- [For Preferred Rate Periodicals entered under sections 423.3, 423.4 and 423.5, an unzoned pound rate applies to the nonadvertising portion. A zoned pound rate applies to the advertising portion and may be reduced by applicable destination entry discounts. The pound rate postage is the sum of the nonadvertising portion charge and the advertising portion charge. For Preferred Rate Periodicals entered under section 423.2, one pound rate applies to the pieces presorted to carrier route to be delivered within the delivery area of the originating post office, and another pound rate applies to all other pieces.]

423.[7]3 [Preferred Rate] Within County Piece Rates

423.[71]31

Basic Rate Category. The basic rate category applies to [all Preferred Rate] Within County Periodicals not mailed under section 423.[7]32, 423.[7]33, or 423.[7]34.

423.[72]32

Three-Digit Rate Category. The three-digit rate category applies to [Preferred Rate] Within County Periodicals [entered under sections 423.2, 423.3, 423.4, or 423.5] that are presorted to single or multiple three-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

423.[73]33

Five-Digit Rate Category. The five-digit rate category applies to [Preferred Rate] Within County Periodicals [entered under sections 423.2, 423.3, 423.4, or 423.5 that are] presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

423.[74]34

Carrier Route Rate Category. The carrier route rate category applies to [Preferred Rate] Within County Periodicals presorted to carrier routes as specified by the Postal Service.

423.[8]4 **[Preferred Rate]Within County Discounts**

423.[8]41

Barcoded Letter Discounts. Barcoded letter discounts apply to letter size [Preferred Rate] Within County Periodicals mailed under sections 423.[7]31, 423.[7]32, and 423.[7]33 which bear a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits) as specified by the Postal Service, and which meet the machinability, addressing, and barcoding specifications and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

423.[8]42

Barcoded Flats Discounts. Barcoded flats discounts apply to flat size [Preferred Rate] Within County Periodicals mailed under sections 423.[7]31, 423.[7]32, and 423.[7]33 which bear a barcode representing not more than 11 digits (not including "correction" digits) as specified by the Postal Service, and meet the flats machinability, addressing, and barcoding specifications and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

423.[8]43

High Density Discount. The high density discount applies to [Preferred Rate] Within County Periodicals mailed under section 423.[7]34, presented in walk-sequence order, and meeting the high density and preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service., except that mailers of] Alternatively, Within County mail may qualify for such discount [also] by presenting otherwise eligible mailings containing pieces addressed to a minimum of 25 percent of the addresses per carrier route.

423.[8]44

Saturation Discount. The saturation discount applies to [Preferred Rate] Within County Periodicals mailed under section 423.[7]34, presented in walk-sequence order, and meeting the saturation and preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.

423.[8]45

Destination Entry Discount[s]. A [D]destination delivery unit [entry] discount[s] applies[y] to [Preferred Rate] Within County [Periodicals] carrier route category mail which [are]is destined for delivery within [the service area of the destination sectional center facility (SCF) or] the destination delivery unit (DDU) in which [they are] it is entered, as defined by the Postal Service. [the DDU discount only applies to Carrier Route rate category mail; the SCF discount is not available for mail entered under section 423.2.]

[423.256

Nonadvertising Discount. The nonadvertising discount applies to Preferred Rate Periodicals entered under sections 423.3, 423.4, 423.5 and is determined by multiplying the proportion of nonadvertising content by the discount factor set forth in Rate Schedules 421, 423.3 or 423.4 and subtracting that amount from the applicable piece rate.]

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PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

Periodicals Mail may not weigh more than 70 pounds or 108 inches in length and girth combined. Additional size limitations apply to individual Periodicals rate categories. [There are no maximum size or weight limits for Periodicals class mail.]

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POSTAGE AND PREPARATION

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Postage. Postage must be paid on Periodicals class mail as set forth in section 3000. [When the postage computed for a particular issue using the Nonprofit or Class rate schedule is higher than the postage computed using the Regular rate schedule, that issue is eligible to use the Regular rate schedule. For purposes of this section, the term issue is subject to certain exceptions related to separate mailings of a particular issue, as specified by the Postal Service.]

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Presortation. Periodicals class mail must be presorted as specified by the Postal Service.

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Attachments and Enclosures

- 443.1 **General.** First-Class Mail or Standard Mail [from any of the subclasses listed in section 321 (Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route)] may be attached to or enclosed with Periodicals class mail. The piece must be marked as specified by the Postal Service. Except as provided in section 443.2, additional postage must be paid for the attachment or enclosure as if it had been mailed separately. Otherwise, the entire combined piece is subject to the appropriate First-Class or [section 321] Standard Mail rate for which it qualifies (unless the rate applicable to the host piece is higher), or, if a combined piece with a [section 321] Standard Mail attachment or enclosure weighs 16 ounces or more, the piece is subject to the Parcel Post rate for which it qualifies.
- 443.2 **Incidental First-Class Mail Attachments and Enclosures.** First-Class Mail that meets one or more of the definitions in sections 210 b through d may be attached to or enclosed with Periodicals class mail, with postage paid on the combined piece at the applicable Periodicals rate, if the attachment or enclosure is incidental to the piece to which it is attached or with which it is enclosed.
- 444 **Identification**
- Periodicals class mail must be identified as required by the Postal Service. Nonsubscriber and nonrequester copies, including sample and complimentary copies, must be identified as required by the Postal Service.
- 445 **Filing of Information**
- Information relating to Periodicals class mail must be filed with the Postal Service under 39 U.S.C. 3685.
- 446 **Enclosures and Supplements**
- Periodicals class mail may contain enclosures and supplements as specified by the Postal Service. An enclosure or supplement may not contain writing, printing or sign thereof or therein, in addition to the original print, except as authorized by the Postal Service, or as authorized under section 443.2.
- 450 **DEPOSIT AND DELIVERY**
- 451 **Deposit**
- Periodicals class mail must be deposited at places and times designated by the Postal Service.
- 452 **Service**
- Periodicals class mail is given expeditious handling insofar as is practicable.
- 453 **Forwarding and Return**

Undeliverable-as-addressed Periodicals class mail will be forwarded or returned to the mailer, as specified by the Postal Service. Undeliverable-as-addressed combined First-Class and Periodicals class mail pieces will be forwarded or returned, as specified by the Postal Service. Additional charges when Periodicals class mail is returned will be based on the applicable First-Class Mail rate.

470 **RATES AND FEES**

The rates and fees for Periodicals class mail are set forth as follows:

	Schedule
a. [Regular] <u>Outside County</u>	421
b. Within County	423[.2]
[c. Nonprofit	423.3]
[d. Classroom	423.4]
[e.] <u>c. Science of Agriculture</u>	421
[f.] d. Fees	1000

480 **AUTHORIZATIONS AND LICENSES**

481 **Entry Authorizations**

Prior to mailing at Periodicals rates, a publication must be authorized for entry as Periodicals class mail by the Postal Service. Each authorized publication will be granted one original entry authorization at the post office where the office of publication is maintained. An authorization for the establishment of an account to enter a publication at an additional entry office may be granted by the Postal Service upon application by the publisher. An application for re-entry must be made whenever the publisher proposes to change the publication's title, frequency of issue or office of original entry.

482 **[Preferred Rate] Nonprofit, Classroom and Science of Agriculture Authorization**

Prior to entering [mailing at] Nonprofit, Classroom, and Science of Agriculture Periodicals Mail, [rates,] a publication must obtain an additional Postal Service entry authorization to mail at those rates.

483 **Mailing by Publishers and News Agents**

Periodicals class mail may be mailed only by publishers or registered news agents. A news agent is a person or concern engaged in selling two or more Periodicals publications published by more than one publisher. News agents must register at all post offices at which they mail Periodicals class mail.

484 Fees

Fees for original entry, additional entry, re-entry, and registration of a news agent are set forth in Schedule 1000.

Note: For the following new section, changes shown are relative to current sections under Standard Mail.

PACKAGE SERVICES MAIL
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

5[3]10 DEFINITION

5[3]11 General

Anyailable matter may be mailed as Package Services [Standard M]mail except:

- a. Matter required to be mailed as First-Class Mail;
- b. Copies of a publication that is entered as Periodicals class mail, except copies sent by a printer to a publisher, and except copies that would have traveled at the former second-class transient rate. (The transient rate applied to individual copies of second-class mail (currently Periodicals class mail) forwarded and mailed by the public, as well as to certain sample copies mailed by publishers.)

[312] Printed Matter

Printed matter, including printed letters which according to internal evidence are being sent in identical terms to several persons, but which do not have the character of actual or personal correspondence, may be mailed as Standard Mail. Printed matter does not lose its character as Standard Mail when the date and name of the addressee and of the sender are written thereon. For the purposes of the Standard Mail Classification Schedule, "printed" does not include reproduction by handwriting or typewriting.]

512[313] Written Additions

Package Services [Standard M]mail may have the following written additions placed on the wrapper, on a tag or label attached to the outside of the parcel, or inside the parcel, either loose or attached to the article:

- a. Marks, numbers, name, or letters descriptive of contents;
- b. "Please Do Not Open Until Christmas," or words of similar import;
- c. Instructions and directions for the use of an article in the package;
- d. Manuscript dedication or inscription not in the nature of personal correspondence;
- e. Marks to call attention to any word or passage in text;
- f. Corrections of typographical errors in printed matter;
- g. Manuscripts accompanying related proof sheets, and corrections in proof sheets to include: corrections of typographical and other errors, alterations of text, insertion of new text, marginal instructions to the printer, and rewrites of parts if necessary for correction;

- h. Handstamped imprints, except when the added matter is itself personal or converts the original matter to a personal communication;
- i. An invoice.

5[3]20 DESCRIPTION OF SUBCLASSES

[322 Subclasses Limited to Mail Weighing 16 Ounces or More]

521[322.1] Parcel Post Subclass

521.[322.1]1 **Definition.** The Parcel Post subclass consists of Package Services [Standard M]mail [weighing 16 ounces or more] that is not mailed under sections [322.3, 323.1, or 323.2] 522, 523, or 524.

521.[322.1]2 **Description of Rate Categories**

521.[322.1]21 **Inter-BMC Rate Category.** The Inter-BMC rate category applies to all Parcel Post subclass mail not mailed under sections 521.22, 521.23, 521.24, or 521.25 [322.122, 322.123, 322.124, or 322.125].

521.[322.1]22 **Intra-BMC Rate Category.** The Intra-BMC rate category applies to Parcel Post subclass mail originating and destinating within a designated BMC or auxiliary service facility service area, Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico.

521.[322.1]23 **Parcel Select—Destination Bulk Mail Center (DBMC) Rate Category.** The Parcel Select—DBMC [destination bulk mail center] rate category applies to Parcel Post subclass mail prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing of at least 50 pieces entered at a designated destination BMC, auxiliary service facility, or other equivalent facility, as specified by the Postal Service.

521.[322.1]24 **Parcel Select—Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) Rate Category.** The Parcel Select—DSCF [destination sectional center facility] rate category applies to Parcel Post subclass mail prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing of at least 50 pieces sorted to five-digit destination ZIP Codes as specified by the Postal Service and entered at a designated destination processing and distribution center or facility, or other equivalent facility, as specified by the Postal Service.

521.[322.1]25 **Parcel Select—Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) Rate Category.** The Parcel Select—DDU [destination delivery unit] rate category applies to Parcel Post subclass mail prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing of at least 50 pieces, and entered at a designated destination delivery unit, or other equivalent facility, as specified by the Postal Service.

521.[322.1]3 **Bulk Parcel Post.** Bulk Parcel Post mail is Parcel Post mail consisting of properly prepared and separated single mailings of at least 300 pieces or 2000 pounds. Pieces weighing less than 15 pounds and measuring over 84 inches in length and girth combined or pieces measuring over 108 inches in length and girth combined are not mailable as Bulk Parcel Post mail.

521.[322.1]31 **Barcode[d] Discount.** The barcode[d] discount applies to Bulk Parcel Post mail that is entered at designated facilities, bears a barcode specified by the Postal Service, is prepared as specified by the Postal Service, and meets all other preparation and machinability requirements of the Postal Service.

521.[322.1]4 **Bulk Mail Center (BMC) Presort Discounts**

521.[322.1]41 **BMC Presort Discount.** The BMC presort discount applies to Inter-BMC Parcel Post subclass mail that is prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing of 50 or more pieces, entered at a facility authorized by the Postal Service, and sorted to destination BMCs, as specified by the Postal Service.

521.[322.1]42 **Origin Bulk Mail Center (OBMC) Discount.** The origin bulk mail center discount applies to Inter-BMC Parcel Post subclass mail that is prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing of at least 50 pieces, entered at the origin BMC, and sorted to destination BMCs, as specified by the Postal Service.

521.[322.1]5 **Barcode[d] Discount.** The barcode[d] discount applies to Inter-BMC, Intra-BMC, and Parcel Select—DBMC Parcel Post subclass mail that is entered at designated facilities, bears a barcode specified by the Postal Service, is prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing of at least 50 pieces, and meets all other preparation and machinability requirements of the Postal Service.

521.[322.1]6 **Oversize Parcel Post**

521.[322.1]61 **Excessive Length and Girth.** Parcel Post subclass mail pieces exceeding 108 inches in length and girth combined, but not greater than 130 inches in length and girth combined, are mailable.

521.[322.1]62 **Balloon Rate.** Parcel Post subclass mail pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined and weighing less than 15 pounds are subject to a rate equal to that for a 15 pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

521.[322.1]7 **Nonmachinable Surcharge.** Inter-BMC, Intra-BMC, and Parcel Select—DBMC Parcel Post [subclass] mail that does not meet machinability criteria specified by the Postal Service is subject to a nonmachinable surcharge.

521.[322.1]8 **Pickup Service.** Pickup service is available for Parcel Post subclass mail under terms and conditions specified by the Postal Service.

522[322.3] **Bound Printed Matter Subclass**

522.322.31 **Definition.** The Bound Printed Matter subclass consists of Package Services [Standard M]mail weighing [at least 16 ounces, but] not more than 15 pounds, which:

- a. Consists of advertising, promotional, directory, or editorial material, or any combination thereof;
- b. Is securely bound by permanent fastenings including, but not limited to, staples, spiral bindings, glue, and stitching; loose leaf binders and similar fastenings are not considered permanent;
- c. Consists of sheets of which at least 90 percent are imprinted with letters, characters, figures or images or any combination of these, by any process other than handwriting or typewriting;
- d. Does not have the nature of personal correspondence; and
- e. Is not stationery, such as pads of blank printed forms.

522.322.32 **Single-Piece Rate Category.** The single-piece rate category applies to Bound Printed Matter subclass mail which is not mailed under section 522.3 [322.33] or 522.4 [322.34].

522.322.33 **Basic Presort [Bulk] Rate Category.** The [bulk] basic presort rate category applies to Bound Printed Matter subclass mail prepared in a mailing of at least 300 pieces, prepared and presorted as specified by the Postal Service.

522.322.34 **Carrier Route Presort Rate Category.** The carrier route presort rate category applies to Bound Printed Matter subclass mail prepared in a mailing of at least 300 pieces of carrier route presorted mail, prepared and presorted as specified by the Postal Service.

522.322.35 **Barcode[d] Discount.** The barcode[d] discount applies to single-piece rate and [bulk] Basic Presort [r]Rate Bound Printed Matter subclass mail that is entered at designated facilities, bears a barcode specified by the Postal Service, is prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing of at least 50 pieces, and meets all other preparation and machinability requirements of the Postal Service.

522.7 **Destination Bulk Mail Center (DBMC) Rate Category.** The destination bulk mail center rate category applies to Basic Presort Rate or Carrier Route Presort Rate Bound Printed Matter subclass mail prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing entered at a designated destination BMC, auxiliary service facility, or other equivalent facility, as specified by the Postal Service.

522.8 Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) Rate Category. The destination sectional center facility rate category applies to Basic Presort Rate or Carrier Route Presort Rate Bound Printed Matter subclass mail prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing sorted to five-digit destination ZIP Codes as specified by the Postal Service and entered at a designated destination processing and distribution center or facility, or other equivalent facility, as specified by the Postal Service.

522.9 Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) Rate Category. The destination delivery unit rate category applies to Basic Presort Rate or Carrier Route Presort Rate Bound Printed Matter subclass mail prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing entered at a designated destination delivery unit, or other equivalent facility, as specified by the Postal Service.

[323 Subclasses With No 16-Ounce Limitation]

523 [323.1] Media Mail [Special] Subclass

5[3]23.1[1] Definition. The Media Mail [Special] subclass consists of Package Services mail [Standard Mail] of the following types:

- a. Books, including books issued to supplement other books, of at least eight printed pages, consisting wholly of reading matter or scholarly bibliography or reading matter with incidental blank spaces for notations, and containing no advertising matter other than incidental announcements of books. Not more than three of the announcements may contain as part of their format a single order form, which may also serve as a postcard. These order forms are in addition to and not in lieu of order forms which may be enclosed by virtue of any other provision;
- b. 16 millimeter or narrower width films which must be positive prints in final form for viewing, and catalogs of such films, of 24 pages or more, at least 22 of which are printed, except when sent to or from commercial theaters;
- c. Printed music, whether in bound form or in sheet form;
- d. Printed objective test materials and accessories thereto used by or in behalf of educational institutions in the testing of ability, aptitude, achievement, interests and other mental and personal qualities with or without answers, test scores or identifying information recorded thereon in writing or by mark;
- e. Sound recordings, including incidental announcements of recordings and guides or scripts prepared solely for use with such recordings. Not more than three of the announcements may contain as part of their format a single order form, which may also serve as a postcard. These order forms are in addition to and not in lieu of order forms which may be enclosed by virtue of any other provision;
- f. Playscripts and manuscripts for books, periodicals and music;
- g. Printed educational reference charts, permanently processed for preservation;
- h. Printed educational reference charts, including but not limited to
 - i. Mathematical tables,
 - ii. Botanical tables,

- iii. Zoological tables, and
- iv. Maps produced primarily for educational reference purposes;
- i. Looseleaf pages and binders therefor, consisting of medical information for distribution to doctors, hospitals, medical schools, and medical students; and
- j. Computer-readable media containing prerecorded information and guides or scripts prepared solely for use with such media.

5[3]23.[1]2 Single-Piece Rate Category. The single-piece rate category applies to Media Mail [Special subclass mail] not mailed under section 523.3 or 523.4 [323.13 or 323.14.] prepared as specified by the Postal Service.

5[3]23.[1]3 Level A Presort Rate Category. The Level A presort rate category applies to mailings of at least 500 pieces of Media Mail, [Special subclass mail,] prepared and presorted to five-digit destination ZIP Codes as specified by the Postal Service.

5[3]23.[1]4 Level B Presort Rate Category. The Level B presort rate category applies to mailings of at least 500 pieces of Media Mail, [Special subclass mail,] prepared and presorted to destination Bulk Mail Centers as specified by the Postal Service.

5[3]23.[1]5 Barcode[d] Discount. The barcode[d] discount applies to single-piece rate and Level B presort rate Media Mail [Special subclass mail] that is entered at designated facilities, bears a barcode specified by the Postal Service, is prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing of at least 50 pieces, and meets all other preparation and machinability requirements of the Postal Service.

524[323.2] Library Mail Subclass

524.[323.2]1 Definition.

524[323.2]11 General. The Library Mail subclass consists of Package Services [Standard M]mail of the following types[, separated or presorted as specified by the Postal Service]:

- a. Matter designated in section 524.3 [323.213], loaned or exchanged (including cooperative processing by libraries) between:
 - i. Schools or colleges, or universities;
 - ii. Public libraries, museums and herbaria, nonprofit religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic, agricultural, labor, veterans' or fraternal organizations or associations, or between such organizations and their members, readers or borrowers.
- b. Matter designated in section 524.[323.2]14, mailed to or from schools, colleges, universities, public libraries, museums and herbaria and to or from nonprofit religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic, agricultural, labor, veterans' or fraternal organizations or associations; or
- c. Matter designated in section 524.[323.2]15, mailed from a publisher or a distributor to a school, college, university or public library.

524.[323.2]12 *Definition of Nonprofit Organizations and Associations.* Nonprofit organizations or associations are defined in section 1009.

524.[323.2]13 *Library subclass mail under section 524.[323.2]11.a.* Matter eligible for mailing as Library Mail [subclass mail] under subsection a of section 524.11 consists of:

- a. Books consisting wholly of reading matter or scholarly bibliography or reading matter with incidental blank spaces for notations and containing no advertising other than incidental announcements of books;
- b. Printed music, whether in bound form or in sheet form;
- c. Bound volumes of academic theses in typewritten or other duplicated form;
- d. Periodicals, whether bound or unbound;
- e. Sound recordings;
- f. Other library materials in printed, duplicated or photographic form or in the form of unpublished manuscripts; and
- g. Museum materials, specimens, collections, teaching aids, printed matter and interpretative materials intended to inform and to further the educational work and interest of museums and herbaria.

524.[323.2]14 *Library Mail [subclass mail] under section 524.[323.2]11.b.* Matter eligible for mailing as Library [subclass m]Mail under subsection b of section 524.[323.2]11 consists of:

- a. 16-millimeter or narrower width films; filmstrips; transparencies; slides; microfilms; all of which must be positive prints in final form for viewing;
- b. Sound recordings;
- c. Museum materials, specimens, collections, teaching aids, printed matter, and interpretative materials intended to inform and to further the educational work and interests of museums and herbaria;
- d. Scientific or mathematical kits, instruments or other devices; and
- e. Catalogs of the materials in subsections a through d of section 524.[323.2]14 and guides or scripts prepared solely for use with such materials.

524.[323.2]15 *Library [subclass m]Mail under section 524.[323.2]11.c.* Matter eligible for mailing as Library [subclass m] Mail under subsection c of section 524.[323.2]11 consists of books, including books to supplement other books, consisting wholly of reading matter or scholarly bibliography or reading matter with incidental blank spaces for notations, and containing no advertising matter other than incidental announcements of books.

524.[323.2]2 **Single-Piece Rate Category.** The single-piece rate category applies to Library [subclass m]Mail not mailed under section 524.3 or 524.4 [323.23 or 323.24] prepared as specified by the Postal Service.

524.[323.2]3 **Level A Presort Rate Category.** The Level A presort rate category applies to mailings of at least 500 pieces of Library [subclass m]Mail, prepared and presorted

to five-digit destination ZIP Codes as specified by the Postal Service.

524.[323.2]4 Level B Presort Rate Category. The Level B presort rate category applies to mailings of at least 500 pieces of Library [subclass m]Mail, prepared and presorted to destination Bulk Mail Centers as specified by the Postal Service.

524.[323.2]5 Barcode[d] Discount. The barcode[d] discount applies to Single-Piece Rate and Level B Presort Rate Library [subclass m]Mail that is entered at designated facilities, bears a barcode specified by the Postal Service, is prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing of at least 50 pieces, and meets all other preparation and machinability requirements of the Postal Service.

