

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

MODIFICATION OF MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
REGARDING RESTRICTED DELIVERY AND PICKUP ON
DEMAND

Docket No. MC2014-44

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF MINOR
CLASSIFICATION CHANGES RELATED TO RESTRICTED DELIVERY AND
PICKUP ON DEMAND SERVICES**
(September 17, 2014)

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 the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS). The proposed classification changes (Attachment A) have been approved by the Governors, and modify the descriptions of Restricted Delivery and Pickup On Demand services. These changes expand customer access to existing services, but do not modify any prices previously approved by the Commission.

Currently, Restricted Delivery service is available only if combined with one of the following services that require a signature upon receipt: Certified Mail, Collect on Delivery, Insurance for more than \$200, or Registered Mail.¹ To provide customers with an additional option for restricting the delivery of a package to a specific individual, the Postal Service proposes to make Restricted Delivery service available when combined with Signature Confirmation service.² Under this proposal, a customer purchasing both

¹ See, Section 1505.15.1 of the Mail Classification Schedule.

² Initially, Restricted Delivery combined with Signature Confirmation will only be available for customers purchasing these services using Click-N-Ship and PC Postage vendors. Should the Postal Service choose to expand this option more broadly, it will provide notice to its customers

services would pay the appropriate fees listed under both sections 1505.15.2 and 1505.17.2 of the MCS.

Pickup On Demand service is currently available to those customers who ship at least one item from the following list of qualifying postage-paid products: Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, Standard Post, Global Express Guaranteed, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International, and First-Class Package International Service.³ So long as customers ship at least one qualifying postage-paid package, there is no additional charge for picking up other non-qualifying mailpieces. To provide easier and more convenient access to a broader range of USPS shipping services, and to better compete in the package market, the Postal Service plans to expand the list of qualifying postage-paid packages to include: First-Class Package Service, First-Class Mail Parcels, Parcel Return Service, Media Mail/Library Mail, and Bound Printed Matter Parcels. Postal carriers will continue to pick up non-qualifying mailpieces, at no additional charge, so long as the customer has at least one qualifying postage-paid package.

Since the above proposals merely expand access to previously approved rates, and are not inconsistent with the provisions of 39 U.S.C. §§§ 3622, 3633, or 3642, the Postal Service submits that these changes are minor in nature and may be filed pursuant to the rules applicable to minor classification changes set forth at 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90 *et seq.* Indeed, when presented with analogous situations in the past, the Commission has allowed classification changes that expand access to existing price

³ Pickup On Demand service is also available for qualifying postage-paid items being returned using Merchandise Return Service.

categories to be filed under the minor classification rules.⁴ For example, in Docket No. MC2014-30, the PRC approved the addition of fifteen additional countries to the Priority Mail Express International product using the procedures under section 3020.90 *et seq.*⁵ The Postal Service submits that the present proposals are akin to the proposal approved in Docket No. MC2014-30, and are thus consistent with the procedures applicable to minor classification changes.

Accordingly, the Postal Service requests that the Commission approve the mail classification language submitted with this pleading, as Attachment A, and incorporate those changes into the MCS.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁴ PRC Order No. 205, granting Reconsideration of Order No. 183, Docket No. MC2009-16 (April 22, 2009); PRC Order No. 2127, approving minor classification change, Docket No. MC2014-30 (July 18, 2014).

⁵ PRC Order No. 2127, approving minor classification change, at 5-6, Docket No. MC2014-30 (July 18, 2014).

ATTACHMENT A

MAIL CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

(Additions are underlined, and deletions are marked by strike-through. Some unchanged language is included, but only to show the location of the changes.)

PART A

MARKET DOMINANT PRODUCTS

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1100 First-Class Mail

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1120 Parcels

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1120.4 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Pickup On Demand Service
- Ancillary Services (1505)

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1120.5 Prices

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[immediately after price tables]

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

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1400 Package Services

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1420 Bound Printed Matter Parcels

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1420.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Pickup On Demand Service
- Ancillary Services (1505)

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1420.6 Prices

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[immediately after price tables]

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

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1425 Media Mail/Library Mail

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1425.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Pickup On Demand Service
- Ancillary Services (1505)

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1425.6 Prices

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[immediately after price tables]

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

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1500 Special Services

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1505 Ancillary Services

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1505.15 Restricted Delivery

1505.15.1 Description

- a. Restricted Delivery service permits a mailer to direct delivery only to the addressee or addressee's authorized agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name.
- b. Restricted Delivery service is available with:
 - First-Class Mail (when purchased at the time of mailing with Certified Mail, COD, Insured mail for more than \$200.00, ~~or~~ Registered Mail, or Signature Confirmation (Parcels Only));
 - First-Class Package Service (when purchased at the time of mailing with Certified Mail, COD, Insured mail for more than \$200.00, ~~or~~ Registered Mail, or Signature Confirmation);
 - Priority Mail (except Critical Mail) (when purchased at the time of mailing with Certified Mail, COD, Insured mail for more than \$200.00, ~~or~~ Registered Mail, or Signature Confirmation);
 - Standard Mail and Parcel Select Lightweight (when purchased at the time of mailing with bulk insurance for more than \$200.00 and prepared as parcels);
 - Standard Post (when purchased at the time of mailing with COD ~~or~~, Insured mail for more than \$200.00, or Signature Confirmation);
 - Package Services (when purchased at the time of mailing with COD ~~or~~, Insured mail for more than \$200.00, or Signature Confirmation); and
 - Parcel Select, except Parcel Select Lightweight (when purchased at the time of mailing with COD ~~or~~, Insured mail for more than \$200.00, or Signature Confirmation).
- c. Restricted Delivery is available at the time of mailing or after mailing, as specified by the Postal Service.

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PART B

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

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2100 Domestic Products

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2120 Parcel Return Service

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2120.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Pickup On Demand Service
- Ancillary Services (1505)

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2120.6 Prices

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[immediately after price tables]

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

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2125 First-Class Package Service

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2125.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Pickup On Demand Service

- Ancillary Services (1505)

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2125.6 Prices

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Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

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PART C

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Pickup On Demand Service

A service which allows customers to schedule pickup of specified postage-paid ~~Priority Mail Express, Global Express Guaranteed, Priority Mail, Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service, and Standard Post (including Priority Mail and Standard Post sent with USPS Tracking or Signature Confirmation)~~ mail items from a home or business. Pickups may be regularly scheduled by agreement or provided on request ~~call~~ through USPS.com ~~the internet or a toll-free number~~. The price is per trip, regardless of the number of items schedule for pickup.