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I. INTRODUCTION

On January 15, 2015, the Postal Service filed a notice of its planned price adjustments for market dominant products.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service proposes to implement numerous classification changes in conjunction with these price adjustments. The Commission has reviewed the pricing and mail classification change proposals for consistency with the requirements of title 39. The Commission provided its analysis of the proposed prices and mail classification changes for First-Class Mail in Order

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<sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Adjustment, January 15, 2015 (Notice).

No. 2365,<sup>2</sup> and Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services in Order No. 2378.<sup>3</sup> This Order discusses the planned price adjustments for the Special Services class. The Commission concludes that the planned prices for Special Services do not violate the price cap in 39 U.S.C. § 3622(d) and the classification changes are consistent with applicable law and regulations.

## II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

*Background.* On January 15, 2015, the Postal Service filed its Notice with the Commission pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 3622 and the Commission's rules in 39 C.F.R. part 3010. In its Notice, the Postal Service announces its intention to change most domestic and international market dominant prices on April 26, 2015 at 12:01 a.m. by amounts which are, on average, within a 1.966 percent statutory price cap for all classes of mail.

The Notice includes five attachments, which present detailed price and mail classification changes; worksharing discount calculations; price index change calculations; the proposed promotions calendar; and the adjusted exigent surcharges for new rate cells. Notice, Attachments A-E. Supporting workpapers address, for each class, how the planned prices comply with the price cap. On January 20, 2015, the Commission issued Order No. 2327, which provided public notification of the Notice; established Docket No. R2015-4 to consider the planned price adjustments' consistency with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements; appointed a Public Representative; and provided an opportunity to comment.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Order on Price Adjustments for First-Class Mail Products and Related Classification Changes, February 24, 2015 (Order No. 2365).

<sup>3</sup> Order on Price Adjustments for Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Packages Services Products, March 6, 2015 (Order No. 2378).

<sup>4</sup> See Notice and Order on Rate Adjustments, Classification Changes, and Temporary Promotions for Market Dominant Products, January 20, 2015 (Order No. 2327).

In response to Order No. 2327, as modified by Order No. 2340,<sup>5</sup> the Commission received two sets of formal comments<sup>6</sup> relating to the Postal Service's proposed adjustments for Special Services.<sup>7</sup>

*Omissions, errors, and related delays.* The Postal Service's initial filing in this proceeding contained many errors and inconsistencies and lacked information required by title 39 and the Commission's regulations. On January 26, 2015, MPA—The Association of Magazine Media, the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the Association for Postal Commerce filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the comment deadline due in part to the Postal Service's failure to provide the information required by 39 C.F.R. § 3010.23(d) in its initial filing.<sup>8</sup> In response to that motion, the Commission issued Order No. 2340. The order: (1) determined that the Notice was incomplete with respect to the price adjustments related to Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services, and Special Services; and (2) concluded that after the Postal Service files complete responses to certain information requests, the Notice would be complete, and the 45-day notice period would begin for price adjustments related to the affected classes of mail, including Special Services. Order No. 2340 at 4-5. In an attempt to bring the filing into compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, clarify the Postal Service's proposed price adjustments and classification change, and ensure the Commission had accurate and complete data to review, 16 Chairman's Information Requests (CHIRs) have been issued over the course of this proceeding.

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<sup>5</sup> Order Granting, in Part, Motion for Extension of Comment Deadline, February 2, 2015 (Order No. 2340).

<sup>6</sup> Comments of Douglas F. Carlson, February 4, 2015 (Carlson Comments); Comments of Certified-Mail-Labels.com, February 5, 2015 (CML Comments). The CML Comments were accompanied by a motion for late acceptance. Motion for Late Acceptance of Comments from Certified-Mail-Labels.com, February 5, 2015. As the CML Comments were timely filed pursuant to Order No. 2340, the motion for late acceptance is denied as moot.

<sup>7</sup> Comments are addressed in this Order to the extent they relate to the Commission's analysis on Special Services products. To the extent comments filed are more applicable to other products and have not already been addressed in Order No. 2365 or Order No. 2378, the Commission expects to address those comments, along with those filed in accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3010.11(g), in a subsequent order on Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services.

<sup>8</sup> Motion of MPA—The Association of Magazine Media, Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers and Association for Postal Commerce for Extension of Time to File Comments, January 26, 2015.

*Note regarding prices in this Order.* The market dominant prices that are currently in effect include a temporary exigent surcharge of 4.3 percent.<sup>9</sup> The “base prices” (*i.e.*, the price in effect without the exigent surcharge) were established in Docket No. R2013-10.<sup>10</sup> The Commission previously determined that if the Postal Service was to seek an inflation-based price adjustment during the period in which the exigent surcharge was in effect, the Postal Service should address both the general requirements of 39 U.S.C. § 3622 and the specific workshare discount requirements on the base prices and any added inflation-based adjustment.<sup>11</sup>

In the instant docket, the Postal Service requests to increase the base prices while the exigent surcharge remains in effect. Consequently, two sets of prices are produced. The first set of prices reflects the proposed inflation-based increases to the base prices with the exigent surcharge added to the new inflation-adjusted prices. These are the prices that the Commission expects will go into effect when the Postal Service implements the planned price changes.<sup>12</sup> Thus, the Commission includes these prices in the attachment to this Order that details the changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) arising from this Order. The second set of prices results from the adjustment of the base prices to reflect the proposed inflation-based increases. These prices will be in effect when the exigent surcharge is removed.

Consistent with Order No. 2319, the Commission has reviewed the base prices and the planned inflation-based price adjustments for compliance with 39 U.S.C. § 3622 for Special Services. Analysis of the percentage change in rates and all other analyses compare the base prices to the planned inflation-based adjustments.

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<sup>9</sup> Docket No. R2013-11, Order Granting Exigent Price Increase, December 24, 2013 (Order No. 1926).

<sup>10</sup> Docket No. R2013-10, Order on Price Adjustments for Market Dominant Products and Related Mail Classification Changes, November 21, 2013 (Order No. 1890).

<sup>11</sup> Docket No. R2013-11, Order on Exigent Surcharge Removal, January 12, 2015, at 9 (Order No. 2319).

<sup>12</sup> The Postal Service intends to implement the new prices on April 26, 2015. Notice at 1. The Postal Service will notice the removal of the exigent surcharge at least 45 days prior to the day the exigent surcharge is removed. Order No. 2319 at 15.

*Supplemental data and information.* The Chairman issued, and the Postal Service responded to, several information requests seeking clarification of the Postal Service's planned price adjustments for Special Services.<sup>13</sup>

### III. SPECIAL SERVICES

#### A. Introduction

The Special Services class consists of 11 products: (1) Ancillary Services;<sup>14</sup> (2) International Ancillary Services;<sup>15</sup> (3) Address Management Services; (4) Caller Service; (5) Credit Card Authentication; (6) International Reply Coupon Service; (7) International Business Reply Mail Service; (8) Money Orders; (9) Post Office Box Service; (10) Customized Postage; and (11) Stamp Fulfillment Services.

#### B. Compliance with the Price Cap and Price Adjustments

The planned price increase of Special Services is on average, 0.255 percent. See Library Reference PRC-LR-R2015-4/5. Table III-1 shows the percentage price changes for individual products within the Special Services class including revisions based on the application of the Commission's accepted methodology, Postal Service errata, and responses to CHIRs. *Id.*

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<sup>13</sup> Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-5, and Question 6 (Parts A-D) of Chairman's Information Request No. 3, February 4, 2015 (Response to CHIR No. 3); Response of the United States Postal Service to Question 6(E) of Chairman's Information Request No. 3, February 5, 2015 (Response to CHIR No. 3, question 6(e)); Response of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 4, February 5, 2015 (Response to CHIR No. 4); Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 4-12 of Chairman's Information Request No. 8, February 13, 2015 (Response to CHIR No. 8); Response of the United States Postal Service to Questions 2-12 of Chairman's Information Request No. 15, February 27, 2015 (Response to CHIR No. 15).