5[3]30 PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS**5[3]31 Size**

Except as provided in section 521.[322.1]61, Package Services [Standard M]mail may not exceed 108 inches in length and girth combined. Additional size limitations apply to individual Package Services [Standard M]mail subclasses. [The maximum size for mail presorted to carrier route in the Enhanced Carrier Route and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclasses is 14 inches in length, 11.75 inches in width, and 0.75 inch in thickness. For merchandise samples mailed with detached address cards, the carrier route maximum dimensions apply to the detached address cards and not to the samples.]

5[3]32 Weight

Package Services [Standard M]mail may not weigh more than 70 pounds. Additional weight limitations apply to individual Package Services [Standard M]mail subclasses.

5[3]40 POSTAGE AND PREPARATION**5[3]41 Postage**

Postage must be paid as set forth in section 3000. [When the postage computed at a Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Standard rate is higher than the rate prescribed in any of the Standard subclasses listed in 322 or 323 for which the piece also qualifies (or would qualify, except for weight), the piece is eligible for the applicable lower rate.] All mail mailed at a bulk or presort rate must have postage paid in a manner not requiring cancellation.

5[3]42 Preparation

All pieces in a Package Services [Standard] mailing must be separately addressed. All pieces in a Package Services [Standard] mailing must be identified as specified by the Postal Service, and must contain the ZIP Code of the addressee when specified by the Postal Service. All Package Services [Standard] mailings must be prepared and presented as specified by the Postal Service. Two or more Package Services [Standard] mailings may be commingled and mailed only when specific methods approved by the Postal Service for determining and verifying postage are followed.

5[3]43 Non-Identical Pieces

Pieces not identical in size and weight may be mailed at a bulk or presort rate as part of the same mailing only when specific methods approved by the Postal Service for determining and verifying postage are followed.

5[3]44 Attachments and Enclosures**[344.2 Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library Subclasses (sections 322 and 323)]**

544.1 [344.21] General. First-Class Mail or Standard Mail [from any of the subclasses listed in section 321 (Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route)] may be attached to or enclosed in Package Services [Standard M]mail [mailed under sections 322 and 323]. The piece must be marked as specified by the Postal Service. Except as provided in sections 544.2 and 544.3, [344.22 and 344.23,] additional postage must be paid for the attachment or enclosure as if it had been mailed separately. Otherwise, the entire combined piece is subject to the First-Class or [section 321] Standard Mail rate for which it qualifies, [(unless the rate applicable to the host piece is higher,)] or, if a combined piece with a section 321 Standard Mail attachment or enclosure weighs 16 ounces or more, the piece is subject to the Parcel Post rate for which it qualifies.]

5[3]44.2[2] Specifically Authorized Attachments and Enclosures. Package Services [Standard M]mail [mailed under sections 322 and 323] may contain enclosures and attachments as specified by the Postal Service and as described in subsections a and e of section 523.1, [323.11] with postage paid on the combined piece at the Package Services [Standard] rate applicable to the host piece.

5[3]44.2[3] Incidental First-Class Attachments and Enclosures. First-Class Mail that meets one or more of the definitions in subsections b through d of section 210, may be attached to or enclosed with Package Services [Standard M]mail [mailed under section 322 or 323], with postage paid on the combined piece at the Package Services [Standard] rate applicable to the host piece, if the attachment or enclosure is incidental to the piece to which it is attached or with which it is enclosed.

5[3]50 DEPOSIT AND DELIVERY**5[3]51 Deposit**

Package Services [Standard M]mail must be deposited at places and times designated by the Postal Service.

5[3]52 Service

Package Services [Standard M]mail may receive deferred service.

5[3]53 Forwarding and Return**[353.2 Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library Subclasses]**

Undeliverable-as-addressed Package Services [Standard M]mail [mailed under sections 322 and 323] will be forwarded on request of the addressee, returned on request of the mailer, or forwarded and returned on request of the mailer. Pieces which combine Package Services [Standard M]mail [from one of the subclasses described in 322 and 323] with First-Class Mail or Standard Mail [from one of the subclasses described in 321] will be forwarded if undeliverable-as-addressed, and returned if undeliverable, as specified by the Postal Service. When Package Services [Standard M]mail [mailed under sections 322 and 323] is forwarded or returned from one post office to another, additional charges will be based on the applicable single piece Package Services [Standard M]mail rate[under 322 or 323].

5[3]60 ANCILLARY SERVICES

[361 All Subclasses]

Package Services [All Standard M]mail will receive the following services upon payment of the appropriate fees:

Service	Schedule
a. Address correction	911
b. Certificates of mailing indicating that a specified number of pieces have been mailed]	947]

[Certificates of mailing are not available for Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass mail when postage is paid with permit imprint.]

[362 Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library Subclasses]

[Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library subclass mail will receive the following additional services upon payment of the appropriate fees:]

[Service	Schedule]
[a.]b. Certificates of mailing	947
[b.]c. COD	944
[c.]d. Insurance	943
[d.]e. Special handling	952
[e.]f. Return receipt (merchandise only)	945
[f.]g. Merchandise return	932
[g.]h. Delivery Confirmation	948

Insurance, special handling, and COD services may not be used selectively for individual pieces in a multi-piece Package Services [Standard Mail] mailing unless specific methods approved by the Postal Service for determining and verifying postage are followed.

5[3]70 RATES AND FEES

The rates and fees for Package Services [Standard M]mail are set forth as follows:

		Schedule
[a.]	Regular subclass	321.2]
[b.]	Enhanced Carrier Route subclass	321.3]
[c.]	Nonprofit subclass	321.4]
[d.]	Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route subclass	321.5]
<u>a.[e.]</u>	Parcel Post subclass	
	Inter-BMC	<u>521.2</u> [322.1]A
	Intra-BMC	<u>521.2</u> [322.1]B
	<u>Parcel Select—</u>	
	Destination BMC	<u>521.2</u> [322.1]C
	Destination SCF	<u>521.2</u> [322.1]D
	Destination Delivery Unit	<u>521.2</u> [322.1]E
<u>b.[f.]</u>	Bound Printed Matter subclass	
	Single-Piece	<u>522</u> [322.3]A
	[Bulk] <u>Basic Presort</u> and Carrier Route	<u>522</u> [322.3]B
	<u>Presort</u>	
	<u>Destination Entry Basic Presort</u>	<u>522C</u>
	<u>Destination Entry Carrier Route Presort</u>	<u>522D</u>
<u>c.[g.]</u>	<u>Media Mail</u> [Special] subclass	<u>523</u> [323.1]
<u>d.[h.]</u>	<u>Library Mail</u> subclass	<u>524</u> [323.2]
<u>e.[i.]</u>	Fees	1000

5[3]80 AUTHORIZATIONS AND LICENSES

[382] Special and Library Subclasses

[A presort mailing fee as set forth in Schedule 1000 must be paid once each year at each office of mailing by or for any person who mails presorted Special or Library subclass mail. Any person who engages a business concern or other individuals to mail presorted Special or Library subclass mail must pay the fee.]

581[383] Parcel Post Subclass

[A] The mailing fee [as] set forth in Schedule 1000 must be paid once each year at each office of mailing or office of verification, as specified by the Postal Service, by

or for mailers of any Parcel Select [Destination BMC, Destination SCF or Destination Delivery Unit] rate category mail in the Parcel Post subclass. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any Parcel Select rate.

582 **Bound Printed Matter Subclass**

The mailing fee set forth in Schedule 1000 must be paid once each year at each office of mailing or office of verification, as specified by the Postal Service, by or for mailers of Destination BMC, Destination SCF or Destination Delivery Unit rate category mail in the Bound Printed Matter subclass. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any destination entry Bound Printed Matter rate.

583 **Media Mail Subclass**

The mailing fee set forth in Schedule 1000 must be paid once each year at each office of mailing or office of verification, as specified by the Postal Service, by or for mailers of presorted Media Mail. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any presorted Media Mail rate.

584 **Library Mail Subclass**

The mailing fee set forth in Schedule 1000 must be paid once each year at each office of mailing or office of verification, as specified by the Postal Service, by or for mailers of presorted Library Mail. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any presorted Library Mail rate.

**SPECIAL SERVICES
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE**

910 ADDRESSING

911 ADDRESS CORRECTION SERVICE

911.1 Definition

911.11 Address Correction service provides a [is a service which provides the]mailer both an addressee's former and current [with a method of obtaining the correct] address, if the correct address is known[available] to the Postal Service[, of the addressee or] If the correct address is not known to the Postal Service, Address Correction service provides the reason why the Postal Service could not deliver the mailpiece as addressed.[for nondelivery.]

911.2 Availability[Description of Service]

911.21 Address correction service is available to mailers of postage prepaid mail of all classes, except for mail addressed for delivery by military personnel at any military installation. Address correction service is mandatory for Periodicals class mail. [Periodicals class mail will receive address correction service.]

[911.22 Address correction service is not available for items] addressed for delivery by military personnel at any military installation.]

911.22 Automated address correction service is available to mailers who can receive computerized address corrections and meet the requirements specified by the Postal Service.

[911.23 Address correction provides the following service to the mailer:

- a. If the correct address is known to the Postal Service, the mailer is notified of both the old and the correct address.
- b. If the item mailed cannot be delivered, the mailer will be notified of the reason for nondelivery.]

911.3 Requirements of the Mailer

911.31 Mail, other than Periodicals class mail, sent under this section must bear a request for address correction service.

911.4 Other Services

911.41 Address Correction service serves as a prerequisite for Shipper Paid Forwarding. Other special services may be available in conjunction with Address Correction service, as specified by the Postal Service.

911.[4]5 Fees

911.[4]51 The fees for Address Correction service are set forth in Fee Schedule 911. These fees do not apply when [There is no charge for address correction service when] the correction is provided incidental to the return of the mailpiece to the sender.

[911.42 A fee, as set forth in Fee Schedule 911, is charged for all other forms of address correction service.]

912 MAILING LIST SERVICES

912.1 Definition

912.11 Mailing L[I]ist services enable an eligible mailer to obtain the following services[include]:

- a. Correction of mailing lists;
- b. Change-of-address information for election boards and registration commissions;
- c. ZIP C[c]oding of mailing lists; and
- d. Sequencing [Arrangement]of address cards[in sequence of delivery].

[912.12 Correction of mailing list service provides current information concerning name and address mailing lists or correct information concerning occupant mailing lists.]

[912.13 ZIP coding of mailing lists service is a service identifying ZIP Code addresses in areas served by multi-ZIP coded postal facilities.]

912.2 Description of Services

[912.21 Correction of mailing list service is available only to the following owners of name and address or occupant mailing lists:

- a. Members of Congress
- b. Federal agencies
- c. State government departments
- d. Municipalities
- e. Religious organizations
- f. Fraternal organizations
- g. Recognized charitable organizations
- h. Concerns or persons who solicit business by mail]

[912.22] a. Correction of mailing lists. This service provides current information concerning name and address mailing lists or correct information concerning occupant mailing lists. New names will not be added to a name and address mailing list, and street address numbers will not be added or changed for an occupant

mailing list.

(1) The Postal Service provides [a. T]the following corrections [will be made]to name and address lists:

- (A)[a.] deletion of n[N]ames to which mail cannot be delivered or forwarded[will be deleted];
- (B)[b.] correction of i[I]ncorrect house, rural, or post office box numbers[will be corrected]; and
- (C)[c.] furnishing of new addresses, including ZIP Codes, w[W]hen permanent forwarding orders are on file for customers who have moved[, new addresses including ZIP Codes will be furnished];
This service does not include the addition of
- [d. New names will not be added to the list.]

[912.23] (2) The Postal Service provides the following corrections[will be made] to occupant lists:

- (A)[a.] deletion of n[N]umbers representing incorrect or non-existent street addresses[will be deleted];
- (B)[b.] identification of b[B]usiness addresses and rural route addresses, to the extent [will be distinguished if] known; and
- (C)[c.] grouping of Corrected cards or sheets [will be grouped]by route;
- [d. Street address numbers will not be added or changed.]

[912.24] Corrected lists will be returned to customers at no additional charge.]

[912.25] b. Change-of-address information for election boards and registration commissions.
This service provides election boards and voter registration commissions with the current address of a residential addressee, if known to the Postal Service.
 [Residential change-of-address information is available only to election boards or registration commissions for obtaining, if known to the Postal Service, the current address of an addressee.]

[912.26] c. ZIP coding of mailing lists. This service provides sortation of[that] addresses [will be sorted]to the finest possible ZIP Code [sortation]level.

[912.27] Gummed labels, wrappers, envelopes, Stamped Cards, or postcards indicative of one-time use will not be accepted as mailing lists.]

[912.28] d. Sequencing of address cards. This service provides for the removal of incorrect addresses, notation of missing addresses and addition of missing addresses.

912.3 **Requirements of Customer**

912.31 Correction of mailing list service is available only to the following owners of name and address or occupant mailing lists:

a. Members of Congress

- b. Federal agencies
- c. State government departments
- d. Municipalities
- e. Religious organizations
- f. Fraternal organizations
- g. Recognized charitable organizations
- h. Concerns or persons who solicit business by mail

912.3[1]2 A customer desiring correction of a mailing list or arrangement of address cards in sequence of carrier delivery must submit the list or cards as specified by the Postal Service.

912.33 Gummed labels, wrappers, envelopes, Stamped Cards, or postcards indicative of one-time use will not be accepted as mailing lists.

912.4 Fees

912.41 The fees for mailing list services are set forth in Fee Schedule 912.

920 DELIVERY ALTERNATIVES

921 POST OFFICE BOX AND CALLER SERVICE

921.1[2] Post Office Box Service

921.1[2]1 **Definition.** Post office box service [is a service which]provides the customer with a private, locked receptacle for the receipt of mail during the hours[when the lobby of a postal facility is open] specified by the Postal Service.

921.[2]12 [Description of Service] Limitations

921.[22]121 The Postal Service may limit the number of post office boxes occupied by any one customer.

[921.222 A post office boxholder may ask the Postal Service to deliver to the post office box all mail properly addressed to the holder. If the post office box is located at the post office indicated on the piece, it will be transferred without additional charge, under existing regulations.]

921.[223]122 Post office box service is not available to a customer whose[cannot be used when the] sole purpose for using this service is to obtain free forwarding or transfer of mail[.] by [subsequently]filing change-of-address orders[, to have mail forwarded or transferred to another address by the Postal Service free of charge].

921.13[23] Fees

921.13[23]1 Fees for post office box service are set forth in Fee Schedule 921.

921.13[23]2 In postal facilities primarily serving academic institutions or the students of such

institutions, fees for post office boxes are:

Period of box use	Fee
95 days or less	$\frac{1}{2}$ semiannual fee
96 to 140 days	$\frac{3}{4}$ semiannual fee
141 to 190 days	Full semiannual fee
191 to 230 days	$1\frac{1}{4}$ semiannual fee
231 to 270 days	$1\frac{1}{2}$ semiannual fee
271 days to full year	Twice[Full]semiannual fee

921.13[23]3 No refunds will be made for post office box fees paid under section 921.13[23]2. [For purposes of this section, the full annual fee is twice the amount of the semi-annual fee.]

921.134 Two box keys are available upon payment of a refundable deposit, as specified by the Postal Service. Additional keys, including replacement keys, will be provided, as specified by the Postal Service, only upon payment of the key fee set forth in Fee Schedule 921. Changing the lock on a box is available upon request of the primary box customer and payment of the lock replacement fee set forth in Fee Schedule 921.

921.[1]2 **Caller Service**

921.[1]21 **Definition**

921.[1]211 Caller service [is a service which permits]provides a means for receiving mail, and enables an eligible customer to have properly addressed mail [addressed to the customer's box number to the customer's box number] delivered through a call window or loading dock, during the hours specified by the Postal Service. Caller service also allows customers to reserve a caller number address for future use.

921.[1]22 **Availability[Description of Service]**

[921.121 Caller service uses post office box numbers as the address medium but does not actually use a post office box.]

[921.122 Caller service is not available at certain postal facilities.]

921.[1]221[3] Caller service is provided to customers at the discretion of the Postal Service, based on [the basis of]mail volume received and capacity and utilization [number] of post office boxes[used] at any one facility.

[921.124 A customer may reserve a caller number.]

921.[1]222[5] Caller service is not available to a customer whose[cannot be used when the]

sole purpose for using this service is to obtain free forwarding or transfer of mail[, by [subsequently]filing change-of-address orders[, to have mail forwarded or transferred to another address by the Postal Service free of charge].

921.[1]23 Fees

921.[1]231 Fees for caller service are set forth in Fee Schedule 921.

930 PAYMENT ALTERNATIVES

931 BUSINESS REPLY MAIL

931.1 Definitions

931.11 Business reply mail[is a] (BRM) service [whereby] enables a BRM permit holder, or the permit holder's authorized representative, to distribute BRM [business reply] cards, envelopes, cartons and labels, which can then be [may be distributed by or for a business reply distributor for]used by mailers for sending First-Class Mail without prepayment of postage to an address chosen by the distributor. The permit holder guarantees payment on delivery of postage and fees for the BRM pieces that are returned to the addressee, including any pieces that the addressee refuses.[A distributor is the holder of a business reply license.]

[931.12 A business reply mail piece is nonletter-size for purposes of this section if it meets addressing and other preparation requirements, but does not meet the machinability requirements specified by the Postal Service for mechanized or automated letter sortation.]

931.2 [Description of Service]

[The distributor guarantees payment on delivery of postage and fees for all returned business reply mail. Any distributor of business reply cards, envelopes, cartons and labels under any one license for return to several addresses guarantees to pay postage and fees on any returns refused by any such addressee.]

[931.3]Mailer Requirements[of the Mailer]

931.[3]21 Business reply cards, envelopes, cartons and labels must [be preaddressed, and] meet the addressing and preparation requirements[bear business reply markings] specified by the Postal Service. Qualified business reply mail must in addition meet the requirements presented in Section 221.24 for the First-Class Mail Qualified Business Reply Mail rate category.

931.[3]22 To qualify for the active business reply mail advance deposit account fees set forth in Fee Schedule 931, the permit holder must establish an account used solely for business reply mail, with sufficient funds to pay postage and fees due for returned business reply mail.[Handwriting, typewriting or handstamping are not acceptable

methods of preaddressing or marking business reply cards, envelopes, cartons, or labels.]

931.23 To qualify for the nonletter-size weight-averaging per piece and monthly fees set forth in Fee Schedule 931, the permit holder must be authorized for weight averaging, and receive business reply mail pieces that meet the addressing and other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service, but do not meet the machinability requirements specified by the Postal Service for mechanized or automation letter sortation.

931.3 **Other Services**

931.31 Other special services may be available to the permit holder in conjunction with business reply mail service, as specified by the Postal Service. Special services not requested by the permit holder may be available to the customer sending business reply mail to a permit holder, as specified by the Postal Service.

931.4 **Fees**

931.41 The fees for business reply mail are set forth in Fee Schedule 931.

931.42 [To qualify as an active business reply mail advance deposit trust account, the account must be used solely for business reply mail and contain sufficient postage and fees due for returned business reply mail.]

[931.43 The annual[An] accounting fee [as]set forth in Fee Schedule 931 must be paid each year for each business reply advance deposit [business reply] account at each facility where the mail is to be received[returned].

[931.5 **Nonletter-Size Weight Averaging Fees**

931.43 [A] The nonletter-size weight averaging monthly fee [as]set forth in Fee Schedule 931 must be paid each month during any part of which [the distributor's weight averaging account is active] the permit holder is authorized to use the weight averaging fees.

931.5[6] **Authorizations and Licenses**

931.5[6]1 In order to distribute business reply cards, envelopes, cartons or labels, the distributor must obtain a license or licenses from the Postal Service and pay the appropriate fee as set forth in Fee Schedule 931.

931.5[6]2 Except as provided in section 931.5[7]3, the license to distribute business reply cards, envelopes, cartons, or labels must be obtained at each office from which the mail is offered for delivery.

931.5[6]3 If the business reply mail is to be distributed from a central office to be returned to branches or dealers in other cities, one license obtained from the post office where the central office is located may be used to cover all business reply mail.

931.5[6]4 The license to mail business reply mail may be canceled for failure to pay business reply postage and fees when due, and for distributing business reply cards or envelopes that do not conform to prescribed form, style or size.

931.5[6]5 Authorization to pay nonletter-size weight-averaging business reply mail fees as set forth in Fee Schedule 931 may be canceled for failure of a business reply mail advance deposit trust account holder to meet the standards specified by the Postal Service for the weight averaging accounting method.

932 **MERCHANDISE RETURN SERVICE**

932.1 **Definition**

932.11 Merchandise return service enables a merchandise return service permit holder to [provides a method whereby a shipper may] authorize its customers to return a parcel with the postage paid by the permit holder. [shipper. A shipper is the holder of a merchandise return permit.]

932.2 **Availability[Description of Service]**

932.21 Merchandise return service is available to all merchandise return service permit holders [shippers who obtain the necessary permit and]who guarantee payment of postage and fees for all returned parcels.

932.22 Merchandise return service is available for the return of any parcel under the following classification schedules:

- a. First-Class Mail
- b. Standard Mail
- c. Package Services

932.3 **Mailer Requirements[of the Mailer]**

932.31 Merchandise return labels must be prepared as specified [at the shipper's expense to specifications set forth]by the Postal Service, and be made available to the permit holder's customers.

[932.32 The shipper must furnish its customer with an appropriate merchandise return label.]

932.4 **Other Services**

[932.41 The following services may be purchased in conjunction with Merchandise Return Service:]

[Service	Fee Schedule]
[a. Certificate of mailing	947]
[b. Insurance	943]

[c. Registered mail	942]
[d. Special handling	952]

932.41[2] Other special services may be available to the permit holder [Only the shipper may purchase insurance service for the merchandise return parcel] in conjunction with merchandise return service, as specified by the Postal Service. [by indicating the amount of insurance on the merchandise return label before providing it to the customer.] Special services not requested by the permit holder may be available to [T]the customer who returns a parcel using [to the shipper under]merchandise return service, as specified by the Postal Service. [may not purchase insurance.]

932.5 Fees

932.51 The fees for [the]merchandise return service [is]are set forth in Fee Schedule 932. The permit holder must pay the permit fee once each calendar year, and the accounting fee each calendar year for each advance deposit account. [This fee is paid by the shipper.]

932.6 Authorizations and Licenses

932.61 [A permit fee as set forth in Schedule 1000 must be paid once each calendar year by shippers utilizing merchandise return service.]

[932.62]The merchandise return permit may be canceled for failure to maintain sufficient funds in a trust account to cover postage and fees on returned parcels or for distributing merchandise return labels that do not conform to Postal Service specifications.

933 ON-SITE METER SERVICE[SETTING]

933.1 Definition

933.11 On-site meter [setting or examination service is a]service enables a mailer or meter manufacturer to obtain the following meter-related services from the Postal Service [whereby the Postal Service will service a postage meter]at the mailer's or meter manufacturer's premises: checking a meter in or out of service, and setting or examining a meter.

