

ORDER NO. 63

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

Before Commissioners: Dan G. Blair, Chairman;
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;
Ruth Y. Goldway; and
Tony L. Hammond

Competitive Products Price Changes
Re Priority Mail Flat Rate Box

Docket No. CP2008-1

ORDER MODIFYING MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

(Issued March 3, 2008)

On January 17, 2008, the Postal Service filed notice with the Commission establishing prices for a new, large-sized Priority Mail Flat Rate Box as follows: \$12.95 for domestic mail destined to most ZIP Codes; \$10.95 for domestic mail destined to APO/FPO ZIP Codes, \$29.95 for international mail destined to Canada and Mexico; and \$49.95 for international mail destined to all other countries.¹ The notice, filed pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.2, also included amendments to the draft Mail Classification Schedule to reflect the availability and prices for the new, large-sized Priority Mail Flat

¹ See Notice of the United States Postal Service of Governors' Decision No. 08-1, January 17, 2008 (Filing). The Filing is available on the Commission's website, www.prc.gov. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(2), the Postal Service arranged for publication of the Governors' Decision and record of proceedings in the *Federal Register*. See 73 FR 6219-21, February 1, 2008.

Rate Box. The Governors established March 3, 2008 as the effective date for the new service.

Finding that the establishment of prices for a Priority Mail large-sized Flat Rate Box effects a change in the Mail Classification Schedule, the Commission provided notice of the Postal Service's filing, affording interested persons an opportunity to express views and offer comments by February 19, 2008, on whether the planned changes are inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. 3642. No comments were received.

The Commission directs that the Mail Classification Schedule be modified to reflect the availability and prices of the large-sized Priority Mail Flat Rate Box. The language in the attachment is illustrative until the Commission formally adopts a Mail Classification Schedule, which it anticipates doing this spring.

It is ordered:

The Mail Classification Schedule is modified to reflect the availability and prices of the large-sized Priority Mail Flat Rate Box.

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams
Secretary

Mail Classification Schedule

DOMESTIC

Priority Mail

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Price Categories:

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Flat Rate Boxes – Provided by the Postal Service.

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Prices:

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Regular Flat Rate Box: \$8.95 is charged for matter sent in a regular-size Flat Rate Box provided by the Postal Service.

Large Flat Rate Box: \$12.95 is charged for matter sent in a large-size Flat Rate Box provided by the Postal Service, except that \$10.95 is charged for delivery to APO/FPO addresses.

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INTERNATIONAL

International Packages

International Packages are made up of the Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelope, the Priority Mail International Flat Rate Boxes, and Priority Mail International Parcels. With the exception of the Flat Rate Envelope, International Packages are an outbound international mail service designed for the carriage of postal parcels. Written correspondence having the nature of current and personal correspondence is not permitted in Priority Mail International parcels, but may be sent in the Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelope. Only the Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelope is sealed against postal inspection and shall not be opened except as authorized by law. Discounts for online preparation and payment or for use of an authorized PC postage vendor may apply as specified in the International Mail Manual.

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Price Categories:

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Priority Mail International Flat Rate Boxes

- Canada and Mexico
- All other countries

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Prices:

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Priority Mail International Regular Flat Rate Box

	Box
Canada and Mexico	\$23.00
All Other Countries	37.00

For each Pickup On-Demand stop, add \$14.25.

Priority Mail International Large Flat Rate Box

	Box
<u>Canada and Mexico</u>	<u>\$29.95</u>
<u>All Other Countries</u>	<u>49.95</u>

For each Pickup On-Demand stop, add \$14.25