

BEFORE THE
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Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF UNITED PARCEL SERVICE
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS KIEFER
(UPS/USPS-T33-24, 25, 26, AND 32)

The United States Postal Service hereby files its responses to the following interrogatories of United Parcel Service: UPS/USPS-T33-24, 25, 26, and 32, filed on December 7, 2001.

Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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UPS/USPS-T33-24. Refer to the Postal Service's response to interrogatory UPS/USPS-T33-11(a), which was redirected from you. Confirm that the following Priority Mail pieces are eligible to be mailed as Parcel Post (for any not confirmed, explain):

(a) Merchandise with an invoice enclosed inside the piece or attached to the outside of the piece.

(b) Merchandise with an incidental First-Class attachment or enclosure (such as a bill for the product, a statement of account for past products, or a personal message or greeting included with a product) closely associated with but secondary to the host piece, as long as the piece is prepared so as not to interfere with postal processing.

RESPONSE

- (a) Confirmed, as long as the host piece is not wrapped or packaged so that it cannot be examined easily or examined without destruction or serious damage. These lighter weight pieces may also be mailed at Standard Mail rates under the cited conditions. More than 37 percent of Priority Mail weighs less than 16 ounces.
- (b) Confirmed, as long as the host piece is not wrapped or packaged so that it cannot be examined easily or examined without destruction or serious damage.

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UPS/USPS-T33-25. Refer to your response to interrogatory UPS/USPS-T33- 11(a). Confirm that mail which qualifies to be mailed as Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, or Library Mail can also be mailed as Parcel Post. If not confirmed, explain.

RESPONSE

This can be generally confirmed, however, markings on Package Services mail (including Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail and Library Mail) that have the character of personal correspondence require, with certain exceptions, additional postage at First-Class rates. These exceptions are described in the DMM in Section E710.1.4.

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UPS/USPS-T33-26. Refer to your response to interrogatory UPS/USPS-T33- 11(a). Provide some examples of Priority Mail pieces that are not eligible to be mailed as Parcel Post.

RESPONSE

See DMM section E110.1.6(a) to (e). Any of these items weighing more than 13 ounces would have to be mailed as Priority Mail (or Express Mail) and would not be eligible to be mailed as Parcel Post.

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UPS/USPS-T33-32. Refer to the Postal Service's response to interrogatory UPS/USPS-T33-12(c).

- (a) Will Priority Mail customers be eligible to see the results of the program to assess DDU delivery performance for dropshipped parcels? If not, why not?
- (b) Will the results of the program to assess DDU delivery performance for dropshipped parcels be made available to the Commission?
- (c) Will the results of the program to assess DDU delivery performance for dropshipped parcels be made available to mailers?
- (d) Will access to the results of the program to assess DDU delivery performance for dropshipped parcels be restricted in any way? If so, in what way, and why?

RESPONSE

- (a) The purpose of the service measurement information is to help the Postal Service provide appropriate quality service to Package Services customers. Delivery Confirmation customers will each be provided with their company's data. Other uses of the data have not been determined.
- (b) See response to subpart (a).
- (c) See response to subpart (a).
- (d) See response to subpart (a).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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