933.2 Availability[Description of Service]

933.21 On-site meter [setting or examination]service is available on a scheduled basis, and meter setting may be performed on an emergency basis for those customers enrolled in the scheduled on-site meter setting or examination program.

933.3 Fees

933.31 The fees for on-site meter [setting or examination]service are set forth in Fee Schedule 933. The basic meter service fee is charged whenever a postal employee

is available to provide a meter-related service in section 933.11 at the mailer's or meter manufacturer's premises, even if no particular service is provided.

934 [Reserved]

935 **BULK PARCEL RETURN SERVICE**

935.1 **Definition**

935.11 Bulk Parcel Return Service provides a method whereby high-volume parcel mailers may have machinable Standard Mail parcels returned to designated postal facilities for pickup by the mailer at a predetermined frequency specified by the Postal Service or delivered by the Postal Service in bulk in a manner and frequency specified by the Postal Service. Such parcels are being returned because they: (1) are undeliverable-as-addressed; (2) have been opened, resealed, and redeposited into the mail for return to the mailer using the return label described in section 935.36 below; or (3) are found in the mailstream, having been opened, resealed, and redeposited by the recipient for return to the mailer, and it is impracticable or inefficient for the Postal Service to return the mailpiece to the recipient for payment of return postage.

935.2 **Availability[Description of Service]**

935.21 Bulk Parcel Return Service is available only for the return of machinable parcels, as defined by the Postal Service, initially mailed under the following Standard Mail subclasses: Regular and Nonprofit.

935.3 **Requirements of the Mailer**

935.31 Mailers must receive authorization from the Postal Service to use Bulk Parcel Return Service.

935.32 To claim eligibility for Bulk Parcel Return Service at each facility through which the mailer requests Bulk Parcel Return Service, the mailer must demonstrate receipt of 10,000 returned machinable parcels at a given delivery point in the previous postal fiscal year or must demonstrate a high likelihood of receiving 10,000 returned parcels in the postal fiscal year for which the service is requested.

935.33 Payment for Bulk Parcel Return Service is made through advance deposit account, or as otherwise specified by the Postal Service.

935.34 Mail for which Bulk Parcel Return Service is requested must bear endorsements specified by the Postal Service.

935.35 Bulk Parcel Return Service mailers must meet the documentation and audit requirements of the Postal Service.

935.36 Mailers of parcels endorsed for Bulk Parcel Return Service may include within the parcel a return label, prepared at the mailer's expense to specifications set forth by

the Postal Service, to authorize return of opened, machinable parcels at the expense of the original mailer. There is no additional fee for use of the label.

935.4 Other Services

935.41 Other [The following] special services may be [purchased] available in conjunction with Bulk Parcel Return Service, as specified by the Postal Service.[:]

	[Service	Fee Schedule]
[a.	Address Correction Service	911]
[b.	Certificate of Mailing	947]
[c.	Shipper-Paid Forwarding	936]

935.5 Fees

935.51 The fees for Bulk Parcel Return Service are[is] set forth in Fee Schedule 935. The permit holder must pay the permit fee once each calendar year, and the accounting fee once each calendar year for each advance deposit account.

935.6 Authorizations and Licenses

935.61 [A permit fee as set forth in Schedule 1000 must be paid once each calendar year by mailers utilizing Bulk Parcel Return Service.]

[935.62]The Bulk Parcel Return Service permit may be canceled for failure to maintain sufficient funds in an advance deposit account to cover postage and fees on returned parcels or for failure to meet the specifications of the Postal Service, including distribution of return labels that do not conform to Postal Service specifications.

936 SHIPPER-PAID FORWARDING

936.1 Definition

936.11 Shipper-Paid Forwarding enables [provides a method whereby]mailers [may] to have undeliverable-as-addressed machinable Standard Mail parcels forwarded at applicable First-Class Mail or Package Services mail rates for up to one year from the date that the addressee filed a change-of-address order. If [the parcel, for which]Shipper-Paid Forwarding is elected[,] for a parcel that is returned, the mailer will pay the applicable First-Class Mail or Package Services mail rate, or the Bulk Parcel Return Service fee, if that service was elected.

936.2 Availability[Description of Service]

936.21 Shipper-Paid Forwarding is available only for the forwarding of machinable parcels, as defined by the Postal Service, initially mailed under the following Standard Mail subclasses: Regular and Nonprofit.

936.22 Shipper Paid Forwarding is available only if automated Address Correction Service, as described in section 911, is used.

936.3 Requirements of the Mailer

936.31 [Shipper-Paid Forwarding is available only in conjunction with automated Address Correction Service in section 911.]

[936.32] Mail for which Shipper-Paid Forwarding is purchased must meet the preparation requirements of the Postal Service.

936.32[3] Payment for Shipper-Paid Forwarding is made through advance deposit account, or as otherwise specified by the Postal Service.

936.33[4] Mail for which Shipper-Paid Forwarding is requested must bear endorsements specified by the Postal Service.

936.4 Other Services

936.41 Other special services[The following services] may be available[purchased] in conjunction with Shipper-Paid Forwarding, as specified by the Postal Service.[:]

[Service	Fee Schedule]
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[a. Certificate of Mailing	947]
[b. Bulk Parcel Return Service	935]

936.5 Applicable Rates and Fees

936.51 Except as provided in section 935, single-piece rates under the Letters and Sealed Parcels subclass or the Priority Mail subclass of First-Class Mail, as set forth in Rate Schedules 221 and 223, apply to pieces forwarded or returned under this section.

936.52 The accounting fee specified in Fee Schedule 936 must be paid once each year for each advance deposit account.

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941 CERTIFIED MAIL

941.1 Definition

941.11 Certified mail service [is a service that] provides a mailer[ing receipt to the sender and] with evidence of mailing, and guarantees retention of a record of delivery by the Postal Service for a period specified by the Postal Service[at the office of delivery].

941.2 Availability[Description of Service]

941.21 Certified mail service is available[provided] for matter mailed as First-Class Mail.

941.3 Included Services

941.31[22] If requested by the mailer, the Postal Service will indicate the time of acceptance [by the Postal Service will be indicated]on the mailing receipt.

[941.23 A record of delivery is retained at the office of delivery for a specified period of time.]

941.32[4] If the initial attempt to deliver the mail is not successful, a notice of attempted delivery is left at the mailing address.

[941.25 A receipt of mailing may be obtained only if the article is mailed at a post office, branch or station, or given to a rural carrier.]

941.33[26] A mailer may obtain a copy[Additional copies] of the [original]mailing receipt on terms specified by the Postal Service[may be obtained by the mailer].

941.[3]4 Mailer Requirements[Deposit of Mail]

941.[3]41 Certified mail must be deposited in a manner specified by the Postal Service.

941.42 The mailer must mail the article at a post office, branch, or station, or give the article to a rural carrier, in order to obtain a mailing receipt.

941.[4]5 Other Services

941.[4]51 Certified Mail service permits the use of the following services upon payment of the applicable fee:[The following services may be obtained in conjunction with mail sent under this section upon payment of the applicable fees:]

Service		Fee Schedule
a.	Restricted Delivery	946
b.	Return Receipt	945

Other special services may be purchased in conjunction with Certified Mail service, as specified by the Postal Service.

941.[5]6 Fees

941.[5]61 The fee[s] for certified mail service is[are] set forth in Fee Schedule 941.

942 REGISTERED MAIL**942.1 Definition**

942.11 Registered mail [is a]service [that]provides added protection to mail sent under this section and indemnity in case of loss or damage. The amount of indemnity depends upon the actual value of the article at the time of mailing, up to a maximum of \$25,000, and is not available for articles of no value.

942.2 Availability[Description of Service]

942.21 Registered mail service is available for[to mailers of] prepaid [mail sent as] First-Class Mail of any value, if the mail [except that registered mail must] meets the minimum requirements for length and width specified by the Postal Service.[regardless of thickness.]

[942.22 Registered mail service provides insurance up to a maximum of \$25,000, depending upon the actual value at the time of mailing, except that insurance is not available for articles of no value.]

[942.23 There is no limit on the value of articles sent under this section.]

942.22[4] Registered mail service is not available for:

- a. All delivery points because of the high security required for registered mail; in addition, [not all delivery points will be available for registry and] liability is limited in some geographic areas;
- b. Mail of any class sent in combination with First-Class Mail;
- c. Two or more articles tied or fastened together, unless the envelopes are enclosed in the same envelope or container.

942.3[25] Included Services

942.31 The following services are provided as part of registered mail service at no additional cost to the mailer:

- a. A mailing receipt;
- b. A record of delivery, retained by the Postal Service for a specified period of time;
- c. A notice of attempted delivery, [will be]left at the mailing address if the initial delivery attempt is unsuccessful; and
- d. A notice of nondelivery, w[W]hen registered mail is undeliverable-as-addressed and cannot be forwarded, [a notice of nondelivery is provided.]

942.32 Registered mail is forwarded and returned without additional registry charge.

942.4 Mailer Requirements

942.41 Registered mail must be deposited in a manner specified by the Postal Service.

[942.26 A claim for complete loss of insured articles may be filed by the mailer only. A claim for damage or for partial loss of insured articles may be filed by either the mailer or addressee.]

942.42[7] Indemnity claims for registered mail must be filed within a period of time, specified by the Postal Service, from the date the article was mailed. A claim concerning complete loss of registered articles may be filed by the mailer only. A claim concerning damage to or partial loss of registered articles may be filed by either the mailer or addressee.

[942.3 **Deposit of Mail]**

[942.31 Registered mail must be deposited in a manner specified by the Postal Service.]

[942.4 **Service]**

[942.41 Registered mail is provided maximum security.]

[942.5 **Forwarding and Return]**

[942.51 Registered mail is forwarded and returned without additional registry charge.]

942.6 **Other Services**

942.61 Registered mail service permits the use of t[T]he following services [may be obtained in conjunction with mail sent under this section] upon payment of applicable fees:

Service	Fee Schedule
[a. Collect on delivery	944]
<u>a</u> [b]. Restricted delivery	946
<u>b</u> [c]. Return receipt	945
[d. Merchandise return (shippers only)	932]

Other special services may be available in conjunction with registered mail service, as specified by the Postal Service.

942.7 **Fees**

942.71 The fees for registered mail are set forth in Fee Schedule 942.

942.72 There are no additional registered mail fees for forwarding and return of registered mail.

943 INSURANCE**943.1 Express Mail Insurance****943.11 Definition**

943.111 Express Mail Insurance [is a service that]provides the mailer with indemnity for loss of, rifling of, or damage to items sent by Express Mail.

943.12 Availability[Description of Service]

943.121 Express Mail Insurance is available only for Express Mail.

943.13 Limitations and Mailer Requirements

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943.122]Insurance coverage is provided, for no additional charge, up to \$500 per piece for document reconstruction, up to \$5,000 per occurrence, regardless of the number of claimants. [Insurance coverage is also provided, for no additional charge, up to \$500 per piece for merchandise. Insurance coverage for merchandise valued at more than \$500 is available for an additional fee, as set forth in Fee Schedule 943.] The maximum liability for merchandise is \$5,000 per piece. For negotiable items, currency, or bullion, the maximum liability is \$15.

943.132[3] Indemnity claims for Express Mail must be filed within a specified period of time from the date the article was mailed.

943.133[24] Indemnity will be paid under terms and conditions specified by the Postal Service.

943.134[25] Among other limitations specified by the Postal Service, indemnity will not be paid by the Postal Service for loss, damage or rifling:

- a. Of nonmailable matter;
- b. Due to improper packaging;
- c. Due to seizure by any agency of government; or
- d. Due to war, insurrection or civil disturbances.

943.14 Other Services

943.141 Other special services may be available in conjunction with Express Mail insurance, as specified by the Postal Service.

943.15[3] Fees

943.15[3]1 The fees for Express Mail Insurance service are set forth in Fee Schedule 943.

943.2 General Insurance**943.21 Definition[Retail Insurance]**

943.211 General[Retail] Insurance [is a service that]provides the mailer with indemnity for loss of, rifling of, or damage to mailed items. General insurance provides a bulk option for mail meeting the conditions described below and specified further by the Postal Service.

[943.212 The maximum liability of the Postal Service for Retail Insurance is \$5000.]

943.22[13] Availability

943.221 General[Retail] Insurance is available for mail sent under the following classification schedules:

- a. First-Class Mail, if containing matter that may be mailed as Standard Mail or Package Services;
- b. Package Services; [Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library subclasses of Standard Mail.]
- c. Regular and Nonprofit subclasses of Standard Mail, for Bulk Insurance only, for mail subject to residual shape surcharge.

943.222[14] General[Retail] Insurance is not available for matter offered for sale, addressed to prospective purchasers who have not ordered or authorized their sending. If such matter is received in the mail, payment will not be made for loss, rifling, or damage.

943.23 Included Services

943.231[5] For General[Retail] Insurance, the mailer is issued a receipt for each item mailed. For items insured for more than \$50, a record[eipt] of delivery is re[ob]tained by the Postal Service for a specified period.

943.232[16] For items insured for more than \$50, a notice of attempted delivery is left at the mailing address when the first attempt at delivery is unsuccessful.

943.233 Mail undeliverable as addressed will be returned to the sender as specified by the sender or by the Postal Service.

[943.217 Retail insurance provides indemnity for the actual value of the article at the time of mailing.]

943.24[2] Limitations and Mailer Requirements[Bulk Insurance]

943.241 Mail insured under section 943.2 must be deposited as specified by the Postal Service.

943.242[1] Bulk Insurance service is available for mail entered in bulk at designated facilities and in a manner specified by the Postal Service, including the use of electronic manifesting[, and sent under the following classification schedules:

- a. First-Class Mail, if containing matter that may be mailed as Standard Mail;
- b. Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library subclasses of Standard Mail.]

943.243[22] Bulk Insurance must bear[s] endorsements and identifiers specified by the Postal Service. Bulk Insurance mailers must meet the documentation requirements of the Postal Service.

943.244 By insuring an item, the mailer guarantees forwarding and return postage unless instructions on the piece mailed indicate that it not be forwarded or returned.

943.245[23] Retail insurance provides indemnity for the actual value of the article at the time of mailing. Bulk Insurance provides indemnity for the lesser of (1) the actual value of the article at the time of mailing, or (2) the wholesale cost of the contents to the sender.

[943.23 Claims]

943.246[31] For Retail Insurance, a claim for complete loss may be filed by the mailer only, and a claim for damage or for partial loss may be filed by either the mailer or addressee. For Bulk Insurance, all claims must be filed by the mailer.

[943.232] A claim for damage or loss on a parcel sent merchandise return under section 932 may be filed only by the purchaser of the insurance.]

943.247[33] Indemnity claims must be filed within a specified period of time from the date the article was mailed.

[943.24 Deposit of Mail]

[943.241] Mail insured under section 943.2 must be deposited as specified by the Postal Service.]

[943.25 Forwarding and Return]

[943.251] By insuring an item, the mailer guarantees forwarding and return postage unless instructions on the piece mailed indicate that it not be forwarded or returned.]

[943.252] Mail undeliverable as addressed will be returned to the sender as specified by the sender or by the Postal Service.]

943.2[6]5 Other Services

943.2[6]51 General Insurance permits the use of t[T]he following services, if applicable to the subclass of mail, [may be obtained in conjunction with mail sent under this section] upon payment of the applicable fees:

Service	Fee Schedule
[a. Parcel Airlift	951]
a[b]. Restricted delivery (for items insured for more than \$50)	946
b[c]. Return receipt (for items insured for more than \$50)	945
[d. Special handling	952]
[e. Merchandise return (shippers only)	932]

Other special services may be available in conjunction with General Insurance, as specified by the Postal Service.

943.2[7]6 Fees

943.2[7]61 The fees for General Insurance are set forth in Fee Schedule 943.

944 COLLECT ON DELIVERY**944.1 Definition**

944.11 Collect on Delivery (COD) service [is a service that] allows a mailer to mail an article for which full or partial payment has not yet been received and have the price, the cost of postage and fees, and anticipated or past due charges collected by the Postal Service from the addressee when the article is delivered.

944.2 Availability[Description of Service]

944.21 COD service is available for collection of \$10[6]00 or less upon the delivery of postage prepaid mail sent under the following classification schedules:

- a. Express Mail
- b. First-Class Mail
- c. Package Services [Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library subclasses of Standard Mail]

944.22 Service under this section is not available for:

- a. Collection agency purposes;
- b. Return of merchandise about which some dissatisfaction has arisen, unless the new addressee has consented in advance to such return;
- c. Sending only bills or statements of indebtedness, even though the sender may

establish that the addressee has agreed to collection in this manner; however, when the legitimate COD shipment consists[ing] of merchandise or bill of lading,[is being mailed,] the balance due on a past or anticipated transaction may be included in the charges on a COD article, provided the addressee has consented in advance to such action;

- d. Parcels containing moving-picture films mailed by exhibitors to moving- picture manufacturers, distributors, or exchanges;
- e. Goods that have not been ordered by the addressee.

944.3 Included Services

944.31[23] COD service provides the mailer with insurance against loss, rifling and damage to the article as well as failure to receive the amount collected from the addressee. This provision insures only the receipt of the instrument issued to the mailer after payment of COD charges, and is not to be construed to make the Postal Service liable upon any such instrument other than a Postal Service money order.

944.32[24] A receipt is issued to the mailer for each piece of COD mail. Additional copies of the original mailing receipt may be obtained by the mailer.

944.33[25] Delivery of COD mail will be made in a manner specified by the Postal Service. If a delivery to the mailing address is not attempted or if a delivery attempt is unsuccessful, a notice of attempted delivery will be left at the mailing address.

944.34[26] The mailer may receive a notice of nondelivery if the piece mailed is endorsed appropriately.

944.35[27] The mailer may designate a new addressee or alter the COD charges by submitting the appropriate form and by paying the appropriate fee as set forth in Fee Schedule 944.

[944.28 A claim for complete loss may be filed by the mailer only. A claim for damage or for partial loss may be filed by either the mailer or addressee.]

[944.29 COD indemnity claims must be filed within a specified period of time from the date the article was mailed.]

944.[3]4 Limitations and Mailer Requirements[of the Mailer]

944.[3]41 The mailer must identify COD mail [must be identified]as COD mail, as specified by the Postal Service.

[944.4 Deposit of Mail]

944.42[41] COD mail must be deposited in a manner specified by the Postal Service.

[944.5 Forwarding and Return]

944.43[51] A mailer of COD mail guarantees to pay any return postage, unless otherwise specified on the piece mailed.

944.44[52] For COD mail sent as Package Services [Standard M]mail, postage at the applicable rate will be charged to the addressee:

- a. When an addressee, entitled to delivery to the mailing address under Postal Service regulations, requests delivery of COD mail that was refused when first offered for delivery;
- b. For each delivery attempt, to an addressee entitled to delivery to the mailing address under Postal Service regulations, after the second such attempt.

944.45 A claim for complete loss may be filed by the mailer only. A claim for damage or for partial loss may be filed by either the mailer or addressee.

944.46 COD indemnity claims must be filed within a specified period of time from the date the article was mailed, and meet the requirements specified by the Postal Service.

944.[6]5 Other Services

944.[6]51 COD service permits the use of t[T]he following services, if applicable to the subclass of mail, [may be obtained in conjunction with mail sent under this section] upon payment of the applicable fee:

Service		Fee Schedule
a.	Registered mail, if sent as First-Class	942
b.	Restricted delivery	946
[c.	Special handling	952]

Other special services may be available in conjunction with COD service, as specified by the Postal Service.

944.[7]6 Fees

944.[7]61 Fees for COD service are set forth in Fee Schedule 944.

945 RETURN RECEIPT**945.1 Definition**

945.11 Return receipt service [is a service that]provides evidence to the mailer that an article has been received at the delivery address. Mailers requesting return receipt service at the time of mailing will be provided, as appropriate, the signature of the addressee or addressee's agent, the date delivered, and the address of delivery, if different from the address on the mailpiece. Mailers requesting return receipt service after mailing will be provided the date of delivery and the name of the person who signed for the article.

945.2 Availability[Description of Service]

945.21 Return receipt service is available for mail sent under the following sections or classification schedules:

a.	Certified mail	941
b.	COD mail	944
c.	Insurance (if insured for more than \$50)	943
d.	Registered mail	942
[e.	Delivery Confirmation	948]
<u>e[f].</u>	Express Mail	
<u>f[g].</u>	Priority Mail (merchandise only)	
<u>g[h].</u>	Standard Mail (limited to [merchandise sent by Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library subclasses]) <u>merchandise subject to residual shape surcharge and sent by Regular and Nonprofit subclasses)</u>	
<u>i.</u>	<u>Package Services</u>	

945.22 Return receipt service is available at the time of mailing or, when purchased in conjunction with certified mail, COD, Insurance (if for more than \$50), registered mail, or Express Mail, after mailing.

[945.23 Mailers requesting return receipt service at the time of mailing will be provided, as appropriate, the signature of the addressee or addressee's agent, the date delivered, and the address of delivery, if different from the address on the mailpiece.]

[945.24 Mailers requesting return receipt service after mailing will be provided the date of delivery and the name of the person who signed for the article.]

945.3 Included Service

945.31[25] If the mailer does not receive a return receipt within a specified period of time from the date of mailing, the mailer may request evidence of delivery from the delivery record[a duplicate return receipt], at no additional fee. [No fee is charged for a

duplicate return receipt.]

945.4 **Other Services**

Other special services may be available in conjunction with return receipt service, as specified by the Postal Service.

945.5[3] **Fees**

945.5[3]1 The fees for return receipt service are set forth in Fee Schedule 945.

946 **RESTRICTED DELIVERY**

946.1 **Definition**

946.11 Restricted delivery service [is a service that enables[provides a means by which] a mailer to[may] direct the Postal Service to limit delivery[that delivery will be made only] to the addressee or to someone authorized by the addressee to receive such mail.

946.2 **Availability**[Description of Service]

946.21 This service is available for mail sent under the following sections:

- | | |
|--|-----|
| a. Certified Mail | 941 |
| b. COD Mail | 944 |
| c. Insurance (if insured for more than \$50) | 943 |
| d. Registered Mail | 942 |

946.22 Restricted delivery is available to the mailer at the time of mailing or after mailing.

946.23 Restricted delivery service is available for delivery only to natural persons specified by name.

946.3 **Included Services**

946.31[24] A record of delivery will be retained by the Postal Service for a period specified [period of time] by the Postal Service.

[946.25 Failure to provide restricted delivery service when requested after mailing, due to prior delivery, is not grounds for refund of the fee or communications charges.]

946.4 **Other Services**

Other special services may be available in conjunction with restricted delivery service, as specified by the Postal Service.

946.5[3] Fees

946.5[3]1 The fee[s] for restricted delivery service is[are] set forth in Fee Schedule 946.

946.52 The fee (or communications charges) will not be refunded for f[F]ailure to provide restricted delivery service when requested after mailing, due to prior delivery[, is not grounds for refund of the fee or communications charges].

