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### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF MARKET-DOMINANT PRICE CHANGE

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### I. Overview of Price Case

The Governors of the United States Postal Service have determined to adjust rates for Market Dominant products. The adjusted rates will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 9, 2023. The Postal Service hereby submits the new rates, which have been developed from the most recent agreed-upon analytic principles, for regulatory review and demonstrates their compliance with applicable law.

The Postal Service has available approximately 5.4 percentage points of pricing authority for compensatory classes and approximately 8.1 percentage points of pricing authority for the Periodicals class, which was non-compensatory due to its attributable cost exceeding revenue for the class. The available pricing authority for Periodicals includes approximately 0.7 percentage points of banked cap space carried over from prior years. The Governors have determined to use virtually all of this authority. The Postal Service's Delivering for America plan sets forth a balanced array of initiatives to achieve financial sustainability and service excellence, and price cases are an integral component of that plan.

Finally, the Postal Service is aware that on April 6, 2023, the Commission issued its report on flats, as required by the Postal Service Reform Act, Pub. L. 117-108 § 6, 136 Stat. 1148 (Apr. 6, 2022). Section 206(b) requires the Postal Service to develop and implement a plan to remedy inefficiencies identified in the report within six months, and section 206(c) requires the Postal Service to consider the report's findings when changing Market-Dominant prices.

The Postal Service is familiar with the report's recommendations, which as the Commission notes in the report build upon the Commission's prior analyses of flats. While the Postal Service has only just begun reviewing the report in depth, let alone begun developing the required remedial plan, this rate adjustment is fully consistent with the Commission's recommendation that the Postal Service address flats cost coverage issues by "[c]ontinuing the combination of increasing revenue and reducing costs until unit revenue exceeds attributable costs for reach noncompensatory flats product." As discussed below, and consistent with recent prior rate adjustments, these rates utilize the Postal Service's available pricing authority to increase revenue from flats products in a manner consistent with the Commission's rules and the recent report.

### A. Postal Service Official Responsible for Commission Inquiries

The Postal Service identifies Samie Rehman under 39 C.F.R. § 3030.122(e) as the official available to respond to Commission inquiries:

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### B. Price Case Structure

The remainder of this notice is structured as follows. Part II details compliance with the price cap. Part III discusses the new rates and workshare discounts and their compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, in accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.123(g)–(k). Part IV describes associated changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS), in accordance with 39 C.F.R. §§ 3030.122(d) and 3040.181. The schedule of new rates can be found in Attachment A, appropriately formatted.

### II. Price Cap Compliance

# A. Annual CPI Based Cap Space

Table 1 shows the price cap space generated by the change in the Bureau of

Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) since the

last market-dominant rate case.1

Table 1Price Cap Space Generated by the Change in CPI-U

Class	CPI-U Cap Space Generated (%)
First-Class Mail	3.406
USPS Marketing Mail	3.406
Periodicals	3.406
Package Services	3.406
Special Services	3.406

# B. Unused Cap Space from Previous Years

Table 2 shows the banked cap space carried over from prior years.<sup>2</sup>

Class	Unused Authority (%)
First-Class Mail	0.001
USPS Marketing Mail	0.003
Periodicals	0.744
Package Services	0.003
Special Services	0.064

### Table 2 Available Unused Cap Space

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Available Market Dominant Rate Authority, Apr. 3, 2023, at 1, *available at* https://www.prc.gov/sites/default/files/Available%20Rate%20Authority%2004-03-23.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Docket No. R2023-1,Order on Price Adjustments for First-Class Mail Etc., Nov. 28, 2022, at 2, Table I-1, (Order No. 6341).

As required under 39 C.F.R. § 3030.123(c), the Postal Service is providing a schedule showing the banked rate adjustment authority available, by class, and the available amount for each of the preceding five years as a library reference accompanying this notice.

## C. Density Rate Authority

As specified by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.162(a)(1), the density-based rate authority available to the Postal Service is calculated as 0.936 percent.<sup>3</sup>

### D. Retirement-Based Rate Authority

As specified by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.183, the retirement-based rate authority available to the Postal Service is calculated as 1.036 percent.<sup>4</sup>

# E. Rate Authority for Non-Compensatory Classes

39 C.F.R. § 3030.222(a) provides for an additional 2 percentage points of rate authority for any class of mail where the attributable cost for that class exceeded the revenue from that class. In FY 2022, the only class for which attributable cost exceeded revenue was Periodicals.<sup>5</sup>

# F. Total Available Cap Space

Combining (1) the current CPI based cap space with (2) the unused cap space from previous years, (3) density rate authority, (4) retirement-based rate authority, and (5) rate authority for non-compensatory classes results in the total available cap space in Table 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Docket No. ACR2022, Determination of Available Market Dominant Rate Authority, Apr. 3, 2023, at 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id*. at 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ACR 2022, Annual Compliance Determination Report, Fiscal Year 2022, Mar. 29, 2023, at 29-30.

Class	CPI-U (%)	Density (%)	Retirement (%)	Non- Compensatory	Bank (%)	Total Cap Space
				(%)		(%)
First-Class Mail	3.406	0.936	1.036	N/A	0.001	5.379
USPS Marketing Mail	3.406	0.936	1.036	N/A	0.003	5.381
Periodicals	3.406	0.936	1.036	2.000	0.744	8.122
Package Services	3.406	0.936	1.036	N/A	0.003	5.381
Special Services	3.406	0.936	1.036	N/A	0.064	5.442

Table 3: Total Available Cap Space

### G. Percentage Change in Rates

Table 4 shows the proposed percentage rate changes for this case, by class:

Class	Percent Change
First-Class Mail	5.378
USPS Marketing Mail	5.381
Periodicals	8.122
Package Services	5.379
Special Services	5.429

# Table 4Price Change Percentages

The workpapers required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.123(d) and deriving these figures are

contained in the library references accompanying this notice, with the underlying

calculations conforming to 39 C.F.R. § 3030.128.

# H. Unused Cap Space After Price Change

Table 5 shows the cap space remaining after this price case, by class:

Class	Remaining Cap Space (%)
First-Class Mail	0.001
USPS Marketing Mail	0.000
Periodicals	0.000
Package Services	0.002
Special Services	0.013

Table 5Unused Cap Space After Price Change

The underlying calculations required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.123(f) are contained in the library references accompanying this notice. In compliance with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.123(e), the library references also show the amount of banked cap space utilized by each class.

# III. Discussion of New Rates

# A. First-Class Mail

# 1. Summary of Price Changes

First-Class Mail is the highest revenue-generating mail class, accounting for \$24.2 billion, or 30.7 percent, of the \$78.8 billion in total revenue in FY 2022. This class includes correspondence, bills, statements, payments, and advertising. Table 6 shows the price adjustments for First-Class Mail products:

Product	Percent Change
Single-Piece Letters/Postcards	4.757
Presort Letters/Postcards	5.537
Flats	7.145
Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International	3.644
Inbound Letter Post	0.064
Total First-Class Mail	5.378

Table 6 First-Class Mail Price Changes

Within the Letters product, the rates for one-ounce mail pieces will increase

as shown in Table 7:

	Current	New	Change	Percent
				Change
Stamped Single-Piece	\$0.63	\$0.66	\$0.03	4.8
Metered Single-Piece	\$0.60	\$0.63	\$0.03	5.0
MAADC <sup>6</sup> Automation	\$0.531	\$0.561	\$0.030	5.7
AADC Automation	\$0.507	\$0.537	\$0.030	5.9
5-Digit Automation	\$0.471	\$0.498	\$0.027	5.7

Table 7First-Class Mail First-Ounce Rates - Letters

The Postal Service is increasing the one-ounce stamp price from 63 cents to 66 cents, or 4.8 percent. The one-ounce meter price is increasing by 3 cents, from 60 cents to 63 cents, or 5.0 percent. As a result, the stamp and meter price differential will remain at three cents. In addition to serving as a Single-Piece rate category, the meter price serves as a benchmark for the largest volume and revenue rates categories within First-Class Mail (i.e., Automation Letters). The nonmachinable surcharge for Letters will remain at 40 cents, and the additional ounce rate will remain at 24 cents.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> MAADC stands for Mixed Automated Area Distribution Center (AADC).

Automation Letters, especially 5-Digit Automation Letters, comprise a significant portion of overall First-Class Mail volume and revenue, and 5-Digit Automation Letters volumes are relatively stable. The 5-Digit Automation Letters price will increase 5.7 percent, which is slightly lower than the rate increase for the Automation Letters category as a whole.

As reported in the FY 2022 Annual Compliance Determination, cost coverage for First-Class Mail Flats is now above 100 percent.<sup>7</sup> The Postal Service raised Flats prices above the class average in the last three rate cases. See Table 8 below.

Docket	FCM Flats Price Increase(A)	Overall FCM Increase (B)	Ratio (A/B)
R2023-1	6.214%	4.200%	1.48
R2022-1	9.204%	6.506%	1.41
R2021-2	10.318%	6.814%	1.51

Table 8First-Class Mail Flats Price Increases

Here, the Postal Service is raising First-Class Mail Flats by 7.145 percent, above the overall average increase of 5.378 percent for First-Class Mail.

The remainder of the price authority for First-Class Mail is applied to cards and International Mail letters, cards and flats. Single-Piece Postcard prices are being raised 3 cents, from 48 cents to 51 cents. Presorted Postcards (Nonautomation and Automation) prices will increase by 1.329 percent. Terminal dues for Inbound Letter Post letters, cards, and flats will receive a minimal increase of 0.064 percent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Docket No. ACR2022, Annual Compliance Determination Report, Fiscal Year 2022, Mar. 29, 2023, at 65.

corresponding to the new International Air conveyance rates that went into effect on November 22, 2022. Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International (FCMI) prices are increasing 3.644 percent, including increases on Single-Piece FCMI letters, cards, and flats.

### 2. Workshare Discounts

All First-Class Mail passthroughs comply with the Commission's rules in 39 C.F.R. part 3030, subpart J. Out of 16 passthroughs<sup>8</sup> in First-Class Mail, 13 passthroughs are exactly 100 percent (up from nine passthroughs in Docket No. R2023-1), and three passthroughs are between 85 and 100 percent.

### 3. Adjustments to Billing Determinants

The Postal Service has made two adjustments to the hybrid-year billing determinants for First-Class Mail.

First, the Postal Service adjusted Nonautomation Presort DVD volumes to account for the revised pricing structures. Specifically, Nonautomation Machinable DVD volumes were distributed between Mixed AADC and AADC. The distribution keys were derived using data from the FY 2022 ACR Folder 10.

Second, because the Picture Permit data source reports revenues only and not volumes, the Postal Service has converted Picture Permit's revenues to volumes by multiplying the dollar amount by 100. The Postal Service performs this adjustment in every price case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> That is, the percentage ratio of a discount to the corresponding avoided cost. See 39 C.F.R. § 3030.281.

### B. USPS Marketing Mail

## 1. Summary of Price Changes

The Postal Service is increasing Marketing Mail prices by 5.381 percent overall. Prices for the seven USPS Marketing Mail products will adjust by the amounts in Table 9:

Product	Percent Change
Letters	5.195
Flats	7.381
Parcels	20.455
High Density / Saturation Letters	5.057
High Density / Saturation Flats and Parcels	3.071
Carrier Route	7.388
Every Door Direct Mail – Retail	4.762
Overall	5.381

Table 9USPS Marketing Mail Product Price Changes

In the FY 2022 Annual Compliance Determination, the Commission found that Marketing Mail Flats, Parcels, and Carrier Route did not cover their costs. FY 2022 ACD at 48-49, 52-53, 56. Accordingly, under 39 C.F.R. § 3030.221, the Postal Service must raise prices for these three products by a minimum of 2 percentage points above the class average. The Postal Service is, therefore, raising prices 7.381 percent, 20.455 percent, and 7.388 percent, respectively. The Letters product, which provides 63.7 percent of Marketing Mail revenue, is receiving a slightly belowaverage increase.

As in the previous price case, Docket No. R2023-1, High Density Letters is receiving an above-average increase. Over the last few years, comingling has changed the market for Marketing Mail. It has let mailers comingle to achieve more High Density volume, converting some 5-Digit and Carrier Route to High Density. Operationally, there is no difference between 5-Digit and ECR letter mail pieces. This increase aligns the High Density Letter prices more closely to 5-Digit letter price.

DALs (public service messages) and DMLs (advertising) are separate address labels that may be mailed only with High Density and Saturation Flats and Parcels. The DML price increases from the current 9 cents to a proposed 9.5 cents, an increase of 5.6 percent, while the DAL price increases from 7.0 cents to 7.5 cents, an increase of 7.1 percent.

### 2. New Discounts

The Postal Service is creating two new discounts for Marketing Mail lettershaped pieces on SCF pallets (*i.e.* a pallet on which all pieces are destined to ZIP Codes served by a single SCF), one for Automation and Nonautomation letters (AADC, 3-Digit, and 5-Digit), and another for ECR letters (Carrier Route, High Density, High Density Plus and Saturation Letters), as in Table 10:

Table 10
New Discounts for letter-shaped Marketing Mail Pieces on SCF Pallets

Product	Presort Level	Per-Piece Discount (cents)
Letters	AADC, 3-Digit & 5-Digit	0.3
Flats	Nonautomation Nonmachinable 3-Digit and 5-Digit Letters	0.3
Carrier Route	Auto & Nonauto CR Letters	0.2
High Density and Saturation Letters	Auto HD, HD+, Saturation & EDDM Letters	0.2
High Density and Saturation Flats / Parcels	Nonauto HD, HD+, Saturation & EDDM Letters	0.2

The reason for establishing these discounts, as required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.123(h)(1), is to enable the efficient flow of SCF pallets through the network. Also, SCF palletization reduces mail processing costs and improves service times by eliminating bundle or tray handlings and sortation in facilities upstream from the destination SCF or DSCF. These discounts are based on the costs that are avoided by grouping pieces on SCF pallets. These new discounts are similar to a series of discounts already in place for Carrier Route, High Density Flats, and High Density Plus and Saturation (including EDDM) Flats on Delivery Sort Container (in the past these containers were referred to as 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme and Direct Containers). In addition, the Postal Service implemented a SCF Pallet discount for flat-shaped pieces on SCF pallets in Docket No. R2023-1.

The Commission first favorably reviewed an analogous discount for Carrier Route pieces on 5-Digit pallets in 2015.<sup>9</sup> In Docket No. R2021-2, the Commission approved a 1 cent discount for High Density Flats on 5-Digit pallets, noting that "this new discount will encourage efficiency by providing lower prices for High Density Flats on 5-Digit pallets, which require less processing than other High Density Flats[.]" <sup>10</sup>

Similarly, in Docket No. R2022-1, the Commission approved a 1 cent discount for High Density Plus Flats on Delivery Sort containers and a 0.7 cent discount for

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Docket No. R2015-4, Order No. 2472, Order on Revised Price Adjustments for Standard Mail, Periodicals and Package Service Products and Related Mail Classification Changes (May 7, 2015), at 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Docket No. R2021-2, Order on Price Adjustments for First-Class Mail Etc., Jul. 19, 2021 at 102 (Order No. 5937).

Saturation Flats on Delivery Sort containers, again noting that the lower prices for bypassing bundle operations in sorting facilities encourages efficiency.<sup>11</sup>

Most recently, in Docket No. 2023-1, the Commission approved an SCF discount for flats prepared on SCF pallets, finding, as the Postal Service noted in its submission, that mail pieces prepared on SCF pallets require less mail processing because they are able to avoid mail processing activity at upstream plants.<sup>12</sup>

The analysis supporting the new discounts here, as required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.123(h)(2), is, simply, that letter trays prepared on SCF pallets enable the entire pallet to be cross-docked to the destination without the trays on SCF pallets having to incur tray sortation until the destination facility. Trays on SCF pallets will avoid at least one tray sortation at upstream facilities. In Docket No. ACR 2022, USPS-FY22-13, Excel Workbook USPS-FY22-13.MKTG tab "ONDC-T" line 11 the Postal Service provided the cost of sorting trays at the origin NDC as a measure of the avoided costs of trays prepared on SCF pallets. Mechanically, the workbook included in USPS-FY22-13 has been modified as presented in file USPS-FY22-13.MM.PRC.PROXY.xlsx, filed with this notice.

Finally, these new discounts will not adversely affect either the rates or the service levels of users of postal services who do not take advantage of them. The discounts are generally available, and for those mailers that do not take advantage of them, all other rates still exist.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Docket No. R2022-1, Order on Price Adjustments for First-Class Mail Etc., May 27, 2022, at 74-75 (Order No. 6188).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Docket No. R2023-1, Order No. 6341 at 63.

### 3. The New Marriage Mail 2 oz. Incentive

The Postal Service is introducing a new incentive for lightweight "marriage mail" within the Saturation rate category, both Letters and Flats. Marriage mail is not a postal product per se but an offering of third-party mail service providers that combines advertisements from multiple businesses into a single mailpiece within an envelope or wrapper. By combining advertisements, marriage mail reduces each individual advertiser's per-piece cost as each pays only a fraction of the postage for the combined piece.

Saturation Letters pay only a per-piece price for pieces weighing 3.5 oz. or less, and Saturation (and EDDM) Flats pay only a per-piece price for pieces weighing 4 oz. or less, and the per-piece prices vary with the dropship level for the mailing and for automation or nonautomation preparation. The Marriage Mail 2 oz. Incentive provides mailers with a 10 percent reduction, rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent, on the applicable price for Marketing Mail letter- and flat-shaped pieces mailed at Saturation rates when the following conditions are met:

- The marriage mail piece weighs 2 oz. or less;
- The marriage mail piece combines advertising inserts from at least four different advertisers; and
- The mailer mails these pieces in at least 10 separate mailings in each rolling 12-month period starting from when the incentive is first claimed, i.e., if a mailer claims the incentive price on May 1, then it must send pieces like these in at least 10 mailings before April 30 of the following year.

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Further, the incentive is—

- Voluntary; and
- Available to any mailer at any time, regardless of prior participation in the incentive or prior volume sent.

The Commission defines rate incentive as "a discount that is not a workshare discount and that is designed to increase or retain volume, improve the value of mail for mailers, or improve the operations of the Postal Service." 39 C.F.R. § 3030.101(i). The Marriage Mail 2 oz. Incentive is not a workshare discount; it has no worksharing component. Rather, the incentive is designed to increase volume, improve the value of mail for mailers, and to improve the operations of the Postal Service.

By reducing the cost of marriage mail pieces weighing 2 oz. or less, the Postal Service is improving the value of the mail for small and local businesses by lowering the cost of entry for them to begin advertising through the mail, even as there are any number of other advertising outlets available to them, including local newspapers, digital media, and social media. Ideally, some of these new advertisers will eventually become direct mailers themselves.

The incentive also improves the value of the mail for the mailers, participating mailers and mail service providers alike. Participating mailers will have access to pools of new potential customers at a reduced price, and mail service providers have a means of attracting new advertisers with lower prices.

And increased advertising through marriage mail by more mailers, of course, means increased volumes for the Postal Service and, if priced correctly going forward, increased revenue to devote to postal operations.

Finally, the Postal Service is including the Marriage Mail 2 oz. Incentive in its calculations for the percentage change in rates for Marketing Mail, and it meets the criteria in 39 C.F.R. § 3030.128(f)(2) for doing so.

First, the incentive is in the form of a discount, 39 C.F.R. § 3030.128(f)(2)(i). Qualifying pieces receive a discount of 10 percent off the applicable price, rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.

Second, sufficient billing determinants exist for the incentive to be included in the percentage calculation for change in rates, 39 C.F.R. § 3030.128(f)(2)(ii). See, CAPCALC-USPSMM-R2023-2.xlsx. As stated earlier, 'marriage mail' is a form of direct mail that combines advertisements from multiple businesses into a single envelope/wrapper sent by a host mailer. To estimate the percentage of Saturation and EDDM mail that would be eligible for the Marriage Mail discount, the Postal Service identified approximately two hundred and fifty mailers in the Advertising Services industry that mailed Saturation and EDDM letter and flat pieces in ten or more months in FY21. The Postal Service analyzed these mailers' letter and flat volume across different weight categories to identify the volume under 2 oz. that would be eligible for the Marriage Mail discount. Based on this analysis, the Postal Service estimates that approximately 39% of Saturation Letters and 13% of Saturation Flats would be eligible for the Marriage Mail discount. Third and fourth, the incentive is a rate of general applicability and is made available to all mailers equally on the same terms and conditions. 39 C.F.R. § 3030.128(f)(2)(iii), (iv). About rates of general applicability, the Commission's

regulations say -

A rate is not a rate of general applicability if eligibility for the rate is dependent on factors other than the characteristics of the mail to which the rate applies, including the volume of mail sent by a mailer in a past year or years. A rate is not a rate of general applicability if it benefits a single mailer. A rate that is only available upon the written agreement of both the Postal Service and a mailer, a group of mailers, or a foreign postal operator is not a rate of general applicability. 39 C.F.R. § 3030.101(j).

