

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

MODIFICATION OF MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
REGARDING PHILATELIC SALES AND
OFFICIALLY LICENSED RETAIL PRODUCTS

Docket No. MC2013-49

NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF
CLASSIFICATION CHANGE RELATED TO PHILATELIC SALES AND
OFFICIALLY LICENSED RETAIL PRODUCTS
(May 13, 2013)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91, the United States Postal Service hereby gives notice of changes in classification established by the Governors. The changes exempt prices established by auctions from the maximum price limits that otherwise would apply for Philatelic Sales and Officially Licensed Retail Products (OLRP). The auction process provides a fair mechanism for determining a price, and the auction results would be beyond the control of the Postal Service. Moreover, it would be impractical to use auctions should they include a maximum price limit.

The Postal Service hereby submits to the Commission conforming changes in the Mail Classification Schedule, as shown in the Attachment. The Postal Service believes that the changes are not subject to 39 U.S.C. § 3642 because no product is being added to or removed from a product list, or transferred between the market-

dominant and competitive product lists. The changes therefore should be incorporated by the Commission into the MCS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edits to Mail Classification Schedule

(Additions are underlined; deletions are marked with strike-through.)

PART A MARKET DOMINANT PRODUCTS

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1700 Nonpostal Services

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1702 Philatelic Sales

1702.1 Description

Philatelic items are stamp-related items that support the hobby of stamp collecting. They are intended to be collected by serious, casual and topical collectors and typically include a postage stamp or stamps. Examples of philatelic items include first day covers, ceremony programs, uncut press sheets, framed stamps, binders for storing stamps, stamp yearbooks, and philatelic guides.

1702.2 Prices

	(\$)
All items	Not less than face value of included postage, and not more than face value of included postage plus 300.00 ¹
Handling—Orders mailed to domestic (United States) destinations ⁴²	
Orders up to \$50.00	1.25; add \$2.00 for custom orders
Orders over \$50.00	1.75; add \$2.00 for custom orders
Handling—Orders mailed to non-domestic (outside the United States) destinations ⁴²	
Orders up to \$50.00	6.25; add \$2.00 for custom orders
Orders over \$50.00	6.75; add \$2.00 for custom orders
Expedited service	Actual Express Mail postage

Notes

1. Maximum price limit does not apply if price is determined using an auction.
42. There is no handling charge for philatelic items sent as part of a subscription for a series of philatelic items of a specified type, with a means of payment established in advance. The custom order fee is applied to stamp sales, including press sheets, when the customer requests configurations other than those listed for each item in the USA

Philatelic catalog, specific plate positions, or specialized handling. The custom order fee does not apply to philatelic items, other than press sheets, or subscription program orders.

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PART B COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

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2700 Nonpostal Services

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2704 Officially Licensed Retail Products (OLRP)

2704.1 Description

Officially Licensed Retail Products (OLRP) are merchandise sold through Postal Service retail channels. The merchandise relates to mail, governmental services provided at the Post Office, or stamp images, or contains the postal brand.

2704.2 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Mail-Related Merchandise—Mail-related merchandise includes items that facilitate the use of the Postal Service’s mailing and shipping services. It includes scales, stamp dispensers, rubber stamps, and other mail-related items offered for sale by the Postal Service.
- Government Services-Related Merchandise—Government services-related merchandise include items associated with the Postal Service’s provision of government related services. An example is the passport holder.
- Stamp-Related or Postal-Branded Merchandise—Stamp or Postal Brand related merchandise include items that have, or are associated with, a Postal Service issued stamp, or that have a postal brand. It includes ornaments, tote bags, CDs, framed artwork, and other types of merchandise.

2704.3 Prices¹

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Mail-Related Merchandise	1.00 to 125.00
Government-Service-Related Merchandise	1.00 to 20.00
Stamp-Related or Postal-Branded Merchandise	1.00 to 150.00

Notes

1. Maximum price limits do not apply if price is determined using an auction.