947 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**947.1 Definition**

947.11 Certificate of mailing service [is a service that]furnishes evidence that mail has been presented to the Postal Service for[of] mailing.

947.2 Availability[Description of Service]

947.21 Certificate of mailing service is available for[to mailers of] matter sent using[under the classification schedule to] any class of mail.

947.3 Included Service

947.31 The mailer may obtain a copy of a certificate of mailing on terms specified by the Postal Service.

947.4 Limitations

947.41[22] This service does not entail retention of a record of mailing by the Postal Service and does not provide evidence of delivery.[A receipt is not obtained upon delivery of the mail to the addressee. No record of mailing is maintained at the post office.]

[947.23 Additional copies of certificates of mailing may be obtained by the mailer.]

947.5[3] Other Services

947.5[3]1 Other special services may be available in conjunction with certificate of mailing service, as specified by the Postal Service.[The following services, if applicable to the subclass of mail, may be obtained in conjunction with mail sent under this classification schedule upon payment of the applicable fees:]

[Service]	Fee Schedule]
[a. Parcel airlift	951]
[b. Special handling	952]

947.6[4] Fees

947.6[4]1 The fees for certificate of mailing service are set forth in Fee Schedule 947.

948 DELIVERY CONFIRMATION**948.1 Definition**

948.11 Delivery C[c]onfirmation service provides electronic confirmation to the mailer that an article was delivered or that a delivery attempt was made.

948.2 Availability[Description of Service]

948.21 Delivery C[c]onfirmation service is available for Priority Mail and the Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, [Special] Media Mail and Library Mail subclasses of Standard Mail. Delivery Confirmation is also available for mail subject to residual shape surcharge in the Regular and Nonprofit subclasses of Standard Mail.

948.3 Mailer Requirements

948.31[22] Delivery C[c]onfirmation service may be requested only at the time of mailing.

948.2[32] Mail for which D[d]elivery C[c]onfirmation service is requested must meet preparation requirements specified[established] by the Postal Service, and bear a Delivery Confirmation barcode specified by the Postal Service.

948.33[24] Matter for which D[d]elivery C[c]onfirmation service is requested must be deposited in a manner specified by the Postal Service.

948.4 Other Services

948.41 Other special services may be available in conjunction with Delivery Confirmation service, as specified by the Postal Service.

948.5[3] Fees

948.5[3]1 The fees for Delivery C[c]onfirmation service are[is subject to the fees] set forth in Fee Schedule 948.

949 SIGNATURE CONFIRMATION**949.1 Definition**

949.11 Signature Confirmation service provides electronic confirmation to the mailer that an article was delivered or that a delivery attempt was made, and a copy of the signature of the recipient.

949.2 Availability

949.21 Signature Confirmation is available for Priority Mail and Package Services mail.

949.3 **Mailer Requirements**

949.31 Signature Confirmation service may be requested only at the time of mailing.

949.32 Mail for which Signature Confirmation service is requested must meet preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service, and bear a Delivery Confirmation barcode specified by the Postal Service.

949.33 Matter for which Signature Confirmation is requested must be deposited in a manner specified by the Postal Service.

949.4 **Other Services**

Other special services may be available in conjunction with Signature Confirmation services, as specified by the Postal Service.

949.5 **Fees**

949.51 The fees for Signature Confirmation service are set forth in Fee Schedule 949.

950 **PARCEL HANDLING**

951 **PARCEL AIRLIFT (PAL)**

951.1 **Definition**

951.11 Parcel airlift service is a service that provides for air transportation of parcels on a space available basis to or from military post offices outside the contiguous 48 states.

951.2 **Availability[Description of Service]**

951.21 Parcel airlift service is available for mail sent under the Standard Mail Classification Schedule.

951.3 **Mailer Requirements[Physical Limitations]**

951.31 The minimum physical limitations established for the mail sent under the classification schedule for which postage is paid apply to parcel airlift mail. In no instance may the parcel exceed 30 pounds in weight, or 60 inches in length and girth combined.

[951.4 **Requirements of the Mailer]**

951.32[41] Mail sent under this section must be endorsed as specified by the Postal Service.

[951.5 Deposit of Mail]

951.33[51] PAL mail must be deposited in a manner specified by the Postal Service

951.[6]4 Forwarding and Return

951.[6]41 PAL mail sent for delivery outside the contiguous 48 states is forwarded as set forth in section 2030 of the General Definitions, Terms and Conditions. PAL mail sent for delivery within the contiguous 48 states is forwarded or returned as set forth in section 353 as appropriate.

951.[7]5 Other Services

951.[7]51 Other special services may be available in conjunction with parcel airlift service, as specified by the Postal Service.[The following services, if applicable to the subclass of mail, may be obtained in conjunction with mail sent under this section upon payment of the applicable fees:]

[Service	Fee Schedule]
[a. Certificate of mailing	947]
[b. Insurance	943]
[c. Restricted delivery (if insured for more than \$50)	946]
[d. Return receipt (if insured for more than \$50)	945]
[e. Special handling	952]

951.[8]6 Fees

951.[8]61 The fees for parcel airlift service are set forth in Fee Schedule 951.

952 SPECIAL HANDLING**952.1 Definition**

952.11 Special handling service is a service that provides preferential handling to the extent practicable during dispatch and transportation.

952.2 Availability[Description of Service]

952.21 Special handling service is available for mail sent under the following classification schedules:

- a. First-Class Mail
- b. Package Services [Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special, and Library subclasses of Standard Mail]

[952.22 Special handling service is mandatory for matter that requires special attention in handling, transportation and delivery.]

952.3 **Mailer Requirements[of the Mailer]**

952.31 Mail sent under this section must be identified as specified by the Postal Service.

[952.4 **Deposit of Mail]**

952.32[41] Mail sent under this section must be deposited in a manner specified by the Postal Service.

952.33 Special handling service is mandatory for matter that requires special attention in handling, transportation and delivery.

952.4[5] **Forwarding and Return**

952.4[5]1 If undeliverable as addressed, special handling mail that is forwarded to the addressee is given special handling without requiring payment of an additional handling fee. However, additional postage at the applicable Standard Mail rate is collected on delivery.

952.5[6] **Other Services**

952.5[6]1 Other special services may be available in conjunction with special handling service, as specified by the Postal Service. [The following services, if applicable to the subclass of mail, may be obtained in conjunction with mail sent under this section upon payment of the applicable fees:]

[Service	Fee Schedule]
[a. COD mail	944]
[b. Insurance	943]
[c. Parcel airlift	951]
[d. Merchandise return (shippers only)	932]

952.6[7] **Fees**

952.6[7]1 The fees for special handling service are set forth in Fee Schedule 952.

960 **STAMPED PAPER**

961 **STAMPED ENVELOPES**

961.1 **Definition**

961.11 Plain stamped envelopes and printed stamped envelopes are envelopes with postage thereon offered for sale by the Postal Service.

961.2 Availability[Description of Service]

961.21 Stamped envelopes are available for:

- a. First-Class Mail within the first rate increment.**
- b. Standard Mail mailed at a minimum per piece rate as specified by the Postal Service.**

961.22 Printed stamped envelopes may be obtained by special request.

961.3 Fees

961.31 The fees for stamped envelopes are set forth in Fee Schedule 961.

962 STAMPED CARDS**962.1 Definition**

[962.11 Stamped Cards.]Stamped Cards are cards with postage imprinted or impressed on them, [and] supplied by the Postal Service for the transmission of messages.

[962.12 Double Stamped Cards.] Double Stamped Cards consist of two attached cards, one of which may be detached by the receiver and returned by mail as a single Stamped Card.

962.2 Availability[Description of Service.]

962.21 Stamped Cards are available for First-Class Mail.

962.3 Fees

962.31 The fees for Stamped Cards are set forth in Fee Schedule 962.

970 POSTAL MONEY ORDERS**971 [DOMESTIC POSTAL]MONEY ORDER[S] SERVICE****971.1 Definition**

971.11 Money order service [is a service that]provides the customer with an instrument for payment of a specified sum of money.

971.2 Limitations[Description of Service]

971.21 The maximum value for which a domestic postal money order may be purchased is \$700. Other restrictions on the number or dollar value of postal money order sales, or both, may be imposed by law or under regulations prescribed by the Postal Service.

971.3 Included Services

971.[22]31 A receipt of purchase is provided at no additional cost.

971.[23]32 The Postal Service will replace money orders that are spoiled or incorrectly prepared, regardless of who caused the error, without charge if replaced on the date originally issued.

971.[24]33 If a replacement money order is issued after the date of original issue because the original was spoiled or incorrectly prepared, the applicable money order fee may be collected from the customer.

971.[25]34 Inquiries or claims may be filed by the purchaser, payee, or endorsee.

971.4 Other Services

971.41 Other special services may be available in conjunction with money order service, as specified by the Postal Service.

971.[3]5 Fees

971.[3]51 The fees for [domestic postal]money order[s] service are set forth in Fee Schedule 971.

980 ACCEPTANCE ALTERNATIVES**981 MAILING ONLINE****981.1 Definition**

Mailing Online is a service that allows mailers to submit electronic documents, with address lists, for subsequent conversion into hard copy form, entry as mail, and delivery.

981.2 Description of Service

981.21 Mailing Online is available for documents submitted in an electronic form, along with an address list, to be entered under the following classification schedules:

- a. First-Class Mail;
- b. Regular subclass of Standard Mail.

981.22 Documents presented through Mailing Online are eligible for the following rate categories:

- a. First-Class Mail Letters and Sealed Parcels Automation Letters Basic
- b. First-Class Mail Letters and Sealed Parcels Automation Flats Basic
- c. Standard Mail Regular Automation Basic Letters
- d. Standard Mail Regular Automation Basic Flats

981.3 **Requirements of the Mailer**

981.31 Documents and address lists must be presented in electronic form, as specified by the Postal Service, through the Postal Service's Mailing Online internet site. Documents must be prepared using application software approved by the Postal Service.

981.4 **Fees**

981.41 The fees for Mailing Online service are described in Fee Schedule 981.

981.5 **Duration of Market Test**

981.51 The provisions of section 981 expire no later than implementation of an experimental Mailing Online service following acceptance or allowance by the Governors of the Postal Service of a recommended decision by the Postal Rate Commission, or no later than 3 months after issuance of a recommended decision by the Commission rejecting the Postal Service's request for an experimental Mailing Online service; or no later than 3 months after issuance of a decision by the Postal Service Governors rejecting a Commission recommended decision on an experimental Mailing Online service.

GENERAL DEFINITIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**1000 GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Domestic Mail Classification Schedule, the following terms have the meanings set forth below.

1001 Advertising

Advertising includes all material for the publication of which a valuable consideration is paid, accepted, or promised, that calls attention to something for the purpose of getting people to buy it, sell it, seek it, or support it. If an advertising rate is charged for the publication of reading matter or other material, such material shall be deemed to be advertising. Articles, items, and notices in the form of reading matter inserted in accordance with a custom or understanding that textual matter is to be inserted for the advertiser or his products in the publication in which a display advertisement appears are deemed to be advertising. If a publisher advertises his own services or publications, or any other business of the publisher, whether in the form of display advertising or editorial or reading matter, this is deemed to be advertising.

1002 Aspect Ratio

Aspect ratio is the ratio of width to length.

1003 Bills and Statements of Account

1003.1 A bill is a request for payment of a definite sum of money claimed to be owing by the addressee either to the sender or to a third party. The mere assertion of an indebtedness in a definite sum combined with a demand for payment is sufficient to make the message a bill.

1003.2 A statement of account is the assertion of the existence of a debt in a definite amount but which does not necessarily contain a request or a demand for payment. The amount may be immediately due or may become due after a certain time or upon demand or billing at a later date.

1003.3 A bill or statement of account must present the particulars of an indebtedness with sufficient definiteness to inform the debtor of the amount required for acquittal of the debt. However, neither a bill nor a statement of account need state the precise amount if it contains sufficient information to enable the debtor to determine the exact amount of the claim asserted.

1003.4 A bill or statement of account is not the less a bill or statement of account merely because the amount claimed is not in fact owing or may not be legally collectible.

1004 Girth

Girth is the measurement around a piece of mail at its thickest part.

1005 Invoice

An invoice is a writing showing the nature, quantity, and cost or price of items shipped or sent to a purchaser or consignor.

1006 Permit Imprints

Permit imprints are printed indicia indicating postage has been paid by the sender under the permit number shown.

1007 Preferred Rates

Preferred rates are the reduced rates established pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3626.

1008 ZIP Code

The ZIP Code is a numeric code that facilitates the sortation, routing, and delivery of mail.

1009 Nonprofit Organizations and Associations

Nonprofit organizations or associations are organizations or associations not organized for profit, none of the net income of which benefits any private stockholder or individual, and which meet the qualifications set forth below for each type of organization or association. The standard of primary purpose applies to each type of organization or association, except veterans' and fraternal. The standard of primary purpose requires that each type of organization or association be both organized and operated for the primary purpose. The following are the types of organizations or associations that may qualify as authorized nonprofit organizations or associations.

- a. Religious. A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is one of the following:
 - i. To conduct religious worship;
 - ii. To support the religious activities of nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is to conduct religious worship;
 - iii. To perform instruction in, to disseminate information about, or otherwise to further the teaching of particular religious faiths or tenets.
- b. Educational. A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is one of the following:
 - i. The instruction or training of the individual for the purpose of improving or developing his capabilities;
 - ii. The instruction of the public on subjects beneficial to the community.

An organization may be educational even though it advocates a particular position or viewpoint so long as it presents a sufficiently full and fair exposition of the pertinent facts to permit an individual or the public to form an independent opinion or conclusion. On the other hand, an organization is not educational if its principal function is the mere presentation of unsupported opinion.

- c. Scientific. A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is one of the following:
 - i. To conduct research in the applied, pure or natural sciences;
 - ii. To disseminate systematized technical information dealing with applied, pure or natural sciences.
- d. Philanthropic. A nonprofit organization primarily organized and operated for purposes beneficial to the public. Philanthropic organizations include, but are not limited to, organizations that are organized for:
 - i. Relief of the poor and distressed or of the underprivileged;
 - ii. Advancement of religion;
 - iii. Advancement of education or science;
 - iv. Erection or maintenance of public buildings, monuments, or works;
 - v. Lessening of the burdens of government;
 - vi. Promotion of social welfare by organizations designed to accomplish any of the above purposes or:
 - (A) To lessen neighborhood tensions;
 - (B) To eliminate prejudice and discrimination;
 - (C) To defend human and civil rights secured by law; orTo combat community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.
- e. Agricultural. A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is the betterment of the conditions of those engaged in agriculture pursuits, the improvement of the grade of their products, and the development of a higher degree of efficiency in agriculture. The organization may advance agricultural interests through educational activities; the holding of agricultural fairs; the collection and dissemination of information concerning cultivation of the soil and its fruits or the harvesting of marine resources; the rearing, feeding, and management of livestock, poultry, and bees, or other activities relating to agricultural interests. The term agricultural nonprofit organization also includes any nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is the collection and dissemination of information or materials relating to agricultural pursuits.
- f. Labor. A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is the betterment of the conditions of workers. Labor organizations include, but are not limited to, organizations in which employees or workmen participate, whose primary purpose is to deal with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours of employment and working conditions.
- g. Veterans'. A nonprofit organization of veterans of the armed services of the United States, or an auxiliary unit or society of, or a trust or foundation for, any such post or organization.
- h. Fraternal. A nonprofit organization that meets all the following criteria:
 - i. Has as its primary purpose the fostering of brotherhood and mutual benefits among its members;
 - ii. Is organized under a lodge or chapter system with a representative form of government;
 - iii. Follows a ritualistic format; and
 - iv. Is comprised of members who are elected to membership by vote of the members.

2010 Delivery Services

The Postal Service provides the following modes of delivery:

- a. Caller service. The fees for caller service are set forth in Fee Schedule 921
- b. Carrier delivery service.
- c. General delivery.
- d. Post office box service. The fees for post office box service are set forth in Fee Schedule 921

2020 Conditions of Delivery

2021 General. Except as provided in section 2022, 2030, and 3030, mail will be delivered as addressed unless the Postal Service is instructed otherwise by the addressee in writing.

2022 Refusal of Delivery. The addressee may control delivery of his mail. The addressee may refuse to accept a piece of mail that does not require a delivery receipt at the time it is offered for delivery or after delivery by returning it unopened to the Postal Service. For mail that requires a delivery receipt, the addressee or his representative may read and copy the name of the sender of registered, insured, certified, COD, return receipt, and Express Mail prior to accepting delivery. Upon signing the delivery receipt the piece may not be returned to the Postal Service without the applicable postage and fees affixed.

2023 Receipt. If a signed receipt is required, mail will be delivered to the addressee (or competent member of his family), to persons who customarily receive his mail or to one authorized in writing to receive the addressee's mail.

2024 Jointly Addressed Mail. Mail addressed to several persons may be delivered to any one of them. When two or more persons make conflicting orders for delivery for the same mail, the mail shall be delivered as determined by the Postal Service.

2025 Commercial Mail Receiving Agents. Mail may be delivered to a commercial mail receiving agency on behalf of another person. In consideration of delivery of mail to the commercial agent, the addressee and the agent are considered to agree that:

- a. No change-of-address order will be filed with the post office when the agency relationship is terminated;
- b. When remailed by the commercial agency, the mail is [subjecto] subject to payment of new postage.

2026 Mail Addressed To Organizations. Mail addressed to governmental units, private organizations, corporations, unincorporated firms or partnerships, persons at institutions (including but not limited to hospitals and prisons), or persons in the military is delivered as addressed or to an authorized agent.

2027 Held Mail. Mail will be held for a specified period of time at the office of delivery upon request of the addressee, unless the mail:

- a. Has contrary retention instructions;
- b. Is perishable; or
- c. Is registered, COD, insured, return receipt, certified, or Express Mail for which the normal retention period expires before the end of the specified holding period.

2030 **Forwarding and Return**

2031 **Forwarding.** Forwarding is the transfer of undeliverable-as-addressed mail to an address other than the one originally placed on the mailpiece. All post offices will honor change-of-address orders for a period of time specified by the Postal Service.

2032 **Return.** Return is the delivery of undeliverable-as-addressed mail to the sender.

2033 **Applicable Provisions.** The provisions of sections 150, 250, 350, 450, 550, 935 and 936 apply to forwarding and return.

2034 **Forwarding for Postal Service Adjustments.** When mail is forwarded due to Postal Service adjustments (such as, but not limited to, the discontinuance of the post office of original address, establishment of rural carrier service, conversion to city delivery service from rural, readjustment of delivery districts, or renumbering of houses and renaming of streets), it is forwarded without charge for a period of time specified by the Postal Service.

3000 **POSTAGE AND PREPARATION**

3010 **Packaging**

Mail must be packaged so that:

- a. The contents will be protected against deterioration or degradation;
- b. The contents will not be likely to damage other mail, Postal Service employees or property, or to become loose in transit;
- c. The package surface must be able to retain postage indicia and address markings;
- d. It is marked by the mailer with a material that is neither readily water soluble nor easily rubbed off or smeared, and the marking will be sharp and clear.

3020 **Envelopes**

Paper used in the preparation of envelopes may not be of a brilliant color. Envelopes must be prepared with paper strong enough to withstand normal handling.

3030 **Payment of Postage and Fees**

Postage must be fully prepaid on all mail at the time of mailing, except as authorized by law or this Schedule. Except as authorized by law or this Schedule, mail deposited without prepayment of sufficient postage shall be delivered to the addressee subject to payment of deficient postage, returned to the sender, or otherwise disposed of as specified by the Postal Service. Mail deposited without any postage affixed will be returned to the sender without any attempt at delivery.

3040 Methods for Paying Postage and Fees

Postage for all mail may be prepaid with postage meter indicia, adhesive stamps, [or]permit imprint, or other payment methods [unless otherwise limited or]specified by the Postal Service. [The following methods of paying postage and fees require p]Prior authorization for use of certain payment methods may be required, as specified by[from] the Postal Service[:]. A fee is charged for authorization to use a permit imprint, as set forth in Schedule 1000.

- [a. Permit imprint,
- b. Postage meter,
- c. Precanceled stamps, precanceled envelopes, and mailer's precanceled postmarks.]

[3050 Authorization Fees]

[Fees for authorization to use a permit imprint are set forth in Schedule 1000. [No fee is charged for authorization to use a postage meter. Fees for setting postage meters are set forth in Fee Schedule 933. No fee is charged for authorization to use precanceled stamps, precanceled envelopes or mailer's precanceled postmark.]

3050 [Reserved]

3060 Special Service Fees

Fees for special services may be prepaid in any manner appropriate for the class of mail indicated or as otherwise specified by the Postal Service.

3070 Marking of Unpaid Mail

Matter authorized for mailing without prepayment of postage must bear markings identifying the class of mail service. Matter so marked will be billed at the applicable rate of postage set forth in this Schedule. Matter not so marked will be billed at the applicable First-Class rate of postage.

3080 Refund of Postage

When postage and special service fees have been paid on mail for which no service is rendered for the postage or fees paid, or collected in excess of the lawful rate, a refund may be made. There shall be no refund for registered, COD, general insurance, and Express Mail Insurance fees when the article is withdrawn by the mailer after acceptance. In cases involving returned articles improperly accepted because of excess size or weight, a refund may be made.

3090 Calculation of Postage

When a rate schedule contains per piece and per pound rates, the postage shall be the sum of the charges produced by those rates. When a rate schedule contains a minimum per piece rate and a pound rate, the postage shall be the greater of the two. When the computation of postage yields a fraction of a cent in the charge, the next higher whole cent must be paid.

4000 POSTAL ZONES**4010 Geographic Units of Area**

In the determination of postal zones, the earth is considered to be divided into units of area thirty minutes square, identical with a quarter of the area formed by the intersecting parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude. The distance between these units of area is the basis of the postal zones.

4020 Measurement of Zone Distances

The distance upon which zones are based shall be measured from the center of the unit of area containing the dispatching sectional center facility or multi-ZIP coded post office not serviced by a sectional center facility. A post office of mailing and a post office of delivery shall have the same zone relationship as their respective sectional center facilities or multi-ZIP coded post offices, but this shall not cause two post offices to be regarded as within the same local zone.

4030 Definition of Zones

4031 Local Zone. The local zone applies to mail mailed at any post office for delivery at that office; at any city letter carrier office or at any point within its delivery limits for delivery by carriers from that office; at any office from which a rural route starts for delivery on the same route; and on a rural route for delivery at the office from which the route starts or on any rural route starting from that office.

4032 First Zone. The first zone includes all territory within the quadrangle of entry in conjunction with every contiguous quadrangle, representing an area having a mean radial distance of approximately 50 miles from the center of a given unit of area. The first zone also applies to mail between two post offices in the same sectional center.

4033 Second Zone. The second zone includes all units of area outside the first zone lying in whole or in part within a radius of approximately 150 miles from the center of a given unit of area.

4034 Third Zone. The third zone includes all units of area outside the second zone lying in whole or in part within a radius of approximately 300 miles from the center of a given unit of area.