Here, eligibility for the incentive depends on characteristics of the mail. Every piece must weigh 2 oz. or less, every piece must include inserts from at least four different advertisers, and there must be at least ten mailings of these pieces in a 12-month period. Further, none of the requirements for the incentive depends on characteristics of the mailer. No requirements are based upon a mailer's volume in prior years or its prior participation in the incentive. Any mailer may participate, so the incentive cannot benefit only a single mailer, and no written agreement between the Postal Service, the mailers, or any foreign postal operator is required.

### 4. Workshare Discounts

Of 58 passthroughs in Marketing Mail, 30 passthroughs are equal to 100 percent, 15 are between 85 and 100 percent, 11 are below 85 percent, and 2 are above 100 percent. Because the passthroughs equal to 100 percent or between 85 percent and 100 are already compliant with 39 C.F.R. §§ 3030.283(a) and 3030.284(e), this section discusses only the remaining passthroughs.

On April 6, 2023, the Commission approved the Postal Service's request to use the standard methodology for calculating passthrough percentages for flatshaped Marketing Mail pieces. Docket No. RM2023-4, Order on Analytical Principles Used in Periodic Reporting (Proposal One), Apr. 6, 2023. Passthrough percentages here are calculated using that methodology. The starting point passthroughs, defined as the ratio of the latest discounts (in this case the discounts based on R2023-1 prices), and the latest cost avoidances (ACD 2022<sup>13</sup>), are also used to determine compliance.

### a. Marketing Mail Letters

Within Letters (see Attachment B, Tab: 'USPS MM Letters'), there is one passthrough below 85 percent, Non-automation AADC Machinable Letters. The current discount (from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2023-1) is 2 cents, and the current cost avoidance is 3 cents, a starting point passthrough of 66.7 percent. The Postal Service has increased this discount to 2.4 cents, or 20 percent, which meets the minimum 20 percent increase required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The new passthrough proposed here is 80.0 percent, up from 66.7 percent– the starting point passthrough, as shown in Table 11.

Table 11	
Non-automation AADC Machinable Letters, Percent Change in Discou	nt

Type of	Starting	New	Current	New	Discount
Worksharing	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
Non-automation AADC Machinable	66.7%	80.0%	\$0.020	\$0.024	20.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Postal Service filed revised Folder 3 on March 23, 2023, which included the corrected cost avoidances from Folder 12 and 13. This was done in response to ChIR Number 4, Question 6, ACR2022 and ChIR Number 3, Question 1 to 3, Docket No. RM2023-4.

### b. Marketing Mail Flats

Within Flats (see Attachment B, Tab: 'USPS MM Flats'), there is one passthrough below 85 percent, Origin Flats on SCF Pallets. The current discount (from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2023-1) is 1.4 cents, and the current cost avoidance is 2.7 cents, a starting point passthrough of 51.9 percent. The Postal Service has increased this discount to 1.7 cents, or by 21.4 percent, which meets the minimum 20 percent increase required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The new passthrough proposed here is 63.0 percent, up from 51.9 percent, the starting point passthrough, as shown in Table 12.

Table 12Origin Flats on SCF Pallets, Percent Change in Discount

Type of	Starting	New	Current	New	Discount
Worksharing	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
Origin Flats on SCF Pallets	51.9%	63.0%	\$0.014	\$0.017	21.4%

### c. Marketing Mail Parcels

Within Marketing Mail Parcels (see Attachment B, Tab: 'USPS MM Parcels Dropship'), there are two passthroughs above 100 percent.

### i. DDU Nonprofit Machinable and Irregular Parcels

This dropship passthrough combines piece and pound price elements to derive the dollar amounts of discounts and cost avoidances to calculate the passthrough instead of using unit discounts and cost avoidance. The Postal Service decreased the total discount by 21.0 percent, more than the minimum 20 percent decrease required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.283(c). The new passthrough proposed is

118.0 percent, down from 157.7 percent – the starting point passthrough, as shown

in Table 13.

# Table 13Marketing Mail Nonprofit Machinable and Irregular Parcels Dropship,Percent Changes in Discounts

Type of Worksharing	Starting Passthrough	New Passthrough	Current Discount (000)	New Discount (000)	Discount % Change
Nonprofit Machinable and Irregular Parcels- DDU	149.3%	118.0%	\$49	\$39	21.0%

# ii. DDU Commercial and Nonprofit Marketing Parcels

This dropship passthrough also combines piece and pound price elements to derive the dollar amounts of discounts and cost avoidances to calculate the passthrough instead of using unit discounts and cost avoidance. The Postal Service decreased the total discount by 20.9 percent, more than the minimum 20 percent decrease required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.283(c). The new passthrough proposed is 119.7 percent, down from 151.2 percent – the starting point passthrough, as shown in Table 14.

# Table 14Marketing Mail Commercial and Nonprofit Parcels Dropship, Percent Changes in<br/>Discounts

Type of Worksharing	Starting Passthrough	New Passthrough	Current Discount (000)	New Discount (000)	Discount % Change
Commercial and Nonprofit Marketing Parcels-DDU	150.5%	119.1%	\$2,201	\$1,741	20.9%

### d. Marketing Mail Carrier Route

Within Carrier Route (see Attachment B, Tab: 'USPS MM Carrier Route'), there is one passthrough below 85 percent, Origin Flats on SCF Pallets. The current discount (from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2023-1) is 1.1 cents, and the current cost avoidance is 2.7 cents, a starting point passthrough of 40.7 percent. The Postal Service has increased this discount to 1.4 cents, or 27.3 percent, which meets the minimum 20 percent increase required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The new passthrough proposed here is 51.9 percent, up from 40.7 percent – the starting point passthrough, as shown in Table 15.

 Table 15

 Origin Flats on SCF Pallets, Percent Change in Discount

Type of	Starting	New	Current	New	Discount
Worksharing	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
Origin Flats on SCF Pallets	40.7%	51.9%	\$0.011	\$0.014	27.3%

### e. Marketing Mail High Density and Saturation Letters

Within Marketing Mail High Density and Saturation Letters (see Attachment B, Tab: USPS MM HD-Sat Letters), there are two passthroughs that are below 85 percent.

### i. High Density Letters

The current discount (from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2023-1) is

15.6 cents, and the current cost avoidance is 74.1 cents, a starting point

passthrough of 21.1 percent. The Postal Service has increased this discount to 18.8

cents, or 20.5 percent, which meets the minimum 20 percent increase required by

39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The new passthrough proposed here is 25.4 percent, up

from 21.1 percent– the starting point passthrough, as shown in Table 16.

Type of	Starting	New	Current	New	Discount
Worksharing	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
High Density Letters	21.1%	25.4%	\$0.156	\$0.188	20.5%

Table 16High Density Letters, Percent Change in Discounts

### ii. Origin Letters on SCF Pallets

The new discount for High Density, High Density Plus, and Saturation (Automation and Nonautomation) Origin Letters on SCF Pallets, discussed in Section III.B.1, above, creates a new passthrough below 85 percent (66.7 percent). This workshare discount is permissible because it is new. 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(b).

### f. Marketing Mail High Density and Saturation Flats & Parcels

Within Marketing Mail High Density and Saturation Flats & Parcels (see Attachment B, Tab: USPS MM HD-Sat Flts-Prcls), there are six discounts below 85 percent. They are discussed below separately.

### i. High Density Flats on Delivery Sort Containers

The current discount (from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2023-1) is 1.5 cents, combined with the ACR2022 cost avoidance of 2.7 cents, which establishes a starting point passthrough of 55.6 percent. The Postal Service has increased this discount to 1.8 cents, or by 20 percent, which meets the minimum 20 percent increase required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The new passthrough proposed is 66.7 percent, as shown in Table 17.

### Table 17 Marketing Mail Commercial and Nonprofit High Density Flats on Delivery Sort Containers

Type of Worksharing	Starting	New	Current	New	Discount
	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
Origin Flats on Delivery Sort Containers	55.6%	66.7%	\$0.015	\$0.018	20.0%

# ii. High Density Plus Flats on Delivery Sort Containers

The current discount from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2023-1,

is 1.2 cents, combined with the ACR2022 cost avoidance of 2.7 cents, which

establishes a starting point passthrough of 44.4 percent. The Postal Service has

increased this discount to 1.5 cents, or by 25 percent, meeting the minimum 20

percent increase required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The new passthrough

proposed is 55.6 percent, as shown in Table 18.

### Table 18 Marketing Mail Commercial and Nonprofit High Density Plus Flats on Delivery Sort Containers

Type of	Starting	New	Current	New	Discount
Worksharing	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
Origin Flats on Delivery Sort Containers	44.4%	55.6%	\$0.012	\$0.015	25.0%

# iii. Saturation Flats on Delivery Sort Containers

The current discount from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2023-1, is 0.9 cents, combined with the ACR2022 cost avoidance of 2.7 cents, which establishes a starting point passthrough of 33.3 percent. The Postal Service has increased this discount to 1.1 cents, or by 22.2 percent, meeting the minimum 20

percent increase required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The new passthrough

proposed is 40.7 percent, as shown in Table 19.

# Table 19Marketing Mail Commercial and Nonprofit Saturation Flats on Delivery SortContainers

Type of	Starting	New	Current	New	Discount
Worksharing	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
Origin Flats on Delivery Sort Containers	33.3%	40.7%	\$0.009	\$0.011	22.2%

### iv. High Density Flats on SCF Pallets

The current discount (from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2023-

1) is 0.8 cents, and the current cost avoidance is 2.7 cents, a starting point

passthrough of 29.6 percent. The Postal Service has increased this discount to 1.0

cent, or by 25.0 percent, which meets the minimum 20 percent increase required by

39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The new passthrough proposed here is 37.0 percent, up

from 29.6 percent – the starting point passthrough, as shown in Table 20.

Table 20Origin HD Flats on SCF Pallets, Percent Change in Discount

Type of	Starting	New	Current	New	Discount
Worksharing	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
Origin Flats on SCF Pallets	29.6%	37.0%	\$0.008	\$0.010	25.0%

v. High Density Plus Flats on SCF Pallets

The current discount (from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2023-1) is 0.7 cents, and the current cost avoidance is 2.7 cents, a starting point passthrough of 25.9 percent. The Postal Service has increased this discount to 0.9 cents, or by 28.6 percent, which meets the minimum 20 percent increase required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The new passthrough proposed 33.3 percent, up from 25.9 percent – the starting point passthrough, as shown in Table 21.

Table 21Origin HD Plus Flats on SCF Pallets, Percent Change in Discount

Type of	Starting	New	Current	New	Discount
Worksharing	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
Origin Flats on SCF Pallets	25.9%	33.3%	\$0.007	\$0.009	28.6%

# vi. Saturation Flats on SCF Pallets

The current discount (from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2023-

1) is 0.2 cents, and the current cost avoidance is 2.7 cents, a starting point

passthrough of 7.4 percent. The Postal Service has increased this discount to 0.3

cents, or by 50.0 percent, which meets the minimum 20 percent increase required by

39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The new passthrough proposed is 11.1 percent, up from

7.4 percent – the starting point passthrough, as shown in Table 22.

Table 22Origin Saturation Flats on SCF Pallets, Percent Change in Discount

Type of	Starting	New	Current	New	Discount
Worksharing	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
Origin Flats on SCF Pallets	7.4%	11.1%	\$0.002	\$0.003	50.0%

# 5. Adjustments to Billing Determinants

The Postal Service has made four adjustments to the hybrid year billing

determinants for USPS Marketing Mail.

First, the Postal Service has estimated the High Density Plus Flats, EDDM

Flats, and Saturation Flats volume on Delivery Sort containers using the percentage

numbers derived from The Marketing Mail Characteristics Study documented in USPS-FY22-14 in ACR-2022.

Second, the Postal Service has estimated the 3-Digit, 5-Digit, Carrier Route High Density, High Density Plus, EDDM Flats, and Saturation Flats volume on SCF pallets using the percentage numbers derived from The Marketing Mail Characteristics Study documented in USPS-FY22-14 in ACR-2022.

Third, the Postal Service has estimated the AADC, 3-Digit, 5-Digit, Carrier Route, High Density, High Density Plus, EDDM, and Saturation Letters volume on SCF pallets using the percentage numbers derived from the Marketing Mail Characteristics Study documented in USPS-FY22-14 in ACR-2022.

Finally, billing determinants for Saturation Flats (including EDDM) and Saturation Letters were adjusted using the 13 percent and 39 percent eligibility for marriage mail, respectively. The resulting estimated volumes for marriage mail qualify for the 10 percent rounded to 10<sup>th</sup> of a cent incentive in the CAPCALC file.

### C. Periodicals

### 1. Summary of Price Changes

Table 23 shows the percentage increase in prices for Periodicals:

Product	Percent Change
Outside County	8.080
Within County	8.811
Overall	8.122

Table 23 Periodicals Price Changes

The total price authority for Periodicals is 8.122 percent, and the Postal Service intends to use all 8.122 percent, banking 0.000 percent. The strategies for price

changes for Periodicals approved by the Governors are, as they were in the previous price case, Docket No. R2023-1, as follows:

- Accepting sacks containing flats only at Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF), Sorting and Delivery Centers (SDC), and Destination Delivery Units (DDU) to improve the operational efficiency for processing of bundles at different presort levels.
- Pricing bundles in sacks presented at facilities other than DSCF, SDC, and DDU as if they are in Mixed Area Distribution Center containers.
- Increasing editorial pound prices to recapture revenue as the makeup of pounds has shifted from advertising to editorial.
- Continuing to keep prices for tubs lower than prices for sacks to encourage more efficient mail handling.
- Maintaining the price differential between basic Carrier Route and Machinable Automation 5-Digit Flats to encourage the preparation of Carrier Route pieces and reduce costs for the Postal Service.

### 2. Workshare Discounts

As of this price adjustment, no Periodicals workshare discount exceeds avoided costs. While many Periodicals workshare discounts have passthrough ratios below 100 percent, the Postal Service is bringing all of them into compliance with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284, either by ensuring that the passthrough ratio is at least 85 percent or by raising the discount by at least 20 percent, as shown in Table 24. Compliance with § 3030.284 is shown in bold.

	Starting	New	Previous	New	Discount
Periodicals Outside County Mail	Passthrough	Passthrough	Discount	Discount	% Change
Presorting (dollars / piece)					
Machinable Nonautomation ADC Flats	86.0%	86.0%	\$0.080	\$0.080	0.0%
Machinable Nonautomation 3D/SCF Flats	78.9%	86.0%	\$0.045	\$0.049	8.9%
Machinable Nonautomation 5D Flats	88.7%	88.7%	\$0.149	\$0.149	0.0%
CR Basic	97.4%	97.4%	\$0.221	\$0.221	0.0%
High Density	84.6%	87.2%	\$0.033	\$0.034	3.0%
Saturation	64.3%	78.6%	\$0.027	\$0.033	22.2%
Machinable Automation ADC Flats	87.7%	87.7%	\$0.064	\$0.064	0.0%
Machinable Automation 3D/SCF Flats	85.1%	85.1%	\$0.040	\$0.040	0.0%
Machinable Automation 5D Flats	89.7%	89.7%	\$0.131	\$0.131	0.0%
Nonmachinable Nonauto ADC Flats	92.2%	92.2%	\$0.119	\$0.119	0.0%
Nonmachinable Nonauto 3D/SCF Flats	94.7%	94.7%	\$0.054	\$0.054	0.0%
Nonmachinable Nonauto 5D Flats	90.8%	90.8%	\$0.099	\$0.099	0.0%
Nonmachinable Automation ADC Flats	93.3%	93.3%	\$0.125	\$0.125	0.0%
Nonmachinable Automation 3D/SCF Flats	92.3%	92.3%	\$0.048	\$0.048	0.0%
Nonmachinable Automation 5D Flats	92.7%	92.7%	\$0.101	\$0.101	0.0%
Pre-barcoding (dollars / piece)					
Machinable Automation MADC Flats	82.4%	85.1%	\$0.061	\$0.063	3.3%
Presorting Automation Letters					
(dollars/piece)	0 <b>-</b> 00/	/	40.040	40.040	<b>a a a</b> (
ADC Automation Letter	95.0%	95.0%	\$0.019	\$0.019	0.0%
3-Digit Automation Letter	85.7%	85.7%	\$0.006	\$0.006	0.0%
5-Digit Automation Letter	85.7%	85.7%	\$0.024	\$0.024	0.0%
Periodical In County Mail					
Presorting (dollars / piece)					
3-Digit Presort	66.7%	84.1%	\$0.042	\$0.053	26.2%
5-Digit Presort	39.5%	47.5%	\$0.064	\$0.077	20.3%
CR Basic	59.1%	71.2%	\$0.156	\$0.188	20.5%
High Density	79.5%	<b>87.2</b> %	\$0.031	\$0.034	9.7%
Saturation	57.1%	69.0%	\$0.024	\$0.029	20.8%
3-Digit Automation Letter	88.9%	88.9%	\$0.008	\$0.008	0.0%
5-Digit Automation Letter	85.7%	85.7%	\$0.024	\$0.024	0.0%
Pre-barcoding (dollars / piece)					
Basic Automation Flats	91.7%	91.7%	\$0.077	\$0.077	0.00%
3-Digit Automation Flats	89.0%	89.0%	\$0.065	\$0.065	0.00%
5-Digit Automation Flats	86.7%	86.7%	\$0.052	\$0.052	0.0%
Dropship (dollars/piece)					
DDU Dropship	71.7%	85.7%	\$0.015	\$0.018	20.0%

# Table 24: Periodicals Workshare Discounts Below 100 Percent

### 3. Adjustments to Billing Determinants

Science of Agriculture Pound Prices: In order to calculate the change in prices for Science of Agriculture pounds for Zones 3-9, the Postal Service separated Science of Agriculture pounds from Regular Advertising pounds in the billing determinants for FY22Q2 through FY23Q1.

**Bundles volume**: As mentioned above, to improve the operational efficiency for processing of bundles at different presort levels in sacks, the Postal Service is proposing to continue moving the bundles volume in sacks presented at Origin, DNDC, and DADC to presort in MADC containers entered at Origin with container fee waived. The separation is done using MCS Data FY22Q2-FY23Q1 from updated Folder 14 from the ACR. The cells I18-I23 of tab 'RR\_MCS' contain the ADC bundle volume in sacks, and the same is shown in tab 'Regular Rate Adjustments,' cells C61-C65. The bundle volume shown in cells C55-C59 on sheet 'Regular Rate Adjustments' is the total bundle volume minus the bundle volume shown in C61-C65. The Postal Service has applied this same calculation to all other presort levels, and in tab 'Nonprofit Adjustments' and tab 'Classroom Adjustments'.

**Sacks volume**: The Postal Service eliminated the entry of sacks containing flats at the OSCF, OADC, ONDC, DNDC, and DADC for this price change. These entry points will only accept sacks containing parcels. Sacks containing flats and parcels will be accepted at DSCF, SDC, and DDU. The volume of sacks containing flats is, therefore, removed, except the sacks volume at DSCF Entry, DDU Entry, and all sacks volume containing parcels. The separation is done using the Shape Indicia File.

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### D. Package Services

### 1. Summary of Price Changes

Table 25 shows the proposed percentage increases for Package Services:

Product	Percent Change
Alaska Bypass Service	4.591
Bound Printed Matter Flats	3.537
Bound Printed Matter Parcels	3.468
Media Mail and Library Mail	7.380
Overall	5.379

Table 25
Package Services Price Changes

In the FY 2022 Annual Compliance Determination, the Commission concluded that Media/Library Mail is a non-compensatory product in a compensatory class and is therefore subject to the requirements of 39 C.F.R. § 3030.221, and several products' passthroughs are below 85 percent or above 100 percent. The Postal Service is using nearly all available cap space in accordance with the pricing strategy described below to adjust prices and address these issues.

First, to improve Media Mail/Library Mail's cost coverage, the Postal Services is applying an above-average rate increase of 7.38 percent. In FY 2022, Media/Library Mail had a cost coverage of 91.2 percent. This rate increase should improve Media/Library cost coverage.

Second, BPM Flats will receive a rate increase of 3.537 percent. This rate increase is below the class average and is needed to balance out the Postal Service's above-average rate increase for Media/Library Mail. This BPM Flats rate adjustment will also address passthroughs issues discussed below. It is expected to provide additional revenue while maintaining healthy cost coverage for the product. Third, to balance out the Postal Service's above-average rate increase for Media/Library Mail, BPM Parcels will receive a rate increase of 3.468 percent. This rate adjustment will ensure all dropship products satisfy passthrough requirements. It is also expected to provide additional revenue.

The final product in the class, Alaska Bypass, will receive a rate increase of 4.591 percent, which is also below-average for the class.

#### 2. Workshare Discounts

In FY 2022, 22 Package Services passthroughs were between 85 and 100 percent, while four passthroughs were below 85 percent and two passthroughs were above 100 percent. The passthroughs below 85 percent or above 100 percent are discussed below.

The starting point passthrough, defined as the ratio of the latest discounts (in this case, the discount based on Docket No. R2023-1 prices) and the latest cost avoidance (from the FY 2022 ACD), for BPM Flats DDU was 70.6 percent. The BPM Flats DDU presort will have a discount of \$0.986 from Origin entry, an increase of 20 percent from last rate change, as required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). With this increase, the new passthrough will be 84.6 percent.

