

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

MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
MINOR MODIFICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTS

Docket No. MC2011-4

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF
MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGES**

(November 3, 2010)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91, the United States Postal Service hereby gives notice of changes in classification governing various international competitive and market-dominant products. The first change consists of a shift in Israel's price group for outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International, from price group 8 to price group 5, consistent with the grouping of other industrialized countries to which the Postal Service pays the maximum level of terminal dues.¹ This change would have a minimal impact on prices for Single-Piece First-Class Mail International to Israel: the majority of the affected volume consists of letters and postcards weighing one ounce or less, and the price for these items would stay the same between the two price groups in question. This change is to become effective January 2, 2011.²

The second change creates a separate country listing for Montenegro to reflect Montenegro's independence from Serbia.³ This change will conform the Mail

¹ Statement of James M. Kiefer on Behalf of the United States Postal Service, Docket No. R2010-4, July 6, 2010, at 23.

² The Postal Service originally intended for this change to take effect with its requested exigent price increases. See *id.*; Exigent Request of the United States Postal Service, Docket No. R2010-4, July 6, 2010, Appx. A at 84. Although the Commission rejected that request, it invited the Postal Service to file separately the classification changes incorporated in the exigent price request, including the change in Israel's Single-Piece First-Class Mail International price group. PRC Order No. 547, Order Denying Request for Exigent Rate Adjustments, Docket No. R2010-4, September 30, 2010, at 30 & Appx. B at 3 (characterizing the change in Israel's price group as a "classification change").

³ See United States Postal Service Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 183, Docket No. MC2009-16, February 24, 2009, at 6 (explaining, as an example, that the U.S. government's recognition of

Classification Schedule (MCS) to the International Mail Manual (IMM). Due to an oversight, the MCS does not contain country group assignments for Montenegro, despite the fact that Montenegro's independent status was announced in the *Postal Bulletin* on May 8, 2008, and incorporated in the IMM on May 12, 2008. It should be noted that Montenegro's price groupings will remain as they were when Montenegro was grouped with Serbia, except as to International Priority Airmail, International Surface Air Lift, and Express Mail International, the latter of which is not available to Montenegro.

The Postal Service hereby submits to the Commission conforming changes in the MCS. The Postal Service believes that the changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642 and should be incorporated by the Commission into the MCS. The Postal Service respectfully urges the Commission to treat this filing in accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90 *et seq.*⁴

Respectfully submitted,

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Montenegro was one basis for a minor classification change that should not invoke a comparable level of administrative burden to price changes).

⁴ PRC Order No. 205, Order Granting Reconsideration of Order No. 183, Docket No. MC2009-16, April 22, 2009, at 4.

PART D

COUNTRY PRICE LISTS FOR INTERNATIONAL MAIL

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4000 COUNTRY PRICE LISTS FOR INTERNATIONAL MAIL

Country	Market Dominant SPFCMI ¹	International Expedited Services GXG ²	Competitive Services EMI ³	International Packages PMI ⁴	IPA & ISAL ⁵
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Israel	8-5	6	8	8	11
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Montenegro	5	4	-	5	13

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