<sup>14</sup> The Domestic Ancillary Services product currently includes 22 services: (1) Address Correction Service; (2) Applications and Mailing Permits; (3) Business Reply Mail; (4) Bulk Parcel Return Service; (5) Certified Mail; (6) Certificate of Mailing; (7) Collect on Delivery; (8) USPS Tracking; (9) Insurance; (10) Merchandise Return Service; (11) Parcel Airlift; (12) Registered Mail; (13) Return Receipt; (14) Return Receipt for Merchandise; (15) Restricted Delivery; (16) Shipper-Paid Forwarding; (17) Signature Confirmation; (18) Special Handling; (19) Stamped Envelopes; (20) Stamped Cards; (21) Premium Stamped Stationery; and (22) Premium Stamped Cards.

<sup>15</sup> The International Ancillary Services product currently includes 6 services: (1) International Certificate of Mailing; (2) International Registered Mail; (3) International Return Receipt; (4) International Restricted Delivery; (5) International Insurance; and (6) Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee.

**Table III-1**  
**Special Services Price Changes (By Product)<sup>16</sup>**

<b>Special Services Product</b>	<b>Price Changes %</b>
Domestic Ancillary Services	-0.912
Address Management Services	1.316
Caller Service	3.778
Credit Card Authentication	0.000
Customized Postage	0.000
Money Orders	0.021
*Other Services	-17.391
Post Office Box Service	5.870
Stamp Fulfillment Services	0.000
International Ancillary Services	2.066
International Business Reply Mail Service	0.000
International Reply Coupon Service	0.000
*Other Services includes Standard Mail Weighted Forwarding and Return. This service is not part of the Special Services class in the MCS. However, the service is comparable to Ancillary Services and is included with the Special Services class in this proceeding.	
Source: Library Reference PRC-LR-R2015-4/5.	

Five Special Services products do not receive price increases – Customized Postage, Stamp Fulfillment Services, International Business Reply Mail Service, International Reply Coupon Service, and Credit Card Authentication. Notice at 38-39; see Library Reference USPS-LR-R2015-4/5.

While the overall increase for the Special Services class is 0.255 percent, there are both large increases and decreases for some individual Special Services products.

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<sup>16</sup> The percentage price changes in Table III-1 are calculated by comparing the base prices from Docket No. R2013-10 to the prices resulting from this proceeding, prior to the application of the exigent surcharge.

The Postal Service also proposes to consolidate and eliminate some Special Services offerings. The overall price increase for the Address Management Services product is 1.3 percent. The Postal Service explains that the vast majority of the services in the Address Management Services product will not be changing price since the current prices adequately cover costs and it does not want to discourage mailers from using services that improve mailing address quality. *Id.*<sup>17</sup> The Postal Service further explains that the price increases for the other services within the Address Management Services product do not exceed 2.5 percent and are intended to reflect the value of the service and better align service offerings. *Id.*

Caller Service prices are increasing by an average of 3.9 percent. The Postal Service states that the Caller Service price increases range from 0.1 percent to 7.7 percent to reflect the high value of the service and allow the Postal Service “to start smoothing out the prices across fee groups.” *Id.*

The Money Orders product prices are increasing by an average of less than 0.1 percent. *Id.* at 39. Most Money Order services are remaining at the same price with the exception of APO-FPO Money Orders. *Id.*

Overall, the Post Office Box Service product prices are increasing by 5.9 percent. The Postal Service explains that these price changes “are intended to smooth the differences in prices across both the fee groups and box sizes within fee groups, as well as reflect the high value of the service provided.” *Id.* at 39.

On average, the Postal Service proposes a price decrease for the domestic Ancillary Services product of 0.9 percent and a price increase in the International Ancillary Services product of 2.1 percent. See Library Reference PRC-LR-R2015-4/5.

Most price changes within the domestic and International Ancillary Services products deviate from the average price changes. Permit Fees and Account Maintenance fees are increasing by 2.3 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively. Notice

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<sup>17</sup> The Postal Service also proposes to move away from CD-ROM fulfillment for Address Management Services. As such, it is eliminating Postal Explorer CD-ROM service and making other updates to its service descriptions. *Id.* at 55.

at 32.<sup>18</sup> However, these fees will be waived for Merchandise Return Service (MRS) and Parcel Return Service (PRS) when a mailer sends at least one outbound parcel using a permit. *Id.* Overall, Bulk Parcel Return Service prices are decreasing by 11.9 percent as a result of the Postal Service's proposal to eliminate permit and account maintenance fees for this service, while per piece prices are increasing by 5.3 percent. *Id.*

The Postal Service is proposing to eliminate all fees for its USPS Tracking service for First-Class Mail, Media Mail, Bound Printed Matter, and Library Mail (effectively a 100.0 percent price decrease), while, at the same time, increase the fees for USPS Tracking for Standard Mail parcels by 59.1 percent. *Id.* at 34. Prices for Address Correction Service are increasing by 5.5 percent.<sup>19</sup> Registered Mail prices are increasing by 2.6 percent.<sup>20</sup>

The prices for Collect on Delivery (COD) are increasing by 5.4 percent overall. The Postal Service states that it is making this change to reflect the value of the service and to ensure that the service covers its costs since COD cost coverage has varied widely over the past few years. *Id.* at 33-34.

Prices for Insurance are decreasing by 2.0 percent due to lower prices for insured items valued between \$200.01 and \$500.00, given that the Postal Service will no longer be collecting a signature at the time of delivery for such items. *Id.* at 34. To obtain a signature for such items mailers will need to purchase Signature Confirmation or another service that provides for a signature.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> The Postal Service initially proposed to separate First-Class Mail and First-Class Package Service permit fees and to include the Parcel Select Lightweight permit fee with Parcel Select rather than Standard Mail. That proposal was subsequently withdrawn. See Response to CHIR No. 4, question 4.

<sup>19</sup> The Postal Service initially proposed to add a late payment fee to Address Correction Services in certain circumstances. That proposal was subsequently withdrawn. See Response to CHIR No. 3, question 6(e).

<sup>20</sup> Along with this price increase, the Postal Service is proposing to increase the maximum indemnification available with Registered Mail to \$50,000 to match what other carriers offer.

<sup>21</sup> In its Response to CHIR No. 4, question 2, the Postal Service explained an adjustment it made to billing determinants for the Insurance and Signature Confirmation services. The Commission finds such adjustments reasonable under 39 C.F.R. § 3010.23(d).

The Postal Service is proposing to increase the price of Return Receipt by an average of 3.8 percent. Additionally, the Postal Service is proposing to eliminate the option for Return Receipt after Mailing (RRAM) due to low usage. This proposal will require mailers wanting a return receipt to purchase either electronic or hardcopy Return Receipt at the time of mailing. *Id.* at 35.

Stamped Envelopes prices will increase by less than 0.1 percent while the prices for Stamped Cards, Premium Stamped Cards, and Premium Stamped Stationary will not change as a result of this docket. *Id.* at 37.

*Comments.* Certified-Mail-Labels.com (CML) opposes the proposal to eliminate RRAM because it will force mailers to purchase Return Receipt as an additional service effectively increasing its costs by more than 43 percent. CML Comments at 3.

