

Summary of Changes

Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, *International Mail Manual*

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This Summary of Changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM[®])* includes revisions that have become effective during the previous 12 calendar months.

In chapters 1–9 and in “Country Price Groups and Weight Limits” of this online version of the IMM, change bars (vertical lines in the margin) indicate that *Postal Bulletin* updates have been incorporated in the adjacent text (note that the change bars appear only in the PDF version, and only for revisions that have become effective in the current calendar year, not for all the previous 12 months). However, in the individual country listings (ICLs) of this online IMM, change bars do *not* appear even though *Postal Bulletin* updates have been incorporated in the ICL text.

- Effective April 26, 2015, as noted in PB issue 22413, the following sections are revised to replace references to the Click-N-Ship for Business application with references to a USPS meter label solution, and to note that items paid with the USPS meter label solution are eligible for Commercial Base and Commercial Plus pricing:

116.1	232.122	252.22
213.71	232.126	252.26
223.241	233.231	253.231

- Effective July 13, 2015, as noted in PB issue 22418, the following sections are revised to reflect updated mail preparation requirements for Priority Mail Express International shipments (including that PS Form 2976-B is mandatory for all Priority Mail Express International shipments that require a customs form):

123.1	222.5	ICL for every country that
123.3	224.1	accepts Priority Mail Express
123.6	224.2	International service
123.7	922.3	

- Effective January 17, 2016, as noted in PB issue 22430 and 22431, the following parts, sections, and exhibits are revised to reflect changes to prices, product features, and standards for various international shipping services:

134.1	223.241	232.92	233.231	323.2
213.621	Exhibit 232.122	233.11	Exhibit 252.22	323.3
213.71	232.126	233.13	252.26	323.62
221	232.51	233.14	253.15	932
222	232.63	233.15	253.231	933
223.1	232.8	233.222	323.1	

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Chapter 1, International Mail Services			
135.6	revised to use terminology that is commonly used in the industry and by other regulatory agencies, and to add items 135.63h and 135.64i to reiterate the prohibition against markings that indicate that a package contains lithium batteries.	4-26-2015	22410
142.4	revised in item b to reflect the country name change from “Saint Christopher and Nevis” to “Saint Kitts and Nevis.”	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
Chapter 2, Conditions for Mailing			
Exhibit 213.5	revised to reflect two country name changes — from “Saint Christopher and Nevis” to “Saint Kitts and Nevis,” and from “Western Samoa” to “Samoa.”	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
	revised to add an entry for Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba.	1-17-2016	22430
222.8	revised to reflect current information for Priority Mail Express International insurance service.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
223.222	revised to reflect the availability of extra services to users of USPS-produced Global Shipping Software (GSS).	11-12-2015	22428
232.3	revised to reflect current information for Priority Mail International insurance service.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
233.222	revised to reflect the availability of extra services to users of USPS-produced Global Shipping Software (GSS).	11-12-2015	22428
Exhibit 292.45a	revised to reflect two country name changes — from “Saint Christopher and Nevis” to “Saint Kitts and Nevis,” and from “Western Samoa” to “Samoa.”	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
	revised to update the foreign office of exchange code for IPA items sent to Malawi.	8-2-2015	22414
	revised to update the foreign office of exchange codes for IPA items sent to Brazil.	9-17-2015	22424
	revised to add an entry for Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba, and to update the entry for Curacao (which previously served those destinations).	1-17-2016	22430
	revised to update the foreign office of exchange code for IPA items sent to Japan.	4-5-2016	22432
Exhibit 293.45a	revised to update the foreign office of exchange codes for ISAL items sent to Brazil.	9-17-2015	22424
	revised to add an entry for Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba, and to update the entry for Curacao (which previously served those destinations).	1-17-2016	22430
Chapter 3, Extra Services			
322.2	revised to reflect current information for Priority Mail Express International insurance service.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
Exhibit 322.2	added to reflect current information for Priority Mail Express International insurance service and for Priority Mail International insurance service.	5-31-2015	22408, 22409, 22414
	revised to reflect current information for Priority Mail International insurance to Bahamas.	8-6-2015	22421
322.3	revised to reflect current information for Priority Mail Express International insurance service.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414