The BPM Parcels DDU presort discount from Origin entry will be \$0.991, an increase of 18.1 percent from \$0.839. With this discount increase, the new passthrough will be 85.1 percent.

The Media Mail Basic presort discount will be decreased from \$0.23 to \$0.19, a 17.4 percent decrease. As a result, the passthrough will be reduced from 117.3 percent to 96.9 percent.

The Library Mail Basic presort discount will be decreased from \$0.22 to

\$0.18, an 18.2 percent decrease. As a result, the passthrough will be reduced from 112.2 percent to 91.8 percent.

All other passthroughs will be between 85 and 100 percent following this rate change and therefore in compliance with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(e).

# 3. Adjustments to Billing Determinants

The Postal Service notes that there was no reported volume for the Pickup On Demand service with regards to Media/Library Mail and BPM Parcels during the entire hybrid year. Thus, the service as related to those products did not affect the price cap.

# E. Special Services

# 1. Summary of Price Changes

Table 26 shows the proposed percentage increases for Special Services:

Product	Percent Change
Ancillary Services	4.851
International Ancillary Services	6.306
Address Management Services	3.477
Caller Service and Reserve Numbers	7.357
Credit Card Authentication	0.000
International BRM Service	5.865
Money Orders	15.696
Post Office Box Service <sup>14</sup>	4.200
Stamp Fulfillment Services	5.447
Overall	5.429

Table 26
Special Services Product Price Changes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> This includes key and lock fees.

In the FY 2022 ACD, the Commission found Special Services as a class covered its attributable cost in FY 2022 and had an overall cost coverage of 161.5 percent. Money Orders was the only Special Services product for which the Commission found FY 2022 revenue was insufficient to cover its attributable cost. As directed by the Commission and consistent with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.221, the Postal Service must increase prices for Money Orders by at least 2 percentage points above the class average in each market-dominant rate adjustment affecting the Special Services class through the issuance of the FY 2023 ACD. The 15.7 percent price increase here amply complies with this directive.

### 2. Workshare Discounts

There are no Special Services workshare discounts.

#### 3. Adjustments to Billing Determinants

The Billing Determinants were adjusted to reflect that Certified Mail and Certificates of Mailing will not be available for USPS Ground Advantage. The specific details are provided in the CapCalc file for Special Services on the "F-1 Certified Mail" and "G-3 Certificates of Mailing" tabs respectively.

The Billing Determinants for Insurance were adjusted to reflect that USPS Ground Advantage and USPS Ground Advantage Returns will have \$100 of baked in insurance as a standard feature. The CapCalc file for Special Services has been changed to show this on the "F-3 Insurance" tab.

The Billing Determinants for Registered Mail were adjusted to reflect that the price for pieces with a declared value greater than \$50,000 will now be capped at

the \$50,000 price. The CapCalc file for Special Services has been changed to show this on the "F-6 Registered Mail" tab.

#### F. Promotions

The Postal Service is offering six promotional discounts in calendar year 2023: Reply Mail IMbA; Retargeting Mail; Emerging & Advanced Technology; Informed Delivery; Personalized Color Transpromo; and Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Engagement. Three of the promotions (Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Engagement, Emerging & Advanced Technology, and Informed Delivery) apply to both First-Class Mail and Marketing Mail pieces. Personalized Color Transpromo, Retargeting Mail, and Reply Mail IMbA apply to First-Class Mail pieces only.

Calendar year 2024 promotions are projected to generate cap space in First-Class Mail (\$2.4 million, or 0.009 percent) and USPS Marketing Mail (\$14.9 million, or 0.087 percent). Due to anticipated success, the calendar year 2024 promotions will remain the same as calendar year 2023, with one change to the Emerging Technology Promotion. This change will allow the mailer to select the start date of their "limited-time" period they would like to participate in the Emerging Technology Promotion. Classification changes associated with the promotions are shown in Attachment A.

#### 1. Emerging and Advanced Technology

The Emerging and Advanced Technology promotion encourages mailers to incorporate mobile and other technologies into their mail pieces. Specifically, First-Class Mail letters, cards, and flats and Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate qualifying technologies will be eligible for a 3 or 4 percent discount, depending on the technology that is integrated with the mail piece. Three percent eligible technologies include Mobile Shopping, Enhanced Augmented Reality (AR), and Basic Integration with Voice Assistant. Four percent eligible technologies include Video in Print, NFC, Virtual Reality (VR)/Mixed Reality (MR), and Advanced Integration with Voice Assistant. Mailers will select a start date for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024.

#### 2. Informed Delivery

The Informed Delivery Promotion seeks to continue increasing the adoption rate of the Postal Service's Informed Delivery platform by offering an upfront 4 percent discount for mailings that incorporate best practices and techniques in their Informed Delivery campaigns and a 0.5 percent incentive for the mail preparer. First-Class Mail automation letters, cards, and flats and Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that meet the promotion's requirements are eligible. The Postal Service plans to offer the promotion from August 1 through December 31, 2024.

#### 3. Retargeting Promotion

The Retargeting Mail promotion will provide a 5 percent discount to mailers on qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation postcards that are mailed in connection with website or app behavior during the established program period. Mailers must be preapproved prior to participation. The promotion will run from September 1 to November 30, 2024.

#### 4. Reply Mail IMbA Promotion

The Reply Mail IMbA promotion will provide a 3 percent discount for mailers that use static IMbA on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail single-piece

QBRM letters and postcards sent during the established period. Mailers receive a 6 percent discount if they use serialized IMbA. Mailers must enroll to participate. The promotion will run from July 1 through December 31, 2024.

#### 5. Personalized Color Transpromo

The Personalized Color Transpromo promotion enhances the value of First-Class Mail by encouraging mailers of bills and statements to incorporate color marketing messaging to foster a better connection and response from their customers. The promotion is intended to increase the value of First-Class Mail and encourage mailers to invest in color print technology. The Postal Service will provide an upfront 3 percent postage discount to mailers who use dynamic and variable color print for personalized, transpromotional marketing messages on their bills and statements that does not include Courtesy Reply Mail or Business Reply Mail, and mailers will receive a 4 percent discount for Courtesy Reply Mail or Business Reply Mail inclusion.

Only First-Class Mail presort and automation letters containing bills and statements are eligible for this promotion. The Postal Service will offer this promotion from February 1 through July 31, 2024.

#### 6. Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Engagement

The Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Engagement promotion encourages mailers to drive customer engagement with the mail using advanced print innovations in paper and stock, substrates, inks, interactive elements, and finishing techniques. By incorporating these print elements in a mail campaign, mailers may increase brand recognition and message recall by creating a multi-sensory experience for customers. First-Class Mail letters, cards, and flats and Marketing Mail letters and flats that meet the promotion requirements are eligible for an upfront 5 percent discount off postage during the promotion period from February 1 to July 31, 2024.

#### G. Preferential Rates

Section 3626 sets forth pricing requirements for certain preferred categories of mail. The Postal Service has complied with these requirements in this rate case, as explained below.

First, Section 3626(a)(3) requires that the prices for Within County Periodicals "reflect [the product's] preferred status," as compared to the prices for regular rate Periodicals. The Postal Service continues to recognize the preferential status of Within County Periodicals by keeping its prices below those of regular Outside County Periodicals.

Second, Section 3626(a)(4)(A) requires that Nonprofit and Classroom Periodicals receive, as nearly as practicable, a 5 percent discount from regular rate postage, except for advertising pounds. Consistent with past practice, the Postal Service maintains this rate preference by giving Nonprofit and Classroom pieces a 5 percent discount on all components of postage, except for advertising pounds and ride-along postage.

Third, Section 3626(a)(5) requires that Science of Agriculture Periodicals be given preferential treatment for their advertising pounds. Consistent with past practice, the Postal Service continues to grant these publications advertising pound rates for Destination Delivery Unit, Destination Sectional Center Facility, and Destination Area Distribution Center that are 75 percent of the advertising pound rates applicable to regular Outside County Periodicals. Advertising pound prices for Zones 1 & 2, and all other zones, are 75.0 percent of the rates applicable to regular Outside County Periodicals.

Fourth, Section 3626(a)(6) requires that Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail prices be set to achieve an average revenue per piece that is, as nearly as practicable, 60 percent of the commercial average revenue per piece. The prices set forth in this Notice achieve a revenue per piece ratio of 60.1 percent.<sup>15</sup> The Postal Service is also keeping nonprofit discounts equal to the comparable commercial discounts.<sup>16</sup>

Fifth, Section 3626(a)(7) requires that the prices for Library Mail be equal, as nearly as practicable, to 95 percent of the prices for Media Mail. This is achieved by setting each Library Mail rate element equal to 95 percent of the corresponding Media Mail rate element. The Postal Service has followed this approach in setting its new prices.

Finally, Section 3626(g)(4) requires that preferential treatment be accorded to the Outside County pieces of a Periodicals publication having fewer than 5,000 Outside County pieces and at least one Within County piece. In conformance with this requirement, the Postal Service is maintaining the "limited circulation" discount

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Details of the nonprofit-commercial revenue per piece ratio are contained in CAPCALC-USPSMM-R2023-2 at Tab: "Detailed Price Change Summary." Consistent with past practice, the Postal Service has calculated this ratio at the class level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> In all of the USPS Marketing Mail tabs of Attachment B, the Postal Service has added an additional column reflecting the Nonprofit discounts next to the calculation of Commercial discounts.

that gives these mailers a discount equivalent to the Nonprofit and Classroom Periodicals discount.

In addition to a discussion of Section 3626, Rule 3010.122(g) also requires the Postal Service to discuss how its planned prices are consistent with Sections 3627 and 3629. Neither section is implicated by this rate case because the Postal Service is not altering the free rates and is not changing the eligibility requirements for nonprofit prices.

#### IV. MCS Changes

As required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.124(d), this notice is accompanied by a schedule identifying every change to the MCS that will be necessary to implement the planned rate changes. Attachment A shows the new rates and related product description changes incorporated into a revised draft of the market-dominant section of the MCS. A number of them require individual discussion as changes to the MCS below the product level.

#### A. MCS §§ 1105.5 and 1110.5, IMbA Promotion

The Reply Mail Intelligent Mail barcode Accounting ("IMbA") Promotion was introduced as part of the R2023-1 price case and approved by the Commission. Docket No. R2023-1, Order on Price Adjustments for First-Class Mail Etc., Nov. 28, 2022, at 16 (Order No. 6431). However, to better describe the promotion, the Postal Service would move its description from MCS §1110 (Presorted Letters/Postcards) to MCS §1105 (Single-Piece Letters/Postcards). The Postal Service would also modify the description of the promotion to clarify that the discount applies to applicable Qualified Business Reply Mail (QBRM) instead of outgoing presorted mail.

This is a ministerial change whose substance the Commission has already approved and, other than more accurately describing the effect of the promotion, has no effect on mailers. 39 C.F.R. § 3040.181(a)-(c).

# B. MCS §§ 1200 series (Marketing Mail), *passim*, Move Update Noncompliance Charge

In the most recent price case, Docket No. 2023-1, in response to the Chairman's question as to why values for Marketing Mail Move Update Noncompliance charges did not appear in the relevant billing determinants, the Postal Service stated that manual, MERLIN-based address verifications had been replaced by automatic verifications. Docket No. R2023-1, Responses of the United States Postal Service To

Chairman's Information Request No. 2, Oct. 25, 2022, at Q6. As such, the Move Update Noncompliance charge was "no longer relevant … and will be removed from the MCS and the Capcalc file in a subsequent price change docket."

The Postal Service would also now make these ministerial changes throughout the Marketing Mail sections of the MCS, and they will have no effect on mailers. 39 C.F.R. § 3040.181(a)-(c).

# C. MCS § 1310.6, Outside-County Periodicals Prices

In MCS § 1310.6, the Postal Service would remove the zones from the pound price portion of Outside County Periodicals. Previously, pound prices for Periodicals (regular and Science of Agriculture, both advertising and editorial pages) were zoned when dropshipped at origin. See MCS § 1310.6. Beginning on August 29, 2021, however, the Postal Service set the prices for all zones equal to one another, effectively removing the zones. Regardless of destination, periodicals dropshipped at origin pay the same per-pound price. Docket No. R2021-2, United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Change, May 28, 2021, at Attachment A, 96.

The Postal Service made the change as a means of improving cost coverage for Periodicals. The single price meant raising prices for some zones while reducing prices for others, *Id.* at 25, and the Commission approved the change. Docket No. R2021-2, Order on Price Adjustments for First-Class Mail Etc., July 19, 2021, at 129 (Order No. 5937).

In the two price cases since then, the Postal Service has priced the perpound portion of the prices for Periodicals dropshipped at origin in the same way, and the Commission has approved. Docket No. R2022-1, United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Change, Apr. 6, 2022, at Attachment A, 94, *approved* Docket No. R2022-1, Order on Price Adjustments for First-Class Mail Etc., May 27, 2022 at 105 (Order No. 6188); Docket No. R2023-1, United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Change, Oct. 7, 2022, at Attachment A, 98, *approved* Docket No. R2023-1, Order on Price Adjustments for First-Class Mail Etc., Nov. 28, 2022 at 107 (Order No. 6341).

This price case, then, would simply remove the zone listings from MCS § 1310.6, replacing them with a single price for the per-pound prices for Periodicals dropshipped at origin. This is a ministerial change whose substance the Commission

has already approved and, other than the change in listed price, has no effect on mailers. 39 C.F.R. § 3040.181(a)-(c).

#### D. MCS §§ 1415.6, 1420.6, BPM Flats and BPM Parcels Prices

The Postal Service would make the same ministerial change for the zoned Carrier Route and Presorted Parcels and Flats dropshipped at origin and at the NDC and Nonpresorted per-piece prices for Bound Printed Matter Parcels and Flats, MCS §§ 1415.6, 1420.6.

Beginning on August 29, 2021 for BPM Flats and July 10, 2022, for BPM Parcels, the Postal Service effectively removed these zones, setting all of the zoned per-piece and per-pound prices equal. The Postal Service utilizes zone-based pricing for its competitive products to maintain parity with competitors. However, the Postal Service removed zones from its market-dominant Package Services offerings to simplify pricing. Docket No. R2021-2, United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Change, Apr. 6, 2022, at Attachment A, 106-108, *approved*, Order No. 5937 at 129; Docket No. R2022-1, United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Change, Apr. 6, 2022, at Attachment A, 110-112, *approved*, Order No. 6188 at 105.

In the single price case since the change in July 2022, the Postal Service again set the per-piece and per-pound prices for Carrier Route and Presorted Parcels and Flats and per-piece prices for Nonpresorted Bound Printed Matter Parcels and Flats dropshipped at origin and at the NDC in the same way, and the Commission again approved. Docket No. R2023-1, United States Postal Service

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Notice of Market-Dominant Price Change, Oct. 7, 2022, at Attachment A, 108-110, 114-116, *approved*, Order No. 6341 at 107.

As with Periodicals, then, this price case, would remove the zone listings from MCS §§ 1415.6 and 1420.6, replacing them with a single price for the per-piece and per-pound prices for Carrier Route and Presorted Parcels and Flats and per-piece prices for Nonpresorted Bound Printed Matter Parcels and Flats dropshipped at origin and at the NDC. This is another ministerial change whose substance the Commission has already approved and, other than the change in listed price, has no effect on mailers. 39 C.F.R. § 3040.181(a)-(c).

#### E. MCS § 1505.12.2 Registered Mail

The Postal Service is making some ministerial changes to, and is changing one price cell in, the Registered Mail rate chart in MCS §1505.12.2. Altogether, the effect of these minor changes on mailers will be to eliminate confusion and to simplify pricing without otherwise changing Registered Mail. 39 C.F.R. § 3040.181(a)-(c).

The ministerial changes, which include an explanatory note, clarify that indemnity claims for loss, damage, or missing contents are capped at \$50,000, regardless of an item's declared value. These changes do not change the current indemnity policy, which has always limited reimbursement to \$50,000; mailers are still required to declare an item's full value; and items with declared value of more than \$50,000 can still be mailed with Registered Mail.

As currently structured, however, the chart has arguably invited confusion and misinterpretation because it includes handling fees graduated by an item's value,

both for items with declared values from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and for items with declared values over \$50,000. The latter could be misinterpreted to imply insurance coverage for items over \$50,000, which it does not.

Substantively, therefore, the Postal Service is eliminating graduated handling fees for items with declared values over \$50,000, replacing them with a flat fee that encompasses both handling and insurance coverage.

This change is not inconsistent with Chapter 36 of Title 39. The rate structure will change very little, and to the extent it does change, aside from avoiding confusion, the change directly serves the purposes of the factor in 39 U.S.C. § 3622(c)(6), simplifying and providing identifiable relationships between rates and fees.

### F. MCS § 1520.2 Customized Addresses

The Postal Service plans to discontinue Customized Addresses and remove its entry from MCS §1520.2. The Postal Service had originally intended to charge a price for this service as part of the R2022-1 price change. Prior to the R2022-1 price change, some mailers received this service through local sales contacts and local Address Management System offices. During the implementation after R2022-1, however, it became apparent that the Postal Service had no administrable way to verify addresses created under the Customized Address service or charge for this service on the national level. In addition, the Postal Service discovered a lack of customer interest in paying for the service. Accordingly, the Postal Service set the price of Customized Address to \$0.00 as part of the R2023-1 price case and now plans to remove it from the MCS. This is another ministerial change whose substance the Commission has already approved and, other than the change in listed price, has no effect on mailers. 39 C.F.R. § 3040.181(a)-(c).

# V. Library References

The Postal Service is filing 6 public and 1 nonpublic library references to support this case. Brief descriptions of the library references are contained in the accompanying notices filed with the Commission today. Each library reference contains a preface that explains its contents in more detail.

# ATTACHMENT A

CHANGES TO MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

# CHANGES TO MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

(New text is underlined, and deleted text is struck through. "\* \* \* \*" indicates material that has been omitted because it contains no changes. All prices are listed in price tables, whether or not they are changing.)

# PART A

# MARKET DOMINANT PRODUCTS

# 1100 First-Class Mail

# 1100.1 Class Description

- a. Any matter eligible for mailing, except USPS Marketing Mail (Commercial and Nonprofit) entered as Customized MarketMail, may, at the option of the mailer, be mailed by First-Class Mail service.
- b. Matter containing personal information, partially or wholly handwritten or typewritten matter, or bills or statements of account must be mailed by First-Class Mail service, unless: (1) it is mailed by Priority Mail Express service or Priority Mail service, (2) it meets the USPS Marketing Mail or Periodicals mail preparation requirements for incidental First-Class Mail attachments or enclosures, or (3) it is otherwise exempt under title 39, United States Code.
- c. First-Class Mail pieces are sealed against postal inspection and shall not be opened except as authorized by law.
- d. First-Class Mail pieces that are undeliverable-as-addressed are entitled to be forwarded or returned to the sender without additional charge.
- e. An annual mailing fee is required to be paid at each office of mailing by any person who mails at presorted or automation prices (1505.2). Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any First-Class Mail price.
- 1100.2 Products Included in Class
  - Single-Piece Letters/Postcards (1105)
  - Presorted Letters/Postcards (1110)
  - Flats (1115)
  - Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International (1125)
  - Inbound Letter Post (1130)

# 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)
  - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
  - Business Reply Mail (1505.3)
  - Certified Mail (1505.5)
  - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
  - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
  - Insurance (1505.9)
  - Registered Mail (1505.12)
  - Return Receipt (1505.13)
  - Stamped Envelopes (1505.19)
  - Stamped Cards (1505.20)
  - Premium Stamped Stationery (1505.21)
  - Premium Stamped Cards (1505.22)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)
  - Package Intercept Service (2645.2)
- Reply Mail IMbA Promotion (July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)
- 1105.5 Prices

Single-Piece Machinable Stamped Letters<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Machinable Letters (\$)	
1	0.66	
2	0.90	
3	1.14	
3.5	1.38	

#### Notes

- 1. The price for single-piece, one, two, or three ounce letters also applies to sales of Forever stamps and Forever Print-on-Demand indicia at the time of purchase, as specified by the Postal Service.
- 2. The price for a Forever additional ounce stamp is the difference between the 2-ounce price and the 1-ounce price.

3. A handling charge of \$0.01 per piece applies to foreign-origin, inbound direct entry mail tendered by foreign postal operators, subject to the terms of an authorization arrangement.

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Machinable Letters (\$)	
1	0.63	
2	0.87	
3	1.11	
3.5	1.35	

Single-Piece Machinable Metered Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Nonmachinable Letters (\$)	
1	1.06	
2	1.30	
3	1.54	
3.5	1.78	

# Single-Piece Nonmachinable Stamped Letters<sup>1</sup>

#### Notes

1. The prices for single-piece, first-ounce nonmachinable letters also applies to sales of Forever nonmachinable stamps and Forever Print-on-Demand indicia at the time of purchase.