Douglas F. Carlson also opposes the elimination of RRAM because he believes that the Postal Service's plan reflects a misunderstanding of customers' needs for the service and undermines the value of and basis for Certified Mail. Carlson Comments at 1. He asserts that the proposal will unfairly and unnecessarily impose a cost on mailers by bundling services together rather than allowing customers to purchase only those individual services that they need. *Id.* at 5. He contends that the elimination of RRAM is not cost efficient because the Postal Service will still need to spend time and money to collect signatures for all Certified Mail pieces in order to provide a signature for the small volume of customers who purchase electronic Return Receipt. *Id.* at 6. He recommends that (1) the cost of obtaining a signature be built into the price of electronic return receipt service; and (2) the Postal Service should determine a way to alert the carrier when a signature needs to be collected for a particular item. *Id.*

*Commission analysis.* The Commission finds that the Postal Service's planned price adjustments for Special Services comply with the price cap limitations specified by 39 U.S.C. § 3622(d). As discussed in its Notice, the Postal Service had initially planned on a price increase for the Special Services Class that was, on average 0.234 percent. See Library Reference USPS-LR-R2015-4/5. However, on February 13, 2015, the Postal Service filed revised price cap calculation workpapers that showed a price increase for the Special Services class that was, on average 0.259 percent. Response to CHIR No. 8, question 8. Additionally, in its Response to CHIR No. 15, the Postal

Service provided additional corrections to its Special Services workpapers. Response to CHIR No. 15, questions 3-12. After taking into account these revisions and CHIR responses, the Commission finds the Special Services class price increase to be, on average 0.255 percent. See Library Reference PRC-LR-R2015-4/5 for the detailed calculations.<sup>22</sup> This creates 1.711 percent of new unused price adjustment authority. As the Postal Service had no unused price adjustment authority before the instant docket, the unused price adjustment authority for Special Services is also 1.711 percent. See Library Reference PRC-LR-R2015-4/5.

With respect to CML's and Carlson's concerns about the proposal to eliminate RRAM, the Commission is sympathetic to mailers who receive large price increases or face the elimination of a service they value. However, the proposed service changes do not violate applicable law and regulations.

For Market Dominant products, the Postal Service has considerable flexibility to make price adjustments so long as such adjustments comply with the market dominant class level price caps set forth in 39 U.S.C. § 3622(d) and 39 C.F.R. part 3010 subparts B and C. Below the class level, the Postal Service has considerable pricing flexibility to adjust or eliminate the prices of particular rate cells as long as such prices changes are properly accounted for in the applicable class price cap calculation. Here, the Commission finds that the Postal Service properly accounted for the price changes related to the elimination of the RRAM option. As a result, the Commission finds that the Postal Service's proposal to eliminate the service is consistent with applicable statutes and regulations.

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<sup>22</sup> The Commission's price increase analysis for Special Services begins with the Postal Service's February 13, 2015, revised cap calculation workpapers for Special Services and makes three adjustments. First, the Commission adjusts the First-Class Presort Permit volume to take into account the Postal Service's Response to CHIR No. 15, question 4. Second, the Commission updates the value of the Standard Mail weighted fee pursuant to the Postal Service's Response to CHIR No. 15, question 11. Finally, the Commission corrects the Computerized Delivery Sequence volume to account for the Postal Service's Response to CHIR No. 15, question 12.

### C. Classification Changes

The Postal Service proposes several significant classification changes related to Special Services products as well as some minor conforming changes. Changes include simplifying its PRS and MRS options by eliminating fees for PRS and MRS customers with outbound volume, and, for other customers, consolidating fees for PRS and MRS. The Postal Service also proposes adding certain optional features to its Certified Mail offering as well as clarifying MCS language for Certificate of Mailing, Return Receipt, and Insurance. Additionally, the Postal Service proposes MCS changes to clarify the description of its COD offering as well as specify a new hold for pickup option and two new optional features – COD Restricted Delivery and Registered COD Mail.

Moreover, the Postal Service proposes changes to the MCS that would allow it to eliminate Restricted Delivery as a stand-alone service and instead offer Restricted Delivery as a feature available with Certified Mail, COD, Insurance, Registered Mail, and Signature Confirmation. Additional proposed MCS changes include renaming Shipper-Paid Forwarding as Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return (SPF/R), correcting the description of SPF/R,<sup>23</sup> clarifying the descriptions of Signature Confirmation and Special Handling, and adding several new optional features to Signature Confirmation and Special Handling.

Finally, with respect to its International Special Services offerings, the Postal Service seeks to remove Inbound International Return Receipt (IIRR) and Inbound International Restricted Delivery from the MCS since these items do not generate revenue for the Postal Service.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> Among the changes to the SPF/R description, the Postal Service proposes eliminating BPRS as an available return price for SPF/R. In its Response to CHIR No. 8, question 11, the Postal Service agreed that its proposed MCS change that would strike through the BPRS option under SPR/R was not appropriate. Accordingly, that MCS change will not be made.

<sup>24</sup> The Postal Service states that IIRR should be removed from the MCS “as an accounting matter, so that the Postal Service does not have to continue to report information on this service” in the Revenue, Pieces and Weight (RPW) and International Cost and Revenue Analysis (ICRA) reports. Response to CHIR No. 3, question 3(c). The Postal Service maintains that removing IIRR would have no impact on the accuracy of reported revenue, while streamlining data collection and production of the RPW report. *Id.*

*Comments.* No comments related to the Postal Service's proposed classification changes for Special Services were received.

*Commission analysis.* The Commission approves the proposed mail classification changes for Special Services with the exception of the proposed elimination of IIRR. With respect to IIRR, the request to remove IIRR from the MCS is a hybrid proposal, which includes both a classification change and a change in analytical principles for periodic reporting, since acceptance would involve changes to periodic financial reporting requirements in the ICRA and RPW reports. See Response to CHIR No. 3, question 3. As a proposal to change an analytical principle for periodic reporting, the request must be considered pursuant to the standards and procedures of 39 U.S.C. § 3652(e)(2) and 39 C.F.R. § 3050.11 prior to being used as an accepted analytical principle under 39 C.F.R. §§ 3050.1 and 3050.10. Even if the proposal were adopted, the Postal Service would continue to receive Inbound Letter Post items from foreign senders with a return receipt. As such, the Postal Service would continue to incur costs for domestic processing, delivery (including collection) and transportation, as well as international transportation costs, for the return of receipts to foreign postal operators for delivery to the sender, even though such operators do not remunerate the Postal Service for these costs.

Given these circumstances, the Commission cannot approve the proposal to remove IIRR from the MCS at this time. The implications for periodic financial reporting raised by this proposal must be considered pursuant to the procedures of 39 C.F.R. § 3050.11 prior to removing IIRR from the MCS.

#### IV. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission finds that the Postal Service's planned price adjustments relating to Special Services as identified in the United States Postal Service Notice of Market Dominant Price Adjustment, filed January 15, 2015, are consistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3622(d), and may take effect, as planned.

2. Accepted revisions to the Mail Classification Schedule appear below the signature of this Order and are effective April 26, 2015.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary

## CHANGES TO THE MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

The following material represents a change to the Mail Classification Schedule. The Commission uses two main conventions when making changes to the Mail Classification Schedule. New text is underlined. Deleted text is struck through.

