Commercial Parcels

Bound Printed Matter Irregular and Machinable Parcels



Guide

Physical Standards

Minimum weight irregular parcels: none.

Minimum weight machinable parcels: 6 ounces (3.5 ounces for parcels prepared under 401.1.5.2).

(401) Maximum weight: 15 pounds.

For an overview of the physical standards for commercial parcels, see Quick Service Guide 401.

Prices and Fees (463.1.0)

For a complete listing of Bound Printed Matter prices — see Notice 123-Price List.

Presorted, Carrier Route, and destination NDC (DNDC) prices: separate per piece and per pound charges based on weight and zone. Per pound charges must be calculated using a 1 pound minimum weight per piece, even if the pieces weigh less than 1 pound each. DSCF and DDU prices are not zoned. Destination entry discounts apply to mail prepared as prescribed by USPS and addressed for delivery within service area of destination NDC/ASF, SCF, or delivery unit (DDU) (466).

No annual mailing fee; however, there is an annual destination entry mailing fee.

Content (463.4.0)

Bound Printed Matter is typically catalogs, directories, books, and other printed material that weigh up to 15 pounds and meet specific eligibility standards in 463.3.0. Contents must:

- Consist of advertising, promotional, directory, or editorial material (or any combination of these).
- Be securely bound by permanent fastening.
- Consist of sheets of which at least 90% are imprinted by any process other than handwriting, typewriting with letters, characters, figures, or images (or any combination of these).
- Not have the nature of personal correspondence.
- Not be stationery (e.g., pads of blank printed forms).

Eligibility Standards (463.4.0) Eligible mailings must meet the following minimum pieces:

■ 300 pieces for Presorted and Carrier Route.

■ No minimum for nonpresorted.

Mailings of 300 or more pieces, sorted, and marked as described below. Machinable parcels (401.1.5) and nonmachinable parcels (401.1.6) may not be combined in the same mailing.

Each piece must include complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 Code. Return address required for pieces with ancillary service endorsement or extra services.

For Presorted prices, a certified process must be used at least once a year to ensure accuracy of 5-digit ZIP Codes.

For Carrier Route price, carrier route information must be updated using CASS-certified process within 90 days before mailing (463.4.0).

Destination entry discounts apply to mail prepared as prescribed by USPS and addressed for delivery within service area of destination NDC/ASF, SCF, or delivery unit (DDU) (466.2.0).

Each piece entered at the Presorted or Carrier Route price must bear a unique Intelligent Mail package barcode, including a postal routing code, prepared under 708.5.0.

Postage Payment and Documentation (464) Permit imprint (604.5.0).

Postage statement: PS Form 3605-R or approved facsimile.

Mail Preparation (465)

Markings (402.2.0):

■ Presorted price: "Bound Printed Matter" or "BPM" and either "Presorted" or "PRSRT."

■ Carrier Route price: "Bound Printed Matter" or "BPM" and "Carrier Route Presort" or "CAR-RT SORT." Mark each piece in the postage area. For optional marking locations, see 302.3.3.

Pieces must be separated by zones when presented unless authorized under 705.2.0.

Parcels must include a unique Intelligent Mail package barcode with a postal routing code, prepared under 708.5.0.

Enter and Deposit (466) Generally at the Post Office where permit is held.