Single-Piece Nonmachinable Metered Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Nonmachinable Letters (\$)	
1	1.03	
2	1.27	
3	1.51	
3.5	1.75	

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Maximum Weight (ounces)	Residual Machinable Letters (\$)	
1	0.66 <sup>1</sup>	
2	0.66 <sup>1</sup>	
3	0.66 <sup>1</sup>	
3.5	0.66 <sup>1</sup>	

#### Single-Piece Residual Machinable Letters

#### Notes

1. This price applies only to residual machinable letters derived from a mixed weight presort mailing, and only when the residual mailing reflects the weight levels included in the mixed weight presort mailing. In all other cases, single-piece machinable metered letter rates apply.

Single-Piece Postcards<sup>1, 2</sup>

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Postcards (\$)	Single-Piece Double Card (\$)	
not applicable	0.51	1.02	

#### Notes

- 1. The price for single-piece postcards also applies to sales of stamped cards marked with Forever postage, at the time the stamped cards are purchased. The price also applies to Forever postcard stamps.
- 2. A handling charge of \$0.01 per piece applies to foreign-origin, inbound direct entry mail tendered by foreign postal operators, subject to the terms of an authorization arrangement. Such inbound direct entry mail cannot include Single-Piece Double Cards.

Single-Piece QBRM Postcards

Maximum Weight (ounces)	QBRM Postcards (\$)	
not applicable	0.489	

Share Mail Letters and Postcards<sup>1, 2</sup>

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Share Mail Letters (\$)	Share Mail Postcards (\$)
1	0.70	0.55

#### Notes

- 1. To qualify for Share Mail, customers must meet and comply with all eligibility requirements of the program. Share Mail allows a qualifying customer to distribute pre-approved mailpieces that contain an Intelligent Mail barcode (IMb) and that can be mailed without prepayment of postage. Postage is collected when a pre-approved mailpiece is placed in the mailstream and scanned during processing.
- 2. Customers that are party to a current Alternate Postage Marketing Agreement (Marketing Agreement) as of December 31, 2016 may continue to distribute Alternate Postage mailpieces for the duration of that agreement, per its terms. For all Marketing Agreements, the term "prevailing Alternate Postage rate" shall be synonymous with the prevailing Share Mail rate most recently approved by the Postal Regulatory Commission.

### Reply Mail IMbA Promotion (July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

Provide a three percent discount for mailers that use static IMbA on the gualifying postage for First-Class Mail single-piece QBRM letters and postcards sent during the established period. Mailers receive a six percent discount if they use serialized IMbA. Mailers must enroll to participate.

# 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)
  - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
  - Certified Mail (1505.5)
  - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
  - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
  - Insurance (1505.9)
  - Return Receipt (1505.13)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)
  - Package Intercept Service (2645.2)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation Letters and Automation Postcards Only
- Seamless Incentive: Automation Letters and Automation Postcards Only
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (<u>Mailer selects start</u> date for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)
- Personalized Color Transpromo Promotion (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)
- Reply Mail IMbA Promotion (July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)
- Retargeting Mail Promotion (September 1, <u>2024</u> to November 30, <u>2024</u>)

# 1110.5 Prices

Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)
1	0.498	0.537	0.561
2	0.498	0.537	0.561
3	0.498	0.537	0.561
3.5	0.498	0.537	0.561

Automation Letters

# Nonautomation Presorted Machinable Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)	
1	0.543	0.576	
2	0.543	0.576	
3	0.543	0.576	
3.5	0.543	0.576	

Nonmachinable Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
1	0.666	0.773	0.893
2	0.666	0.773	0.893
3	0.666	0.773	0.893
3.5	0.666	0.773	0.893

Automation Postcards

Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)
not applicable	0.355	0.376	0.388

### Nonautomation Presorted Machinable Postcards

# Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

### Letter Round-Trip Mailer

- a. Letter Round-Trip Mailer service allows a mailer to send a lettershaped mailpiece to a subscriber at the applicable Presorted Letters/Postcards price and pay postage for the return of the contents of that mailpiece at the Single Piece Machinable Letters price.
- b. A mailer may either prepay postage for the return mailpiece by using Permit Reply Mail or only pay for mailpieces actually returned by using Business Reply Mail.
- c. Qualifying pieces must contain a standard 12 cm or smaller optical disc.
- d. Qualifying pieces must weigh no more than one (1) ounce.
- e. Returned pieces must be picked up by the mailer at designated Postal Service facilities.
- f. Letter Round-Trip Mailers are not subject to prices for:
  - (i) the Nonmachinable Letters price category of Presorted Letters/Postcards, or
  - (ii) the Single-Piece Nonmachinable Letters price category of Single-Piece Letters/Postcards.

### Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.003 for each automation letter or automation postcard that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Seamless Incentive

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Picture Permit Imprint Indicia

Add \$0.01 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

# *Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion* (*February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)*

Provide a five percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

# *Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (<u>Mailer selects start date</u> for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)*

Provide a three or four percent discount on the gualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a four percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers have the ability to register for this promotion at any point in the year and can select their start date for a specified six-month period. All activity must be completed within calendar year 2024, and mailers are not permitted to extend this promotion into new calendar years.

Personalized Color Transpromo Promotion (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)

Provide a three or four percent discount on qualifying postage for First-Class Mail presort and automation letters sent during the established program period. All mailpieces must contain bills or statements with dynamic variable color messaging. In addition, in mailpieces sent by a prior year's participant the color messaging will be required to be personalized to the recipient, unless it meets the exceptions in the program requirements for sales-related content. The color messaging must be on the bill or statement and be for marketing or consumer information purposes. Qualifying mail that does not include Courtesy Reply Mail or Business Reply Mail will receive a three percent discount, while mailers receive a four percent discount for Courtesy Reply Mail or Business Reply Mail inclusion. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

# Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

Provide a four percent discount for the mailer and a half percent incentive for the mail preparer on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

# Reply Mail IMbA Promotion (July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

Provide a three percent discount for mailers that use static IMbA on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail presort and automation letters sent during the established period. Mailers receive a six percent discount if they use serialized IMbA. Mailers must enroll to participate.

# Retargeting Promotion (September 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024)

Provide a five percent discount to mailers on qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation postcards that were mailed as a result of website or app behavior during the established program period. Mailers must be preapproved prior to participation.

# 1115 Flats

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# 1115.4 Optional Features

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

- Ancillary Services (1505)
  - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
  - Business Reply Mail (1505.3)
  - Certified Mail (1505.5)
  - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
  - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
  - o Insurance (1505.9)
  - Registered Mail (1505.12)
  - Return Receipt (1505.13)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)
  - Package Intercept Service (2645.2)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail option: Automation Flats Only
- Seamless Incentive: Automation Flats Only
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (<u>Mailer selects start</u> date for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

# 1115.5 Prices

# Automation Flats

Maximum Weight	5-Digit	3-Digit	ADC	Mixed ADC
(ounces)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
1	0.831	1.037	1.098	1.234
2	1.071	1.277	1.338	1.474
3	1.311	1.517	1.578	1.714
4	1.551	1.757	1.818	1.954
5	1.791	1.997	2.058	2.194
6	2.031	2.237	2.298	2.434
7	2.271	2.477	2.538	2.674
8	2.511	2.717	2.778	2.914
9	2.751	2.957	3.018	3.154
10	2.991	3.197	3.258	3.394
11	3.231	3.437	3.498	3.634
12	3.471	3.677	3.738	3.874
13	3.711	3.917	3.978	4.114

# Presorted Flats

Maximum Weight	Presorted	
(ounces)	(\$)	
1	1.27	
2	1.51	
3	1.75	
4	1.99	
5	2.23	
6	2.47	
7	2.71	
8	2.95	
9	3.19	
10	3.43	
11	3.67	
12	3.91	
13	4.15	

# Single-Piece Flats<sup>1</sup>

Maximum Weight	Single-Piece	
(ounces)	(\$)	
1	1.35	
2	1.59	
3	1.83	
4	2.07	
5	2.31	
6	2.55	
7	2.79	
8	3.03	
9	3.27	
10	3.51	
11	3.75	
12	3.99	
13	4.23	

#### Notes

1. A handling charge of \$0.01 per piece applies to foreign-origin, inbound direct entry mail tendered by foreign postal operators, subject to the terms of an authorization arrangement.

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Keys and Identification Devices (\$)
1	4.15
2	4.39
3	4.63
4	4.87
5	5.11
6	5.35
7	5.59
8	5.83
9	6.07
10	6.31
11	6.55
12	6.79
13	7.03
1 (pound)	Priority Mail Retail Zone 4 postage plus 1.05
2 (pounds)	Priority Mail Retail Zone 4 postage plus 1.05

Keys and Identification Devices

# Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

# Flat Round-Trip Mailer

- a. Flat Round-Trip Mailer service allows a mailer to send a flat-shaped mailpiece to a subscriber at the applicable one (1) ounce Machinable Letter price and pay postage for the return of the contents of that mailpiece at the one (1) ounce Single-Piece Machinable Letter price.
- b. A mailer may either prepay postage for the return mailpiece by using Permit Reply Mail or only pay for mailpieces actually returned by using Business Reply Mail.

- c. Qualifying pieces must contain a standard 12 cm or smaller optical disc.
- d. Pieces weighing no more than two (2) ounces qualify for the one (1) ounce price.
- e. Returned pieces must be picked up by the mailer at designated Postal Service facilities.
- f. Flat Round-Trip Mailers are not subject to prices for:
  - (i) the Nonmachinable Letters price category of Presorted Letters/Postcards, or
  - (ii) the Single-Piece Nonmachinable Letters price category of Single-Piece Letters/Postcards.

### Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.003 for each automation flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

### Seamless Incentive

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

# *Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion* (*February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)*

Provide a five percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

# *Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (<u>Mailer selects start date</u> for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)*

Provide a three or four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a four percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program. <u>Mailers have the ability to register for this promotion at any point in the year and can select their start date for a specified six-month period. All activity must be completed within calendar year 2024, and mailers are not permitted to extend this promotion into new calendar years.</u>

### Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

Provide a four percent discount for the mailer and a half percent incentive for the mail preparer on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

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# 1125 Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International

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### 1125.6 Prices

Maximum	Country Price Group								
Weight (ounces)	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
1	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
2	1.50	2.27	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60
3	2.15	3.00	4.10	4.10	4.10	3.69	3.69	3.69	3.69
3.5	2.75	3.76	5.40	5.40	5.40	4.78	4.78	4.78	4.78

Machinable Letters<sup>1</sup>

#### Notes

1. International Forever stamps are sold at the price of a single-piece First-Class Mail International first ounce machinable letter and have a postage value equivalent to the price of a single-piece First-Class Mail International first ounce machinable letter in effect at the time of use.

Maximum		Country Price Group								
Weight (ounces)	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	
1	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	
2	1.90	2.67	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	
3	2.55	3.40	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.09	
3.5	3.15	4.16	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.18	5.18	5.18	5.18	

#### Nonmachinable Letters

Maximum Weight	Canada	Mexico	All Other Countries	
(ounces)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	
not applicable	1.50	1.50	1.50	

Maximu m Weight (ounces)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
1	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
2	3.29	3.90	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.17
3	3.57	4.78	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.33	5.33	5.33	5.33
4	3.82	5.67	6.71	6.71	6.71	6.49	6.49	6.49	6.49
5	4.10	6.56	7.93	7.93	7.93	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.65
6	4.37	7.44	9.16	9.16	9.16	8.82	8.82	8.82	8.82
7	4.65	8.34	10.39	10.39	10.39	9.97	9.97	9.97	9.97
8	4.92	9.22	11.61	11.61	11.61	11.13	11.13	11.13	11.13
12	6.29	11.13	14.08	14.08	14.08	13.54	13.54	13.54	13.54
15.994	7.65	13.05	16.54	16.54	16.54	15.93	15.93	15.93	15.93

Fee for Return of Undeliverable as Addressed Outbound U.S. Origin Mail Posted through a Foreign Postal Administration or Operator

A fee is charged for the return of an undeliverable-as-addressed Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International item bearing a U.S. return address which was originally posted to an international addressee through a foreign postal administration, consolidator, or operator. The fee for each returned item is equal to the First-Class Mail International postage which would have been charged if the item had been posted through the Postal Service as First-Class Mail International. The fee is charged to the return addressee.

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#### 1205 High Density and Saturation Letters

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#### 1205.4 Price Categories

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

- Saturation DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- <u>Saturation Letters on SCF or Finer Presort Pallets</u> <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u> <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
- High Density Plus DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- <u>High Density Plus Letters on SCF or Finer Presort Pallets</u> <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u> <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
- High Density DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- <u>High Density Letters on SCF or Finer Presort Pallets</u> <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u> <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
- Marriage Mail Letters
- Move Update Noncompliance Charge
- Move Update Assessment Charge

#### 1205.5 Optional Features

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

- Forwarding-and-Return Service
- Ancillary Services (1505)
  - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
  - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)

- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option
- Seamless Incentive
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia
- Plus One
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (<u>Mailer selects start</u> date for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, <u>2024</u> to December 31, <u>2024</u>)

#### 1205.6 Prices

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)	
Origin	0.228	0.143	
DNDC	0.201	0.116	
DSCF	0.193	0.108	

Saturation Letters (3.5 ounces or less)

*High Density Plus Letters (3.5 ounces or less)* 

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)	
Origin	0.258	0.167	
DNDC	0.231	0.140	
DSCF	0.223	0.132	

*High Density Letters (3.5 ounces or less)* 

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)	
Origin	0.317	0.169	
DNDC	0.290	0.142	
DSCF	0.282	0.134	

**Containerization Discounts** 

Saturation Letter-shaped pieces prepared on a SCF or Finer Presort Pallet receive a discount of \$0.002.

High Density Plus Letter-shaped pieces prepared on a SCF or Finer Presort Pallet receive a discount of \$0.002.

High Density Letter-shaped pieces prepared on a SCF or Finer Presort Pallet receive a discount of \$0.002.

#### Marriage Mail Letters

Subtract 10% of the per-piece price (rounded to the 10<sup>th</sup> of a cent) in a mailing that complies with Marriage Mail eligibility requirements.

#### Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

#### Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

#### Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic or automated Address Correction Service, forwarded letters pay \$0.60 per piece. All other letters requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Mail price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

#### Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.003 for each letter that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Seamless Incentive

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Picture Permit Imprint Indicia

Add \$0.021 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

#### Plus One

Add \$0.<u>110</u><del>105</del> for each Plus One card mailed with a Saturation Letter marriage mail "host" mailpiece.

# *Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (<u>Mailer selects start date</u> for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)*

Provide a three or four percent discount on the gualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a four percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers have the ability to register for this promotion at any point in the year and can select their start date for a specified six-month period. All activity must be completed within calendar year 2024, and mailers are not permitted to extend this promotion into new calendar years.

# *Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion* (*February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)*

Provide a five percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

# Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

Provide a four percent discount for the mailer and a half percent incentive for the mail preparer on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

#### 1210 High Density and Saturation Flats/Parcels

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#### 1210.4 Price Categories

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

- Saturation Flats DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Saturation Flats in 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme Containers DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Saturation Flats on SCF Pallets DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Saturation Parcels
   Volume Tiers, with Handling Fees for DNDC/DSCF entry levels
   Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- High Density Plus Flats DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- High Density Plus Flats in 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme Containers DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- High Density Plus Flats on SCF Pallets DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- High Density Flats DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- High Density Flats in 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme Containers DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- High Density Flats on SCF Pallets DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible

- Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density Nonautomation Letters <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u> <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
- <u>Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density Nonautomation</u> <u>Letters on SCF Pallets</u> <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u> <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
- Marriage Mail Flats
- Move Update Noncompliance Charge
- Move Update Assessment Charge

### 1210.5 Optional Features

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

- Detached Address Labels: except for Simplified Address flats and Letters
- Forwarding-and-Return Service
- Ancillary Services (1505)
  - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
  - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
  - USPS Tracking: parcels only (1505.8)
  - Bulk Insurance: parcels only (1505.9)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: High Density and High Density Plus Flats Only
- Seamless Incentive: High Density and High Density Plus Flats Only
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion: Flats Only (<u>Mailer</u> selects start date for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion: Flats Only (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, <u>2024</u> to December 31, <u>2024</u>)

### 1210.6 Prices

#### Saturation Flats

a. Per Piece

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)		Nonprofit (\$)	
	EDDM	Other	EDDM	Other
Origin	0.301	0.300	0.211	0.210
DNDC	0.230	0.229	0.140	0.139
DSCF	0.210	0.209	0.120	0.119
DDU	0.197	0.196	0.107	0.106

b. Per Pound

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)		Nonpro (\$)	ofit
	EDDM	Other	EDDM	Other
Origin	0.640	0.640	0.400	0.400
DNDC	0.640	0.640	0.400	0.400
DSCF	0.640	0.640	0.400	0.400
DDU	0.640	0.640	0.400	0.400

Saturation Flats (less than 4.0 ounces)

Pay only the applicable per-piece price

Saturation Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Pay the applicable per-piece price plus the pound rate for pounds above 4.0 ounces

# Saturation Parcels

a. Per Piece

	Commercial		Nonprofit	
Mailing Volume Tier	Small (\$)	Large (\$)	Small (\$)	Large (\$)
0-200,000	0.432	0.498	0.324	0.374
200,001 and above	0.415	0.482	0.313	0.361

# b. Handling Fees for DNDC/DSCF Entry

	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Entry Point/ Presort	Pallet	Pallet
DNDC – 3-Digit	75.688	60.550
DNDC – 5-Digit	123.065	98.452
DSCF – 5-Digit	57.658	46.291
Pallet Presort	Carton/Sack	Carton/Sack
3-Digit	10.307	8.399

# High Density Plus Flats

a. Per Piece

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.329	0.237
DNDC	0.258	0.166
DSCF	0.238	0.146
DDU	0.225	0.133

b. Per Pound

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.640	0.400
DNDC	0.640	0.400
DSCF	0.640	0.400
DDU	0.640	0.400

High Density Plus Flats (less than 4.0 ounces)

Pay only the applicable per-piece price

High Density Plus Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Pay the applicable per-piece price plus the pound rate for pounds above 4.0 ounces.

High Density Flats

a. Per Piece

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.389	0.300
DNDC	0.318	0.229
DSCF	0.298	0.209
DDU	0.285	0.196

b. Per Pound

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.756	0.500
DNDC	0.756	0.500
DSCF	0.756	0.500
DDU	0.756	0.500

High Density Flats (less than 4.0 ounces)

Pay only the applicable per-piece price.

High Density Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Pay the applicable per-piece price plus the pound rate for pounds above 4.0 ounces

Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density Nonautomation Letters (4.0 ounces or less) Commercial and Nonprofit

Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density letter-shaped pieces that weigh 4.0 ounces or less must pay the piece prices shown in the applicable Saturation (Other prices, not EDDM prices), High Density Plus, and High Density Flats (Commercial and Nonprofit) price tables (1210.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density Nonautomation Letters (more than 4.0 ounces) Commercial and Nonprofit

Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density letter-shaped pieces that weigh more than 4.0 ounces must pay the piece and pound prices shown in the applicable Saturation (Other prices, not EDDM prices), High Density Plus, and High Density Flats (Commercial and Nonprofit) price tables (1210.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

#### **Containerization Discounts**

Saturation and EDDM Flat-shaped pieces in a 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme Container receive a discount of \$0.0110.009.

High Density Plus Flat-shaped pieces in a 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme Container receive a discount of \$0.0150.012.

High Density Flat-shaped pieces in a 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme Container receive a discount of 0.0180.015

Saturation and EDDM Flat-shaped pieces prepared on a SCF Pallet receive a discount of \$0.0030.002.

High Density Plus Flat-shaped pieces on a SCF Pallet receive a discount of \$<u>0.0090.007</u>.

High Density Flat-shaped pieces on a SCF Pallet receive a discount of 0.0100.008

Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density Letter-shaped pieces on an SCF or Finer Presort Pallet receive a discount of \$0.002

#### Marriage Mail Flats

Subtract 10% of the per-piece price (rounded to a 10<sup>th</sup> of a cent) in a mailing that complies with Marriage Mail eligibility requirements.

#### Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

#### Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

#### Flat-shaped pieces including a Detached Address Label

Add \$0.07<u>5</u> for each piece addressed using a Detached Address Label with no advertising, and \$0.09<u>5</u> for each piece using a Detached Address Label containing advertising (Detached Marketing Label).

#### Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic Address Correction Service, forwarded flats pay 2.021.91 per piece and forwarded parcels pay 7.666.38 per piece. All other pieces requesting

Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

# *Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: High Density and High Density Plus Flats Only*

Subtract \$0.003 for each high density flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Seamless Incentive: High Density and High Density Plus Flats Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only

Add \$0.021 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

# *Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion: Flats Only (<u>Mailer</u> <u>selects start date for a six-month promotion period within calendar year</u> <u>2024</u>)*

Provide a three or four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a four percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers have the ability to register for this promotion at any point in the year and can select their start date for a specified six-month period. All activity must be completed within calendar year 2024, and mailers are not permitted to extend this promotion into new calendar years.