4035 Fourth Zone. The fourth zone includes all units of area outside the third zone lying in whole or in part within a radius approximately 600 miles from the center of a given unit of area.

4036 Fifth Zone. The fifth zone includes all units of area outside the fourth zone lying in whole or in part within a radius of approximately 1,000 miles from the center of a given unit of area.

4037 **Sixth Zone.** The sixth zone includes all units of area outside the fifth zone lying in whole or in part within a radius of approximately 1,400 miles from the center of a given unit of area.

4038 **Seventh Zone.** The seventh zone includes all units of area outside the sixth zone lying in whole or in part within a radius of approximately 1,800 miles from the center of a given unit of area.

4039 **Eighth Zone.** The eighth zone includes all units of area outside the seventh zone.

4040 **Zoned Rates**

Except as provided in section 4050, rates according to zone apply for zone-rated mail sent between Postal Service facilities including Armed Forces post offices, wherever located.

4050 **APO/FPO Mail**

4051 **General.** Except as provided in section 4052, the rates of postage for zone-rated mail transported between the United States, or the possessions or territories of the United States, on the one hand, and Army, Air Force and Fleet Post Offices on the other, or among the latter, shall be the applicable zone rates for mail between the place of mailing or delivery and the city of the postmaster serving the Army, Air Force or Fleet Post Office concerned.

4052 **Transit Mail.** The rates of postage for zone-rated mail that is mailed at or addressed to an Armed Forces post office and is transported directly to or from Armed Forces post offices at the expense of the Department of Defense, without transiting any of the 48 contiguous states (including the District of Columbia), shall be the applicable local zone rate; provided, however, that if the distance from the place of mailing to the embarkation point or the distance from the point of debarkation to the place of delivery is greater than the local zone for such mail, postage shall be assessed on the basis of the distance from the place of mailing to the embarkation point or the distance from the point of debarkation to the place of delivery of such mail, as the case may be. The word "transiting" does not include enroute transfers at coastal gateway cities which are necessary to transport military mail directly between military post offices.

5000 **PRIVACY OF MAIL**

5010 **First-Class and Express Mail**

Matter mailed as First-Class Mail or Express Mail shall be treated as mail which is sealed against postal inspection and shall not be opened except as authorized by law.

5020 **All Other Mail**

Matter not paid at First-Class Mail or Express Mail rates must be wrapped or secured in the manner specified by the Postal Service so that the contents may be examined. Mailing of sealed items as other than First-Class Mail or Express Mail is considered consent by the sender to the postal inspection of the contents.

6000 MAILABLE MATTER

6010 General

Mailable matter is any matter which:

- a. Is not mailed in contravention of 39 U.S.C. Chapter 30, or of 17 U.S.C. 109;
- b. While in the custody of the Postal Service is not likely to become damaged itself, to damage other pieces of mail, to cause injury to Postal Service employees or to damage Postal Service property; and
- c. Is not mailed contrary to any special conditions or limitations placed on transportation or movement of certain articles, when imposed under law by the U.S. Department of the Treasury; U.S. Department of Agriculture; U.S. Department of Commerce; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Transportation; and any other Federal department or agency having legal jurisdiction.

6020 Minimum Size Standards

The following minimum size standards apply to all mailable matter:

- a. All items must be at least 0.007 inch[es] thick, and
- b. all items, other than keys and identification devices, which are 0.25 inch thick or less must be
 - i. rectangular in shape,
 - ii. at least 3.5 inches in width, and
 - iii. at least 5 inches in length.

6030 Maximum Size and Weight Standards

Where applicable, the maximum size and weight standards for each class or subclass of mail are set forth in sections 130, 230, 521.6 [322.16], 330, [and] 430, and 530. Additional limitations may be applicable to specific subclasses, and rate and discount categories as provided in the eligibility provisions for each subclass or category.

REQUESTED CHANGES IN RATES AND FEES

In conjunction with the requested changes in the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule (DMCS) set forth in Attachment A, the Postal Service also is requesting that the Commission recommend corresponding changes to the attendant rate and fee schedules.

The current rate and fee schedules, which are incorporated by reference in this Request, are published in Attachment A to the Notice of Changes in Rates, Fees, and Mail Classifications (63 FR 39124),¹ as corrected or amended by the following:

- Decision of the Governors of the USPS on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission on Establishment of Permanent Classification and Fees for Weight-Averaged Nonletter-Size Business Reply Mail, Docket No. MC99-2 (November 1, 1999);²
- Notice of Implementation of Changes to the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule and Periodicals Regular Rate Schedule (64 FR 38930);
- Notice of Renewal of Experimental Nonletter-Size Business Reply Mail Classifications and Fees; Changes in Domestic Classification and Fees (64 FR 31325);³ and
- Changes in Domestic Rates, Fees, and Mail Classifications (63 FR 60416).

The schedules in this attachment present both proposed and current rates and fees. In general, for existing schedules, proposed additions to headings and text in the schedules or notes are underlined; proposed deletions appear in brackets. Except as otherwise noted, new or renamed categories within existing schedules are underlined. Rate or fee categories that

¹ By letter dated October 26, 1999, to the Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission, the Postal Service advised the Commission of the termination of Mailing Online Service, and identified the affected fee schedule (Fee Schedule 981). The pending Request of the Postal Service for Mailing Online Experiment, Docket No. MC2000-2, proposes that this fee schedule be modified in order to accommodate the proposal in that proceeding. For this reason, Fee Schedule 981 is included in this attachment without the changes as proposed in Docket No. MC2000-2.

² Since the changes to Fee Schedule 931 are scheduled to take effect on February 6, 2000, they are treated as if they were currently implemented for purposes of this Attachment.

³ Some of these changes are superseded by changes to be implemented in connection with Docket No. MC99-2. See note 2 *supra*.

are either renamed or proposed for elimination are bracketed or are assigned the acronym "NA" in the proposed rate or fee column.

The requested changes in the rate and fee schedules are as follows:

Express Mail Rates

Schedules 121, 122, and 123

(Dollars)

Current

Proposed

Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Same Day Airport	Custom Designed	PO to PO Next Day & 2nd Day	PO to Addressee Next & 2nd Day	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Same Day Airport	Custom Designed	PO to PO Next Day & 2nd Day	PO to Addressee Next & 2nd Day
1/2		\$9.55	\$9.70	\$11.75	1/2		\$9.25	\$9.40	\$12.30
1		13.55	13.70	15.75	1		13.80	13.95	16.05
2 ²		13.55	13.70	15.75	2 ²		13.80	13.95	16.05
3		16.30	16.45	18.50	3		16.65	16.80	18.85
4		19.05	19.20	21.25	4		19.45	19.60	21.70
5		21.80	21.95	24.00	5		22.25	22.40	24.50
6		24.55	24.70	26.75	6		25.05	25.20	27.30
7		27.20	27.35	29.40	7		27.75	27.90	30.00
8		28.40	28.55	30.60	8		28.95	29.10	31.20
9		29.60	29.75	31.80	9		30.20	30.35	32.45
10		30.80	30.95	33.00	10		31.40	31.55	33.65
11		32.25	32.40	34.45	11		32.90	33.05	35.15
12		34.60	34.75	36.80	12		35.30	35.45	37.55
13		35.85	36.00	38.05	13		36.55	36.70	39.25
14		37.20	37.35	39.40	14		37.95	38.10	40.20
15		38.40	38.55	40.60	15		39.15	39.30	41.40
16		39.70	39.85	41.90	16		40.50	40.65	42.75
17		41.05	41.20	43.25	17		41.85	42.00	44.10
18		42.25	42.40	44.45	18		43.10	43.25	45.35
19		43.55	43.70	45.75	19		44.40	44.55	46.65
20		44.85	45.00	47.05	20		45.75	45.90	48.00
21		46.10	46.25	48.30	21		47.00	47.20	49.40
22		47.35	47.50	49.55	22		48.30	48.50	50.80
23		48.70	48.85	50.90	23		49.70	49.90	52.20
24		49.90	50.05	52.10	24		51.10	51.30	53.60
25		51.20	51.35	53.40	25		52.50	52.70	55.00
26		52.45	52.60	54.65	26		53.90	54.10	56.40
27		53.75	53.90	55.95	27		55.30	55.50	57.80
28		55.00	55.15	57.20	28		56.70	56.90	59.20
29		56.30	56.45	58.50	29		58.10	58.30	60.60
30		57.60	57.75	59.80	30		59.00	59.30	61.60
31		58.85	59.00	61.05	31		60.00	60.30	62.60
32		60.15	60.30	62.35	32		61.75	62.05	64.30
33		61.40	61.55	63.60	33		63.25	63.55	65.90
34		62.70	62.85	64.90	34		64.10	65.35	67.30
35		63.95	64.10	66.15	35		65.75	66.65	68.80

Express Mail Rates (continued)

Current					Proposed				
Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Same Day Airport	Custom Designed	PO to PO Next Day & 2nd Day	PO to Addressee Next & 2nd Day	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Same Day Airport	Custom Designed	PO to PO Next Day & 2nd Day	PO to Addressee Next & 2nd Day
36		65.25	65.40	67.45	36		67.15	68.00	70.15
37		66.45	66.60	68.65	37		69.00	69.25	71.40
38		67.80	67.95	70.00	38		70.50	70.65	72.80
39		69.05	69.20	71.25	39		71.80	71.95	74.10
40		70.30	70.45	72.50	40		73.10	73.25	75.40
41		71.55	71.70	73.75	41		74.40	74.55	76.70
42		72.90	73.05	75.10	42		75.80	75.95	78.10
43		74.15	74.30	76.35	43		77.10	77.25	79.40
44		75.45	75.60	77.65	44		78.45	78.60	80.75
45		76.75	76.90	78.95	45		79.80	80.00	82.10
46		77.95	78.10	80.15	46		81.05	81.20	83.35
47		79.30	79.45	81.50	47		82.45	82.65	84.75
48		80.55	80.70	82.75	48		83.75	83.95	86.05
49		81.80	81.95	84.00	49		85.05	85.25	87.35
50		83.05	83.20	85.25	50		86.35	86.55	88.65
51		84.40	84.55	86.60	51		87.80	87.95	90.05
52		85.60	85.75	87.80	52		89.00	89.20	91.30
53		86.95	87.10	89.15	53		90.45	90.60	92.70
54		88.20	88.35	90.40	54		91.75	91.90	94.00
55		89.45	89.60	91.65	55		93.05	93.20	95.30
56		90.80	90.95	93.00	56		94.45	94.60	96.70
57		92.00	92.15	94.20	57		95.70	95.85	97.95
58		93.30	93.45	95.50	58		97.05	97.20	99.30
59		94.70	94.85	96.90	59		98.50	98.65	100.80
60		96.20	96.35	98.40	60		100.05	100.20	102.35
61		97.80	97.95	100.00	61		101.70	101.85	104.00
62		99.30	99.45	101.50	62		103.25	103.45	105.55
63		100.80	100.95	103.00	63		104.85	105.00	107.10
64		102.40	102.55	104.60	64		106.50	106.65	108.80
65		103.90	104.05	106.10	65		108.05	108.20	110.35
66		105.50	105.65	107.70	66		109.70	109.90	112.00
67		107.00	107.15	109.20	67		111.30	111.45	113.55
68		108.60	108.75	110.80	68		112.95	113.10	115.25
69		110.10	110.25	112.30	69		114.50	114.65	116.80
70		111.60	111.75	113.80	70		116.05	116/20	118.35

Schedules 121, 122, and 123 Notes

- 1 The applicable 2-pound rate is charged for matter sent in a 'flat rate' envelope provided by the Postal Service.
- 2 Add [~~\$8.25~~] \$10.25 for each pickup stop.
- 3 Add [~~\$8.25~~] \$10.25 for each Custom Designed delivery stop.

First-Class Mail

Rate Schedule 221

Letters and Sealed Parcels

	Current Rate (cents)	Proposed Rate (cents)
Regular		
Single Piece: First Ounce	33.0	34.0
Presort ¹	30.5	32.0
Qualified Business Reply Mail	30.0	31.0
Additional Ounce ²	22.0	23.0
Nonstandard Surcharge		
Single Piece	11.0	11.0
Presort	5.0	5.0
Automation - Presort¹		
Letters ³		
Basic Presort ⁴	27.0	28.0
3-Digit Presort ⁵	26.1	27.1
5-Digit Presort ⁶	24.3	25.3
Carrier Route Presort ⁷	23.8	24.8
 Flats ⁸		
Basic Presort ⁹	30.0	31.0
[3/5-Digit Presort ¹⁰]	27.0	N/A
<u>3-Digit Presort¹⁰</u>	N/A	29.5
<u>5-Digit Presort¹¹</u>	N/A	27.5
 Additional Ounce ²	22.0	23.0
Nonstandard Surcharge	5.0	5.0

Schedule 221 Notes

- 1 A mailing fee of [\$100.00] \$125.00 must be paid once each year at each office of mailing by any person who mails other than Single Piece First-Class Mail. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any First-Class rate. For presorted mailing weighing more than 2 ounces, subtract 4.6 cents per piece.
- 2 Rate applies through 13 ounces. Heavier pieces are subject to Priority Mail rates.
- 3 Rates apply to bulk-entered mailings of at least 500 letter-size pieces, which must be delivery point barcoded and meet other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service and, for the Basic Presort rate, documents provided for entry as mail using Mailing Online service, pursuant to classification schedule 981.
- 4 Rate applies to letter-size Automation-Presort category mail not mailed at 3-Digit, 5-Digit, or Carrier Route rates.
- 5 Rate applies to letter-size Automation-Presort category mail presorted to single or multiple three-digit ZIP Code destinations specified by the Postal Service.
- 6 Rate applies to letter-size Automation-Presort category mail presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations specified by the Postal Service.
- 7 Rate applies to letter-size Automation-Presort category mail presorted to carrier routes specified by the Postal Service.
- 8 Rates apply to bulk-entered mailings of at least 500 flat-size pieces, each of which must be delivery-point barcoded or bear a ZIP+4 barcode, and must meet other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service and, for the Basic Presort rate, documents provided for entry as mail using Mailing Online service, pursuant to schedule 981.
- 9 Rate applies to flat-size Automation-Presort category mail not mailed at the [3/5-Digit] 3-Digit or 5-Digit rate.
- 10 Rate applies to flat-size Automation-Presort category mail presorted to single or multiple three-[and five-]digit ZIP Code destinations [as] specified by the Postal Service.
- 11 Rate applies to flat-size Automation-Presort category mail presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations specified by the Postal Service.

First-Class Mail

Rate Schedule 222

Cards

	Current Rate (cents)	Proposed Rate (cents)
Regular		
Single Piece	20.0	21.0
Presort ¹	18.0	19.0
Qualified Business Reply Mail	18.0	18.0
Automation - Presort^{1, 2}		
Basic Presort ³	16.6	17.4
3-Digit Presort ⁴	15.9	16.7
5-Digit Presort ⁵	14.6	15.4
Carrier Route Presort ⁶	14.1	14.9

Schedule 222 Notes

- 1 A mailing fee of [\$100.00] \$125.00 must be paid once each year at each office of mailing by any person who mails other than Single Piece First-Class Mail. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any First-Class rate.
- 2 Rates apply to bulk-entered mailings of at least 500 pieces, which must be barcoded and meet other preparation requirements specified by the Postal Service.
- 3 Rate applies to Automation-Presort category mail not mailed at 3-Digit, 5-Digit, or Carrier Route rates.
- 4 Rate applies to Automation-Presort category mail presorted to single or multiple three-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 5 Rate applies to Automation-Presort category mail presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 6 Rate applies to Automation-Presort category mail presorted to carrier routes specified by the Postal Service.

First-Class Mail

Schedule 223

Priority Mail Subclass

(dollars)

Current Rates

Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Zones L, 1, 2, and 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
Flat Rate ²	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.20
1	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
2	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
3	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30
4	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40
5	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
6	6.60	6.90	7.10	7.45	7.70	8.25
7	6.70	7.30	7.70	8.40	8.90	10.00
8	6.80	7.70	8.30	9.35	10.10	11.75
9	6.90	8.10	8.90	10.30	11.30	13.50
10	7.00	8.50	9.50	11.25	12.50	15.25
11	7.20	9.15	10.30	12.20	13.45	16.50
12	7.40	9.80	11.05	13.10	14.45	17.80
13	7.75	10.40	11.80	14.05	15.50	19.10
14	8.10	11.05	12.55	14.95	16.50	20.40
15	8.50	11.70	13.30	15.85	17.50	21.70
16	8.85	12.30	14.00	16.75	18.55	23.00
17	9.20	12.95	14.75	17.70	19.55	24.30
18	9.60	13.60	15.50	18.60	20.60	25.60
19	9.95	14.20	16.25	19.50	21.60	26.95
20	10.35	14.85	17.00	20.40	22.65	28.20
21	10.70	15.50	17.70	21.35	23.65	29.45
22	11.05	16.15	18.45	22.25	24.70	30.65
23	11.45	16.75	19.20	23.15	25.70	31.85
24	11.75	17.40	19.95	24.05	26.70	33.05
25	12.15	18.05	20.70	25.00	27.75	34.35
26	12.55	18.65	21.40	25.90	28.75	35.55
27	12.90	19.30	22.15	26.80	29.80	36.75
28	13.25	19.95	22.90	27.70	30.80	37.95
29	13.65	20.55	23.65	28.60	31.85	39.15
30	14.00	21.20	24.40	29.55	32.85	40.35
31	14.35	21.85	25.10	30.45	33.90	41.55
32	14.75	22.45	25.85	31.35	34.90	42.80
33	15.10	23.10	26.60	32.25	35.95	44.00
34	15.45	23.70	27.35	33.15	36.95	45.20
35	15.80	24.35	28.10	34.10	37.95	46.40

Proposed Rates

Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Zones L, 1, 2, and 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
Flat Rate ²	\$3.85	\$3.85	\$3.85	\$3.85	\$3.85	\$3.85
1	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45
2	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85
3	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10
4	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.35
5	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.60
6	7.85	8.00	8.15	8.55	8.85	9.45
7	8.05	8.40	8.70	9.50	10.10	11.30
8	8.15	8.80	9.25	10.45	11.35	13.15
9	8.30	9.20	9.80	11.40	12.60	15.00
10	8.40	9.70	10.45	12.40	13.75	16.85
11	8.65	10.35	11.35	13.40	14.80	18.15
12	8.90	11.00	12.15	14.40	15.90	19.60
13	9.15	11.65	13.00	15.45	17.05	21.00
14	9.40	12.30	13.80	16.45	18.15	22.45
15	9.65	12.95	14.65	17.45	19.25	23.85
16	9.90	13.65	15.40	18.45	20.40	25.30
17	10.15	14.30	16.25	19.45	21.50	26.75
18	10.55	14.95	17.05	20.45	22.65	28.15
19	10.95	15.60	17.90	21.45	23.75	29.65
20	11.40	16.35	18.70	22.45	24.90	31.00
21	11.80	17.05	19.45	23.50	26.00	32.40
22	12.25	17.75	20.30	24.50	27.15	33.70
23	12.65	18.45	21.10	25.45	28.25	35.05
24	13.05	19.15	21.95	26.45	29.35	36.35
25	13.50	19.85	22.75	27.50	30.55	37.80
26	13.90	20.50	23.55	28.50	31.65	39.10
27	14.30	21.25	24.35	29.50	32.80	40.45
28	14.70	21.95	25.20	30.45	33.90	41.75
29	15.15	22.60	26.00	31.45	35.05	43.05
30	15.55	23.30	26.85	32.50	36.15	44.40
31	15.95	24.05	27.60	33.50	37.30	45.70
32	16.40	24.70	28.45	34.50	38.40	47.10
33	16.80	25.40	29.25	35.50	39.55	48.40
34	17.20	26.05	30.10	36.45	40.65	49.70
35	17.65	26.80	30.90	37.50	41.75	51.05

Priority Mail Subclass (continued)

Current Rates

Proposed Rates

Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Zones L, 1, 2, and 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Zones L, 1, 2 and 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
36	16.20	25.00	28.80	35.00	39.00	47.60	36	18.05	27.50	31.70	38.50	42.90	52.35
37	16.60	25.65	29.55	35.90	40.00	48.80	37	18.45	28.20	32.50	39.50	44.00	53.70
38	16.90	26.25	30.30	36.85	41.05	50.05	38	18.85	28.90	33.35	40.55	45.15	55.05
39	17.30	26.90	31.05	37.75	42.05	51.25	39	19.30	29.60	34.15	41.55	46.25	56.40
40	17.70	27.55	31.80	38.65	43.10	52.45	40	19.70	30.30	35.00	42.50	47.40	57.70
41	18.00	28.15	32.50	39.55	44.10	53.65	41	20.10	30.95	35.75	43.50	48.50	59.00
42	18.40	28.80	33.25	40.45	45.15	54.85	42	20.55	31.70	36.60	44.50	49.65	60.35
43	18.80	29.45	34.00	41.40	46.15	56.10	43	20.95	32.40	37.40	45.55	50.75	61.70
44	19.15	30.05	34.75	42.30	47.20	57.35	44	21.35	33.05	38.25	46.55	51.90	63.10
45	19.50	30.70	35.50	43.20	48.20	58.55	45	21.80	33.75	39.05	47.50	53.00	64.40
46	19.85	31.35	36.20	44.10	49.20	59.75	46	22.20	34.50	39.80	48.50	54.10	65.75
47	20.25	31.95	36.95	45.05	50.25	60.95	47	22.60	35.15	40.65	49.55	55.30	67.05
48	20.60	32.60	37.70	45.95	51.25	62.15	48	23.00	35.85	41.45	50.55	56.40	68.35
49	20.95	33.25	38.45	46.85	52.30	63.35	49	23.45	36.60	42.30	51.55	57.55	69.70
50	21.35	33.85	39.20	47.75	53.30	64.55	50	23.85	37.25	43.10	52.55	58.65	71.00
51	21.70	34.50	39.90	48.65	54.25	65.80	51	24.25	37.95	43.90	53.50	59.70	72.40
52	22.05	35.15	40.65	49.60	55.30	67.00	52	24.70	38.65	44.70	54.55	60.85	73.70
53	22.45	35.75	41.40	50.50	56.25	68.20	53	25.10	39.35	45.55	55.55	61.90	75.00
54	22.80	36.40	42.15	51.40	57.25	69.40	54	25.50	40.05	46.35	56.55	63.00	76.35
55	23.15	37.05	42.90	52.30	58.20	70.60	55	25.95	40.75	47.20	57.55	64.00	77.65
56	23.55	37.65	43.60	53.25	59.20	71.80	56	26.35	41.40	47.95	58.60	65.10	79.00
57	23.90	38.30	44.35	54.15	60.20	73.05	57	26.75	42.15	48.80	59.55	66.20	80.35
58	24.25	38.95	45.10	55.05	61.15	74.25	58	27.15	42.85	49.60	60.55	67.25	81.70
59	24.65	39.55	45.85	55.95	62.20	75.45	59	27.60	43.50	50.45	61.55	68.40	83.00
60	25.00	40.20	46.60	56.90	63.15	76.65	60	28.00	44.20	51.25	62.60	69.45	84.30
61	25.35	40.85	47.30	57.80	64.15	77.90	61	28.40	44.95	52.05	63.60	70.55	85.70
62	25.75	41.45	48.05	58.70	65.10	79.10	62	28.85	45.60	52.85	64.55	71.60	87.00
63	26.10	42.10	48.80	59.60	66.10	80.35	63	29.25	46.30	53.70	65.55	72.70	88.40
64	26.50	42.75	49.55	60.55	67.10	81.55	64	29.65	47.05	54.50	66.60	73.80	89.70
65	26.85	43.35	50.25	61.45	68.05	82.75	65	30.10	47.70	55.30	67.60	74.85	91.05
66	27.20	44.00	51.00	62.35	69.10	83.95	66	30.50	48.40	56.10	68.60	76.00	92.35
67	27.60	44.65	51.75	63.25	70.05	85.15	67	30.90	49.10	56.95	69.60	77.05	93.65
68	27.95	45.25	52.50	64.15	71.00	86.35	68	31.35	49.80	57.75	70.55	78.10	95.00
69	28.30	45.90	53.25	65.10	72.05	87.55	69	31.75	50.50	58.60	71.60	79.25	96.30
70	28.70	46.55	53.95	66.00	73.00	88.80	70	32.15	51.20	59.35	72.60	80.30	97.70

Schedule 223 Notes

- 1 The 2-pound rate is charged for matter sent in a 'flat rate' envelope provided by the Postal Service.
- 2 Add [\$8.25] \$10.25 for each pickup stop.
- 3 EXCEPTION: Parcels that weigh less than 15 pounds but measure over 84 inches in length and girth combined, are charged with a minimum rate equal to that for a 15-pound parcel for the zone to which addressed.