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323.2	revised to reflect current information for Priority Mail International insurance service.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
323.3	revised to reflect current information for Priority Mail International insurance service.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
333.2	revised to reflect changes to the indemnity limit for Registered Mail items.	1-1-2016	22428
Exhibit 371.2	revised to reflect the country name change from "Saint Christopher and Nevis" to "Saint Kitts and Nevis."	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
381	revised to update the authorized version of international reply coupons and to clarify that international reply coupons previously sold by the U.S. Postal Service may no longer be used or exchanged because their expiration date has passed.	11-12-2015	22428
Chapter 6, Special Programs			
622.1	revised to replace the term "Parcel Select Nonpresort" with "Parcel Select Ground," and to delete the terms "Parcel Select NDC Presort" and "Parcel Select ONDC Presort."	3-3-2016	22436
622.3	revised to change the qualification period for the GDE Wholesaler Program from 1 year to 2 years.	3-3-2016	22436
623.1	revised to replace the term "Parcel Select Nonpresort" with "Parcel Select Ground," and to delete the terms "Parcel Select NDC Presort" and "Parcel Select ONDC Presort."	3-3-2016	22436
Chapter 9, Inquiries, Indemnities, and Refunds			
933.14	revised to indicate that valuable articles are no longer included in the exceptions to indemnity for Priority Mail International service.	3-7-2016	22435
934.2	revised to reflect changes to the indemnity limit for Registered Mail items.	1-1-2016	22428
Index of Countries and Localities			
Throughout	revised in all applicable entries to reflect two country name changes — from "Saint Christopher and Nevis" to "Saint Kitts and Nevis," and from "Western Samoa" to "Samoa."	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
Throughout	revised in all applicable entries to reflect that Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba is a separate entity (previously served through Curacao), and to delete entries for "Netherlands Antilles (Curacao)" and "Netherlands Antilles (Sint Maarten)."	1-17-2016	22430
Tokelau	revised to reflect the current information for Tokelau.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
Country Price Groups and Weight Limits			
Throughout	revised to add columns to the Priority Mail Express International and Priority Mail International sections to show price groups for Flat Rate products, and to edit, combine, and reorder the footnotes.	1-17-2016	22430
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba	added to reflect this new listing (previously served through Curacao).	1-17-2016	22430
Burma (Myanmar)	revised to reflect that Priority Mail Express International service is available to Burma (Myanmar).	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
Kiribati	revised to reflect that Priority Mail Express International service is available to Kiribati.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414

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Netherlands	revised to reflect an increase in the maximum weight limit for Priority Mail International service for Netherlands, from 44 pounds to 66 pounds.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
Saint Kitts and Nevis	revised to reflect the country name change from "Saint Christopher and Nevis" to "Saint Kitts and Nevis."	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
Samoa	revised to reflect the country name change from "Western Samoa" to "Samoa."	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
Sao Tome and Principe	revised to reflect that Priority Mail Express International service is available to Sao Tome and Principe.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414

Individual Country Listing

Each country that offers Priority Mail Express International service	revised to reflect current information for Priority Mail Express International insurance service.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
	revised to remove references to Flat Rate Boxes.	1-17-2016	22430
Each country that offers Priority Mail International service	revised to reflect current information for Priority Mail International insurance service.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
	revised to remove the following text from under the price/weight table: "Note: Ordinary Priority Mail International includes indemnity at no cost based on weight. (See 230.)"	1-17-2016	22430
Each country that offers Registered Mail service	revised to reflect changes to the indemnity limit for Registered Mail items.	1-1-2016	22428
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba	added to reflect this new listing (previously served through Curacao).	1-17-2016	22430
Burma (Myanmar)	revised to reflect that Priority Mail Express International service is available to Burma (Myanmar).	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
Cuba	revised to remove the information about U.S. government sanctions programs while still noting its continuing availability in Publication 699.	2-4-2016	22434
Curacao	revised to remove references to Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba.	1-17-2016	22430
Hong Kong	revised to reflect a change to the Prohibitions section.	11-12-2015	22428
Japan	revised to reflect a change to the Prohibitions section.	1-7-2016	22432
Kiribati	revised to reflect that Priority Mail Express International service is available to Kiribati.	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
Saint Kitts and Nevis	revised to reflect the country name change from "Saint Christopher and Nevis" to "Saint Kitts and Nevis."	5-31-2015	22408, 22414
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