# *Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion: Flats Only (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)*

Provide a five percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

### Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, <u>2024</u> to December 31, <u>2024</u>)

Provide a four percent discount for the mailer and a half percent incentive for the mail preparer on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

#### 1215 Carrier Route

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#### 1215.4 Price Categories

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

- Letters
   DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
   Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- <u>Letters on SCF Pallets</u>
   <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u>
   <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
- Flats DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Flats in 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme Containers DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Flats on SCF Pallets DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Parcels
   Volume Tiers, with Handling Fee for DNDC/DSCF entry levels
   Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Move Update Noncompliance Charge
- Move Update Assessment Charge

#### 1215.5 Optional Features

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

- Forwarding-and-Return Services
- Ancillary Services (1505)
  - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
  - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
  - USPS Tracking: parcels only (1505.8)
  - Bulk Insurance: parcels only (1505.9)

- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Letters and Flats Only
- Seamless Incentive: Letters and Flats Only
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion: Letters and Flats Only (<u>Mailer selects start date for a six-month promotion period within</u> <u>calendar year 2024</u>)
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion: Letters and Flats Only (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, <u>2024</u> to December 31, <u>2024</u>)

#### 1215.6 Prices

Carrier Route Letters (3.5 ounces or l	less)
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Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)	
Origin	0.505	0.357	
DNDC	0.478	0.330	
DSCF	0.470	0.322	

*Carrier Route Letters weighing greater than 3.5 ounces, but not more than 4.0 ounces* 

Carrier Route letter-shaped pieces that weigh more than 3.5 ounces, but not more than 4.0 ounces, must pay the prices shown in the "Carrier Route Flats (4.0 ounces or less)" price tables (1215.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

#### Carrier Route Letters weighing greater than 4.0 ounces

Carrier Route letter-shaped pieces that weigh more than 4.0 ounces must pay the per piece and per pound prices shown in the "Carrier Route Flats<del>(greater than 4.0 ounces)</del>" price tables (1215.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

# Carrier Route Flats

#### a. Per Piece

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.467	0.378
DNDC	0.396	0.307
DSCF	0.376	0.287
DDU	0.363	0.274

b. Per Pound

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)	
Origin	0.756	0.500	
DNDC	0.756	0.500	
DSCF	0.756	0.500	
DDU	0.756	0.500	

Carrier Route Flats (less than 4.0 ounces)

Pay only the applicable per-piece price.

Carrier Route Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Pay the applicable per-piece price plus the pound rate only for pounds above 4.0 ounces.

#### Carrier Route Parcels

a. Per Piece

	Commercial		Non	orofit
Mailing Volume Tier	Small (\$)	Large (\$)	Small (\$)	Large (\$)
0-200,000	0.599	0.663	0.449	0.498
200,001 and above	0.580	0.645	0.437	0.485

### b. Handling Fees for DNDC/DSCF Entry

	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)	
Entry Point/ Presort	Pallet	Pallet	
DNDC – 3-Digit	75.688	60.550	
DNDC – 5-Digit	123.065	98.452	
DSCF – 5-Digit	57.658	46.291	
Pallet Presort	Carton/Sack	Carton/Sack	
3-Digit	10.307	8.399	

#### Containerization Discounts

Carrier Route Letter-shaped pieces prepared on a SCF or Finer Presort Pallet receive a discount of \$0.002.

Carrier Route Flat-shaped pieces in a 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme Container receive a discount of \$0.02<u>4</u>2.

Carrier Route Flat-shaped pieces on a SCF Pallet receive a discount of \$0.01<u>4</u>1.

#### Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

#### Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces

submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

#### Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic or automated Address Correction Service, forwarded letters pay 0.6057 per piece, forwarded flats pay 2.021.91 per piece, and forwarded parcels pay 7.666.38 per piece. All other pieces requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

#### Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Letters and Flats Only

Subtract \$0.003 for each carrier route letter or flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Seamless Incentive: Letters and Flats Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

*Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only* Add \$0.021 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

#### *Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion: Letters and Flats Only* (*Mailer selects start date for a six-month promotion period within calendar* year 2024)

Provide a three or four percent discount on the gualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a four percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers have the ability to register for this promotion at any point in the year and can select their start date for a specified six-month period. All activity must be completed within calendar year 2024, and mailers are not permitted to extend this promotion into new calendar years.

*Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion: Letters and Flats Only (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)* 

Provide a five percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

### Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

Provide a four percent discount for the mailer and a half percent incentive for the mail preparer on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

#### 1220 Letters

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#### 1220.4 Price Categories

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

- Automation
  - 5-Digit
     DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
     Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
  - <u>5-Digit on SCF Pallets</u> <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u> <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
  - AADC DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
  - <u>AADC on SCF Pallets</u> <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u> <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
  - Mixed AADC
     DNDC and Origin entry levels
     Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Machinable
  - AADC DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
  - Commercial and Nonprofit eligible <u>AADC on SCF Pallets</u> <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u> <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
  - Mixed AADC DNDC and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Move Update Noncompliance Charge
- Move Update Assessment Charge

### 1220.5 Optional Features

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

- Forwarding-and-Return Services
- Ancillary Services (1505)
  - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
  - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation Letters Only
- Seamless Incentive: Automation Letters Only
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (<u>Mailer selects start</u> date for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, <u>2024</u> to December 31, <u>2024</u>)

#### 1220.6 Prices

	Commercial			Nonprofit		
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)	5-Digit (\$)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)
Origin	0.326	0.361	0.381	0.171	0.206	0.226
DNDC	0.299	0.334	0.354	0.144	0.179	0.199
DSCF	0.291	0.326		0.136	0.171	

Automation Letters (3.5 ounces or less)

Machinable Letters (3.5 ounces or less)

	Commercial		al Nonprofit	
Entry Point	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)
Origin	0.363	0.387	0.208	0.232
DNDC	0.336	0.360	0.181	0.205
DSCF	0.328		0.173	

# Containerization Discounts

5-Digit Letter-shaped pieces prepared on a SCF or Finer Presort Pallet receive a discount of \$0.003.

AADC Letter-shaped pieces prepared on a SCF or Finer Presort Pallet receive a discount of \$0.003.

#### Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

# Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

#### Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic or automated Address Correction Service, forwarded letters pay \$0.6057per piece. All other letters requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Mail price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

#### Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation Letters Only

Subtract \$0.003 for each automation letter that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Seamless Incentive: Automation Letters Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Picture Permit Imprint Indicia

Add \$0.021 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

# *Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (<u>Mailer selects start date</u> for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)*

Provide a three or four percent discount on the gualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount. while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a four percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers have the ability to register for this promotion at any point in the year and can select their start date for a specified six-month period. All activity must be completed within calendar year 2024, and mailers are not permitted to extend this promotion into new calendar years.

*Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion* (*February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)* 

Provide a five percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

# Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

Provide a four percent discount for the mailer and a half percent incentive for the mail preparer on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

### 1225 Flats

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### 1225.4 Price Categories

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

- Automation
  - o 5-Digit
    - DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
  - 5-Digit on SCF Pallets
     DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
     Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
  - 3-Digit DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
  - 3-Digit on SCF Pallets
     DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
     Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
  - ADC DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
  - Mixed ADC DNDC and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Nonmachinable Letters
  - 5-Digit DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
  - <u>5-Digit on SCF or Finer Presort Pallets</u> <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u> <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
  - 3-Digit
     DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
     Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
  - <u>3-Digit on SCF or Finer Presort Pallets</u> <u>DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels</u> <u>Commercial and Nonprofit eligible</u>
  - ADC DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
  - Mixed ADC DNDC and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Nonautomation
  - o **5-Digit**

DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible

- 5-Digit on SCF Pallets
   DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
   Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- 3-Digit DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- 3-Digit on SCF Pallets
   DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
   Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- ADC DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Mixed ADC
   DNDC and Origin entry levels
   Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Customized MarketMail
- Move Update Noncompliance Charge
- Move Update Assessment Charge

# 1225.5 Optional Features

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

- Forwarding-and-Return Services
- Ancillary Services (1505)
  - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
  - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation Flats Only
- Seamless Incentive: Automation Flats Only
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (<u>Mailer selects start</u> date for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, <u>2024</u> to December 31, <u>2024</u>)

# 1225.6 Prices

# Automation Flats

a. Per Piece

	Commercial					
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed scf p (\$)		
Origin	0.609	0.786	0.893	0.976		
DNDC	0.538	0.715	0.822	0.905		
DSCF	0.518	0.695	0.802			

	Nonprofit					
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)		
Origin	0.384	0.561	0.668	0.751		
DNDC	0.313	0.490	0.597	0.680		
DSCF	0.293	0.470	0.577			

Commercial					
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)	
Origin	0.896	0.896	0.896	0.896	
DNDC	0.896	0.896	0.896	0.896	
DSCF	0.896	0.896	0.896		

# b. Per Pound

	Nonprofit						
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)			
Origin	0.706	0.706	0.706	0.706			
DNDC	0.706	0.706	0.706	0.706			
DSCF	0.706	0.706	0.706	0.706			

Automation Flats (less than 4.0 ounces)

Pay only the applicable per-piece price.

Automation Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Pay the applicable per-piece price plus the pound rate for pounds above 4.0 ounces.

# Nonautomation Flats

### a. Per Piece

Commercial				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.705	0.852	0.916	1.007
DNDC	0.634	0.781	0.845	0.936
DSCF	0.614	0.761	0.825	

Nonprofit							
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)			
Origin	0.480	0.627	0.691	0.782			
DNDC	0.409	0.556	0.620	0.711			
DSCF	0.389	0.536	0.600				

b. Per Pound

	Commercial							
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)				
Origin	0.896	0.896	0.896	0.896				
DNDC	0.896	0.896	0.896	0.896				
DSCF	0.896	0.896	0.896					

	Nonprofit							
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)				
Origin	0.706	0.706	0.706	0.706				
DNDC	0.706	0.706	0.706	0.706				
DSCF	0.706	0.706	0.706					

Nonautomation Flats (less than 4.0 ounces)

Pay only the applicable per-piece price.

Nonautomation Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Pay the applicable per-piece price plus the pound rate for pounds above 4.0 ounces

Nonmachinable Letters Commercial and Nonprofit (4.0 ounces or less)

Nonmachinable Letters pieces that weigh 4.0 ounces or less must pay the prices shown in the "Nonautomation Flats (4.0 ounces or less)" price tables (1225.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

Nonmachinable Letters Commercial and Nonprofit (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Nonmachinable Letters pieces that weigh more than 4.0 ounces must pay the prices shown in the "Nonautomation Flats-(greater than 4.0 ounces)" price tables (1225.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

#### Customized MarketMail Prices

	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)	
Per Piece	0.601	0.445	

#### Containerization Discounts

3-Digit and 5-Digit (Automation and Nonautomation) Flat-shaped pieces on a SCF Pallet receive a discount of \$0.017.

Nonmachinable 5-Digit Letter-shaped pieces prepared on a SCF or Finer Presort Pallet receive a discount of \$0.003

Nonmachinable 3-Digit Letter-shaped pieces prepared on a SCF or Finer Presort Pallet receive a discount of \$0.003

#### Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

#### Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

# Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic Address Correction Service, forwarded flats pay 2.021.91 per piece. All other flats requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Mail price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

#### Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation Flats Only

Subtract \$0.003 for each automation flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Seamless Incentive: Automation Flats Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only

Add \$0.021 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

# *Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (<u>Mailer selects start date</u> for a six-month promotion period within calendar year 2024)*

Provide a three or four percent discount on the gualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a four percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers have the ability to register for this promotion at any point in the year and can select their start date for a specified six-month period. All activity must be completed within calendar year 2024, and mailers are not permitted to extend this promotion into new calendar years.

# *Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion* (*February 1, <u>2024</u> to July 31, <u>2024</u>)*

Provide a five percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

# Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, <u>2024</u> to December 31, <u>2024</u>)

Provide a four percent discount for the mailer and a half percent incentive for the mail preparer on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

#### 1230 Parcels

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1230.6 Prices

Marketing Parcels (3.3 ounces or less)

	Commercial				Nonprofit			
Entry Point	5- Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC	5- Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Origin			2.757	3.292			2.591	3.126
DNDC	1.465	2.452	2.693		1.299	2.286	2.527	
DSCF	1.448	2.435			1.282	2.269		
DDU	1.378				1.212			

Marketing Parcels (greater than 3.3 ounces)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

	Commercial				Nonprofit			
	5- Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC	5- Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Per Piece	1.095	2.082	2.323	2.858	0.975	1.962	2.203	2.738

		Comm	nercial		Nonprofit			
Entry Point	5- Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC	5-Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Origin			2.105	2.105			1.882	1.882
DNDC	1.792	1.792	1.792		1.569	1.569	1.569	
DSCF	1.710	1.710			1.487	1.487		
DDU	1.373				1.150			

b. Per Pound

Nonprofit Machinable Parcels Prices (3.5 ounces or more)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

	5-Digit (\$)	NDC (\$)	Mixed NDC (\$)	
Per Piece	1.207	2.136	2.855	

# b. Per Pound

Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	NDC (\$)	Mixed NDC (\$)	
Origin		1.900	1.900	
DNDC	1.575	1.575		
DSCF	1.420			
DDU	1.124			

Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	SCF (\$)	NDC (\$)	Mixed NDC (\$)
Origin			3.153	3.387
DNDC	1.532	2.575	3.086	
DSCF	1.500	2.543		
DDU	1.439			

## Nonprofit Irregular Parcels (3.3 ounces or less)

# Nonprofit Irregular Parcels (greater than 3.3 ounces)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

Entry	5-Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC
Point	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Per Piece	1.207	2.250	2.761	2.995

## b. Per Pound

Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	SCF (\$)	NDC (\$)	Mixed NDC (\$)
Origin			1.900	1.900
DNDC	1.575	1.575	1.575	
DSCF	1.420	1.420		
DDU	1.124			

## Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

## Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic Address Correction Service, forwarded parcels pay \$7.666.38 per piece. All other parcels requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Package Service or Priority Mail price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472. Non-barcoded Parcels Surcharge

For non-barcoded parcels, add 0.0400.041 per piece. The surcharge does not apply to pieces sorted to 5-Digit ZIP Codes.

# 1235 Every Door Direct Mail—Retail

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1235.6 Prices

Saturation Flats (3.3 ounces or less)

Entry Point	(\$)	
DDU	0.198	

# 1305 In-County Periodicals

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#### 1305.6 Prices

In-County Automation

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Pound Prices (per pound or fraction thereof)

Entry Point	Price (\$)
DDU	0.156
Non-DDU	0.204

b. Piece Prices (per addressed piece)

Presort Level	Letters (\$)	Flats (\$)	
5-Digit	0.059	0.240	
3-Digit	0.083	0.304	
Basic	0.091	0.345	

## In-County Nonautomation

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Pound Prices (per pound or fraction thereof)

Entry Point	Price (\$)
DDU	0.156
Non-DDU	0.204

b. Piece Prices (per addressed piece)

Presort Level	Letters, Flats, and Parcels (\$)	
Carrier Route Saturation	0.041	
Carrier Route High Density	0.070	
Carrier Route Basic	0.104	
5-Digit	0.292	
3-Digit	0.369	
Basic	0.422	

# Worksharing Discount for DDU

Each DDU entered piece receives a discount of \$0.018

### In-County Periodicals including a Ride-Along piece

Add 0.1910 for a Ride-Along item enclosed with or attached to an In-County Periodical.

## Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.001 for each automation or Carrier Route letter or flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive: Automation or Carrier Route Letters and Flats Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option

# 1310 Outside County Periodicals

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### 1310.6 Prices

Charges are computed by adding the appropriate per-piece charge, perbundle charge, per-sack charge, and per-pallet charge to the sum of the editorial (nonadvertising) pound portion and the advertising pound portion, as applicable.

	Regular		Science of Agriculture	
Entry Level or Zone	Advertising (\$)	Editorial (\$)	Advertising (\$)	Editorial (\$)
DDU	0.122	0.092	0.092	0.092
DSCF	0.180	0.135	0.135	0.135
DADC	0.192	0.144	0.144	0.144
All Others Zones 1 & 2	0.300	0.207	0.225	0.207
Zone 3				
Zone 4				
Zone 5				
Zone 6				
Zone 7				
Zone 8				
Zone 9				

Pound Prices (per pound or fraction thereof)

Piece Price (per addressed piece)

a. Carrier Route Letters, Flats, and Parcels

Bundle Level	Letters, Flats, and Parcels (\$)	
Saturation	0.191	
High Density	0.224	
Basic	0.258	

b. Barcoded Letters

Bundle Level	Barcoded Letters (\$)	
5-Digit	0.318	
3-Digit/SCF	0.342	
ADC	0.348	
Mixed ADC	0.367	

c. Machinable Flats and Nonbarcoded Letters

Bundle Level	Barcoded Flats (\$)	Nonbarcoded Flats (\$)	Nonbarcoded Letters (\$)	
5-Digit	0.459	0.479	0.479	
3-Digit/SCF	0.590	0.628	0.628	
ADC	0.630	0.677	0.677	
Mixed ADC	0.694	0.757	0.757	

d. Nonmachinable Flats and Parcels

	Barcoded Flats	Nonbarcoded Flats	Parcels	
Bundle Level	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	
5-Digit	0.713	0.715	0.715	
3-Digit/SCF	0.814	0.814	0.814	
ADC	0.862	0.868	0.868	
Mixed ADC	0.987	0.987	0.987	

# e. Editorial Adjustment

A per-piece editorial adjustment is provided by subtracting \$0.00112 for each 1 percent of editorial (nonadvertising) content from the applicable piece price.

# f. Firm Bundle Piece Price

Firm bundles are charged a single-piece price of \$0.22<u>6</u><del>3</del>.

Bundle Prices (per bundle)

	Container Level									
Bundle Level	Carrier Route (\$)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit/SCF (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)					
Firm	0.205	0.205	0.546	0.657	0.852					
Carrier Route	0.203	0.203	0.738	0.998	1.280					
5-Digit	0.427	0.427	0.506	0.656	0.971					
3-Digit/SFC			0.462	0.622	0.925					
ADC				0.501	0.814					
Mixed ADC					0.264					

Container Prices (per pallet, tray, or sack)

a. Pallet Container

Entry Point	Carrier Route (\$)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit/SCF (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
DDU	3.062				
DSCF	33.498	48.398	29.718		
DADC	60.804	75.704	56.763	31.302	
DNDC	61.442	76.342	57.086	57.024	
Origin	85.792	100.692	79.417	81.949	32.037

b. Sack Container

Entry Point	Carrier Route/ 5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit/SCF (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
DDU	1.702	(+)		
DSCF	2.544	1.599		
DADC	4.291	3.676	2.121	
DNDC	4.623	3.806	3.728	
Origin	5.220	4.186	4.214	2.253

C. Tray Container

Entry	Carrier Route/ 5-Digit	3-Digit/SCF	ADC	Mixed ADC
Point	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
DDU	1.515			
DSCF	2.313	1.423		
DADC	3.297	2.776	1.489	
DNDC	3.673	2.772	2.677	
Origin	4.687	3.906	4.037	1.680

Outside County Periodicals including a Ride-Along piece

Add \$0.19<u>1</u>0 for a Ride-Along item enclosed with or attached to an Outside County Periodical.

# Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.001 for each barcoded or Carrier Route letter or flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive: Barcoded or Carrier Route Letters and Flats Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

Publications eligible for Nonprofit and Classroom price categories

Publications qualified as Nonprofit, Classroom, and Limited Circulation receive a 5 percent discount on all components of postage except advertising pounds.

The 5 percent discount does not apply to commingled nonsubscriber, nonrequestor, complimentary, and sample copies in excess of the 10 percent allowance, or to Science of Agriculture mail.

The advertising pound price is not applicable to qualifying Nonprofit and Classroom publications containing 10 percent or less advertising content.

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# 1405 Alaska Bypass Service

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1405.6 Prices

Alaska Bypass

Prices are calculated by dividing the total weight of the shipment by 70 (subject to the maximum weight restriction) and multiplying the result (rounded to the nearest one-hundredth) by the appropriate Alaska Bypass price for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	
70	33.95	

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## 1415 Bound Printed Matter Flats

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#### 1415.6 Prices

Carrier Route

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

1. Destination Entry

	DDU (\$)	DSCF (\$)	DNDC <del>Zones</del> <del>1 &amp; 2</del> (\$)	Origin Entry <del>DNDC</del> <del>Zone 3</del> (\$)	<del>DNDC</del> Zone 4 ( <del>\$)</del>	<del>DNDC</del> <del>Zone 5</del> <del>(\$)</del>
Per Piece	0.440	0.661	1.300	1.426		
Per Pound	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.066		

## 2. Other Than Destination Entry

	Zones Local 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zones 8 & 9
_	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>
Per Piece							
Per Pound							

## Presorted

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.<sup>1</sup>

# 1. Destination Entry<sup>4</sup>

	DDU (\$)	DSCF (\$)	DNDC <del>Zones</del> <del>1 &amp; 2</del> (\$)	Origin Entry <del>DNDC</del> Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zone 5 (\$)
Per Piece	0.595	0.816	1.455	1.581		
Per Pound	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.066		

# 2. Other Than Destination Entry

	Zones Local 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zones 8 & 9
	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>
Per Piece							
Per Pound							

### Notes

1. DDU price is not available for presorted flats that weigh 1 pound or less.

#### Nonpresorted

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 ( <del>\$)</del>	Zone 4 ( <del>\$)</del>	Zone 5 ( <del>\$)</del>	Zone 6 ( <del>\$)</del>	Zone 7 ( <del>\$)</del>	Zones 8 & 9 ( <del>\$)</del>
1.0	2.45						
1.5	2.58						
2.0	2.73						
2.5	2.88						
3.0	3.03						
3.5	3.20						
4.0	3.39						
4.5	3.56						
5.0	3.76						
6.0	3.96						
7.0	4.19						
8.0	4.42						
9.0	4.66						
10.0	4.91						
11.0	5.19						
12.0	5.47						
13.0	5.78						
14.0	6.08						
15.0	6.42						

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.001 for each presorted or Carrier Route barcoded flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

#### Forwarding-and-Return-Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic Address Correction Service, forwarded flats pay \$3.75 per piece. All other pieces requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate Bound Printed Matter Flats Nonpresorted price for the piece.