Standard Mail
Rate Schedule [321.2A] 321A
Regular Subclass
Presort Category¹

	Current Rate (cents)	Proposed Rate (cents)
Letter Size		
Piece Rate		
Basic	23.5	24.2
3/5-Digit	20.7	22.5
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
 Non-Letter Size²		
Piece Rate		
Minimum per Piece ³		
Basic	30.4	31.1
3/5-Digit	24.0	25.8
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
Pound Rate ³	67.7	66.1
Plus per Piece Rate		
Basic	16.4	17.5
3/5-Digit	10.0	12.2
Destination Entry Discount per Pound		
BMC	7.9	8.3
SCF	10.0	10.8

Schedule [321.2A] 321A Notes

- 1 A fee of [~~\$100.00~~] \$125.00 must paid each 12-month period for each bulk mailing permit.
- 2 Residual shape pieces are subject to a surcharge of [~~\$0.10~~] \$0.18 per piece. For parcel barcode discount, deduct \$0.03 per piece.
- 3 Mailer pays either the minimum piece rate or the pound rate, whichever is higher.

Standard Mail

Rate Schedule [321.2B] 321B

Regular Subclass Automation Category¹

	Current Rate (cents)	Proposed Rate (cents)
Letter Size²		
Piece Rate		
Basic Letter ³	18.3	20.0
3-Digit Letter ⁴	17.6	19.3
5-Digit Letter ⁵	16.0	17.2
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
 Flat Size⁶		
Piece Rate		
Minimum per Piece ⁷		
Basic Flat ⁸	24.5	26.7
3/5-Digit Flat ⁹	20.3	23.1
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
Pound Rate ⁷	67.7	66.1
Plus per piece Rate		
Basic Flat	10.5	13.1
3/5-Digit Flat	6.3	9.5
Destination Entry Discount per Pound		
BMC	7.9	8.3
SCF	10.0	10.8

Schedule [321.2B] 321B Notes

- 1 A fee of [~~\$100.00~~] \$125.00 must be paid once each 12-month period for each bulk mailing permit.
- 2 For letter-size automation pieces meeting applicable Postal Service regulations.
- 3 Rate applies to letter-size automation mail not mailed at 3-digit, 5-digit, or carrier route rates.
- 4 Rate applies to letter-size automation mail presorted to single or multiple three-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 5 Rate applies to letter-size automation mail presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 6 For flat-size automation mail meeting applicable Postal Service regulations.
- 7 Mailer pays either the minimum piece rate or the pound rate, whichever is higher.
- 8 Rate applies to flat-size automation mail not mailed at 3/5-digit rate.
- 9 Rate applies to flat-size automation mail presorted to single or multiple three- and five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

Standard Mail

Rate Schedule [321.3] 322

Enhanced Carrier Route Subclass¹

	Current Rate (cents)	Proposed Rate (cents)
Letter Size		
Piece Rate		
Basic	16.2	17.5
Basic Automated Letter ²	15.6	16.3
High Density	13.9	15.2
Saturation	13.0	14.3
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
DDU	2.6	2.8
 Non-Letter Size³		
Piece Rate		
Minimum per Piece ⁴		
Basic	16.2	17.5
High Density	15.1	15.4
Saturation	14.0	14.8
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
DDU	2.6	2.8
Pound Rate ⁴	66.3	58.4
Plus per piece Rate		
Basic	2.5	5.5
High Density	1.4	3.4
Saturation	0.3	2.8
Destination Entry Discount per Pound		
BMC	7.9	8.3
SCF	10.0	10.8
DDU	12.6	13.4

Schedule [321.3] 322 Notes

- 1 A fee of [\$100.00] \$125.00 must be paid each 12-month period for each bulk mailing permit.
- 2 Rate applies to letter-size automation mail presorted to routes specified by the Postal Service.
- 3 Residual shape pieces are subject to a surcharge of [\$0.10] \$0.15 per piece.
- 4 Mailer pays either the minimum piece rate or the pound rate, whichever is higher.

Standard Mail

Rate Schedule [321.4A] 323A

Nonprofit Subclass Presort Category[ies]¹ [(Full Rates)]

	Current Rate (cents)	Proposed Rate (cents)
Letter Size		
Piece Rate		
Basic	16.9	15.9
3/5-Digit	14.2	15.0
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
 Non-Letter Size²		
Piece Rate		
Minimum per Piece ³		
Basic	23.3	21.9
3/5-Digit	16.5	17.5
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
Pound Rate ³	55.0	58.0
Plus per piece Rate		
Basic	12.0	9.9
3/5-Digit	5.2	5.5
Destination Entry Discount per Pound		
BMC	7.9	8.3
SCF	10.0	10.8

Schedule [321.4A] 323A Notes

- 1 A fee of [~~\$100.00~~] \$125.00 must be paid once each 12-month period for each bulk mailing permit.
- 2 Residual shape pieces are subject to a surcharge of [~~\$0.10~~] \$0.18 per piece. For parcel barcode discount, deduct \$0.03 per piece.
- 3 Mailer pays either the minimum piece rate or the pound rate, whichever is higher.

Standard Mail

Rate Schedule [321.4B] 323B

Nonprofit Subclass Automation Category[ies]¹ [(Full Rates)]

	Current Rate (cents)	Proposed Rate (cents)
Letter Size²		
Piece Rate		
Basic Letter ³	11.9	12.9
3-Digit Letter ⁴	11.4	12.2
5-Digit Letter ⁵	9.3	10.1
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
 Flat Size⁶		
Piece Rate		
Minimum per Piece ⁷		
Basic Flat ⁸	18.2	17.8
3/5-Digit Flat ⁹	14.4	15.8
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
Pound Rate ⁷	55.0	58.0
Plus per Piece Rate		
Basic Flat ⁸	6.9	5.8
3/5-Digit Flat ⁹	3.1	3.8
Destination Entry Discount per Pound		
BMC	7.9	8.3
SCF	10.0	10.8

Schedule [321.4B] 323B Notes

- 1 A fee of [~~\$100.00~~] \$125.00 must be paid once each 12-month period for each bulk mailing permit.
- 2 For letter-size automation pieces meeting applicable Postal Service regulations.
- 3 Rate applies to letter-size automation mail not mailed at 3-digit, 5-digit, or carrier route rates.
- 4 Rate applies to letter-size automation mail presorted to single or multiple three-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 5 Rate applies to letter-size automation mail presorted to single or multiple five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.
- 6 For flat-size automation mail meeting applicable Postal Service regulations.
- 7 Mailer pays either the minimum piece rate or the pound rate, whichever is higher.
- 8 Rate applies to flat-size automation mail not mailed at 3/5-digit rate.
- 9 Rate applies to flat-size automation mail presorted to single or multiple three- and five-digit ZIP Code destinations as specified by the Postal Service.

Standard Mail

Rate Schedule [321.5] 324

Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Subclass¹ [(Full Rates)]

	Current Rate (cents)	Proposed Rate (cents)
Letter Size		
Piece Rate		
Basic	9.9	11.3
Basic Automated Letter ²	9.2	10.0
High Density	7.8	9.0
Saturation	7.2	8.4
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
DDU	2.6	2.8
 Non-Letter Size³		
Piece Rate		
Minimum per Piece ⁴		
Basic	9.9	11.3
High Density	9.2	9.7
Saturation	8.4	9.2
Destination Entry Discount per Piece		
BMC	1.6	1.7
SCF	2.1	2.2
DDU	2.6	2.8
Pound Rate ⁴	29.0	37.0
Plus per Piece Rate		
Basic	3.9	3.7
High Density	3.2	2.1
Saturation	2.4	1.6
Destination Entry Discount per Pound		
BMC	7.9	8.3
SCF	10.0	10.8
DDU	12.6	13.4

Schedule [321.5] 324 Notes

- 1 A fee of [~~\$100.00~~] \$125.00 must be paid each 12-month period for each bulk mailing permit.
- 2 Rate applies to letter-size automation mail presorted to routes specified by the Postal Service.
- 3 Residual shape pieces are subject to a surcharge of [~~\$0.10~~] \$0.15 per piece.
- 4 Mailer pays either the minimum piece rate or the pound rate, whichever is higher.

Periodicals
Rate Schedule 421
[Regular] Outside County Subclass^{1, 2}

	Postage Rate Unit	Current Rate³ (cents)	Proposed Rate³ (cents)
Per Pound			
Nonadvertising Portion:	Pound	16.1	18.6
Advertising Portion: ¹¹			
Delivery Office ⁴	Pound	15.5	18.0
SCF ⁵	Pound	17.8	21.0
1&2	Pound	21.5	24.7
3	Pound	22.9	26.3
4	Pound	26.3	30.2
5	Pound	31.6	36.1
6	Pound	37.1	42.3
7	Pound	43.8	49.9
8	Pound	49.5	56.3
Science of Agriculture			
Delivery Office	Pound	11.6	13.5
SCF	Pound	13.3	15.8
Zones 1&2	Pound	16.1	18.6
Per Piece			
Less Nonadvertising Factor ⁶		5.9	6.6
Required Preparation ⁷	Piece	29.4	31.8
Presorted to 3-digit	Piece	25.3	27.4
Presorted to 5-digit	Piece	19.7	22.2
Presorted to Carrier Route	Piece	12.2	14.1
Discounts:			
Prepared to Delivery Office ⁴	Piece	1.3	2.1
Prepared to SCF ⁵	Piece	0.7	1.2
High Density ⁸	Piece	1.9	2.5
Saturation ⁹	Piece	3.7	4.3
Automation Discounts for Automation Compatible Mail ¹⁰			
From Required:			
Prebarcoded letter size	Piece	6.2	5.6
Prebarcoded flats	Piece	4.6	3.2
From 3-Digit:			
Prebarcoded letter size	Piece	4.7	4.5

Prebarcoded flats	Piece	3.9	2.7
From 5-Digit:			
Prebarcoded letter size	Piece	3.5	4.8
Prebarcoded flats	Piece	2.9	2.8

Schedule 421 Notes

- 1 [The rates in this schedule also apply to commingled nonsubscriber, non-requester, complimentary, and sample copies in excess of 10 percent allowance in regular-rate, nonprofit, and classroom periodicals.] The rates in this schedule also apply to Nonprofit (DMCS Section 422.2) and Classroom (DMCS Section 422.3) rate categories. These categories receive a 5 percent discount on all components of postage except advertising pounds. Moreover, the 5 percent discount does not apply to commingled nonsubscriber, nonrequester, complimentary, and sample copies in excess of the 10 percent allowance under DMCS sections 412.34 and 413.42, or to Science of Agriculture mail.
- 2 Rates do not apply to otherwise [regular rate] Outside County mail that qualifies for the Within County rates in Schedule 423[.2].
- 3 Charges are computed by adding the appropriate per-piece charge to the sum of the nonadvertising portion and the advertising portion, as applicable.
- 4 Applies to carrier route (including high density and saturation) mail delivered within the delivery area of the originating post office.
- 5 Applies to mail delivered within the SCF area of the originating SCF office.
- 6 For postage calculations, multiply the proportion of nonadvertising content by this factor and subtract from the applicable piece rate.
- 7 Mail not eligible for carrier-route, 5-digit or 3-digit rates.
- 8 Applicable to high density mail, deducted from carrier route presort rate.
- 9 Applicable to saturation mail, deducted from carrier route presort rate.
- 10 For automation compatible mail meeting applicable Postal Service regulations.
- 11 Not applicable to qualifying Nonprofit and Classroom publications containing 10 percent or less advertising content.

Periodicals
Rate Schedule 423[.2]
Within County
[(Full Rates)]

	Current Rate³ (cents)	Proposed Rate³ (cents)
Per Pound		
General	13.3	14.5
Delivery Office ¹	10.7	11.8
Per Piece		
Required Presort	9.5	9.9
Presorted to 3-digit	8.8	9.2
Presorted to 5-digit	8.0	8.4
Carrier Route Presort	4.3	4.8
Per Piece Discount		
Delivery Office ²	0.4	0.5
High Density (formerly 125 piece) ³	1.4	1.6
Saturation	1.8	2.1
Automation Discounts for Automation Compatible Mail ⁴		
From Required:		
Prebarcoded Letter size	4.9	5.0
Prebarcoded Flat size	3.0	2.7
From 3-digit:		
Prebarcoded Letter size	4.4	4.4
Prebarcoded Flat size	2.6	2.3
From 5-digit:		
Prebarcoded Letter size	3.9	3.9
Prebarcoded Flat size	2.2	2.0

Schedule 423[.2] Notes

- 1 Applicable only to carrier route (including high density and saturation) presorted pieces to be delivered within the delivery area of the originating post office.
- 2 Applicable only to carrier presorted pieces to be delivered within the delivery area of the originating post office.
- 3 Applicable to high density mail, deducted from carrier route presort rate. Mailers also may qualify for this discount on an alternative basis as provided in DMCS section 423.~~[8]~~43.
- 4 For automation compatible pieces meeting applicable Postal Service regulations.

[Periodicals]
[Rate Schedule 423.3]
[Publications of Authorized Nonprofit Organizations]

[Delete Rate Schedule 423.3; see Rate Schedule 421, note 1]

[Periodicals]
[Rate Schedule 423.4]
[Classroom Publications]

[Delete Rate Schedule 423.4; Rate Schedule 421, note 1]

[Standard Mail] Package Services

Rate Schedule [322.1A] 521.2A

Parcel Post Subclass

Inter-BMC Rates

(dollars)

Current							Proposed							
Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.15	2	\$3.47	\$3.47	\$3.47	\$3.47	\$3.47	\$3.47	\$3.47
3.59	3.90	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	3	3.95	4.29	4.68	4.68	4.68	4.68	4.68
3.73	4.16	4.91	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	4	4.10	4.58	5.40	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89
3.86	4.39	5.33	6.45	6.45	6.45	6.45	5	4.25	4.83	5.86	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10
3.99	4.62	5.71	7.10	7.40	7.60	8.15	6	4.39	5.08	6.28	7.81	8.14	8.36	8.97
4.11	4.82	6.07	7.72	8.35	8.75	9.85	7	4.52	5.30	6.68	8.49	9.19	9.63	10.84
4.24	5.01	6.38	8.26	9.30	9.90	11.55	8	4.66	5.51	7.02	9.09	10.23	10.89	12.71
4.33	5.19	6.71	8.76	10.25	11.05	13.25	9	4.76	5.71	7.38	9.64	11.20	12.16	14.58
4.45	5.36	6.99	9.23	10.92	12.20	14.95	10	4.90	5.90	7.69	10.15	12.01	13.42	16.45
4.54	5.53	7.27	9.66	11.47	13.30	16.10	11	4.99	6.08	8.00	10.63	12.62	14.63	17.71
4.64	5.68	7.53	10.06	11.97	14.30	17.35	12	5.10	6.25	8.28	11.07	13.17	15.73	19.09
4.73	5.81	7.77	10.44	12.44	15.17	18.65	13	5.20	6.39	8.55	11.48	13.68	16.69	20.52
4.82	5.97	8.01	10.80	12.89	15.74	19.90	14	5.30	6.57	8.81	11.88	14.18	17.31	21.89
4.90	6.10	8.24	11.13	13.31	16.28	21.15	15	5.39	6.71	9.06	12.24	14.64	17.91	23.27
4.98	6.23	8.45	11.45	13.70	16.77	21.85	16	5.48	6.85	9.30	12.60	15.07	18.45	24.04
5.07	6.34	8.66	11.74	14.08	17.25	22.49	17	5.58	6.97	9.53	12.91	15.49	18.98	24.74
5.14	6.46	8.85	12.02	14.42	17.69	23.10	18	5.65	7.11	9.74	13.22	15.86	19.46	25.41
5.23	6.58	9.04	12.29	14.76	18.12	23.67	19	5.75	7.24	9.94	13.52	16.24	19.93	26.04
5.29	6.68	9.20	12.54	15.07	18.52	24.21	20	5.82	7.35	10.12	13.79	16.58	20.37	26.63
5.36	6.80	9.37	12.79	15.38	18.90	24.72	21	5.90	7.48	10.31	14.07	16.92	20.79	27.19
5.43	6.89	9.54	13.02	15.66	19.26	25.21	22	5.97	7.58	10.49	14.32	17.23	21.19	27.73
5.50	7.01	9.71	13.23	15.93	19.60	25.67	23	6.05	7.71	10.68	14.55	17.52	21.56	28.24
5.55	7.10	9.85	13.45	16.19	19.94	26.12	24	6.11	7.81	10.84	14.80	17.81	21.93	28.73
5.62	7.19	10.01	13.64	16.44	20.24	26.54	25	6.18	7.91	11.01	15.00	18.08	22.26	29.19
5.68	7.28	10.15	13.84	16.68	20.54	26.93	26	6.25	8.01	11.17	15.22	18.35	22.59	29.62
5.75	7.37	10.28	14.02	16.90	20.82	27.32	27	6.33	8.11	11.31	15.42	18.59	22.90	30.05
5.80	7.46	10.43	14.20	17.12	21.09	27.68	28	6.38	8.21	11.47	15.62	18.83	23.20	30.45
5.86	7.55	10.56	14.36	17.33	21.35	28.04	29	6.45	8.31	11.62	15.80	19.06	23.49	30.84
5.92	7.63	10.67	14.52	17.52	21.60	28.36	30	6.51	8.39	11.74	15.97	19.27	23.76	31.20
5.98	7.70	10.80	14.67	17.72	21.85	28.68	31	6.58	8.47	11.88	16.14	19.49	24.04	31.55
6.03	7.79	10.92	14.82	17.90	22.08	28.99	32	6.63	8.57	12.01	16.30	19.69	24.29	31.89
6.08	7.87	11.04	14.97	18.07	22.30	29.28	33	6.69	8.66	12.14	16.47	19.88	24.53	32.21
6.14	7.93	11.14	15.11	18.24	22.51	29.56	34	6.75	8.72	12.25	16.62	20.06	24.76	32.52
6.19	8.01	11.26	15.24	18.40	22.71	29.83	35	6.81	8.81	12.39	16.76	20.24	24.98	32.81

**Parcel Post Subclass
Inter-BMC Rates (continued)**

Current							Proposed							
Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
6.24	8.07	1.38	15.37	18.56	22.90	30.09	36	6.86	8.88	12.52	16.91	20.42	25.19	33.10
6.29	8.14	11.47	15.50	18.71	23.10	30.34	37	6.92	8.95	12.62	17.05	20.58	25.41	33.37
6.34	8.22	11.58	15.61	18.85	23.27	30.58	38	6.97	9.04	12.74	17.17	20.74	25.60	33.64
6.40	8.28	11.67	15.72	18.99	23.44	30.81	39	7.04	9.11	12.84	17.29	20.89	25.78	33.89
6.44	8.35	11.77	15.84	19.13	23.62	31.02	40	7.08	9.19	12.95	17.42	21.04	25.96	34.12
6.50	8.42	11.86	15.95	19.26	23.78	31.24	41	7.15	9.26	13.05	17.55	21.19	26.16	34.36
6.54	8.48	11.95	16.05	19.38	23.93	31.45	42	7.19	9.33	13.15	17.66	21.32	26.32	34.60
6.58	8.54	12.05	16.15	19.51	24.08	31.64	43	7.24	9.39	13.26	17.77	21.46	26.49	34.80
6.63	8.59	12.13	16.24	19.62	24.22	31.84	44	7.29	9.45	13.34	17.86	21.58	26.64	35.02
6.67	8.66	12.22	16.34	19.74	24.36	32.02	45	7.34	9.53	13.44	17.97	21.71	26.80	35.22
6.72	8.72	12.30	16.44	19.85	24.50	32.19	46	7.39	9.59	13.53	18.08	21.84	26.95	35.41
6.77	8.78	12.38	16.52	19.96	24.63	32.37	47	7.45	9.66	13.62	18.17	21.96	27.09	35.61
6.81	8.84	12.47	16.61	20.05	24.75	32.53	48	7.49	9.72	13.72	18.22	22.06	27.23	35.78
6.85	8.89	12.55	16.69	20.16	24.88	32.68	49	7.54	9.78	13.81	18.36	22.18	27.37	35.95
6.89	8.94	12.61	16.77	20.26	25.00	32.84	50	7.58	9.83	13.87	18.45	22.29	27.50	36.12
6.94	9.00	12.70	16.85	20.35	25.11	32.98	51	7.63	9.90	13.97	18.54	22.39	27.62	36.28
6.98	9.06	12.77	16.93	20.44	25.22	33.12	52	7.68	9.97	14.05	18.62	22.48	27.74	36.43
7.02	9.11	12.83	17.00	20.53	25.33	33.27	53	7.72	10.02	14.11	18.70	22.58	27.86	36.60
7.06	9.17	12.91	17.08	20.62	25.44	33.40	54	7.77	10.09	14.20	18.79	22.68	27.98	36.74
7.10	9.20	12.99	17.14	20.69	25.53	33.53	55	7.81	10.12	14.29	18.85	22.76	28.08	36.88
7.15	9.27	13.05	17.22	20.78	25.63	33.66	56	7.87	10.20	14.36	18.94	22.86	28.19	37.03
7.19	9.23	13.12	17.28	20.86	25.73	33.77	57	7.91	10.25	14.43	19.01	22.95	28.30	37.15
7.23	9.36	13.18	17.35	20.93	25.82	33.89	58	7.95	10.30	14.50	19.09	23.02	28.40	37.28
7.27	9.41	13.25	17.41	21.01	25.90	34.00	59	8.00	10.35	14.58	19.15	23.11	28.49	37.40
7.31	9.46	13.33	17.47	21.07	25.99	34.12	60	8.04	10.41	14.66	19.22	23.18	28.59	37.53
7.36	9.52	13.38	17.53	21.15	26.08	34.27	61	8.10	10.47	14.72	19.28	23.27	28.69	37.70
7.40	9.56	13.44	17.59	21.21	26.15	34.41	62	8.14	10.52	14.78	19.35	23.33	28.77	37.85
7.42	9.61	13.51	17.64	21.28	26.23	34.55	63	8.16	10.57	14.86	19.40	23.41	28.85	38.01
7.46	9.65	13.57	17.69	21.34	26.30	34.68	64	8.21	10.62	14.93	19.46	23.47	28.93	38.15
7.50	9.70	13.62	17.75	21.41	26.38	34.81	65	8.25	10.67	14.98	19.53	23.55	29.02	38.29
7.55	9.75	13.68	17.80	21.46	26.45	34.93	66	8.31	10.73	15.05	19.58	23.61	29.10	38.42
7.59	9.79	13.74	17.86	21.53	26.52	35.06	67	8.35	10.77	15.11	19.65	23.68	29.17	38.57
7.62	9.83	13.81	17.91	21.58	26.59	35.19	68	8.38	10.81	15.19	19.70	23.74	29.25	38.71
7.66	9.87	13.86	17.95	21.64	26.66	35.29	69	8.43	10.86	15.25	19.75	23.80	29.33	38.82
7.70	9.93	13.92	18.01	21.69	26.72	35.42	70	8.47	10.92	15.31	19.81	23.86	29.39	38.96
34.07	38.18	44.22	53.79	65.11	80.53	106.01	Oversized Parcels¹	34.75	38.94	45.10	54.87	66.41	82.14	108.1