**Part A—Market Dominant Products**

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**1100 First-Class Mail**

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**1105 Single-Piece Letters/Postcards**

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1105.4 Optional Features

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

- Ancillary Services (1505)  
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  - ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

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**1110 Presorted Letters/Postcards**

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1110.4 Optional Features

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

- Ancillary Services (1505)  
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  - ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

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**1115**

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**Flats**

1115.4

Optional Features

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

- Ancillary Services (1505)  
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  - ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

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**1120**

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**Parcels**

1120.4

Optional Features

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

- Ancillary Services (1505)

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~~○ Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

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*First-Class Mail  
Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International*

**1125 Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International**

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1125.5 Optional Features

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

- International Ancillary Services (1510)  
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  - ~~International Restricted Delivery (1510.4)~~

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**1130 Inbound Letter Post**

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1130.5 Optional Features

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

- International Ancillary Services (1510)  
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  - ~~Inbound International Restricted Delivery (1510.4)~~
  - Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee: dutiable items only (1510.64)

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**1230**

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**Parcels**

1230.5

Optional Features

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

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- Ancillary Services (1505)

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- ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

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**1415**            **Bound Printed Matter Flats**

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1415.5            Optional Features

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

- Ancillary Services (1505)  
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  - ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

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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:

- Ancillary Services (1505)  
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  - ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

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**1425**

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**Media Mail/Library Mail**

1425.5

Optional Features

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

- Ancillary Services (1505)  
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  - ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

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**1500**

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**Special Services**

1500.2

Products Included in Class

- Ancillary Services (1505)  
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  - ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~  
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- International Ancillary Services (1510)  
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  - ~~International Restricted Delivery (1510.4)~~
  - Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee (1510.64)

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**1505 Ancillary Services**  
**1505.1 Address Correction Service**  
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1505.1.2 Prices

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Manual correction, each	
First-Class Mail piece, on-piece correction only	0.00
Other	<u>0.59</u>
Electronic correction, each	
First-Class Mail piece	<u>0.12</u>
Other	<u>0.32</u>
Automated correction (Letters Only)	
First-Class Mail piece	
First two notices, for a given address change, each	<u>0.05</u>
Additional notices, for a given address change, each	<u>0.12</u>
Standard Mail piece	
First two notices, for a given address change, each	<u>0.08</u>
Additional notices, for a given address change, each	<u>0.26</u>
Full-service correction, each	0.00

**1505.2 Applications and Mailing Permits**

1505.2.1 Description

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*Package Services Mail*

A mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period to mail at any destination entry Bound Printed Matter price, except for qualifying Full-service Intelligent Mail barcode mailings. A separate mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period to mail at any Media Mail presorted or Library Mail presorted price.

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*Parcel Return Services*

A Return Services permit mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period by mailers using Merchandise Return Service, or Parcel Return Service. In addition, the permit holder must pay an account maintenance fee once each 12-month period for each advance deposit account. The Return Services permit and account maintenance fees do not apply to mailers who use the Postal Service to mail non-returns (outbound) parcel-shaped mail using a permit account.

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## 1505.2.2 Prices

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First-Class Mail/First-Class Package Service Presort Mailing Fee (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Standard Mail/Parcel Select Lightweight Mailing Fee (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Periodicals Application Fees (one-time only for each)	
A. Original Entry	<u>715.00</u>
B. Re-entry	80.00
C. Registration for News Agents	<u>80.00</u>
Bound Printed Matter: Destination Entry Mailing Fee (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Media Mail Presorted Mailing Fee (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Library Mail Presorted Mailing Fee (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Parcel Select: Destination Entry <u>or Lightweight</u> Mailing Fee (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
<del>Parcel-Return Services</del> Account Maintenance Fee (per year)	<u>700.00</u>
<del>Parcel-Return Services</del> <u>Permit Mailing</u> -Fee (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Application to Use Permit Imprint (one-time only)	<u>225.00</u>

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**1505.3 Business Reply Mail**

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## 1505.3.2 Prices

	(\$)
Regular (no account maintenance fee)	
Permit (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Per-piece charge	<u>0.85</u>
Regular (with account maintenance fee)	
Permit (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Account maintenance (per year)	<u>700.00</u>
Per-piece charge	<u>0.099</u>
Qualified Business Reply Mail, low-volume	
Permit (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Account maintenance (per year)	<u>700.00</u>
Per-piece charge	<u>0.066</u>
Qualified Business Reply Mail, high-volume	
Permit (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Account maintenance (per year)	<u>700.00</u>
Quarterly	<u>2,330.00</u>
Per-piece charge	<u>0.011</u>
Bulk Weight Averaged (Non-letters only)	
Permit (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
Account maintenance (per year)	<u>700.00</u>
Per-piece charge	<u>0.019</u>
Monthly maintenance	<u>1,170.00</u>

**1505.4 Bulk Parcel Return Service**

1505.4.1 Description

- a. Bulk Parcel Return Service provides a method whereby high-volume parcel mailers may have machinable parcels, initially mailed as Standard Mail (Commercial and Nonprofit) or Parcel Select Lightweight parcels, returned to designated postal facilities for pickup by the mailer at a predetermined frequency, or delivered in bulk by the Postal Service in a specified manner and frequency. Such parcels may be returned because they are: undeliverable-as-addressed; have been opened, resealed, and redeposited into the mail for return to the mailer using a mailer provided return label; or are found in the mailstream, having been opened, resealed, and redeposited by the recipient for return to the mailer.

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- c. Mailers must receive authorization from the Postal Service to use Bulk Parcel Return Service, ~~pay an annual permit fee, and pay an advance deposit account maintenance fee. Payment for Bulk Parcel Return Service is made through an advance deposit account, or as otherwise specified.~~

1505.4.2 Prices

	(\$)
Permit (per year)	220.00
Account maintenance (per year)	685.00
Per-piece charge	<u>3.10</u>

**1505.5 Certified Mail**

1505.5.1 Description

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- e. Certified Mail service may be requested only at the time of mailing.
- f. Certified Mail service also can be combined with these optional features at the price provided in 1505.5.2:
  - Restricted Delivery, which directs delivery only to the addressee or addressee’s agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name;
  - Adult Signature Required, which requires the signature of anyone 21 years of age or older at the recipient address; and
  - Adult Signature Restricted Delivery, which requires the signature of the addressee only, who must be 21 years of age or older.

1505.5.2 Prices

<u>(Per piece)</u>	<u>(\$)</u>
<u>Certified Mail</u>	<u>3.45</u>
<u>Certified Mail with Restricted Delivery and/or Adult Signature</u>	<u>8.60</u>

**1505.6 Certificate of Mailing**

## 1505.6.1 Description

- a. Certificate of Mailing service furnishes evidence that mail has been presented to the Postal Service for mailing. Two types of Certificate of Mailing service are offered:
- b. Certificate of Mailing (Forms 3817 and 3665): furnishes evidence that pieces addressed to specific individuals were presented to the Postal Service for mailing using First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail (except Critical Mail), Package Services, Standard Mail (except Customized MarketMail), Parcel Return Service, Parcel Select, and Standard Post.
- c. Certificate of Bulk Mailing (Form 3606): Only furnishes evidence that a number of identical-weight pieces were presented to the Postal Service for mailing using First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail (except Critical Mail), Standard Mail (except Customized MarketMail), Parcel Select, Package Services and Standard Post.
- d. Certificate of Mailing service does not include retention of a record of mailing by the Postal Service or provide evidence of delivery.
- e. A mailer may, upon request and payment of the appropriate fee, obtain an additional Certificate of Mailing on terms specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- f. Certificate of Mailing service may be requested only at time of mailing.