# Seamless Incentive

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

# 1420 Bound Printed Matter Parcels

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#### 1420.6 Prices

Carrier Route

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

### a. Destination Entry

	DDU (\$)	DSCF (\$)	DNDC <del>Zones</del> <del>1 &amp; 2</del> (\$)	Origin Entry <del>DNDC</del> Zone 3	DNDC Zone 4 ( <del>\$)</del>	DNDC Zone 5 ( <del>\$)</del>
				(\$)		
Per Piece	0.855	1.096	1.720	1.846		
Per Pound	0.070	0.080	0.148	0.306		

## b. Other Than Destination Entry

	Zones Local 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zones 8 & 9
	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>
Per Piece							
Per Pound							

## Presorted

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

# a. Destination Entry

	DDU (\$)	DSCF (\$)	DNDC <del>Zones</del> <del>1 &amp; 2</del> (\$)	Origin Entry <del>DNDC</del> Zone 3	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zone 5 (\$)
				(\$)		
Per Piece	1.010	1.251	1.875	2.001		
Per Pound	0.070	0.080	0.148	0.306		

b. Other Than Destination Entry

	Zones Local 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zones 8 & 9
	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>	<del>(\$)</del>
Per Piece							
Per Pound							

Nonpresorted
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Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 ( <del>\$)</del>	Zone 4 ( <del>\$)</del>	Zone 5 ( <del>\$)</del>	Zone 6 ( <del>\$)</del>	Zone 7 ( <del>\$)</del>	Zones 8 & 9
		(Ψ)	(Ψ)	(Ψ)	(Ψ)	(Ψ)	<del>(\$)</del>
1.0	3.87						
1.5	3.96						
2.0	4.07						
2.5	4.24						
3.0	4.42						
3.5	4.62						
4.0	4.80						
4.5	4.98						
5.0	5.16						
6.0	5.53						
7.0	5.91						
8.0	6.27						
9.0	6.65						
10.0	7.00						
11.0	7.41						
12.0	7.75						
13.0	8.12						
14.0	8.50						
15.0	8.88						

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$25.00 \$26.50 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

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# 1425 Media Mail/Library Mail

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1425.6 Prices

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
1	2.59	3.73	3.92
2	3.34	4.48	4.67
3	4.09	5.23	5.42
4	4.84	5.98	6.17
5	5.59	6.73	6.92
6	6.34	7.48	7.67
7	7.09	8.23	8.42
8	7.84	8.98	9.17
9	8.59	9.73	9.92
10	9.34	10.48	10.67
11	10.09	11.23	11.42
12	10.84	11.98	12.17
13	11.59	12.73	12.92
14	12.34	13.48	13.67
15	13.09	14.23	14.42
16	13.84	14.98	15.17
17	14.59	15.73	15.92
18	15.34	16.48	16.67
19	16.09	17.23	17.42
20	16.84	17.98	18.17
21	17.59	18.73	18.92
22	18.34	19.48	19.67
23	19.09	20.23	20.42
24	19.84	20.98	21.17
25	20.59	21.73	21.92

# Media Mail (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
26	21.34	22.48	22.67
27	22.09	23.23	23.42
28	22.84	23.98	24.17
29	23.59	24.73	24.92
30	24.34	25.48	25.67
31	25.09	26.23	26.42
32	25.84	26.98	27.17
33	26.59	27.73	27.92
34	27.34	28.48	28.67
35	28.09	29.23	29.42
36	28.84	29.98	30.17
37	29.59	30.73	30.92
38	30.34	31.48	31.67
39	31.09	32.23	32.42
40	31.84	32.98	33.17
41	32.59	33.73	33.92
42	33.34	34.48	34.67
43	34.09	35.23	35.42
44	34.84	35.98	36.17
45	35.59	36.73	36.92
46	36.34	37.48	37.67
47	37.09	38.23	38.42
48	37.84	38.98	39.17
49	38.59	39.73	39.92
50	39.34	40.48	40.67

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
51	40.09	41.23	41.42
52	40.84	41.98	42.17
53	41.59	42.73	42.92
54	42.34	43.48	43.67
55	43.09	44.23	44.42
56	43.84	44.98	45.17
57	44.59	45.73	45.92
58	45.34	46.48	46.67
59	46.09	47.23	47.42
60	46.84	47.98	48.17
61	47.59	48.73	48.92
62	48.34	49.48	49.67
63	49.09	50.23	50.42
64	49.84	50.98	51.17
65	50.59	51.73	51.92
66	51.34	52.48	52.67
67	52.09	53.23	53.42
68	52.84	53.98	54.17
69	53.59	54.73	54.92
70	54.34	55.48	55.67

Library Mail

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
1	2.46	3.54	3.72
2	3.17	4.25	4.43
3	3.88	4.96	5.14
4	4.59	5.67	5.85
5	5.30	6.38	6.56
6	6.01	7.09	7.27
7	6.72	7.80	7.98
8	7.43	8.51	8.69
9	8.14	9.22	9.40
10	8.85	9.93	10.11
11	9.56	10.64	10.82
12	10.27	11.35	11.53
13	10.98	12.06	12.24
14	11.69	12.77	12.95
15	12.40	13.48	13.66
16	13.11	14.19	14.37
17	13.82	14.90	15.08
18	14.53	15.61	15.79
19	15.24	16.32	16.50
20	15.95	17.03	17.21
21	16.66	17.74	17.92
22	17.37	18.45	18.63
23	18.08	19.16	19.34
24	18.79	19.87	20.05
25	19.50	20.58	20.76

# Library Mail (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
26	20.21	21.29	21.47
27	20.92	22.00	22.18
28	21.63	22.71	22.89
29	22.34	23.42	23.60
30	23.05	24.13	24.31
31	23.76	24.84	25.02
32	24.47	25.55	25.73
33	25.18	26.26	26.44
34	25.89	26.97	27.15
35	26.60	27.68	27.86
36	27.31	28.39	28.57
37	28.02	29.10	29.28
38	28.73	29.81	29.99
39	29.44	30.52	30.70
40	30.15	31.23	31.41
41	30.86	31.94	32.12
42	31.57	32.65	32.83
43	32.28	33.36	33.54
44	32.99	34.07	34.25
45	33.70	34.78	34.96
46	34.41	35.49	35.67
47	35.12	36.20	36.38
48	35.83	36.91	37.09
49	36.54	37.62	37.80
50	37.25	38.33	38.51

Library Mail (	(Continued)
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Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
51	37.96	39.04	39.22
52	38.67	39.75	39.93
53	39.38	40.46	40.64
54	40.09	41.17	41.35
55	40.80	41.88	42.06
56	41.51	42.59	42.77
57	42.22	43.30	43.48
58	42.93	44.01	44.19
59	43.64	44.72	44.90
60	44.35	45.43	45.61
61	45.06	46.14	46.32
62	45.77	46.85	47.03
63	46.48	47.56	47.74
64	47.19	48.27	48.45
65	47.90	48.98	49.16
66	48.61	49.69	49.87
67	49.32	50.40	50.58
68	50.03	51.11	51.29
69	50.74	51.82	52.00
70	51.45	52.53	52.71

## Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$25.00 \$26.50 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

# Overweight Item Charge

Add \$100.00 for each piece found in the postal network that exceeds the 70-pound maximum weight limitation. Such items are nonmailable and will not be delivered. As described in the Domestic Mail Manual, this charge is payable before release of the item, unless the item is picked up at the same facility where it was entered.

### 1500 Special Services

### 1500.1 Class Description

Special Services are services offered by the Postal Service related to the delivery of mailpieces, including acceptance, collection, sorting, transportation, or other functions. Services within the Ancillary Services and the International Ancillary Services products can be purchased only in conjunction with the purchase of mail service. Other Special Services products can be purchased on a stand-alone basis.

- 1500.2 Products Included in Class
  - Ancillary Services (1505)
    - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
    - Applications and Mailing Permits (1505.2)
    - Business Reply Mail (1505.3)
    - Bulk Parcel Return Service (1505.4)
    - Certified Mail (1505.5)
    - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
    - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
    - USPS Tracking (1505.8)
    - $\circ$  Insurance (1505.9)
    - Parcel Airlift (PAL) (1505.11)
    - Registered Mail (1505.12)
    - Return Receipt (1505.13)
    - Shipper-Paid Forwarding (1505.16)
    - Signature Confirmation Service (1505.17)
    - Stamped Envelopes (1505.19)
    - Stamped Cards (1505.20)
    - Premium Stamped Stationery (1505.21)
    - Premium Stamped Cards (1505.22)
  - International Ancillary Services (1510)
    - International Certificate of Mailing (1510.1)
    - International Registered Mail (1510.2)
    - International Return Receipt (1510.3)
    - Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee (1510.4)
  - Address Management Services (1515)
  - Caller Service (1520)
  - Credit Card Authentication (1525)
  - International Reply Coupon Service (1535)
  - International Business Reply Mail Service (1540)

- Money Orders (1545)
- Post Office Box Service (1550)
- Stamp Fulfillment Services (1560)

#### 1505 Ancillary Services

#### 1505.1 Address Correction Service

#### 1505.1.1 Description

- a. Address Correction Service provides a mailer, upon request, both an addressee's former and current addresses, if the correct address is known to the Postal Service or, if not known, the reason for non-delivery.
- b. Address Correction Service is available for postage-prepaid mail of all classes, except for mail addressed for delivery at any military installation and for Customized MarketMail pieces.
- c. Address Correction Service is mandatory for Periodicals mail, except for pieces using an alternative addressing format.
- d. Full-service, Automated and Electronic Address Correction Service is available to mailers who can receive computerized address corrections and meet barcoding, address hygiene, and other mail preparation requirements.
- e. Full-service Address Correction Service is only available for mailings of First-Class Mail automated letters, cards, and flats, USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats; USPS Marketing Mail Carrier Route, High Density, and Saturation letters; Periodicals Outside County barcoded or Carrier Route letters and flats; Periodicals In-County automation or Carrier Route letters and flats; and Bound Printed Matter barcoded Presort non-DDU flats. The mailings must comply with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option. In addition, Full-service Address Correction Service is available for qualifying Basic IMb and non-automation First-Class Mail and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats, submitted by qualifying Full-service mailers.

## 1505.1.2 Prices

	(\$)
Manual correction, each	
First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service piece, on- piece correction only	0.00
Other	0.78
Electronic correction, each	
First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service piece	0.18
Other	0.40
Automated correction (Letters Only)	
First-Class Mail piece	
First two notices, for a given address change, each	0.13
Additional notices, for a given address change, each	0.20
USPS Marketing Mail piece	
First two notices, for a given address change, each	0.15
Additional notices, for a given address change, each	0.35
Full-service correction, each	0.00

# 1505.2 Applications and Mailing Permits

### 1505.2.1 Description

Payment of an application, mailing, or permit fee is required to mail certain products. Many of the fees apply at the class level and encompass the associated products. Fees that apply to particular special services are included in the price schedules for those special services.

### Mailing Fees

### First-Class Mail

A mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period at each office of mailing by any person who mails at the presorted or automation prices, except for qualifying Full-service Intelligent Mail barcode mailings. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service price.

# USPS Marketing Mail

A mailing fee must be paid each 12-month period for each permit used to mail USPS Marketing Mail except for qualifying Fullservice Intelligent Mail barcode mailings.

## Periodicals

Each authorized Periodicals publication must pay the application fee for one original entry authorization at the Post Office where the office of publication is maintained. A re-entry application fee must be paid whenever the publisher changes the publication's title, frequency of issue, office of original entry, or qualification category. Prior to entering Nonprofit, Classroom, and Science of Agriculture Periodicals mail, a publication must obtain an additional Postal Service entry authorization to mail at those prices. Periodicals mail may be entered only by publishers or registered news agents. A news agent is a person or concern engaged in distributing two or more Periodicals publications published by more than one publisher. News agents must register at each Post Office at which they enter Periodicals mail, and pay the appropriate application fee.

### Package Services

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, or if a mailer uses Bound Printed Matter to mail parcels only.

#### Permit Imprint Application Fee

- a. A fee is charged for application to use a permit imprint as a method of payment.
- b. This fee does not apply to mailers using the Electronic Verification System (eVS) or Priority Mail Express Manifesting (PMEM) payment methods, or to mailers using a permit imprint to mail only Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service, Parcel Select (including Parcel Select Lightweight), Bound Printed Matter Parcels, Media Mail, or Library Mail.

## 1505.2.2 Prices

	(\$)
First-Class Mail Presort Mailing Fee (per year)	310.00
USPS Marketing Mail Mailing Fee (per year)	310.00
Periodicals Application Fees (one-time only for each)	
A. Original Entry	930.00
B. Re-entry	120.00
C. Registration for News Agents	120.00
Bound Printed Matter: Destination Entry Mailing Fee (per year) <sup>1</sup>	310.00
Application to Use Permit Imprint (one-time only)	310.00

## Notes

1. Fee does not apply in circumstances described in 1505.2.1.

# 1505.3 Business Reply Mail

#### 1505.3.1 Description

- a. Business Reply Mail service allows a permit holder or its representative to distribute postcards, envelopes, cartons and labels that can be used to send First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, or Priority Mail pieces to an address chosen by the distributor without prepayment of postage.
- b. A permit to distribute Business Reply Mail must be obtained from each office to which mail is addressed for delivery, except that only one permit is required for Business Reply Mail to be returned to the permit holder's branches or agents in other cities.
- c. The permit holder guarantees payment on delivery of postage and fees for the Business Reply Mail pieces including any pieces that the addressee refuses.
- d. The permit holder must pay an annual account maintenance fee when an advance deposit account is used to pay the postage and fees.

### 1505.3.2 Prices

	(\$)
Permit (All categories)	310.00 <sup>1</sup>
Regular (no account maintenance fee)	
Per-piece charge	1.05
Regular (with account maintenance fee)	
Account maintenance (per year)	910.00
Per-piece charge	0.130
Qualified Business Reply Mail, low-volume	
Account maintenance (per year)	910.00
Per-piece charge	0.090
Qualified Business Reply Mail, high-volume	
Account maintenance (per year)	910.00
Quarterly	3,150.00
Per-piece charge	0.018
Bulk Weight Averaged (Non-letters only)	
Account maintenance (per year)	910.00
Per-piece charge	0.026
Monthly maintenance	1,530.00

### Notes

1. Fee does not apply to permit holder who receives (1) only Qualified Business Reply Mail, or (2) only parcel-shaped Business Reply Mail.

# 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 USPS Marketing 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.
- b. To claim eligibility for Bulk Parcel Return Service at each facility through which the mailer requests Bulk Parcel Return Service, the mailer must demonstrate receipt of 10,000 returned machinable parcels at a given delivery point in the previous 12-month period or must demonstrate a high likelihood of receiving 10,000 returned parcels in the postal fiscal year for which the service is requested.
- c. Mailers must receive authorization from the Postal Service to use Bulk Parcel Return Service.

#### 1505.4.2 Prices

	(\$)
Per-piece charge	4.15

# 1505.5 Certified Mail

### 1505.5.1 Description

- a. Certified Mail service provides a mailer of First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, or Priority Mail with a mailing receipt and electronic confirmation of the date, location, and time of the delivery or attempted delivery. If the initial attempt to deliver the article is not successful, a notice of attempted delivery is also provided to the addressee.
- b. If the item is successfully delivered, the Postal Service maintains a record of delivery (including the recipient's signature) for two years. If the item is returned to the sender, the Postal Service does not retain the sender's return signature as part of the record of delivery.
- c. Electronic confirmation notices may be obtained over the internet, by telephone, via mobile smartphone application, or by electronic file transfer for mailers who provide an electronic manifest.
- d. To obtain a mailing receipt, a mailer must mail the article at a Post Office, branch, station, or business mail entry unit, or give the item to a rural carrier.
- e. Certified Mail service may be requested only at 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

(Per piece)	(\$)
Certified Mail	4.35
Certified Mail with Restricted Delivery and/or Adult Signature	11.45

# 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, Package Services, and USPS Retail Ground.
- 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, USPS Marketing Mail (except Customized MarketMail), Parcel Select, Package Services and USPS Retail Ground.
- 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 Piece Prices

	(\$)
Original Certificate of Mailing, Form 3817, individual article presented at retail	1.95
Three or more pieces individually listed on Form 3665-Firm or USPS approved customer provided manifest (per piece listed)	0.57
Each additional copy of original Certificate of Mailing, or original mailing receipt (Form 3877) for Registered Mail, insured mail, Certified Mail, and COD mail (each copy)	1.95

Quantity of Pieces

	(\$)
Up to 1,000 identical-weight pieces (one Form 3606 for total number)	10.90
Each additional 1,000 identical-weight pieces or fraction thereof	1.40
Each additional copy of the original Form 3606	1.95

## 1505.7 Collect on Delivery

#### 1505.7.1 Description

- a. Collect on Delivery (COD) service allows mailers of Priority Mail Express, First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail, Package Services, Parcel Select (excluding Parcel Select Lightweight), and USPS Retail Ground pieces to send an article for which the mailer has not received full or partial payment (of \$1,000.00 or less) and have that payment, the cost of postage and fees, and anticipated or past due charges collected by the Postal Service from the addressee when the article is delivered.
- b. 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.
- d. The mailer guarantees to pay any return postage unless otherwise specified on the mailpiece.
- e. The mailer may designate a new addressee by using Package Intercept service (2645.2).
- f. A claim for loss or damage may be filed as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- g. COD service is not available for: collection agency purposes; return of merchandise, unless the new addressee has consented in advance to such return; parcels containing motion pictures mailed by exhibitors to motion picture manufacturers, distributors, or exchanges; goods that have not been ordered by the addressee; or for sending bills or statements of indebtedness only. However, when a legitimate COD shipment consists of merchandise or bill of lading, the balance due on a past or anticipated transaction may be included in the charges on a COD article, provided that the addressee has consented in advance to such action.

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

(\$)		(\$)	(\$)
Amount to be collected, or insurar whichever is higher:	nce coveraç	je desired,	
0.01	to	50.00	10.60
50.01	to	100.00	13.15
100.01	to	200.00	16.05
200.01	to	300.00	18.95
300.01	to	400.00	21.85
400.01	to	500.00	24.75
500.01	to	600.00	27.65
600.01	to	700.00	30.55
700.01	to	800.00	33.45
800.01	to	900.00	36.35
900.01	to	1,000.00	39.25
Additional Fees for Optional Featu	ures:		
COD Restricted Delivery			6.90

## 1505.7.2 Prices

## 1505.8 USPS Tracking

#### 1505.8.1 Description

- a. USPS Tracking service provides mailers of USPS Marketing Mail parcels, Package Services, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, USPS Retail Ground, and First-Class Package Service pieces with end-to-end tracking updates, including confirmation of delivery, as the item travels to its destination.
- b. USPS Tracking service is automatically included with the purchase of items sent via Package Services, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, USPS Retail Ground, and First-Class Package Service.
- c. USPS Tracking service does not include the collection of any recipient signatures.
- d. Tracking updates may be obtained over the internet, by telephone, via mobile smartphone application, or by electronic file transfer for mailers who provide an electronic manifest. Tracking updates include the location, date, and time of: delivery or attempted delivery, the item's arrival and departure from certain postal facilities, and if the item is forwarded or returned to the sender.
- 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 a Post Office, branch, station (including any authorized contractor), or self-service kiosk, for mailing.

#### 1505.8.2 Prices

	(\$)
USPS Marketing Mail Parcels	
Electronic	0.28

#### 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, USPS Retail Ground, USPS Marketing 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 USPS Marketing Mail, USPS Retail Ground, or Package Services.
- 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 Insurance articles insured for \$500.00 or less, the Postal Service maintains delivery information (not including a signature) for six months. For articles insured for more than \$500.00, 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 the sender's return signature as part of the delivery record.
- d. 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.

- e. If the initial attempt to deliver the article is not successful, a notice of attempted delivery is provided to the addressee.
- f. Undeliverable-as-addressed insured mail will be returned to the sender as specified by the sender or as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- g. Indemnity will not be paid by the Postal Service for loss, damage, or missing contents: of nonmailable matter; due to improper packaging; due to seizure by any agency of government; due to war, insurrection or civil disturbances; or as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- h. For negotiable items, currency, or bullion, the maximum liability is \$15.00.