Schedule [322.1A] 521.2A Notes

- 1 For nonmachinable Inter-BMC parcels, add [~~\$1.69~~] \$1.79 per piece.
- 2 For each pickup stop, add [~~\$8.25~~] \$10.25.
- 3 For Origin Bulk Mail Center Discount, deduct [~~\$0.57~~] \$0.93 per piece.
- 4 For BMC Presort, deduct [~~\$0.22~~] \$0.23 per piece.
- 5 For Barcode[d] Discount, deduct \$0.03 per piece.
- 6 See DMCS section [322.161]521.61 for oversize Parcel Post.
- 7 Parcel Post pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined and weighing less than 15 pounds are subject to a rate equal to that for a 15 pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

[Standard Mail] Package Services

Rate Schedule [322.1B] 521.2B

Parcel Post Subclass

Intra-BMC Rates

(dollars)

Current						Proposed					
Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Local	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Local	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
2	\$2.67	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	2	\$2.82	\$3.08	\$3.08	\$3.08	\$3.08
3	2.87	3.17	3.26	3.27	3.29	3	3.04	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49
4	3.04	3.32	3.57	3.58	4.14	4	3.25	3.65	3.85	3.85	4.10
5	3.19	3.45	3.85	3.88	4.63	5	3.44	3.80	4.19	4.19	4.58
6	3.28	3.58	4.13	4.15	5.08	6	3.61	3.94	4.50	4.50	5.03
7	3.35	3.69	4.37	4.40	5.50	7	3.69	4.06	4.79	4.79	5.45
8	3.43	3.82	4.59	4.63	5.90	8	3.77	4.20	5.05	5.07	5.84
9	3.50	3.91	4.77	4.86	6.27	9	3.85	4.30	5.25	5.32	6.21
10	3.58	4.03	5.01	5.08	6.62	10	3.94	4.43	5.51	5.56	6.55
11	3.64	4.12	5.18	5.27	6.94	11	4.00	4.53	5.70	5.79	6.87
12	3.71	4.23	5.33	5.47	7.26	12	4.08	4.65	5.86	6.00	7.19
13	3.78	4.32	5.46	5.65	7.54	13	4.16	4.75	6.01	6.20	7.46
14	3.84	4.41	5.55	5.83	7.82	14	4.22	4.85	6.11	6.40	7.74
15	3.90	4.49	5.68	5.99	8.08	15	4.29	4.94	6.25	6.58	8.00
16	3.97	4.56	5.81	6.15	8.33	16	4.37	5.02	6.39	6.75	8.25
17	4.02	4.65	5.93	6.31	8.56	17	4.42	5.12	6.52	6.92	8.47
18	4.07	4.72	6.05	6.45	8.80	18	4.48	5.19	6.66	7.08	8.71
19	4.12	4.81	6.16	6.59	9.01	19	4.53	5.29	6.78	7.23	8.92
20	4.19	4.88	6.27	6.74	9.21	20	4.61	5.37	6.90	7.37	9.12
21	4.23	4.94	6.38	6.87	9.41	21	4.65	5.43	7.02	7.51	9.32
22	4.28	5.02	6.47	7.00	9.60	22	4.71	5.52	7.12	7.64	9.50
23	4.33	5.08	6.59	7.13	9.79	23	4.76	5.59	7.25	7.77	9.69
24	4.38	5.14	6.68	7.24	9.96	24	4.82	5.65	7.35	7.90	9.86
25	4.43	5.20	6.77	7.36	10.13	25	4.87	5.72	7.45	8.02	10.03
26	4.47	5.27	6.86	7.47	10.29	26	4.92	5.80	7.55	8.13	10.19
27	4.52	5.33	6.96	7.58	10.44	27	4.97	5.86	7.66	8.24	10.34
28	4.56	5.38	7.05	7.69	10.59	28	5.02	5.92	7.76	8.35	10.48
29	4.62	5.45	7.14	7.80	10.74	29	5.08	6.00	7.85	8.45	10.63
30	4.67	5.50	7.22	7.89	10.89	30	5.14	6.05	7.94	8.55	10.78
31	4.71	5.56	7.28	7.99	11.02	31	5.18	6.12	8.01	8.65	10.91
32	4.75	5.62	7.37	8.09	11.15	32	5.23	6.18	8.11	8.74	11.04
33	4.80	5.67	7.45	8.19	11.29	33	5.28	6.24	8.20	8.84	11.18
34	4.84	5.72	7.51	8.27	11.40	34	5.32	6.29	8.26	8.92	11.29
35	4.88	5.77	7.59	8.37	11.52	35	5.37	6.35	8.35	9.01	11.40

**Parcel Post Subclass
Intra-BMC Rates (Continued)**

Current						Proposed					
Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Local	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Local	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
36	4.91	5.82	7.66	8.46	11.65	36	5.40	6.40	8.43	9.10	11.53
37	4.95	5.88	7.72	8.54	11.76	37	5.45	6.47	8.49	9.18	11.64
38	4.99	5.93	7.80	8.62	11.87	38	5.49	6.52	8.58	9.26	11.75
39	5.04	5.98	7.87	8.71	11.97	39	5.54	6.58	8.66	9.33	11.85
40	5.08	6.02	7.93	8.78	12.08	40	5.59	6.62	8.72	9.41	11.96
41	5.12	6.08	8.01	8.87	12.18	41	5.63	6.69	8.81	9.48	12.06
42	5.16	6.12	8.06	8.94	12.27	42	5.68	6.73	8.87	9.55	12.15
43	5.20	6.16	8.13	9.02	12.38	43	5.72	6.78	8.94	9.62	12.26
44	5.25	6.21	8.18	9.10	12.46	44	5.78	6.83	9.00	9.69	12.34
45	5.28	6.25	8.24	9.16	12.56	45	5.81	6.88	9.06	9.76	12.43
46	5.32	6.31	8.31	9.24	12.64	46	5.85	6.94	9.14	9.82	12.51
47	5.36	6.36	8.36	9.30	12.73	47	5.90	7.00	9.20	9.89	12.60
48	5.40	6.40	8.42	9.38	12.83	48	5.94	7.04	9.26	9.95	12.70
49	5.43	6.44	8.48	9.44	12.90	49	5.97	7.08	9.33	10.01	12.77
50	5.47	6.47	8.53	9.51	12.99	50	6.02	7.12	9.38	10.07	12.86
51	5.51	6.53	8.58	9.57	13.06	51	6.06	7.18	9.44	10.13	12.93
52	5.54	6.57	8.65	9.64	13.14	52	6.09	7.23	9.52	10.18	13.01
53	5.58	6.60	8.70	9.70	13.21	53	6.14	7.26	9.57	10.24	13.08
54	5.62	6.64	8.75	9.76	13.29	54	6.18	7.30	9.63	10.30	13.16
55	5.66	6.68	8.79	9.82	13.36	55	6.23	7.35	9.67	10.35	13.23
56	5.69	6.73	8.85	9.89	13.42	56	6.26	7.40	9.74	10.41	13.29
57	5.72	6.77	8.91	9.94	13.50	57	6.29	7.45	9.80	10.46	13.37
58	5.76	6.81	8.94	9.99	13.57	58	6.34	7.49	9.83	10.51	13.43
59	5.80	6.85	9.00	10.06	13.63	59	6.38	7.54	9.90	10.56	13.49
60	5.82	6.89	9.05	10.11	13.70	60	6.40	7.58	9.96	10.61	13.56
61	5.88	6.94	9.10	10.17	13.77	61	6.47	7.63	10.01	10.66	13.63
62	5.90	6.98	9.14	10.22	13.82	62	6.49	7.68	10.05	10.71	13.68
63	5.94	7.01	9.19	10.28	13.88	63	6.53	7.71	10.11	10.75	13.74
64	5.97	7.05	9.23	10.33	13.95	64	6.57	7.76	10.15	10.80	13.81
65	6.01	7.09	9.28	10.38	14.00	65	6.61	7.80	10.21	10.84	13.86
66	6.03	7.14	9.33	10.44	14.07	66	6.63	7.85	10.26	10.89	13.93
67	6.08	7.18	9.37	10.49	14.12	67	6.69	7.90	10.31	10.93	13.98
68	6.11	7.20	9.41	10.54	14.17	68	6.72	7.92	10.35	10.98	14.03
69	6.15	7.24	9.45	10.59	14.23	69	6.77	7.96	10.40	11.02	14.09
70	6.18	7.28	9.52	10.64	14.28	70	6.80	8.01	10.47	11.06	14.14
Oversized ³	19.43	28.42	28.42	28.42	28.42	Oversized ³	19.82	28.99	28.99	28.99	28.99

Schedule [322.1B] 521.2B Notes

- 1 For each pickup stop, add: [~~\$8.25~~] \$10.25.
- 2 For Barcode[d] Discount, deduct \$0.03 per piece.
- 3 See DMCS section [322.161]521.61 for oversize Parcel Post.
- 4 Parcel Post pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined and weighing less than 15 pounds are subject to a rate equal to that for a 15 pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.
- 5 For nonmachinable intra-BMC parcels, add \$0.40 per piece.

[Standard Mail] Package Services

Rate Schedule [322.1C] 521.2C

Parcel Post Subclass

Parcel Select - Destination BMC Rates

(dollars)

Current					Proposed				
Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Zones 1&2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
2	\$2.23	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	2	\$2.22	\$2.40	\$2.58	\$2.59
3	2.40	2.86	2.87	2.89	3	2.39	2.85	3.03	3.12
4	2.58	3.17	3.18	3.94	4	2.57	3.15	3.43	4.26
5	2.74	3.45	3.48	4.40	5	2.73	3.43	3.76	4.75
6	2.88	3.73	3.75	4.83	6	2.84	3.68	4.05	5.22
7	3.02	3.97	4.00	5.22	7	3.00	3.95	4.32	5.64
8	3.15	4.19	4.23	5.60	8	3.15	4.22	4.57	6.05
9	3.28	4.37	4.46	5.95	9	3.29	4.47	4.82	6.43
10	3.40	4.51	4.68	6.29	10	3.43	4.71	5.05	6.79
11	3.51	4.67	4.87	6.59	11	3.57	4.94	5.26	7.12
12	3.62	4.81	5.07	6.89	12	3.70	5.17	5.48	7.44
13	3.73	4.93	5.25	7.16	13	3.82	5.32	5.67	7.73
14	3.82	5.08	5.43	7.42	14	3.94	5.49	5.87	8.01
15	3.91	5.20	5.59	7.67	15	4.06	5.62	6.04	8.28
16	4.01	5.32	5.75	7.91	16	4.18	5.75	6.21	8.54
17	4.09	5.43	5.91	8.13	17	4.29	5.86	6.38	8.78
18	4.18	5.54	6.05	8.35	18	4.40	5.98	6.53	9.02
19	4.26	5.64	6.19	8.55	19	4.50	6.09	6.69	9.23
20	4.34	5.75	6.34	8.74	20	4.61	6.21	6.85	9.44
21	4.42	5.85	6.47	8.94	21	4.71	6.32	6.99	9.66
22	4.49	5.94	6.60	9.12	22	4.81	6.42	7.13	9.85
23	4.56	6.05	6.73	9.30	23	4.90	6.53	7.27	10.04
24	4.63	6.14	6.84	9.46	24	5.00	6.63	7.39	10.22
25	4.70	6.21	6.96	9.62	25	5.08	6.71	7.52	10.39
26	4.76	6.31	7.07	9.78	26	5.14	6.81	7.64	10.56
27	4.83	6.38	7.18	9.92	27	5.22	6.89	7.75	10.71
28	4.98	6.47	7.29	10.07	28	5.28	6.99	7.87	10.88
29	4.96	6.57	7.40	10.21	29	5.36	7.10	7.99	11.03
30	5.01	6.63	7.49	10.35	30	5.41	7.16	8.09	11.18
31	5.08	6.70	7.59	10.48	31	5.49	7.24	8.20	11.32
32	5.13	6.79	7.69	10.61	32	5.54	7.33	8.31	11.46
33	5.19	6.85	7.79	10.73	33	5.61	7.40	8.41	11.59
34	5.25	6.92	7.87	10.84	34	5.67	7.47	8.50	11.71
35	5.31	6.99	7.97	10.96	35	5.73	7.55	8.61	11.84

Destination BMC Rates (Continued)

Current					Proposed				
Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Zones 1&2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
36	5.36	7.05	8.06	11.08	36	5.79	7.61	8.70	11.97
37	5.40	7.11	8.14	11.19	37	5.83	7.68	8.79	12.09
38	5.46	7.19	8.22	11.29	38	5.90	7.77	8.88	12.19
39	5.51	7.24	8.31	11.39	39	5.95	7.82	8.97	12.30
40	5.56	7.31	8.38	11.50	40	6.00	7.89	9.05	12.42
41	5.61	7.38	8.47	11.59	41	6.06	7.97	9.15	12.52
42	5.65	7.44	8.54	11.68	42	6.10	8.04	9.22	12.61
43	5.71	7.49	8.62	11.79	43	6.17	8.09	9.31	12.73
44	5.75	7.54	8.70	11.87	44	6.21	8.14	9.40	12.82
45	5.79	7.61	8.76	11.96	45	6.25	8.22	9.46	12.92
46	5.85	7.67	8.84	12.04	46	6.32	8.28	9.55	13.00
47	5.89	7.72	8.90	12.13	47	6.36	8.34	9.61	13.10
48	5.93	7.77	8.98	12.22	48	6.40	8.39	9.70	13.20
49	5.98	7.83	9.04	12.29	49	6.46	8.46	9.76	13.27
50	6.02	7.88	9.11	12.36	50	6.50	8.51	9.84	13.37
51	6.06	7.93	9.17	12.45	51	6.54	8.56	9.90	13.45
52	6.11	8.00	9.24	12.52	52	6.60	8.64	9.98	13.52
53	6.14	8.05	9.30	12.60	53	6.63	8.69	10.04	13.61
54	6.18	8.09	9.36	12.67	54	6.67	8.74	10.11	13.68
55	6.23	8.13	9.42	12.74	55	6.73	8.78	10.17	13.76
56	6.27	8.19	9.49	12.80	56	6.77	8.85	10.25	13.82
57	6.30	8.24	9.54	12.88	57	6.80	8.90	10.30	13.91
58	6.35	8.28	9.59	12.94	58	6.86	8.94	10.36	13.98
59	6.38	8.33	9.66	13.01	59	6.89	9.00	10.43	14.05
60	6.42	8.39	9.71	13.07	60	6.93	9.06	10.49	14.12
61	6.46	8.42	9.77	13.14	61	6.98	9.09	10.55	14.19
62	6.50	8.46	9.82	13.19	62	7.02	9.14	10.61	14.25
63	6.53	8.52	9.88	13.25	63	7.05	9.20	10.67	14.31
64	6.57	8.55	9.93	13.31	64	7.10	9.23	10.72	14.37
65	6.61	8.61	9.98	13.37	65	7.14	9.30	10.78	14.44
66	6.65	8.66	10.04	13.43	66	7.18	9.35	10.84	14.50
67	6.68	8.70	10.09	13.48	67	7.21	9.40	10.90	14.56
68	6.71	8.74	10.14	13.54	68	7.25	9.44	10.95	14.62
69	6.75	8.76	10.19	13.59	69	7.29	9.46	11.01	14.68
70	6.79	8.83	10.24	13.64	70	7.33	9.54	11.06	14.73
Oversized ²	15.43	22.73	28.00	28.00	Oversized ²	16.66	24.55	30.24	30.24

Schedule [322.1C] 521.2C Notes

- 1 For Barcode[d] Discount, deduct \$0.03 per piece.
- 2 See DMCS section [322.161]521.61 for oversize Parcel Post.
- 3 Parcel Post pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined and weighing less than 15 pounds are subject to a rate equal to that for a 15 pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.
- 4 A fee of [\$100.00] \$125.00 must be paid each year for [DBMC, DSCF, and DDU] Parcel Select.
- 5 For nonmachinable DBMC parcels, add \$0.45 per piece.

[Standard Mail] Package Services

Rate Schedule [322.1D] 521.2D

Parcel Post Subclass

Parcel Select - Destination SCF Rates

(dollars)

Current				Proposed			
Weight Not Over (Pounds)	DSCF	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	DSCF	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	DSCF	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	DSCF
2	\$1.67	36	\$3.94	2	\$1.67	36	\$3.94
3	1.78	37	3.91	3	1.78	37	3.91
4	1.91	38	3.95	4	1.91	38	3.95
5	2.02	39	4.00	5	2.02	39	4.00
6	2.12	40	4.10	6	2.12	40	4.10
7	2.21	41	4.09	7	2.21	41	4.09
8	2.30	42	4.13	8	2.30	42	4.13
9	2.40	43	4.18	9	2.40	43	4.18
10	2.48	44	4.26	10	2.48	44	4.26
11	2.56	45	4.29	11	2.56	45	4.29
12	2.64	46	4.34	12	2.64	46	4.34
13	2.72	47	4.37	13	2.72	47	4.37
14	2.78	48	4.40	14	2.78	48	4.40
15	2.84	49	4.45	15	2.84	49	4.45
16	2.92	50	4.48	16	2.92	50	4.48
17	2.98	51	4.51	17	2.98	51	4.51
18	3.04	52	4.55	18	3.04	52	4.55
19	3.10	53	4.58	19	3.10	53	4.58
20	3.16	54	4.61	20	3.16	54	4.61
21	3.22	55	4.65	21	3.22	55	4.65
22	3.27	56	4.69	22	3.27	56	4.69
23	3.32	57	4.71	23	3.32	57	4.71
24	3.38	58	4.76	24	3.38	58	4.76
25	3.43	59	4.78	25	3.43	59	4.78
26	3.47	60	4.82	26	3.47	60	4.82
27	3.53	61	4.85	27	3.53	61	4.85
28	3.57	62	4.88	28	3.57	62	4.88
29	3.63	63	4.91	29	3.63	63	4.91
30	3.94	64	4.94	30	3.94	64	4.94
31	3.72	65	5.05	31	3.72	65	5.05
32	3.76	66	5.08	32	3.76	66	5.08
33	3.81	67	5.12	33	3.81	67	5.12
34	3.86	68	5.15	34	3.86	68	5.15
35	3.90	69	5.19	35	3.90	69	5.19
		70	5.22			70	5.22
		Oversize ¹	12.14			Oversize ¹	12.14

Schedule [322.1D] 521.2D Notes

- 1 See DMCS section [322.161]521.61 for oversize Parcel Post.
- 2 Parcel Post pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined and weighing less than 15 pounds are subject to a rate equal to that for a 15 pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.
- 3 A fee of [\$100.00] \$125.00 must be paid each year for [DBMC, DSCF, and DDU] Parcel Select.

[Standard Mail] Package Services

Rate Schedule [322.1E] 521.2E

Parcel Post Subclass

Parcel Select - Destination Delivery Unit Rates

(dollars)

Current				Proposed			
Weight Not Over (Pounds)	DDU	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	DDU	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	DDU	Weight Not Over (Pounds)	DDU
2	\$1.21	36	\$2.46	2	\$1.21	36	\$2.46
3	1.26	37	2.47	3	1.26	37	2.47
4	1.32	38	2.51	4	1.32	38	2.51
5	1.37	39	2.54	5	1.37	39	2.54
6	1.41	40	2.57	6	1.41	40	2.57
7	1.45	41	2.60	7	1.45	41	2.60
8	1.50	42	2.65	8	1.50	42	2.65
9	1.55	43	2.67	9	1.55	43	2.67
10	1.59	44	2.67	10	1.59	44	2.67
11	1.63	45	2.70	11	1.63	45	2.70
12	1.67	46	2.74	12	1.67	46	2.74
13	1.72	47	2.77	13	1.72	47	2.77
14	1.74	48	2.79	14	1.74	48	2.79
15	1.78	49	2.82	15	1.78	49	2.82
16	1.82	50	2.84	16	1.82	50	2.84
17	1.85	51	2.87	17	1.85	51	2.87
18	1.90	52	2.90	18	1.90	52	2.90
19	1.92	53	2.92	19	1.92	53	2.92
20	1.96	54	2.94	20	1.96	54	2.94
21	1.99	55	2.98	21	1.99	55	2.98
22	2.02	56	3.01	22	2.02	56	3.01
23	2.06	57	3.03	23	2.06	57	3.03
24	2.08	58	3.07	24	2.08	58	3.07
25	2.12	59	3.07	25	2.12	59	3.07
26	2.15	60	3.10	26	2.15	60	3.10
27	2.19	61	3.13	27	2.19	61	3.13
28	2.21	62	3.16	28	2.21	62	3.16
29	2.25	63	3.18	29	2.25	63	3.18
30	2.27	64	3.21	30	2.27	64	3.21
31	2.31	65	3.24	31	2.31	65	3.24
32	2.33	66	3.27	32	2.33	66	3.27
33	2.36	67	3.29	33	2.36	67	3.29
34	2.40	68	3.31	34	2.40	68	3.31
35	2.43	69	3.34	35	2.43	69	3.34
		70	3.38			70	3.38
		Oversize ¹	8.69			Oversize ¹	8.69

Schedule [322.1E] 521.2E Notes

- 1 See DMCS section [322.161]521.61 for oversize Parcel Post.
- 2 Parcel Post pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined and weighing less than 15 pounds are subject to a rate equal to that for a 15 pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.
- 3 A fee of [\$100.00] \$125.00 must be paid each year for [DBMC, DSCF, and DDU] Parcel Select.

