

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

MODIFICATION OF MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR
COUNTRY-SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS FOR GLOBAL EXPRESS
GUARANTEED AND DIMENSIONAL OPTIONS FOR PRIORITY
MAIL LARGE FLAT RATE BOX AND OUTBOUND PRIORITY MAIL
INTERNATIONAL LARGE PARCEL FLAT RATE BOX

Docket No.
MC2011-24

**NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF
CLASSIFICATION CHANGES**
(April 8, 2011)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91, the United States Postal Service (Postal Service) hereby gives notice of minor changes in classification governing the following competitive mail services: Global Express Guaranteed, Priority Mail, and Outbound Priority Mail International. The first change modifies the size and weight limitation table for Global Express Guaranteed (GXG) service by adding a note to reflect that country-specific restrictions may apply as specified in the International Mail Manual. The note is already included in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) and currently applies to Express Mail International (EMI) service. The minor change is designed to reflect changes to country-specific size and weight restrictions imposed by the Postal Service's delivery carrier. Moreover, the proposed change would parallel the treatment of country-specific restrictions as applied to EMI. Changes to the International Mail Manual to give effect to the country-specific restrictions are scheduled to be published in the *Postal Bulletin* on June 2, 2011, and will become effective on June 6, 2011.

The second minor change adds another dimensional option to the large Flat Rate Box for Priority Mail and Outbound Priority Mail International services. The existing dimensions of the large Flat Rate Box are 12.25 x 12.25 x 6.0 inches, and the new

option to be added to the MCS would be 11.875 x 3.125 x 24.0625 inches. The cubic size of the new large Flat Rate Box remains the same. The proposed change is ideally sized for board games. Due to an oversight, the Postal Service had not previously notified the Commission of this MCS change, and the option is currently available on usps.com. Hence, this change is intended to become effective immediately.

The Postal Service hereby submits to the Commission the attached conforming changes in the MCS. The changes are reflected on the draft MCS (MCS Markup.pdf), which was filed by the Postal Service in Docket No. RM2011-8 on March 24, 2011. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

PART B COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

2100 Domestic Products

2110 Priority Mail

2110.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum				70 pounds
Flat Rate Envelope	Nominal Sizes: Regular: 9.5 x 12.5 inches Padded: 10 x 13 inches Legal: 9.5 x 15.0 inches			
Flat Rate Box	Nominal Sizes: Large: 12.25 x 12.25 x 6.0 inches <u>or</u> <u>11.875 x 3.125 x 24.0625 inches</u> – approximately 1/2 cu. ft. Medium: 11.875 x 3.375 x 13.625 inches <u>or</u> 11 x 8.5 x 5.5 inches – approximately 1/3 cu. ft. Small: 8.625 x 5.375 x 1.625 inches – approximately 1/20 cu. ft.			
Regional Rate Box A	Outside Dimensions: Top Loaded: 10.125 x 7.125 x 5.0 inches Side Loaded: 13.0625 x 11.0625 x 2.5 inches			15 pounds
Regional Rate Box B	Outside Dimensions: Top Loaded: 12.25 x 10.5 x 5.5 inches Side Loaded: 16.25 x 14.5 x 3 inches			20 pounds
Commercial Plus Cubic	½ cubic foot			20 pounds

All Others	108 inches in combined length and girth	70 pounds
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2110.6 Prices

Retail Flat Rate Box

Size	Delivery to Domestic Address (\$)	Delivery to APO/FPO/DPO Address (\$)
Small Flat Rate Box	5.20	5.20
Medium Flat Rate Boxes	10.95	10.95
Large Flat Rate Boxes	14.95	12.95

Commercial Base Flat Rate Box

Size	Delivery to Domestic Address (\$)	Delivery to APO/FPO/DPO Address (\$)
Small Flat Rate Box	5.00	5.00
Regular Flat Rate Boxes	10.50	10.50
Large Flat Rate Boxes	14.20	12.20

Commercial Plus Flat Rate Box

Size	Delivery to Domestic Address (\$)	Delivery to APO/FPO/DPO Address (\$)
Small Flat Rate Box	4.95	4.95

Medium Flat Rate Boxes	9.97	9.97
Large Flat Rate Boxes	13.67	11.67

2300 International Products

2200 Outbound International Expedited Services

2305.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Global Express Guaranteed¹

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	Must be able to hold the shipping label with pouch and postage			none
Maximum	46 inches	35 inches	46 inches	70 pounds
	108 inches in combined length and girth			

Express Mail International¹

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	Large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			
Maximum	36 inches			
	79 inches in combined length and girth			
Flat Rate Envelopes	Nominal Size: Regular: 9.5 x 12.5 inches Legal: 9.5 x 15 inches			

Notes

1. Country-specific restrictions may apply as specified in the International Mail Manual.

2315 Outbound Priority Mail International

2315.2 Size and Weight Limitations^{1, 2}

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inch	none	none
Maximum Parcels	42 inches	79 inches in combined length and girth		70 pounds
Flat Rate Envelopes	Nominal Sizes: 9.5 x 12.5 inches Priority Mail Gift Card: 10 x 7 inches Priority Mail Legal: 15 x 9.5 inches Priority Mail Window: 10 x 5 inches Priority Mail Small: 10 x 6 inches Priority Mail Padded: 12.5 x 9.5 inches			4 pounds
Parcel Flat Rate Boxes	Nominal Sizes: Large: 12.25 x 12.25 x 6.0 inches <u>or</u> <u>11.875 x 3.125 x 24.0625 inches</u> Medium: 11.875 x 3.375 x 13.625 inches <u>or</u> 11 x 8.5 x 5.5 inches			20 pounds
Letter Post Flat Rate Boxes	Nominal Sizes: Small: 8.625 x 5.375 x 1.625 inches DVD Box: 7.5625 x 5.4375 x 1.375 inches Large Video Box: 9.25 x 6.25 x 2			4 pounds

Notes

1. Weight and other exceptional size limits based on shape and destination country restrictions may apply.
2. Items must be large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side.