- i. Insurance is not available for matter offered for sale and addressed to a prospective purchaser who has not ordered or authorized its sending.
- j. 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. Insurance includes a Bulk Insurance option that is available for USPS Marketing Mail parcels and Parcel Select pieces entered as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- b. Bulk Insurance provides indemnity for the lesser of: the actual value of the article at the time of mailing, or the wholesale cost of the contents to the sender. For Bulk Insurance, all claims must be filed by the mailer.

#### 1505.9.2 Prices

#### Merchandise Coverage<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

(\$)		(\$)	(\$)
0.01	to	50.00	2.70
50.01	to	100.00	3.45
100.01	to	200.00	4.55
200.01	to	300.00	5.95
300.01	to	400.00	7.50
400.01	to	500.00	9.05
500.01	to	600.00	12.15
600.01	to	5,000.00	12.15 plus 1.85 for each 100.00 or fraction thereof over 600.00
Additional Fee for Optional Feature			
Insurance Restricted Delivery			6.90

#### Notes

- 1. Up to \$100.00 of 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 Priority Mail Open and Distribute, or Premium Forwarding Service, or as non-prepaid returns.
- 2. Up to \$100.00 of 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 or uses ePostage, Electronic Verification System, Hardcopy Manifest, or an approved Manifest Mailing System. This does not apply to Priority Mail pieces sent using Priority Mail Open and Distribute, or Premium Forwarding Service, or as non-prepaid returns
- 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

Subtract \$0.80 per piece from the applicable price for Merchandise Coverage.

## 1505.11 Parcel Airlift (PAL)

#### 1505.11.1 Description

- a. Parcel Airlift service provides for air transportation of Package Services and Parcel Select, on a space available basis to or from military Post Offices outside the contiguous 48 states.
- b. The minimum physical limitations for Package Services or Parcel Select mail apply to Parcel Airlift mail. The parcel may not exceed 30 pounds in weight, or 60 inches in length and girth combined.
- c. Conditions for forwarding and return are specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.

#### 1505.11.2 Prices

	(\$)
For pieces weighing:	
Not more than 2 pounds	1.15
Over 2 but not more than 3 pounds	1.95
Over 3 but not more than 4 pounds	2.65
Over 4 but not more than 30 pounds	3.45

## 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 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. Articles with a declared value of more than \$50,000.00 can be registered, but compensation for loss, damage, or missing contents is limited to \$50,000.00.
- b. Registered Mail service also provides the mailer with a mailing receipt and electronic confirmation of the location, date, and time of delivery or attempted delivery. If the initial attempt to deliver the mailpiece is not successful, a notice of attempted delivery is provided to the addressee. A notice of nondelivery is provided when a Registered Mail piece is undeliverable-as-addressed and cannot be forwarded.
- 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.

- d. If the item is successfully delivered, the Postal Service maintains a record of delivery (including the recipient's signature) for 2 years. If the item is undeliverable-as-addressed or returned to the sender, the Postal Service does not retain the sender's return signature as part of the record of delivery.
- e. Electronic confirmation notices may be obtained over the internet, by telephone, via mobile smartphone application, or by electronic file transfer for mailers who provide an electronic manifest.
- f. Registered Mail is forwarded and returned without an additional registry charge.
- g. Restrictions on the availability of Registered Mail service may apply, and specific mail preparation requirements must be met.

- h. Indemnity claims for Registered Mail must be filed within a specified period of time from the date the article was mailed. A claim concerning complete loss of registered articles may be filled by the mailer only. A claim concerning damage to or partial loss of registered articles may be filed by either the mailer or addressee.
- i. Registered Mail service is only available at the time of mailing and may only be purchased by presenting the article at a Post Office, branch, station, or business mail entry unit.

(\$)		(\$)	(\$)
Declared Value:			
0.00			16.80
0.01	to	100.00	17.55
100.01	to	500.00	20.20
500.01	to	1,000.00	22.55
1,000.01	to	2,000.00	24.90
2,000.01	to	3,000.00	27.25
3,000.01	to	4,000.00	29.60
4,000.01	to	5,000.00	31.95
<u>5000.01</u> <u>Greater than</u>	to	15,000,000,00 \$50,000.00 15,000,000.00 \$50,000*	31.95 plus 2.35 for each 1000.00 or fraction thereof over 5,000.00 30,768.30 plus amount determined by the Posta Service based on weight, space, and value
*Customers must declare the full value of registered items. Items with declared value of more than \$50,000 can be registered, but <i>insurance</i> compensation for loss, damage or missing contents is limited to \$50,000.		<u>137.70</u>	

#### 1505.12.2 Prices

Additional Fees for Optional Features:	
Registered Mail Restricted Delivery	6.90
Registered COD	7.75

## 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 for more than \$500.00 (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only);
  - Priority Mail (when purchased at the time of mailing with Adult Signature (PS Form 3811 only), Certified Mail, COD, Insured mail for more than \$500.00, or Registered Mail);
  - Priority 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 with Certified Mail, COD, or Registered Mail;
  - USPS Marketing Mail (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only); when purchased at the time of mailing with bulk insurance for more than \$500.00 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;
  - USPS Retail Ground and Package Services when purchased at the time of mailing with COD, or insurance for more than \$500.00 (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only); and
  - Parcel Select, except Parcel Select Lightweight when purchased at the time of mailing with COD, or (hardcopy PS Form 3811) with insurance for more than \$500.00 or Adult Signature (Parcel Select Ground only).
- c. Mailers requesting Return Receipt service 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).

# 1505.13.2 Prices

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	(\$)
Original signature (hardcopy)	3.55
Copy of signature (electronic)	2.20

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# 1505.15 [Reserved]

## 1505.16 Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return

#### 1505.16.1 Description

- a. Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return service enables mailers to have undeliverable-as-addressed parcels, initially mailed as USPS Marketing Mail (Commercial and Nonprofit) parcels, Package Services, Parcel Select, or USPS Retail Ground, to be forwarded at applicable First-Class Package Service 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 Package Service 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)	910.00

## 1505.17 Signature Confirmation

#### 1505.17.1 Description

- a. Signature Confirmation service provides mailers of First-Class Package Service, Package Services, Parcel Select (except Parcel Select Lightweight), USPS Retail Ground, and Priority Mail pieces with a record of delivery, 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 the sender's return signature as part of the delivery record. An electronic copy of the delivery record is available upon request.
- c. Tracking updates may be obtained over the internet, by telephone, via mobile smartphone application, or by electronic file transfer for mailers who provide an electronic manifest. Tracking updates include the location, date, and time of: delivery or attempted delivery; the item's arrival and departure from certain postal facilities; and if the item is forwarded or returned to the sender.
- d. Signature Confirmation service may only be obtained: online; by taking the item to a Post Office, branch, station, self-service kiosk, or business mail entry unit; or by giving the item to a rural carrier.
- e. Signature Confirmation service must be requested at the time of mailing.
- 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.

	(\$)
Electronic	3.40
Retail	4.05
Additional Fee for Optional Feature:	
Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery	6.90

#### 1505.17.2 Prices

# 1505.19 Stamped Envelopes

## 1505.19.1 Description

Plain Stamped Envelopes and Personalized Stamped Envelopes are envelopes with imprinted or impressed First-Class Mail postage. Personalized Stamped Envelopes, including the premium options, may be obtained by special request.

#### 1505.19.2 Prices

	(\$)
Plain stamped envelopes	
Basic, size 6-3/4, each	0.19
Basic, size 6-3/4, 500	23.55
Basic, over size 6-3/4, each	0.19
Basic, over size 6-3/4, 500	26.80
Personalized stamped envelopes	
Basic, size 6-3/4, 50	7.55
Basic, size 6-3/4, 500	36.05
Basic, over size 6-3/4, 50	7.55
Basic, over size 6-3/4, 500	40.85
Additional Charges for premium options, per 50 envelopes	
Pressure-sensitive sealing	7.35
Font size, font style, and/or ink color (for one, two, or all three)	1.50
Window	1.50
Additional Charges for premium options, per 500 envelopes	
Pressure-sensitive sealing	21.40
Font size, font style, and/or ink color (for one, two, or all three)	3.10
Window	3.10

	(\$)
Shipping—Boxes of 50	
1 box	7.30
2 boxes	8.90
3 boxes	10.55
4 boxes	11.90
5 boxes	14.65
6 boxes	15.70
7 boxes	17.45
8 boxes	19.20
9 or more boxes	21.85
Shipping—Boxes of 500	
1 box	13.40
2 or more boxes	21.80

# 1505.20 Stamped Cards

## 1505.20.1 Description

Stamped Cards are postcards with imprinted or impressed First-Class Mail postage. Double Stamped Cards consist of two attached postcards, one of which may be detached by the receiver and returned by mail as a single Stamped Card. The premium options allow customization of large orders for an additional charge.

#### 1505.20.2 Prices

	(\$)
Single card	0.05
Double reply-paid card	0.10
Sheet of 40 cards (uncut)	2.00
Pack of 10 sheets of 4 cards each	2.45
Premium Options (Additional Charge)	(\$)
Per order of 250 cards	
Printing of return address	25.00
Font size, font style, and/or ink color (for one, two, or all three)	1.25
Monogram	1.25
4-Color logo – first 250 cards	103.00
4-Color logo – additional 250 cards	6.35
Per Order of 1,000 cards	
Printing of return address	62.00
Font size, font style, and/or ink color (for one, two, or all three)	2.55
Monogram	2.55
4-Color logo – first 1,000 cards	108.00
4-Color logo – additional 1,000 cards	12.70

# 1505.21 Premium Stamped Stationery

# 1505.21.1 Description

Premium Stamped Stationery is decorated stationery with imprinted or impressed First-Class Mail postage.

#### 1505.21.2 Prices

Per Unit	(\$)
Minimum	2 times the First-Class Mail price imprinted on the stationery
Maximum	3 times the First-Class Mail price imprinted on the stationery

# 1505.22 Premium Stamped Cards

## 1505.22.1 Description

Premium Stamped Cards are postcards with imprinted or impressed First-Class Mail postage, decorated on the reverse side.

#### 1505.22.2 Prices

Per Card	(\$)
Minimum	1 times the First-Class Mail price imprinted on the card
Maximum	3 times the First-Class Mail price imprinted on the card

# 1510 International Ancillary Services

## 1510.1 International Certificate of Mailing

#### 1510.1.1 Description

International Certificate of Mailing service furnishes evidence that mail has been presented to the Postal Service for mailing. It is available for unregistered outbound First-Class Mail International items.

#### 1510.1.2 Prices

## Individual Piece Prices

	(\$)
Original certificate of mailing for listed pieces of ordinary Single-Piece First-Class Mail International items	1.95
Three or more pieces individually listed in a firm mailing book or an approved customer provided manifest (per piece)	0.57
Each additional copy of original certificate of mailing or firm mailing bills (each copy)	1.95

#### Multiple Piece Prices

	(\$)
Up to 1,000 identical-weight pieces (one certificate for total number)	10.90
Each additional 1,000 identical-weight pieces or fraction thereof	1.40
Duplicate copy	1.95

## 1510.2 International Registered Mail

#### 1510.2.1 Description

#### Outbound International Registered Mail

- a. Outbound International Registered Mail service provides additional protection and security in dispatch and conveyance in the United States for items mailed as First-Class Mail International. In the United States, registered mail items are handled separately from all other mail and are kept in a secure area with restricted access. In destination countries, registered mail items are handled in accordance with the internal procedures of the destination country.
- b. Registered items may weigh up to 4 pounds.
- c. For each registered item a mailing receipt is issued by the office of mailing and a record of delivery is maintained at the office of destination.
- d. Regardless of the declared value of a registered item, the maximum amount of indemnity payable for loss, damage, or missing contents is limited to the amount set by UPU Letter Post Regulations Article RL 155.4. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int.
- e. Outbound International Registered Mail service is subject to both U.S. Postal Service requirements specified in the International Mail Manual and the prohibitions and restrictions of the destination country.

## Inbound International Registered Mail

a. Inbound International Registered Mail Service is available for inbound letter post items. Inbound Registered Mail pieces are entered, identified, and accepted at the International Service Center and are conveyed in the domestic First-Class Mail stream to the office of delivery. A signed receipt is obtained at the time of delivery. Indemnity in the event of loss or damage is limited to the amount set by the Universal Postal Convention. Inbound Registered Mail service is subject to both the regulations of the country of origin and U.S. Postal Service. Indemnity between administrations is reciprocal.

## 1510.2.2 Prices

## Outbound International Registered Mail Prices

	(\$)
Per Piece	20.25

#### 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.

## 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	5.65

Inbound International Return Receipt Prices

No additional payment.

# 1510.4 Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee

## 1510.4.1 Description

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

## 1510.4.2 Prices

	(\$)
Per Dutiable Item	8.30

#### 1515 Address Management Services

#### 1515.1 Description

Address Management Services ensure that address elements and address lists are correct and up-to-date. In addition to providing software or information about ZIP Code lists, addresses, or moves, the services also include certifying systems to ensure that the proper address information is used. Some services allow the purchaser or licensee to make unlimited copies or to make additional copies for a fee.

#### Address Sequencing

Address Sequencing service provides for the removal of incorrect addresses, notation of missing addresses, and addition of missing addresses.

#### AEC II (Address Element Correction II) Service

AEC II Service sends addresses with errors that cannot be resolved through other Address Management services to the field for resolution based on knowledge of delivery personnel. The mailer is provided with the correct address or with information that the address is not a recognized deliverable address.

#### AIS (Address Information System) Viewer

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

## CRIS (Carrier Route Information System)

The CRIS service provides reference information needed to apply carrier route codes to addresses. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

## CASS (Coding Accuracy Support System) Certification

CASS evaluates and certifies the accuracy of address-matching software that applies ZIP + 4, DPV (Delivery Point Validation), LACS<sup>Link</sup> (Locatable Address Conversion Service), CRIS (Carrier Route Information System), DSF<sup>2</sup> (Delivery Sequence File—2<sup>nd</sup> Generation), eLOT (enhanced Line of Travel), RDI (Residential Delivery Indicator) and Five-Digit ZIP. The Postal Service certifies software meeting its standards until the expiration of the applicable CASS cycle. Software must be re-certified for each CASS cycle. Ordinarily, a CASS testing cycle extends from August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year, and permits software use until the following July 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### Change-of-Address Customer Notification Letter Reprint

Change-of-Address Customer Notification Letter Reprint provides customers with a copy of the letter that is sent to the customer's new address following the filing of a Change-of-Address order with the Postal Service.

# Change-of-Address Information for Election Boards and Registration Commissions

Change-of-Address Information for Election Boards and Registration Commissions service provides election boards and voter registration commissions with the current address of a resident addressee, if known to the Postal Service.

## City State

The City State service is a comprehensive ZIP Code list associated with the appropriate city, county, and Post Office names. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

## CDS (Computerized Delivery Sequence)

CDS service provides and updates delivery sequence address information by carrier route for qualified mailers. The CDS No Stat service provides and updates nondelivery address information about new construction and rural route vacancies by carrier route for qualified mailers.

#### **Delivery Statistics**

The Delivery Statistics service provides statistical information regarding delivery by carrier route and Post Office Box section. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

## DPV (Delivery Point Validation) System

The DPV System, in conjunction with CASS Certified address matching software, validates delivery points. Unlimited sub-licensing is allowed by software developers without further payment.

#### DSF<sup>2</sup> (Delivery Sequence File—2<sup>nd</sup> Generation) Service

The DSF<sup>2</sup> Service is used to check mailing address accuracy, identify address types, and obtain walk sequence numbers. The DSF<sup>2</sup> database is the most complete Postal Service address database available, containing every deliverable mailing address in the United States, and is used to: verify that address lists are correct and complete, identify business versus residential addresses, recognize commercial mail receiving agencies, provide walk sequence numbers and postal codes, identify seasonal addresses, detect addresses vacant for over 90 days, and categorize addresses by delivery type, *e.g.*, curb, door slot, box, etc. DSF<sup>2</sup> processing includes address standardization that may be used to apply for CASS (Coding Accuracy Support System) qualification.

#### eLOT (enhanced Line of Travel) Service

eLOT service gives mailers the ability to sort their mailings in approximate carrier-casing sequence. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

## Extended Mail Forwarding

Extended Mail Forwarding provides customers who submit a permanent change-of-address (COA) request with the option of extending the forwarding beyond the 12 months forwarding period, for additional periods of 6, 12, or 18 months. Any customer who initially signs up for one extension will be able to request additional extensions (up to a total of three 6-month extensions), but the fee will be the 6-month fee for each additional 6-month extension.

## Five-Digit ZIP

The Five-Digit ZIP service provides detailed street data for multicoded cities (*i.e.*, cities that have more than one 5-Digit ZIP Code number), so that the proper ZIP Code number can be identified. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

#### Labeling Lists

Labeling Lists contain destination ZIP Code numbers with the corresponding Postal Service facility destination information. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

LACS<sup>Link</sup> (Locatable Address Conversion Service)

LACS<sup>Link</sup> service provides mailers an automated method of obtaining new addresses when rural style addresses are converted to streetstyle addresses. The three types of licenses are:

- Interface Developer which grants the right to develop an interface between address-matching software and the LACS<sup>Link</sup> database service;
- Interface Distributor which grants the right to sub-license the interface and the LACS<sup>Link</sup> database service to third parties; and
- End User which grants the right to obtain the LACS<sup>Link</sup> database service directly from the Postal Service for use in updating mailing lists.

#### MAC (Manifest Analysis and Certification) Batch System Certification

The MAC Batch System Certification service evaluates and certifies that manifest/presort mailing products accurately list and calculate postage for presorted non-identical piece mailings consistent with DMM, IMM and Manifest Mailing System processing standards. Software is certified until the expiration of the applicable MAC Batch System cycle.

#### MAC (Manifest Analysis and Certification) Gold System Certification

The MAC Gold System evaluates and certifies that manifest mailing systems (software, weigh scales, and label printers) accurately list and calculate postage for non-identical piece mailings consistent with DMM, IMM and Manifest Mailing system itemized pricing standards. Software is certified until the expiration of the applicable MAC Gold System cycle.

#### MAC (Manifest Analysis and Certification) System Certification

The MAC System evaluates and certifies that manifest mailing software accurately lists and calculates postage for non-identical piece mailings consistent with DMM, IMM and Manifest Mailing System standards, until the expiration of the applicable MAC System cycle.

## MASS (Multiline Accuracy Support System) Certification

MASS provides certification for multiline optical character readers, remote video encoding, local video encoding, and encoding stations (equipment). The MASS certification process is designed to evaluate the ability of the equipment to process address information using CASS (Coding Accuracy Support System) Certified<sup>™</sup> software, and apply an accurate delivery point barcode to a mailpiece. The Postal Service separately certifies the equipment for a manufacturer and the user. Certified equipment can be used until the expiration of the applicable MASS cycle. Ordinarily, a MASS testing cycle extends from August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year, and permits use until the following July 31<sup>st</sup>. The initial MASS Certification test is provided at no charge and each subsequent test must pay the applicable fee.

## NCOA<sup>Link</sup> (National Change of Address) Service

The NCOA<sup>Link</sup> service makes change-of-address information for moves available to mailers. The six types of licenses are:

- NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Interface Developer which grants the right to develop a software interface between address-matching software and the NCOA<sup>Link</sup> service database;
- NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Interface Distributor which grants the right to unlimited sublicensing of software interfaces developed pursuant to an NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Interface Developer License;
- NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Full Service Provider (FSP) which grants the right to perform address list updating services for both the licensee and third party mailers using 48 months of change-of-address data. Postal Service database services such as DPV and LACS<sup>Link</sup> are included;
- NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Limited Service Provider (LSP) which grants the right to perform address list updating services for third party mailers, as well as for licensee's own mail using 18 months of change-ofaddress data;
- NCOA<sup>Link</sup> End User Mailer (EUM) which grants a mailer the right to perform address list updating for its own mail using 18 months of change-of-address data; and
- NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Mail Processing Equipment (MPE) which grants a mailer the right to perform address updating directly onto its mailpieces using 18 months of change-of-address data and a multiline optical character reader (MLOCR).

The Postal Service tests the systems under the Developer, FSP, LSP, and MPE licenses to ensure that they meet Postal Service performance requirements.

NCOA<sup>Link</sup> (National Change of Address) Service—ANK<sup>Link</sup> (Address Not Known) Service Option

ANK<sup>Link</sup> provides an option for NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Limited Service Provider and End User Mailer licensees to acquire an additional 30 months of change-of-address information. ANK<sup>Link</sup> informs mailers that a customer has moved, along with the move effective date. It does not provide the new address.