## 1505.6.2 Prices

*Individual Pieces-Prices*

	(\$)
Original Certificate of Mailing, <u>Form 3817</u> , individual article presented at retail	<u>1.35</u>
Three or more pieces individually listed <u>on Form 3665-Firm or USPS in a firm mailing book or an approved customer provided manifest (per piece listed)</u>	<u>0.38</u>
Each additional copy of original Certificate of Mailing, or original mailing receipt ( <u>Form 3877</u> ) for Registered Mail, insured mail, Certified Mail, and COD mail (each copy)	<u>1.35</u>

*Quantity of Pieces-Bulk-Prices*

*Special Services  
Ancillary Services*

	<b>(\$)</b>
Up to 1,000 identical-weight pieces (one <u>Form 3606</u> certificate for total number)	<u>7.95</u>
Each additional 1,000 identical-weight pieces or fraction thereof	<u>0.99</u>
Each additional copy of the original <u>Form 3606</u> Certificate of Mailing	<u>1.35</u>

**1505.7 Collect on Delivery**

1505.7.1 Description

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COD service also provides, as optional features at additional fees:

Restricted Delivery, which directs delivery only to the addressee or addressee's agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name.

Registered COD, which combines Registered Mail with COD services. The total fees include the proper registry fee for the value declared plus the registered COD fee. Fees and additional details are listed under Registered Mail (1505.14).

c. If delivery is attempted, but not successful, a notice will be provided to the addressee. COD customers may also elect to have the piece held for pickup at a local Post Office. If such an election is made, notice will be provided to the addressee instructing them to pick up their COD item at a particular Post Office.

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f. A claim for ~~complete loss or damage~~ may ~~only~~ be filed as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual. ~~by the mailer.~~ A claim for damage or for partial loss may be filed by either the mailer or the addressee.

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h. COD service may only be requested at the time of mailing, obtained and the piece must be presented to a rural carrier or a postal employee at by taking the item to a Post Office, branch, station (including any authorized contractor), or business mail entry unit, for mailing.

i. ~~COD service may be requested only at time of mailing.~~

1505.7.2 Prices

	(\$)		(\$)	(\$)
Amount to be collected, or insurance coverage desired, whichever is higher:				
	0.01	to	50.00	<u>7.25</u>
	50.01	to	100.00	<u>9.05</u>
	100.01	to	200.00	<u>10.85</u>
	200.01	to	300.00	<u>12.65</u>
	300.01	to	400.00	<u>14.45</u>
	400.01	to	500.00	<u>16.25</u>
	500.01	to	600.00	<u>18.05</u>
	600.01	to	700.00	<u>19.85</u>
	700.01	to	800.00	<u>21.65</u>
	800.01	to	900.00	<u>23.45</u>
	900.01	to	1,000.00	<u>25.25</u>
<u>Additional Fees for Optional Features:</u>				
<u>Registered-COD Restricted Delivery</u>				<u>5.15</u>

**1505.8 USPS Tracking**

1505.8.1 Description

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- b. USPS Tracking service is automatically included with the purchase of items sent via First-Class Mail Parcels, Package Services, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, Standard Post, and First-Class Package Service.

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- e. USPS Tracking service may only be obtained at the time of mailing by: applying a unique tracking barcode prior to mailing; or presenting the item at ~~to~~ a Post Office, branch, station (including any authorized contractor), or self-service kiosk, for mailing or business mail entry unit; ~~or giving the piece to a rural carrier.~~
- f. ~~USPS Tracking service may be requested only at time of mailing.~~

## 1505.8.2 Prices

	(\$)
First-Class Mail Parcels	
Electronic>Returns with integrated retail system label	0.00
Retail	<u>0.00</u>
First-Class Package Service	
Electronic	0.00
Standard Mail Parcels	
Electronic	<u>0.36</u>
Package Services	
Returns with integrated retail system label	0.00
Electronic	<u>0.00</u>
Retail	<u>0.00</u>
Priority Mail	
Electronic>Returns with integrated retail system label	0.00
Retail	0.00
Parcel Select	
Electronic	0.00
Parcel Select	
Electronic>Returns with integrated retail system label	0.00
Retail	0.00
Standard Post	
Electronic>Returns with integrated retail system label	0.00
Retail	0.00

**1505.9 Insurance**

1505.9.1 Description

- a. Insurance may be obtained only at the time of mailing and provides the mailer with indemnity for loss, damage, or missing contents for merchandise mailed using Priority Mail Express, Package Services, Parcel Select, Standard Post, Standard Mail parcels, or items included in pieces sent via First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, or Priority Mail, if the contents would be eligible to be mailed using Standard Mail, Standard Post, or Package Services. Insurance is available as either General Insurance with a Bulk Insurance option or Priority Mail Express Insurance.
- b. Insurance provides the mailer with a receipt for each item mailed and indemnity for up to the actual value of the article at the time of mailing. An Insurance claim (except for the bulk insurance option) for damage or for partial loss may be filed.
- ~~c.~~ For ~~General~~ Insurance articles insured for ~~\$~~5200.00 or less, the Postal Service maintains delivery information (not including a signature) for six months. For articles insured for more than ~~\$~~200.00, the Postal Service maintains a delivery record (which includes the recipient's signature) for two years, and provides the delivery record to the customer, upon request. If the article is returned to the sender, the Postal Service does not ~~include~~retain the sender's return signature as part of the delivery record.

For articles insured for more than \$500.00, Insurance service also provides, as an optional feature:

Insurance Restricted Delivery, which directs delivery only to the addressee or addressee's agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name.

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*~~General Insurance~~*

- a. ~~General Insurance provides the mailer with indemnity for loss, damage, or missing contents for items mailed using Package Services, Parcel Select, Standard Post, Standard Mail parcels, or items included in pieces sent via~~

~~First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, or Priority Mail, if the contents would be eligible to be mailed using Standard Mail or Package Services.~~

- ~~b. General Insurance provides the mailer with a receipt for each item mailed and indemnity for up to the actual value of the article at the time of mailing. For General Insurance claims (except for the Bulk Insurance option), a claim for damage or for partial loss may be filed by either the mailer or addressee (except for the Bulk Insurance option). A claim for complete loss may only be filed by the mailer.~~
- ~~je. General Insurance is not available for matter offered for sale and addressed to a prospective purchaser who has not ordered or authorized its sending.~~
- i. For Priority Mail Express pieces, Insurance coverage is provided, for no additional charge, up to \$100.00 per piece for document reconstruction, up to \$5,000.00 per occurrence, regardless of the number of claimants.

#### *Bulk Insurance Option*

- ~~a. General Insurance includes a Bulk Insurance option that is available for Standard Mail parcels and Parcel Select pieces entered as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.~~

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#### *Priority Mail Express Insurance*

- ~~a. Priority Mail Express Insurance provides the mailer with indemnity for loss, damage, or missing contents for items sent by Priority Mail Express service. Insurance coverage is provided, for no additional charge, up to \$100.00 per piece for document reconstruction, up to \$5,000.00 per occurrence, regardless of the number of claimants. Insurance coverage for merchandise is also provided, for no additional charge, up to \$100.00 per piece. Additional merchandise insurance coverage may be purchased. The maximum liability for merchandise is \$5,000.00 per piece.~~

1505.9.2 Prices

Merchandise Coverage<sup>1, 2, 3</sup> General Insurance<sup>4, 2</sup>

		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
<u>Merchandise coverage:</u>				
	0.01	to	50.00	<u>2.20</u>
	50.01	to	100.00	<u>2.75</u>
	100.01	to	200.00	<u>3.50</u>
	200.01	to	300.00	<u>4.60</u>
	300.01	to	400.00	<u>5.80</u>
	400.01	to	500.00	<u>7.00</u>
	500.01	to	600.00	<u>9.45</u>
	600.01	to	5,000.00	<u>\$9.45 plus 1.30 for each 100.00 or fraction thereof over 600.00</u>
<u>Additional Fee for Optional Feature</u>				
<u>Insurance Restricted Delivery</u>				<u>5.15</u>

**Notes**

1. Up to \$50.00 of ~~General~~ Insurance coverage is included at no additional cost in the price of Priority Mail pieces that bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode or retail tracking barcode. This does not apply to Priority Mail pieces sent using Merchandise Return Service, Priority Mail Open and Distribute, or Premium Forwarding Service.
2. Up to \$100.00 of ~~General~~ Insurance coverage is included at no additional cost in the price of Priority Mail pieces that bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode and for which the mailer pays Commercial Plus prices. This does not apply to Priority Mail pieces sent using Merchandise Return Service, Priority Mail Open and Distribute, or Premium Forwarding Service.
3. For Priority Mail Express pieces, Insurance coverage for merchandise is included at no additional cost in the price of Priority Mail Express, up to \$100.00 per piece.