[Standard Mail] Package Services

Rate Schedule [322.3A] 522A Bound Printed Matter Subclass Single Piece Rates^{1,2} (dollars)

Proposed

Weight Not Over (Pounds)	Local	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
1.5	N/A	1.70	1.75	1.82	1.93	2.03	2.17	2.27
2	N/A	1.74	1.80	1.90	2.04	2.18	2.36	2.50
2.5	N/A	1.78	1.86	1.98	2.16	2.33	2.56	2.73
3	N/A	1.82	1.91	2.06	2.27	2.48	2.75	2.96
3.5	N/A	1.86	1.97	2.14	2.39	2.63	2.95	3.19
4	N/A	1.90	2.02	2.22	2.50	2.78	3.14	3.42
4.5	N/A	1.94	2.08	2.30	2.62	2.93	3.34	3.65
5	N/A	1.98	2.13	2.38	2.73	3.08	3.53	3.88
6	N/A	2.06	2.24	2.54	2.96	3.38	3.92	4.34
7	N/A	2.14	2.35	2.70	3.19	3.68	4.31	4.80
8	N/A	2.22	2.46	2.86	3.42	3.98	4.70	5.26
9	N/A	2.30	2.57	3.02	3.65	4.28	5.09	5.72
10	N/A	2.38	2.68	3.18	3.88	4.58	5.48	6.18
11	N/A	2.46	2.79	3.34	4.11	4.88	5.87	6.64
12	N/A	2.54	2.90	3.50	4.34	5.18	6.26	7.10
13	N/A	2.62	3.01	3.66	4.57	5.48	6.65	7.56
14	N/A	2.70	3.12	3.82	4.80	5.78	7.04	8.02
15	N/A	2.78	3.23	3.98	5.03	6.08	7.43	8.48

Schedule [322.3A] 522A Notes

- 1 Includes both catalogs and similar Bound Printed Matter.
- 2 For barcode[d] discount, deduct \$0.03 per piece.

[Standard Mail] Package Services

Rate Schedule [322.3B] 522B

Bound Printed Matter Subclass

[Bulk] Basic Presort and Carrier Route Presort Rates¹

(dollars)

Current				Proposed			
Zone		Per Piece	Per Pound	Zone		Per Piece	Per Pound
		[Per Piece]	Carrier Route ²			[Per Piece]	Carrier Route ²
		Basic ³				Basic ³	
Local		\$0.54	\$0.463	Local		N/A	N/A
1 & 2		0.72	0.643	1 & 2		\$0.905	\$0.828
3		0.72	0.643	3		0.905	0.828
4		0.72	0.643	4		0.905	0.828
5		0.72	0.643	5		0.905	0.828
6		0.72	0.643	6		0.905	0.828
7		0.72	0.643	7		0.905	0.828
8		0.72	0.643	8		0.905	0.828

Schedule [322.3B] 522B Notes

- 1 Includes both catalogs and similar bound printed matter.
- 2 Applies to mailings of at least 300 pieces presorted to carrier route as specified by the Postal Service.
- 3 For barcode[d] discount, deduct \$0.03 per piece.

Package Services

Rate Schedule 522C

Bound Printed Matter Subclass

Destination Entry Basic Presort¹

Proposed

	DBMC Zones 1 & 2	DBMC Zone 3	DBMC Zone 4	DBMC Zone 5	DSCF	DDU
Per Piece	\$0.843	\$0.843	\$0.843	\$0.843	\$0.659	\$0.608
Per Pound	0.060	0.086	0.132	0.201	0.035	0.033

Schedule 522C Notes

1. For barcode discount, deduct \$0.03 per piece. Barcode discount is not available for DDU and DSCF rates and DBMC mail entered at an ASF (except Phoenix, Arizona ASF).

Package Services

Rate Schedule 522D

Bound Printed Matter Subclass

Destination Entry Carrier Route Presort

Proposed

	DBMC Zones 1 & 2	DBMC Zone 3	DBMC Zone 4	DBMC Zone 5	DSCF	DDU
Per Piece	\$0.766	\$0.766	\$0.766	\$0.766	\$0.582	\$0.531
Per Pound	0.060	0.086	0.132	0.201	0.035	0.033

[Standard Mail] Package Services

Rate Schedule[s] **323.1 and 323.2] 523**

[Special and Library Rate] Media Mail Subclass[es]

[Schedule 323.1: Special]

		Current Rates (cents)	Proposed Rates (cents)
First Pound	Not Presorted ⁴	113	121
	Level A Presort (5-digits) ^{1,2}	64	68
	Level B Presort (BMC) ^{1,3,4}	95	99
Each additional pound through 7 pounds		45	45
Each additional pound over 7 pounds		28	30

Schedule [323.1] **523**

- 1 A fee of [\$100.00] \$125.00 must be paid once each 12-month period for each permit.
- 2 For mailings of 500 pieces properly prepared and presorted to five-digit destination ZIP Codes.
- 3 For mailings of 500 or more pieces properly prepared and presorted to Bulk Mail Centers.
- 4 For Barcode[d] Discount, deduct \$0.03.

[Standard Mail] Package Services

Rate Schedule[s 323.1 and 323.2] 524

[Special and] Library Mail [Rate] Subclass[es]

[Schedule 323.2: Library]

		Current Rates (cents)	Proposed Rates (cents)
First Pound	Not Presorted ⁴	113	120
	Level A Presort (5-digits) ^{1,2}	64	67
	Level B Presort (BMC) ^{1,3,4}	95	98
Each additional pound through 7 pounds		45	45
Each additional pound over 7 pounds		28	30

Schedule [323.2] 524 Notes

- 1 A fee of [\$100.00] \$125.00 must be paid once each 12-month period for each permit.
- 2 For mailings of 500 pieces properly prepared and presorted to five-digit destination ZIP Codes.
- 3 For mailings of 500 or more pieces properly prepared and presorted to Bulk Mail Centers.
- 4 For Barcode[d] Discount, deduct \$0.03.

Fee Schedule 911**Address Corrections**

[Description]	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Per manual correction	\$0.50	\$0.60
Per automated correction	\$0.20	\$0.20

Fee Schedule 912**ZIP Coding Mailing Lists**

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Per thousand addresses	\$70.00	\$73.00

Correction of Mailing Lists

		[Fee]
Per submitted address	\$0.20	\$0.25
Minimum charge per list corrected	\$7.00	\$7.50

**Address Changes for Election Boards
and Registration Commissions**

		[Fee]
Per change of address	\$0.17	\$0.24

**Corrections Associated with Arrangement
of Address Cards in Carrier Delivery Sequence**

		[Fee]
Per correction	\$0.20	\$0.25

NOTE

When rural routes have been consolidated or changed to another post office, no charge will be made for correction if the list contains only names of persons residing on the route or routes involved.

Fee Schedule 921**Post Office Boxes and Caller Service****[Edit Part I of Fee Schedule 921 as follows:]****I. Post Office Boxes****Semi-annual Box Fees¹****Current**

Box Size ² Fee Group	1	2	3	4	5
A	\$30.00	\$46.00	\$80.00	\$151.00	\$261.00
B	27.00	41.00	70.00	136.00	217.00
C	22.00	32.00	57.00	97.00	162.00
D	7.00	12.00	22.00	33.00	52.00
E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Proposed

Box Size ² Fee Group	1	2	3	4	5
B2	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$85.00	\$170.00	\$300.00
C3	27.50	40.00	75.00	150.00	250.00
C4	22.50	32.50	60.00	125.00	212.50
C5	19.00	27.50	50.00	87.50	150.00
D6	10.00	16.00	25.00	50.00	90.00
D7	8.50	13.00	22.50	40.00	65.00
E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1. A customer ineligible for carrier delivery may obtain a post office box at Group E fees, subject to administrative decisions regarding customer's proximity to post office.
2. Box Size 1=under 296 cubic inches; 2=296-499 cubic inches; 3=500-999 cubic inches; 4=1000-1999 cubic inches; 5=2000 cubic inches and over.

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
I. Key Duplication and Lock Changes		
Key duplication or replacement	N/A	\$4.00
Post office box lock replacement	N/A	\$10.00
III. Semi-annual Caller Service Fees	\$275.00	\$375.00
[Fee Group]		
[A \$275]		
[B \$275]		
[C \$275]		

[D \$275]

[III.] IV. Annual Call Number Reservation Fee

(All applicable Fee Groups)

\$36.00

\$30.00

Fee Schedule 931**Business Reply Mail**

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Active business reply advance deposit account:		
Per piece		
Qualified (<u>without Quarterly fee</u>)	\$0.05	\$0.06
Qualified (<u>with Quarterly fee</u>)	N/A	\$0.03
Nonletter-size, using weight averaging	\$0.01	\$0.01
Other	\$0.08	\$0.10
Payment of postage due charges if active business reply mail advance deposit account not used:		
Per piece	\$0.30	\$0.35
Annual License and Accounting Fees:		
Accounting [F]fee for [A] <u>a</u> dvance [D] <u>d</u> eposit [A] <u>a</u> ccount	\$300.00	\$375.00
Permit fee (with or without [A] <u>a</u> dvance [D] <u>d</u> eposit [A] <u>a</u> ccount)	\$100.00	\$125.00
Monthly Fees for customers using weight averaging for nonletter-size business reply	\$600.00	\$600.00
<u>Qualified BRM Quarterly Fee</u>	N/A	\$850.00

Fee Schedule 932**Merchandise Return**

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
[Per Transaction]		
[Shipper must have an advance deposit account] [(see DMCS Schedule 1000)]	[\$0.30]	
<u>Annual License and Accounting Fees:</u>		
<u>Permit fee</u>	\$100.00	\$125.00
<u>Accounting fee for advance deposit account</u>	\$N/A	\$375.00

Fee Schedule 933**On-Site Meter Service[Setting]**

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
[First Meter By appointment]	[\$27.50]	
[Unscheduled request]	[\$31.00]	
<u>Meter Service (per employee)</u>	\$27.50/\$31.00	\$31.00
[Additional meters]	\$4.00	NA
<u>Meters reset and/or examined (per meter)</u>	NA	\$4.00
Checking meter in or out of service (per meter)	\$8.50	\$4.00

Fee Schedule 934

[Reserved]

Fee Schedule 935**Bulk Parcel Return Service**

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Per Returned Piece	\$1.75	\$1.65
<u>Annual License and Accounting Fees:</u>		
<u>Permit fee</u>	\$100.00	\$125.00
<u>Accounting fee for advance deposit account</u>	N/A	\$375.00

Fee Schedule 936**Shipper Paid Forwarding**

	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
<u>Annual accounting fee for advance deposit account</u>	N/A	<u>\$375.00</u>

Fee Schedule 941**Certified Mail**

[Description]	Current Fee (in addition to postage)	Proposed Fee (in addition to postage)
<u>Per piece</u> [Service (per mailpiece)]	\$1.40	\$2.10

Fee Schedule 942**Registered Mail**

Declared Value of Article¹	Current		Proposed	
	Fee (in addition to postage)	Handling Charge	Fee (in addition to postage)	Handling Charge
\$0.00	\$6.00	None	\$7.25	None
\$0.01 to 100	6.20		\$7.50	
100.01 to 500	6.75		8.25	
500.01 to 1,000	7.30		9.00	
1,000.01 to 2,000	7.85		9.75	
2,000.01 to 3,000	8.40		10.50	
3,000.01 to 4,000	8.95		11.25	
4,000.01 to 5,000	9.50		12.00	
5,000.01 to 6,000	10.05		12.75	
6,000.01 to 7,000	10.60		13.50	
7,000.01 to 8,000	11.15		14.25	
8,000.01 to 9,000	11.70		15.00	
9,000.01 to 10,000	12.25		15.75	
10,000.01 to 11,000	12.80		16.50	
11,000.01 to 12,000	13.35		17.25	
12,000.01 to 13,000	13.90		18.00	
13,000.01 to 14,000	14.45		18.75	
14,000.01 to 15,000	15.00		19.50	
15,000.01 to 16,000	15.55		20.25	
16,000.01 to 17,000	16.10		21.00	
17,000.01 to 18,000	16.65		21.75	
18,000.01 to 19,000	17.20		22.50	
19,000.01 to 20,000	17.75		23.25	
20,000.01 to 21,000	18.30		24.00	
21,000.01 to 22,000	18.85		24.75	
22,000.01 to 23,000	19.40		25.50	
23,000.01 to 24,000	19.95		26.25	
24,000.01 to 25,000	20.50		27.00	

Declared Value of Article¹	Current Fee (in addition to postage)		Proposed Fee (in addition to postage)	
25,000.01 to 1 million	\$20.50	plus 55 cents for each \$1,000 (or fraction thereof) over \$25,000	\$27.00	plus 75 cents for each \$1,000 (or fraction thereof) over \$25,000
Over \$1 million to 15 million	\$556.75	plus 55 cents for each \$1,000 (or fraction thereof) over \$1 million	\$758.25	plus 75 cents for each \$1,000 (or fraction thereof) over \$1 million
Over 15 million	\$8,256.75	plus amount determined by the Postal Service based on weight, space and value	\$11,258.25	plus amount determined by the Postal Service based on weight, space and value

¹ Articles with a declared value of more than \$25,000 can be registered, but compensation for loss or damage is limited to \$25,000.

Fee Schedule 943**Insurance****Express Mail Insurance****Document Reconstruction**

Coverage	Current Fee (in addition to postage)	Proposed Fee (in addition to postage)
\$0.01 to \$500	no charge	no charge

Merchandise

	(in addition to postage)	(in addition to postage)
\$0.01 to \$500	no charge	no charge
500.1 to 5000	\$0.95 for each \$100 (or fraction thereof) over \$500 in value	\$1.00 for each \$100 (or fraction thereof) over \$500 in value

General Insurance

Coverage	Current Fee ¹ (in addition to postage)	Proposed Fee ¹ (in addition to postage)
\$0.01 to \$50	\$0.85	\$1.35
50.01 to 100	\$1.80	\$2.10
100.01 to 5000	\$1.80 plus 0.95 for each \$100 (or fraction thereof) over \$100 in coverage	\$2.10 plus \$1.00 for each \$100 (or fraction thereof) over \$100 in coverage

¹ For bulk insurance coverage between \$0.01 to \$50.00, deduct [\$0.40] \$0.75 per piece.
For bulk insurance coverage between \$50.01 to \$5,000.00, deduct [\$0.40] \$1.00 per piece.

Fee Schedule 944**Collect on Delivery**

Amount to be collected, or Insurance Coverage Desired			Fee (in addition to postage)	
			Current	Proposed
\$0.01	to	\$50	\$4.00	\$4.50
50.01	to	100	\$5.00	\$5.50
100.01	to	200	\$6.00	\$6.50
200.01	to	300	\$7.00	\$7.50
300.01	to	400	\$8.00	\$8.50
400.01	to	500	\$9.00	\$9.50
500.01	to	600	\$10.00	\$10.50
<u>600.01</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>700</u>	N/A	\$11.50
<u>700.01</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>800</u>	N/A	\$12.50
<u>800.01</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>900</u>	N/A	\$13.50
<u>900.01</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>1000</u>	N/A	\$14.50
Notice of nondelivery of COD			\$3.00	\$3.00
Alteration of COD charges or designation of new addressee			\$3.00	\$3.00
Registered COD			\$4.00	\$4.00

Fee Schedule 945**Return Receipts**

	Current Fee (in addition to postage)	Proposed Fee (in addition to postage)
Receipt [Issued] requested at [T]time of [M]mailing¹		
Items other than [M]merchandise	\$1.25	\$1.50
Merchandise (without another special service)	\$1.40	\$2.35
Receipt [Issued] requested after [M]mailing²	\$7.00	\$3.50

- 1 This receipt shows the signature of the person to whom the mailpiece was delivered, the date of delivery and the delivery address, if such address is different from the address on the mailpiece.
- 2 This receipt shows to whom the mailpiece was delivered and the date of delivery.

Fee Schedule 946**Restricted Delivery**

	Current Fee (in addition to postage)	Proposed Fee (in addition to postage)
Per Piece	\$2.75	\$3.20

Fee Schedule 947**Certificate of Mailing**

	Current Fee (in addition to postage)	Proposed Fee (in addition to postage)
Individual Pieces		
Original certificate of mailing for listed pieces of all classes of ordinary mail (per piece)	\$0.60	\$0.75
Three or more pieces individually listed in a firm mailing book or an approved customer provided manifest (per piece)	\$0.25	\$0.25
Each additional copy of original certificate of mailing or original mailing receipt for registered, insured, certified, and COD mail (each copy)	\$0.60	\$0.75
Bulk Pieces		
Identical pieces of First-Class and [Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit, and Nonprofit Enhance Carrier Route] Standard Mail paid with ordinary stamps, precanceled stamps, or meter stamps are subject to the following fees:		
Up to 1,000 pieces (one certificate for total number)	\$3.00	\$3.50
Each additional 1,000 pieces or fraction	\$0.40	\$0.40
Duplicate copy	\$0.60	\$0.75

Fee Schedule 948**Delivery Confirmation**

	Current Fee (in addition to postage)	Proposed Fee (in addition to postage)
Used in Conjunction with Priority Mail		
Electronic	\$0.00	\$0.00
Manual	\$0.35	\$0.40
Used in Conjunction with Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Library <u>Mail</u> , and [Special Standard] <u>Media</u> Mail		
Electronic	\$0.25	\$0.25
Manual	\$0.60	\$0.65
<u>Used in Conjunction with Regular and Nonprofit Standard Mail</u>		
<u>Electronic</u>	N/A	\$0.25

[add new Fee Schedule 949]

Fee Schedule 949

Signature Confirmation

**Proposed
Fee**

(in addition to postage)

Used in Conjunction with Priority Mail

Electronic

\$1.25

Manual

\$1.75

Used in Conjunction with Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter,

Library Mail, and Media Mail

Electronic

\$1.25

Manual

\$1.75

Fee Schedule 951**Parcel Air Lift**

	Current Fee (in addition to Parcel Post postage)	Proposed Fee (in addition to Parcel Post postage)
Up to 2 pounds	\$0.40	\$0.40
Over 2 up to 3 pounds	\$0.75	\$0.75
Over 3 up to 4 pounds	\$1.15	\$1.15
Over 4 pounds	\$1.55	\$1.55

Fee Schedule 952**Special Handling**

	Current Fee (in addition to postage)	Proposed Fee (in addition to postage)
Not more than 10 pounds	\$5.40	\$5.40
More than 10 pounds	\$7.50	\$7.50

Fee Schedule 961**Stamped Envelopes***[Replace Fee Schedule 961 with the following:]*

	Current Fee (in addition to postage)	Proposed Fee (in addition to postage)
Single Sale - Basic	\$0.07	\$0.08
Single Sale – Special	\$0.08	\$0.09
Household (50): 6-3/4 through 10 size		
Basic	\$3.00/\$3.25	\$3.50
Special	\$3.50	\$4.50
BULK (500) 6-3/4 size:		
Plain Basic	\$9.50/\$8.50	\$12.00
Printed Basic	\$14.00	\$17.00
BULK (500) size > 6-3/4 through 10 size		
Plain Basic	\$12.00/\$11.50	\$14.00
Printed Basic	\$15.00	\$20.00
Plain Special	\$15.50	\$19.00
Printed Special	\$19.00	\$25.00

Note: "Special" includes all envelopes with patched in indicia.

Fee Schedule 962**Stamped Cards**

	Current Fee (in addition to postage)	Proposed Fee (in addition to postage)
Stamped Card	\$0.01	\$0.02
Doubled Stamped Card	\$0.02	\$0.04

Fee Schedule 971**Money Orders**

		Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Domestic	\$0.01 to \$700	\$0.80	\$0.90
APO-FPO	\$0.01 to \$700	\$0.30	\$0.35
Inquiry Fee, which includes the issuance of copy of a paid money order		\$2.75	\$3.00

Schedule 981**Mailing Online**

Feature	Fee
Paper (per sheet)	
8½ x 11	1.25(P ₁)
8½ x 14	1.25(P ₂)
11 x 17	1.25(P ₃)
Printing (per impression)	
Simplex (8½ x 11)	1.25(P ₄ + 0.1¢)
Simplex (8½ x 14)	1.25(P ₅ + 0.1¢)
Duplex (8½ x 11)	1.25(P ₆ + 0.1¢)
Duplex (8½ x 14)	1.25(P ₇ + 0.1¢)
Spot Color (per impression)	1.25(P ₈)
Finishing	
Folding (per fold)	1.25(P ₉)
Stapling (per staple)	1.25(P ₁₀)
Saddle Stitch (per finished piece)	1.25(P ₁₁)
Tape Binding (8½ x 11) (per finished piece)	1.25(P ₁₂)
Tape Binding (8½ x 14) (per finished piece)	1.25(P ₁₃)
Applying Tabs to Self Mailer	1.25(P ₁₄)
Envelopes	
#10 envelope	1.25(P ₁₅)
Flat envelope	1.25(P ₁₆)
Inserting (per envelope)	
#10 envelope	1.25(P ₁₇)
Flat envelope	1.25(P ₁₈)

Note: P_x represents contractual costs, for feature x, that the Postal Service will pay based on the Mailing Online printer contract between Vestcom International, Inc. and the United States Postal Service. The market test fees expire in accordance with the provisions in section 981.51.

Schedule 1000

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
First-Class Presorted Mailing	\$100.00	\$125.00
Periodicals		
A. Original Entry	\$305.00	\$350.00
B. Additional Entry	\$50.00	\$50.00
C. Re-entry	\$50.00	\$40.00
D. Registration for News Agents	\$50.00	\$40.00
Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail Bulk Mailing	\$100.00	\$125.00
Parcel <u>Select</u> [Post: Destination BMC, SCF, and DDU]	\$100.00	\$125.00
<u>Bound Printed Matter: Destination BMC, SCF, and DDU</u>	N/A	\$125.00
[Special and Library Standard Mail Presorted Mailing]	[\$100.00]	
<u>Media Mail Presorted Mailing</u>	\$100.00	\$125.00
<u>Library Mail Presorted Mailing</u>	\$100.00	\$125.00
Authorization to Use Permit Imprint	\$100.00	\$125.00
[Prepaid Reply Mail Permit] [(see Fee Schedule 931)]		
Business Reply Mail Permit (see Fee Schedule 931)		
<u>Merchandise Return Permit (see Fee Schedule 932)</u>		
<u>[Authorization to Use] Bulk Parcel Return Service Permit (see Fee Schedule 935)</u>		