## Official National Zone Charts

The Official National Zone Charts identify the appropriate distance code assigned to each originating and destination pairing for every ZIP Code in the nation. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

#### PAGE (Presort Accuracy, Grading, and Evaluation) System Certification

The PAGE System evaluates and certifies the accuracy of publication and print planning (PPP) software that calculates virtual copy weight and the percentage of advertising consistent with DMM Periodicals price computation standards, and certifies users of PPP software who demonstrate knowledge of the software for Periodicals mailings based on DMM standards and applicable Postal Service Customer Support Rulings. Software and users are certified until the expiration of the applicable PAGE cycle.

#### PAVE (Presort Accuracy, Validation, and Evaluation) System Certification

The PAVE System evaluates and certifies the accuracy of presort software that sorts mailing lists consistent with DMM mail preparation standards. Software is certified until the expiration of the applicable PAVE cycle.

#### RDI (Residential Delivery Indicator) Service

The RDI data service verifies whether a delivery type is classified as residential or business. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

## Z4CHANGE

The Z4CHANGE service provides the information necessary to facilitate frequent and cost-effective updating of very large computerized mailing lists for automation compatibility and improved deliverability. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

#### Z4INFO

Z4INFO is an add-on utility to the ZIP + 4 service that can be integrated into address-matching software to improve address quality.

#### ZIP + 4 Service

The ZIP + 4 service is the base reference that can be used to assign the correct ZIP + 4 Code associated with a physical address. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

#### ZIPMove

The ZIPMove data file assists address-matching software in providing up-to-date, accurate ZIP + 4 codes. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

#### 99 Percent Accurate Method

The 99 Percent Accurate Method provides testing of mailers' address lists to determine how up-to-date the lists are. Lists deemed to meet threshold requirements are considered to be Move Update compliant.

#### 1515.2 Prices

	(\$)
Address Sequencing	
Per correction (removal of each undeliverable address, or addition of each missing or new address)	0.57
Insertion of blanks	0.00
AEC II Service	
1-100 records resolved, minimum fee	47.00
Additional records resolved, per record	0.47
AIS (Address Information System) Viewer (per year, per site)	
City State Delivery Type Retrieval Annual Subscription	115.00
County Name Retrieval Annual Subscription	115.00
Delivery Statistic Retrieval Annual Subscription	150.00
ZIP + 4 Retrieval	115.00
Annual Subscription	113.00
CRIS Route (per year)	
Per state (annual subscription)	85.00*
All States (annual subscription)	1,300.00*
CASS Certification	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) August-January	890.00
Cycle Testing: February, March	890.00
Cycle Testing: April	890.00
Cycle Testing: May	890.00
Cycle Testing: June	890.00
Cycle Testing: July	890.00
Cycle Testing: (for current cycle) After July 31 <sup>st</sup>	890.00

	(\$)
Change-of-Address Information for Election Boards and Registration Commissions	
Per change of address	0.57
Change-of-Address Customer Notification Letter Reprint	70.00
City State (per year)	
All States (annual subscription)	530.00*
CDS (per address, per year)	0.017
Minimum (per year)	85.00
Delivery Statistics (per year)	
All States (annual subscription)	550.00*
DMM Labeling Lists	85.00*
DPV System (per year) <sup>3</sup>	15,350.00
DSF <sup>2</sup> Service (per year) <sup>4</sup>	156,000.00
Each additional location per year	78,000.00
Each additional platform per location per year	78,000.00
eLOT Service (per year)	
Per state (annual subscription)	85.00*
All States (annual subscription)	1,300.00*
Extended Mail Forwarding	
6-month extension	19.95
12-month extension	29.95
18-month extension	39.95

	(\$)
Five-Digit ZIP (per year)	
All States (annual subscription)	765.00*
LACS <sup>Link5</sup>	
Interface Developer (first year)	1,650.00 <sup>6</sup>
Interface Developer (each one-year extension)	480.00 <sup>6</sup>
Interface Distributor (per year)	1,850.00 <sup>7</sup>
Data Distributor (per year)	480.00
End User (per year)	480.00 <sup>8</sup>
MASS Certification	
MASS Manufacturers (MLOCR)	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) November – June	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: July	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: (for current cycle) After July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1,110.00
MASS End-Users (MLOCR)	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) March – June	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: July	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: (current cycle) After July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1,110.00
MASS Manufacturers (Encoder)	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) November – June	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: July	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: (for current cycle) After July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1,110.00
MASS End-Users (Encoder)	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) March – June	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: July	1,110.00
Cycle Testing: After July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1,110.00
MASS IMb Quality Testing	555.00

	(\$)
NCOA <sup>Link</sup> Service <sup>11</sup>	8,800.00
Initial Interface Developer (first year fee)	1,840.00
Interface Developer (per each one year extension)	42,150.00
Interface Distributor (per year)	294,500.00
Full Service Provider (per year)	144,500.00
Full Service Provider Each Additional Site (per year)	24,450.00
Limited Service Provider (per year)	
Limited Service Provider (per each one year extension)	24,450.00
One Site only	12,225.00
Each additional site	
ANKLink Service Option (per year)	5,770.00
First Site	2,670.00
Each Additional Site	12,200.00
End User/MPE (first year)	
End User/MPE (each renewal year)	12,200.00
One site (each site for MPE)	5,770.00
Each additional site (End User only)	1,330.00
ANK <sup>Link</sup> Service Option (per year)	1,780.00
NCOA <sup>Link</sup> Test, Audit (each)	
Official National Zone Charts (per year)	
Matrix	80.00*
RDI Service (per year) <sup>1</sup>	490.00*
Z4 Change (per year)	4,625.00*
All States	
ZIP + 4 Service (per year)	
Per state (annual subscription)	85.00*
All States (annual subscription)	1,300.00*
ZIP Move (per year)	
All States (annual subscription)	175.00*
99 Percent Accurate Method (per 1,000 addresses per year)	1.60
Minimum (per year)	160.00

- \*. See AMS Price Table for Single Issues or Additional Copies appearing below.
- 1. When rural routes have been consolidated or changed to another Post Office, no charge will be made for correction if the list contains only names of persons residing on the routes involved.
- 2. Note number not to be used.
- 3. Fees are prorated for first year based on the Postal fiscal quarter month the agreement is executed.
- 4. Initial fee is prorated for first year based on the Postal fiscal quarter month the agreement is executed. There is no proration for additional locations or platforms.
- 5. Fees are prorated for the first year for LACS<sup>Link</sup> Interface Distributor, Data Distributor, and End User based on the Postal fiscal quarter the Postal Service certifies system. Interface Developer test fees are waived if part of CASS certification; otherwise, CASS test fees apply for stand-alone testing.
- Interface Developer fees are waived for certified CASS and NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Full Service Provider distributors fulfilling requirement to provide users access to LACS<sup>Link</sup>.
- 7. Interface Distributor fee are waived for certified CASS distributor who provides End Users of LACS<sup>Link</sup> Distributor products with access to LACS<sup>Link</sup> System.
- 8. End User fee is waived for certified NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Full Service Providers who fulfill requirement to offer LACS<sup>Link</sup> as component of its products and services.
- 10. NCOA<sup>Link</sup> fees (excluding Interface Developer) are prorated for the first year based on the Postal fiscal quarter that the Postal Service certifies system.

## AMS Price Table for Single Issues or Additional Copies

Address Management Services with an asterisk allow copying for an additional fee, and provide a single issue instead of an annual subscription for a reduced fee. The fee is calculated by multiplying the list price by a factor based on a single issue or the total number of copies to be made, as shown below.

Price\* (per year, from above) x Factor corresponding to single issue or number of copies (far right column below) = \$ Total Price (per year)

Number of Copies	*Price (from above)	Multiply by	Factor
Single Issue	*Price	x	0.80
1-100	*Price	x	2.0
101-200	*Price	x	4.0
201-300	*Price	x	6.0
301-400	*Price	x	8.0
401-500	*Price	x	10.0
501-600	*Price	х	12.0
601-700	*Price	х	14.0
701-800	*Price	х	16.0
801-900	*Price	х	18.0
901-1000	*Price	х	20.0
1001-10,000	*Price	x	25.0
10,001 – 20,000	*Price	х	30.0
20,001 - 30,000	*Price	х	35.0
30,001 and over	*Price	х	40.0
Unlimited quantity of any of the following: Five-Digit ZIP, City State, CRIS, Delivery Statistics, eLot, RDI Service, Z4Change, ZIPMove, ZIP + 4, DMM Labeling Lists, Official National Zone Charts	\$16,500.00	n/a	n/a

#### 1520 Caller Service

#### 1520.1 Description

- a. Caller Service provides a means for receiving mail, and enables an eligible customer to have properly addressed mail delivered through a call window or loading dock.
- b. Caller Service is provided to customers at the discretion of the Postal Service, based on mail volume received and conditions at the location.
- c. Caller Service is not available to a customer whose sole purpose for using this service is to obtain free forwarding or transfer of mail by filing change-of-address orders.

	(\$)
Groups based on Post Office location (Semi-Annual):	
Group 1	1,050.00
Group 2	970.00
Group 3	890.00
Group 4	835.00
Group 5	790.00
Group 6	730.00
Group 7	695.00
Call Number Reservation (Annual <sup>1</sup> )	72.00
Customized Address (charge per approved address <sup>2</sup> )	
- First Year	<del>0.00</del>
	<del>0.00</del>

#### 1520.2 Prices

- 1. For customers using the Enterprise PO Box Online system, the semi-annual and annual fees may be prorated one time to align payment periods for multiple caller service numbers. The prorated fee for each such caller service number will be based on the number of months between the expiration of the current fee and the month of the payment alignment.
- 2. Caller Service customers who have been assigned a unique 5digit Zip Code that is only used by their company can apply to use a customized address in place of their assigned PO Box Number.

## 1525 Credit Card Authentication

#### 1525.1 Description

The Credit Card Authentication fee is charged when customers use a credit card to verify their identity to the Postal Service, and/or authenticate a credit card.

#### 1525.2 Prices

	(\$)
Per credit card authentication	1.10

### 1535 International Reply Coupon Service

#### 1535.1 Description

#### Inbound International Reply Coupon Service

Inbound International Reply Coupon Service allows a sender in member countries of the UPU to prepay a reply by purchasing reply coupons that are exchangeable for U.S. postage stamps. One coupon is exchangeable for the purchase of postage stamps and/or embossed stamped envelopes regardless of the country where they were purchased in accordance with UPU Letter Post Regulations Articles RL 142.2 and 142.3. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int. International Reply Coupons for all administrations are bought and exchanged through the UPU.

#### 1535.2 Prices

#### Inbound International Reply Coupon Service Prices

Payment is made in accordance with Part III of the Universal Postal Convention and associated UPU Letter Post Regulations. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int.

#### 1540 International Business Reply Mail Service

1540.1 Description

#### Outbound International Business Reply Mail Service

- a. Outbound International Business Reply Mail Service (IBRS) allows a permit holder or its representative to distribute and deposit postcards and envelopes for return to the addressee in the United States without prepayment of postage.
- b. A Business Reply Mail permit and payment of the prescribed accounting fee to participate in the Qualified Business Reply Mail program are required. The permit holder guarantees payment on delivery of postage and fees for the Business Reply Mail pieces that are returned to the addressee, including any pieces that the addressee refuses.

#### Inbound International Business Reply Mail Service

a. Inbound International Business Reply Mail Service (IBRS) provides for the return of properly distributed postcards and envelopes to addressees in other countries. Payment of postage and fees are the responsibility of the addressee.

#### 1540.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Outbound Cards

	Length	Height Thickness		Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	See Note 1
Maximum	6 inches	4.25 inches	0.016 inch	

#### Notes

1. Weight restrictions apply to the paper stock that is allowable for printing IBRS postcards as specified in the International Mail Manual.

#### Outbound Envelopes

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.2 inch	2 ounces

### 1540.3 Prices

	(\$)
Card	2.10
Envelope	2.65

#### Outbound International Business Reply Mail Service Prices

### Inbound International Business Reply Mail Service Prices

Payment is made in accordance with Universal Postal Convention Article 13. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int.

#### 1545 Money Orders

#### 1545.1 Description

- a. Money Order service provides the customer with an instrument for payment of a specified sum of money. The maximum value for which a domestic postal money order may be purchased is \$1,000.00. Other restrictions on the number or dollar value of postal money order sales, or both, may be imposed by law or as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- b. A receipt for purchase is provided at no additional cost.
- c. On the date of original issue, the Postal Service will replace, without charge, money orders that are spoiled or incorrectly prepared. After the date of original issue, the applicable money order fee is charged.
- d. Inquiries or claims may be filed by the purchaser, payee, or endorsee.

## 1545.2 Prices

	(\$)		(\$)	(\$)
Domestic	0.01	to	500.00	2.00
Domestic	500.01	to	1,000.00	2.90
APO/FPO/DPO	0.01	to	1,000.00	0.65
Inquiry, including a	17.30			

#### 1550 Post Office Box Service

#### 1550.1 Description

- a. Post Office Box service provides the customer with a locked receptacle for the receipt of mail during specified hours of access to the receptacle.
- b. Two box keys are available upon payment of a refundable deposit. Additional keys, including replacement keys, will be provided upon payment of the key duplication or replacement fee and a refundable deposit. Changing the lock on a box is available upon request of the primary box customer and payment of the lock replacement fee. The lock replacement fee may also be charged as a late payment fee, regardless of whether the lock is changed.
- c. Prorated prices are available for postal facilities primarily serving academic institutions or the students of such institutions.
- d. The Postal Service may limit the number of Post Office Box receptacles occupied by any one customer.
- e. Post Office Box service is not available to a customer whose sole purpose for using the service is to obtain free forwarding or transfer of mail by filing change-of-address orders.
- f. The market dominant Post Office Box service is available at all locations that do not qualify as, or are not treated as, competitive Post Office Box service locations.

Box Size	Cubic Inches
1	under 296
2	296 to 499
3	500 to 999
4	1000 to 1999
5	2000 cubic inches and larger

1550.2 Box Sizes

#### 1550.3 Price Categories

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

- Regular Fees depend on box size and Post Office location
- No Fee When the Postal Service determines not to provide carrier delivery to customer's location
- Academic Institutions
- Ancillary Post Office Box Services

#### 1550.4 Prices

Regular	and	No	Fee
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Box Size	Semi-annual Fees <sup>1</sup> (Groups based on Post Office location) (\$)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	E <sup>2</sup>
1	74.00	60.00	50.00	41.00	35.00	31.00	28.00	0.00
2	108.00	89.00	71.00	59.00	49.00	41.00	36.00	0.00
3	187.00	150.00	122.00	93.00	76.00	59.00	54.00	0.00
4	337.00	279.00	227.00	174.00	132.00	97.00	80.00	0.00
5	532.00	436.00	355.00	300.00	214.00	171.00	142.00	0.00

Box Size	3-Month Fees (Groups based on Post Office location) (\$)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	45.00	36.00	30.00	25.00	22.00	19.00	18.00
2	65.00	54.00	44.00	36.00	30.00	25.00	22.00
3	113.00	90.00	74.00	56.00	46.00	36.00	33.00
4	203.00	167.00	136.00	104.00	79.00	58.00	49.00
5	319.00	262.00	214.00	180.00	129.00	103.00	86.00

- 1. For customers using the Enterprise PO Box Online system, the semiannual fees may be prorated one time to align payment periods for multiple boxes. The prorated fee for each such box will be based on the number of months between the expiration of the current fee and the month of the payment alignment.
- 2. When the Postal Service determines not to provide carrier delivery to a customer's physical address or business location that constitutes a potential carrier delivery point, as defined by the Postal Service, that customer becomes eligible for one Post Office Box at the Group E fee.

Period of box use (days)	Price		
95 or less	1⁄2 semiannual price		
96 to 140	<sup>3</sup> ⁄4 semiannual price		
141 to 190	Semiannual price		
191 to 230	1 ¼ semiannual price		
231 to 270	1 ½ semiannual price		
271 to full year	Two times semiannual price		

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Ancillary Post Office Box Services

	(\$)
Key duplication or replacement	12.00
Lock replacement <sup>1</sup>	25.00
Key deposit	5.00

### Notes

1. The lock replacement fee may also be charged as a late payment fee, regardless of whether the lock is changed.

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#### 1560 Stamp Fulfillment Services

#### 1560.1 Description

Stamp Fulfillment Services provides the fulfillment of stamp orders placed by mail, phone, fax or online to the Stamp Fulfillment Services organization.

#### 1560.2 Prices

Orders mailed to domestic United States destinations	(\$)
Orders up to \$50.00	1.65 <sup>1</sup> , add 3.00 <sup>2</sup> for custom
	orders
Orders over \$50.00	2.30 <sup>1</sup> , add 3.00 <sup>2</sup> for custom orders
Orders mailed to destinations outside of domestic United States	(\$)
Orders up to \$50.00	8.70 add 3.00 <sup>2</sup> for custom orders
Orders over \$50.00	9.35 add 3.00 <sup>2</sup> for custom orders

- 1. Fee does not apply if the comparable fee from the Philatelic Sales pricing section is being charged for the shipment of a combined order of stamps and philatelic items. Fee also does not apply for orders consisting solely of stamped cards with a printed return address, or stamps sent as part of a subscription, in which the customer agrees to purchase a series of items of a specified type, and establishes a means of payment in advance. If a customer requests expedited shipping, then the order will be shipped using Priority Mail Express, with actual postage charged instead of the listed fees.
- 2. A custom order is a stamp order in configurations other than those listed for each item in the USA Philatelic catalog.

# ATTACHMENT B

# WORKSHARE DISCOUNTS AND PASSTHROUGHS

Please see "Attachment B R2023-2.xlsx", which has been filed alongside this Notice on the PRC docketing website.

# ATTACHMENT C

PRICE CAP CALCULATION

# ATTACHMENT C: PRICE CAP CALCULATION

## Calculation of amount of applicable change in CPI-U and Price Cap

				12-Month	Base	12-Month
		Last 12 Months	12-Month	Total Divided	Average <sup>[5]</sup>	Moving Average <sup>[6]</sup>
	CPI <sup>[1]</sup>	Point-to-Point <sup>[2]</sup>	Total <sup>[3]</sup>	by 12 <sup>[4]</sup>	-	
Sep-20	260.280	1.4%	3096.2	258.014	254.3764	1.430%
Oct-20	260.388	1.2%	3099.2	258.268	254.7482	1.382%
Nov-20	260.229	1.2%	3102.2	258.520	255.1790	1.309%
Dec-20	260.474	1.4%	3105.7	258.811	255.6574	1.234%
Jan-21	261.582	1.4%	3109.3	259.112	256.1790	1.145%
Feb-21	263.014	1.7%	3113.7	259.473	256.6708	1.092%
Mar-21	264.877	2.6%	3120.4	260.037	256.9969	1.183%
Apr-21	267.054	4.2%	3131.1	260.926	257.0670	1.501%
May-21	269.195	5.0%	3143.9	261.992	257.0922	1.906%
Jun-21	271.696	5.4%	3157.8	263.151	257.2300	2.302%
Jul-21	273.003	5.4%	3171.7	264.309	257.4408	2.668%
Aug-21	273.567	5.3%	3185.4	265.447	257.7208	2.998%
Sep-21	274.310	5.4%	3199.4	266.616	258.0143	3.334%
Oct-21	276.589	6.2%	3215.6	267.966	258.2678	3.755%
Nov-21	277.948	6.8%	3233.3	269.442	258.5195	4.225%
Dec-21	278.802	7.0%	3251.6	270.970	258.8112	4.698%
Jan-22	281.148	7.5%	3271.2	272.600	259.1121	5.206%
Feb-22	283.716	7.9%	3291.9	274.325	259.4734	5.135%
Mar-22	287.504	8.5%	3314.5	276.211	260.0369	0.687%
Apr-22	289.109	8.3%	3336.6	278.049	260.9257	1.357%
May-22	292.296	8.6%	3359.7	279.974	261.9924	2.059%
Jun-22	296.311	9.1%	3384.3	282.025	263.1507	2.807%
Jul-22	296.276	8.5%	3407.6	283.965	264.3092	3.514%
Aug-22	296.171	8.3%	3430.2	285.848	265.4466	4.200%
Sep-22	296.808	8.2%	3452.7	287.723	266.6158	0.656%
Oct-22	298.012	7.7%	3474.1	289.508	267.9658	1.280%
Nov-22	297.711	7.1%	3493.9	291.155	269.4424	1.857%
Dec-22	296.797	6.5%	3511.9	292.655	270.9698	2.381%
Jan-23	299.170	6.4%	3529.9	294.157	272.6003	2.907%
Feb-23	300.840	6.0%	3547.0	295.584	274.3254	<sup>[7]</sup> 3.406%

[1] Consumer Price Index -- All Urban Consumers, U.S. All Items (the "CUUR0000SA0" series)

[2] The current month CPI [Column 1] divided by CPI for same month, previous year

[3] Sum of the most recent 12 months CPI measurements in Column [1]

[4] Column [3] / 12

[5] The 12-month average of [1] from the 12 months prior to [4]. Only necessary to calculate cap when more than 12 months have passed.

[6] (The current month value in Column [4] / value from same month, previous year) - 1

[7] Exactly 6 CPI-U months have passed since the previous price adjustment for all Market

Dominant mail classes so the price cap is the 6-month moving average (Column 6) or 3.406%.