*Bulk Insurance*

(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
Amount of coverage:				
0.01	to	50.00		<u>1.40</u>
50.01	to	100.00		<u>1.95</u>
100.01	to	200.00		<u>2.70</u>
200.01	to	300.00		<u>3.80</u>
300.01	to	5,000.00		<u>\$3.80 plus 1.30</u> for each 100.00 or fraction thereof over 300.00

*Priority Mail Express Insurance*

(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
Merchandise coverage:				
0.01	to	100.00		0.00
100.01	to	200.00		1.00
200.01	to	500.00		2.60
500.01	to	5,000.00		2.60 plus 1.65 for each 500.00 or fraction thereof over 500.00
Document reconstruction coverage:				
0.01	to	100.00		0.00

**1505.10 Merchandise Return Service**

1505.10.1 Description

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- b. Merchandise Return Service is available for First-Class Mail parcels, First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail (except Critical Mail), and certain ground return parcels at Parcel Select Nonpresort prices Standard Post, and Package Services pieces.
- c. The permit holder must pay an annual permit fee and an account maintenance fee (for each advance deposit account) at each office receiving returns. The Return Services permit and account maintenance fees do not apply to mailers who use the Postal Service to mail non-returns (outbound) parcel-shaped mail using a permit account.

1505.10.2 Prices

	(\$)
<u>Return Services</u> Permit (per year)	<u>225.00</u>
<u>Return Services a</u> Account maintenance (per year)	<u>700.00</u>
Per piece	0.00

**1505.11 Parcel Airlift (PAL)**

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1505.11.2 Prices

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For pieces weighing:	
Not more than 2 pounds	<u>0.75</u>
Over 2 but not more than 3 pounds	<u>1.40</u>
Over 3 but not more than 4 pounds	<u>1.95</u>
Over 4 but not more than 30 pounds	<u>2.55</u>

**1505.12 Registered Mail**

1505.12.1 Description

- a. Registered Mail service provides added protection to First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, and Priority Mail (except Critical Mail) pieces, and provides indemnity in case of loss, damage, or missing contents. The amount of indemnity depends upon the actual value of the article at the time of mailing, up to a maximum of ~~\$50,000.00~~ 25,000.00. Articles with a declared value of more than ~~\$50,000.00~~ 25,000.00 can be registered, but compensation for loss, damage, or missing contents is limited to ~~\$50,000.00~~25,000.00.

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- c. Registered Mail service also provides, as optional features at an additional fee:

Registered Mail Restricted Delivery, which directs delivery only to the addressee or addressee's agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name.

Registered COD, which receives COD treatment for mail handled the same as other Registered Mail. The maximum amount collectible from the recipient on one article is \$1,000.00. Indemnity is included up to the registry limit of \$50,000 by paying the registry fee for the value declared. The total fees charged for registered COD service include the proper registry fee for the value declared plus the registered COD fee. The mailer must declare the full value of the article being mailed, regardless of the amount to be collected from the recipient.

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1505.12.2 Prices

(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Declared Value:		
0.00		<u>12.20</u>
0.01	to 100.00	<u>13.00</u>
100.01	to 500.00	<u>15.15</u>
500.01	to 1,000.00	<u>16.75</u>
1,000.01	to 2,000.00	<u>18.35</u>
2,000.01	to 3,000.00	<u>19.95</u>
3,000.01	to 4,000.00	<u>21.55</u>
4,000.01	to 5,000.00	<u>23.15</u>
5,000.01	to 15,000,000.00	<u>\$23.15 plus 1.60 for each 1,000.00 or fraction thereof over 5,000.00</u>
Greater than	15,000,000.00	<u>\$24,016.75 plus amount determined by the Postal Service based on weight, space, and value</u>
<u>Additional Fees for Optional Features:</u>		
<u>Registered Mail Restricted Delivery</u>		<u>5.15</u>
<u>Registered COD</u>		<u>5.90</u>

**1505.13 Return Receipt**

## 1505.13.1 Description

- a. A Return Receipt may be requested only at the time of mailing and -provides a mailer with evidence that a mailpiece has been received at the delivery address, including an original (hardcopy) or electronic copy of the recipient's signature.
- b. Return Receipt service is available with:
- Priority Mail Express (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only);
  - First-Class Mail and First-Class Package Service when purchased at the time of mailing with Adult Signature (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only), Certified Mail, COD, Registered Mail, or insurance Insured mail for more than \$5200.00 (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only) ~~(or Registered Mail)~~;
  - ~~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)~~;
  - Priority Mail ~~(except Critical Mail)~~ (hardcopy PS Form 3811) when purchased at the time of mailing with Adult Signature or insurance for more than \$500.00, or Priority Mail (except Critical Mail) with Certified Mail, COD, Insured mail for more than \$200.00, or Registered Mail;
  - Standard Mail and Parcel Select lightweight (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only); when purchased at the time of mailing with bulk insurance for more than \$5200.00 and prepared as parcels);
  - Parcel Select Lightweight (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only); when purchased at the time of mailing with Adult Signature or bulk insurance for more than \$500.00;
  - Standard Post and Package Services when purchased at the time of mailing with COD, or insurance Insured mail for more than \$5200.00 (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only); and
  - ~~Package Services (when purchased at the time of mailing with COD, or Insured mail for more than \$200.00; and~~
  - Parcel Select, except Parcel Select Lightweight when purchased at the time of mailing with COD, or (hardcopy PS Form 3811) with insurance Insured mail for more than \$5200.00 or Adult Signature (Parcel Select Nonpresort only).

