

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

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Tony L. Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Dan G. Blair; and
Nanci E. Langley

Conforming Mail Classification Schedule Changes
For Market Dominant Products (Inbound Surface
Parcel Post (at UPU Rates) and Country Group
Assignment)

Docket No. MC2010-8

ORDER ACCEPTING CLASSIFICATION CHANGES
FOR MARKET DOMINANT PRODUCTS

(Issued November 20, 2009)

I. INTRODUCTION

The Postal Service proposes two minor changes for market dominant products in accordance with 39 CFR 3020.90 *et. seq.* For the reasons discussed below, the Commission accepts the Postal Service's classification change.

II. BACKGROUND

On November 4, 2009, the Postal Service filed a notice with the Commission pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.* concerning two minor changes in classification for market dominant products.¹ The Postal Service states both changes conform to the classification changes in Docket No. CP2010-8, the Postal Service's Notice regarding changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products established in Governors' Decision No. 09-13, filed with the Commission.²

The first change modifies the maximum dimensional requirements for Inbound Surface Parcel Post at Universal Postal Union (UPU) Rates to delete specific maximum size dimensions for circular parcels. The Postal Service states that this change mirrors the classification changes in Docket No. CP2010-8 for Outbound Priority Mail International Service, Inbound Air Parcel Post, Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) Contracts and Global Plus Contracts. Notice at 1-2. It notes that this corresponding change will result in one uniform set of maximum dimensions applicable to international parcel post services. *Id.* at 2.

The second change in classification modifies the market dominant country group assignment for Kosovo. The Postal Service states that the country group assignment will be established for Kosovo based on the existing country group assignment for Serbia. In the market dominant country group assignment for First-Class Mail International service, Kosovo will be assigned to country group 5. *Id.*

The Notice states that the classification changes are to become effective at 12:01 a.m. on January 4, 2010, which is also consistent with the changes filed in Docket No. CP2010-8. The Postal Service asserts these classification changes are consistent

¹ See Notice of United States Postal Service of Classification Changes, November 4, 2009 (Notice). This Notice is available on the Commission's website, www.prc.gov.

² See Docket No. CP2010-8, Notice of the United States Postal Service of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products Established In Governors' Decision No. 09-13, November 4, 2009.

with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3642, and further proposes conforming Mail Classification Schedule language.

In Order No. 334, the Commission gave notice of the docket, appointed a Public Representative, and provided the public with an opportunity to comment.³

III. COMMENTS

Comments were filed by the Public Representative.⁴ No other interested person submitted comments. The Public Representative states that the modifications proposed by the Postal Service comply with the requirements of title 39 and are consistent with the requirements of 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.* *Id.* at 1. He maintains that the proposed change for International parcel post services will establish a simpler maximum dimension standard for all International parcel post services which benefits postal customers, postal administrations and small business. *Id.* at 2. The Public Representative also observes that the market dominant country group assignment for Kosovo to country group 5 is consistent with recognition of its independence by the United States and other countries. He concludes the proposed changes benefit the general public and are consistent with the requirements of 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.* and 39 U.S.C. 3642. *Id.* at 3.

IV. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission finds that the proposed changes are in accordance with 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.*, and are not inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. 3642. The draft Mail

³ See PRC Order No. 334, Notice and Order Concerning Classification Change and Country Group Assignment, November 9, 2009 (Order No. 334).

⁴ See Public Representative Comments in Response to United States Postal Service Notice of Classification Changes for International Mail, November 17, 2009 (Public Representative Comments). This filing was accompanied by a Motion of the Public Representative for Late Acceptance of Public Representative Comments in Response to United States Postal Service Notice of Classification Changes for International Mail, November 17, 2009. The motion is granted.

Classification Schedule will be modified to reflect the substance of the proposed change. The proposed changes are shown in Attachment A.

V. ORDERING PARAGRAPH

It is Ordered:

As set forth in the body of this Order, the Postal Service's classification changes are accepted. The changes will be reflected in the draft Mail Classification Schedule.

By the Commission.

Judith M. Grady
Acting Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

PART A—Market Dominant Products

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Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates)

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Size and Weight:

	Length	Height	Width	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	None	3.5	none
Maximum	42 inches	Length plus girth: 79 inches Circular parcels: length plus Diameter: 64 inches		70

Part D—Country Price Lists for International Mail

Country Price Lists for International Mail

Country	Market Dominant				
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