- c. Mailers requesting Return Receipt service ~~at the time of mailing~~ will be provided with an original or electronic copy of the signature of the recipient, the date delivered, and the address of delivery (if different from the address on the mailpiece).
- d. ~~Mailers requesting Return Receipt service after mailing will be provided a copy of the recipient's signature, the date of delivery, and the name of the person who signed for the article.~~
- e. ~~If the mailer does not receive a return receipt within a specified period of time after the date of mailing, the mailer may request evidence of delivery from the delivery record, at no additional fee.~~

1505.13.2 Prices

	(\$)
Original signature <u>(hardcopy)</u>	<u>2.80</u>
Copy of signature (electronic)	<u>1.40</u>
<del>Requested after mailing</del>	<del>5.25</del>

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**1505.15 [Reserved] 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 \$2500.00, 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 \$2500.00, 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 \$2500.00, Registered Mail, or Signature Confirmation);~~
- ~~• Standard Mail and Parcel Select Lightweight (when purchased at the time of mailing with bulk insurance for more than \$2500.00 and prepared as parcels);~~
- ~~• Standard Post (when purchased at the time of mailing with COD, Insured mail for more than \$2500.00, or Signature Confirmation);~~
- ~~• Package Services (when purchased at the time of mailing with COD, Insured mail for more than \$2500.00, or Signature Confirmation); and~~
- ~~• Parcel Select, except Parcel Select Lightweight (when purchased at the time of mailing with COD, Insured mail for more than \$2500.00, or Signature Confirmation).~~

~~c. Restricted Delivery is available at the time of mailing or after mailing, as specified by the Postal Service.~~

1505.15.2 Prices

	(\$)
Restricted Delivery	5.05

**1505.16 Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return**

1505.16.1 Description

- a. Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return service enables mailers to have undeliverable-as-addressed ~~machinable~~ parcels, initially mailed as Standard Mail (Commercial and Nonprofit) parcels, Package Services, ~~or~~ Parcel Select, or Standard Post, to be forwarded at applicable First-Class Mail or Priority Mail prices for up to one year from the date that the addressee filed a change-of-address order.
- b. If Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return service is elected for a parcel that is returned, the permit holder will pay the applicable First-Class Mail or Priority Mail price, or the Bulk Parcel Return Service price, if that service was elected.
- c. Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return service is available only if automated Address Correction Service is used.
- d. Mailers must receive authorization from the Postal Service to use Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return service and, if an advance deposit account is used, pay an advance deposit account maintenance fee.

1505.16.2 Prices

	(\$)
Account Maintenance Fee (per year)	700.00

**1505.17 Signature Confirmation**

1505.17.1 Description

- a. Signature Confirmation service provides mailers of First-Class Mail parcels, First-Class Package Service, Package Services, Parcel Select (except Parcel Select Lightweight), Standard Post, and Priority Mail pieces with a record of delivery, an electronic copy of the recipient's signature, and end-to-end tracking updates as the item travels to its destination. If the initial attempt to deliver the item is not successful, a notice of attempted delivery will be provided to the addressee.
- b. If the item is successfully delivered, a delivery record (including the signature of the recipient) is maintained by the Postal Service for one year. If the item is returned to the sender, the Postal Service does not ~~include~~retain the sender's return signature as part of the delivery record. An electronic copy of the delivery record is available upon request.

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- f. Signature Confirmation service also provides, as an optional feature at an additional fee:

Restricted Delivery, which directs delivery only to the addressee or addressee's agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name.

1505.17.2 Prices

	(\$)
Electronic	<u>2.45</u>
Retail	<u>3.00</u>
<u>Additional Fee for Optional Feature:</u>	
<u>Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery</u>	<u>5.15</u>

**1505.18 Special Handling**

1505.18.1 Description

- a. Special Handling service may be requested at the time of mailing, based on the content and class of mail, and provides preferential handling of Priority Mail Express, First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail (except Critical Mail), Package Services, Standard Post, and Parcel Select (except Parcel Select Lightweight) pieces, to the extent practicable during dispatch and transportation.

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1505.18.2 Prices

<b>Weight</b>	<b>(\$)</b>
<del>Not more than 10 pounds</del> <u>Fragile</u>	<u>10.35</u>
<del>More than 10 pounds</del>	13.00

**1505.19 Stamped Envelopes**

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1505.19.2 Prices

	(\$)
Plain stamped envelopes	
Basic, size 6-3/4, each	0.13
Basic, size 6-3/4, 500	17.90
Basic, over size 6-3/4, each	0.13
Basic, over size 6-3/4, 500	20.40
Personalized stamped envelopes	
Basic, size 6-3/4, 50	5.90
Basic, size 6-3/4, 500	27.65
Basic, over size 6-3/4, 50	5.90
Basic, over size 6-3/4, 500	31.30
Additional Charges for premium options, per 50 envelopes	
Pressure-sensitive sealing	5.50
Font size, font style, and/or ink color (for one, two, or all three)	1.10
Window	1.10
Additional Charges for premium options, per 500 envelopes	
Pressure-sensitive sealing	16.45
Font size, font style, and/or ink color (for one, two, or all three)	2.35
Window	2.35

*Special Services  
Ancillary Services*

	(\$)
Shipping—Boxes of 50	
1 box	5.50
2 boxes	6.75
3 boxes	8.00
4 boxes	9.10
5 boxes	11.15
6 boxes	12.00
7 boxes	13.25
8 boxes	<u>14.60</u>
9 or more boxes	<u>16.40</u>
Shipping—Boxes of 500	
1 box	9.90
2 or more boxes	<u>16.40</u>

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**1510 International Ancillary Services**

**1510.1 International Certificate of Mailing**

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1510.1.2 Prices

*Individual Piece Prices*

	<b>(\$)</b>
Original certificate of mailing for listed pieces of ordinary Single-Piece First-Class Mail International items	<u>1.35</u>
Three or more pieces individually listed in a firm mailing book or an approved customer provided manifest (per piece)	<u>0.38</u>
Each additional copy of original certificate of mailing or firm mailing bills (each copy)	<u>1.35</u>

*Multiple Piece Prices*

	<b>(\$)</b>
Up to 1,000 identical-weight pieces (one certificate for total number)	<u>7.95</u>
Each additional 1,000 identical-weight pieces or fraction thereof	<u>0.99</u>
Duplicate copy	<u>1.35</u>

**1510.2 International Registered Mail**

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1510.2.2 Prices

*Outbound International Registered Mail Prices*

	<b>(\$)</b>
Per Piece	<u>13.95</u>

*Inbound International Registered Mail Prices*

Payment is made in accordance with Part III of the Universal Postal Convention.  
This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at [www.upu.int](http://www.upu.int).

**1510.3 International Return Receipt**

1510.3.1 Description

*Outbound International Return Receipt*

- a. Outbound International Return Receipt service provides evidence to the mailer that an article has been received at the delivery address. The return receipt, which is attached to the article mailed, is signed at the point of delivery and is returned to the sender.
- b. Outbound International Return Receipt service is available for registered outbound First-Class Mail International items.
- c. Outbound International Return Receipt must be purchased at the time of mailing.

*Inbound International Return Receipt*

- a. Inbound International Return Receipt service provides evidence to the mailer that an article has been received at the delivery address. A return receipt is signed for at the point of delivery and is returned to the sender.
- b. International Return Receipt service is available for registered letter post items.

1510.3.2 Prices

*Outbound International Return Receipt Prices*

	(\$)
Per Piece	<u>3.85</u>

*Inbound International Return Receipt Prices*

No additional payment.

**1510.4** — **International Restricted Delivery**

1510.4.1 — Description

*Inbound International Restricted Delivery*

- a. ~~Inbound International Restricted Delivery Service limits who may accept and sign for a registered letter post item.~~
- b. ~~Restricted Delivery service is available for registered mail items sent with a return receipt.~~

1510.4.2 — Prices

*Inbound International Restricted Delivery Prices*

~~No additional payment.~~

**1510.64 Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee**

1510.64.1 Description

The Postal Service collects a fee on each inbound package on which Customs duty or Internal Revenue tax is collected.

1510.64.2 Prices

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**1515 Address Management Services**

1515.1 Description

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*AIS (Address Information System) Viewer*

The AIS Viewer is an interactive software~~CD-ROM~~ that provides the ability to retrieve, view, and print accurate and current ZIP Code information for all 50 states on demand, eliminating hardcopy reports.

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~~*Postal Explorer CD-ROM*~~

~~—The Postal Explorer CD-ROM provides customers with select postal regulatory publications in convenient media.~~

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## 1515.2 Prices

	(\$)
Address Sequencing	
Per correction (removal of each undeliverable address, or addition of each missing or new address)	<u>0.42</u>
Insertion of blanks	0.00
AEC II Service	
1-100 records resolved, minimum fee	32.00
Additional records resolved, per record	0.32
AIS (Address Information System) Viewer (per year, per <u>siteoperating system</u> )	
City State Delivery Type Retrieval Annual Subscription	68.00*
County Name Retrieval Annual Subscription	68.00*
Delivery Statistic Retrieval Annual Subscription	96.00*
ZIP + 4 Retrieval Annual Subscription	68.00*
CRIS Route (per year)	
Per state (annual subscription)	37.00*
All States (annual subscription)	990.00*
CASS Certification	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) August-January	210.00
Cycle Testing: February, March	520.00
Cycle Testing: April	625.00
Cycle Testing: May	730.00
Cycle Testing: June	835.00
Cycle Testing: July	940.00
Cycle Testing: (for current cycle) After July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1,045.00

*Special Services  
Address Management Services*

	<b>(\$)</b>
Change-of-Address Information for Election Boards and Registration Commissions	
Per change of address	<u>0.43</u>
Change-of-Address Customer Notification Letter Reprint	52.00
City State (per year)	
All States (annual subscription)	410.00*
CDS (per address, per year)	0.009
Minimum (per year)	45.00
Correction of Address Lists	
Per submitted address	<u>0.43</u>
Minimum charge per list (30 items)	<u>12.90</u>
Delivery Statistics (per year)	
All States (annual subscription)	410.00*
DMM Labeling Lists	66.00
DPV System (per year) <sup>3</sup>	11,750.00
DSF <sup>2</sup> Service (per year) <sup>4</sup>	117,000.00
Each additional location per year	58,400.00
Each additional platform per location per year	58,400.00
eLOT Service (per year)	
Per state (annual subscription)	<u>40.00*</u>
All States (annual subscription)	990.00*

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Five-Digit ZIP (per year)	
All States (annual subscription)	590.00*
LACS <sup>Link5</sup>	
Interface Developer (first year)	1,175.00 <sup>6</sup>
Interface Developer (each one-year extension)	365.00 <sup>6</sup>
Interface Distributor (per year)	1,380.00 <sup>7</sup>
Data Distributor (per year)	365.00
End User (per year)	365.00 <sup>8</sup>
MASS Certification	
MASS Manufacturers (MLOCR)	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) November – June	520.00 <sup>9</sup>
Cycle Testing: July	1,045.00 <sup>9</sup>
Cycle Testing: (for current cycle) After July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1,565.00 <sup>10</sup>
MASS End-Users (MLOCR)	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) March – June	520.00 <sup>9</sup>
Cycle Testing: July	1,045.00 <sup>9</sup>
Cycle Testing: (current cycle) After July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1,565.00 <sup>10</sup>
MASS Manufacturers (Encoder)	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) November – June	315.00 <sup>9</sup>
Cycle Testing: July	780.00 <sup>9</sup>
Cycle Testing: (for current cycle) After July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1,045.00 <sup>10</sup>
MASS End-Users (Encoder)	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) March – June	315.00 <sup>9</sup>
Cycle Testing: July	780.00 <sup>9</sup>
Cycle Testing: After July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1,045.00 <sup>10</sup>
MASS IMb Quality Testing	315.00

Special Services  
Address Management Services

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NCOA <sup>Link</sup> Service <sup>11</sup>	
Initial Interface Developer (first year fee)	<u>6,175.00</u>
Interface Developer (per each one year extension)	<u>1,200.00</u>
Interface Distributor (per year)	<u>20,375.00</u>
Full Service Provider (per year)	<u>207,250.00</u>
Full Service Provider Each Additional Site (per year)	<u>103,125.00</u>
Limited Service Provider (per year)	<u>18,050.00</u>
Limited Service Provider (per each one year extension)	
One Site only	<u>18,050.00</u>
Each additional site	<u>9,040.00</u>
ANKLink Service Option (per year)	
First Site	<u>4,250.00</u>
Each Additional Site	<u>1,925.00</u>
End User/MPE (first year)	<u>9,040.00</u>
End User/MPE (each renewal year)	
One site (each site for MPE)	<u>9,040.00</u>
Each additional site (End User only)	<u>4,250.00</u>
ANK <sup>Link</sup> Service Option (per year)	<u>935.00</u>
NCOA <sup>Link</sup> Test, Audit (each)	<u>1,200.00</u>
Official National Zone Charts (per year)	
Matrix	63.00
<del>Postal Explorer (CD-ROM)</del>	<del>21.00</del>
RDI Service (per year) <sup>1</sup>	365.00
Z4 Change (per year)	
All States	3,545.00*
ZIP + 4 Service (per year)	
Per state (annual subscription)	<u>40.00*</u>
All States (annual subscription)	990.00

*Special Services  
Address Management Services*

	<b>(\$)</b>
ZIP Code Sortation of Address Lists Per 1,000 addresses, or fraction	140.00
ZIP Move (per year) All States (annual subscription)	120.00*
99 Percent Accurate Method (per 1,000 addresses per year) Minimum (per year)	1.20 120.00

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**1520            Caller Service**

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1520.2            Prices

	(\$)
Groups based on Post Office location (Semi-Annual):	
Group 1	<u>798.00</u>
Group 2	<u>749.00</u>
Group 3	<u>666.00</u>
Group 4	<u>635.00</u>
Group 5	<u>612.00</u>
Group 6	<u>566.00</u>
Group 7	<u>517.00</u>
Call Number Reservation (Annual)	<u>49.00</u>

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**1545 Money Orders**

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1545.2 Prices

	(\$)		(\$)	(\$)
Domestic	0.01	to	500.00	1.25
Domestic	500.01	to	1,000.00	1.65
APO/FPO/DPO	0.01	to	1,000.00	<u>0.40</u>
Inquiry, including a copy of paid money order				<u>6.20</u>

**1550 Post Office Box Service**

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1550.4 Prices

*Regular and No Fee*

Box Size	Semi-annual Fees (Groups based on Post Office location) (\$)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	E <sup>1</sup>
1	<u>55.00</u>	<u>44.00</u>	<u>36.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>19.00</u>	<u>17.00</u>	0.00
2	<u>83.00</u>	<u>68.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>	<u>44.00</u>	<u>34.00</u>	<u>27.00</u>	<u>23.00</u>	0.00
3	<u>145.00</u>	<u>117.00</u>	<u>97.00</u>	<u>72.00</u>	<u>57.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>	<u>36.00</u>	0.00
4	<u>287.00</u>	<u>221.00</u>	<u>178.00</u>	<u>137.00</u>	<u>103.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>57.00</u>	0.00
5	<u>469.00</u>	<u>391.00</u>	<u>302.00</u>	<u>245.00</u>	<u>172.00</u>	<u>131.00</u>	<u>103.00</u>	0.00

Box Size	3-Month Fees (Groups based on Post Office location) (\$)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	<u>32.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>21.00</u>	<u>18.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>
2	<u>48.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>32.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>14.00</u>
3	<u>84.00</u>	<u>68.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>	<u>42.00</u>	<u>33.00</u>	<u>26.00</u>	<u>21.00</u>
4	<u>167.00</u>	<u>128.00</u>	<u>103.00</u>	<u>79.00</u>	<u>59.00</u>	<u>44.00</u>	<u>33.00</u>
5	<u>272.00</u>	<u>226.00</u>	<u>174.00</u>	<u>140.00</u>	<u>99.00</u>	<u>76.00</u>	<u>59.00</u>

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