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Preparation

Bundling and Sacking Sequence for Irregular Parcels Less than 10 Pounds (465.5.2) 5-Digit/Scheme¹ 3-Digit ADC **Mixed ADC Bundles: Scheme** Bundles: Required at 10 Bundles: Required at 10 **Bundles:** Required with bundles required for 5-digit pieces or 10 pounds. pieces or 10 pounds, no minimum. Maximum ZIP Codes in L606. smaller volumes not smaller volumes not weight 20 pounds. Required at 10 pieces or permitted. Maximum permitted. Maximum Labels: Tan Label X or 10 pounds, smaller weight 20 pounds. weight 20 pounds. volumes not permitted. OEL. Labels: Green Label 3 or Labels: Pink Label A or Maximum weight 20 pounds.² OEL. Labels: Red Label 5 or optional endorsement line (OEL) (708.7.0). 3 5||| XIII ADC CLEVELAND OH 440 CLEVELAND OH 441 SCF CLEVELAND OH 440 MXD PORTLAND OR 970 STONE CREEK OH 43840 PSVC IRREG ADC PSVC IRREG 3D PSVC IRREG WKG IPSVC IRREG 5D SCHI3 PSVC IRREG SCF PORTLAND OR PORTLAND OR PORTLAND OR PORTLAND OR PORTLAND OR 5-Digit/Scheme1 3-Digit SCF **ADC Mixed ADC** Sacks: Required, at Sacks: Required at Sacks: Optional at Sacks: Required at Sacks: Required; no 10 addressed pieces 10 addressed pieces or 10 addressed pieces or minimum. 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller or 20 pounds. 20 pounds, smaller 20 pounds, smaller Labels: For Line 1, use volumes not permitted.4 smaller volumes not volumes not permitted. volumes not permitted. "MXD" followed by the permitted. Labels: For Line 1, use Labels: For Line 1, use Labels: Line 1: For 5-digit city, state, and ZIP Code Labels: For Line 1, scheme sacks, use L606, L005, Column B. For L004, Column B. For of ADC serving 3-digit Line 2, use "PSVC Line 2, use "PSVC IRREG use L002, Column A. prefix for the entry post Column B. For 5-digit sacks, use city, state, and For Line 2, use IRREG SCF." ADC." office as shown in L009, 5-digit ZIP Code on mail. "PSVC IRREG 3D." Column B. For Line 2, Line 2: For 5-digit scheme use "PSVC IRREG sacks, use "PSVC IRREG WKG." 5D SCH." For 5-digit sacks, use "PSVC IRREG 5D." Each bundle (except mixed ADC bundles) must contain at least two addressed pieces.

- All possible 5-digit scheme bundles and 5-digit scheme sacks must be prepared before preparing 5-digit bundles and 5-digit sacks.
 Bundling not required for irregular parcels in 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks meeting the minimum bundle size requirements if individually
- wrapped or enveloped. 5-digit bundles placed in 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks or prepared and entered at the DDU price may weigh a maximum of 40 pounds.
- 3. For 5-digit scheme sacks, use "PSVC IRREG 5D SCH." For 5-digit sacks, use "PSVC IRREG 5D."
- 4. Sacking not required for 5-digit bundles of irregular parcels when prepared and entered at DDU prices; these bundles may be bedloaded and weigh up to 40 pounds.

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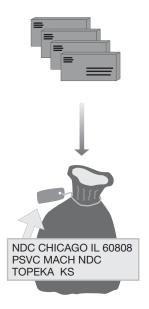
Sacking Machinable Parcels Not Claiming DNDC Prices (465.5.4)



5-Digit/Scheme²

Sacks: Required; minimum 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.

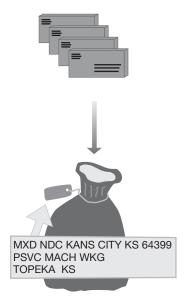
Labels: Line 1: For 5-digit scheme sacks, use L606, Column B. For 5-digit sacks, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail. Line 2: For 5-digit scheme sacks, use "PSVC MACH 5D SCH." For 5-digit sacks, use "PSVC MACH 5D."



NDC

Sacks: Required; minimum 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L601, Column B. For Line 2, use "PSVC MACH NDC."



Mixed NDC

Sacks: Required; no minimum.

Labels: For Line 1, "MXD" followed by the information in L601, Column B for the NDC serving the 3-digit ZIP Code prefix of the entry post office. For Line 2, use "PSVC MACH WKG."

For Bound Printed Matter machinable parcels claiming DNDC prices, see 465.5.5.

- 1. For 5-digit scheme sacks, use "PSVC MACH 5D SCH;" for 5-digit sacks, use "PSVC MACH 5D."
- 2. All possible 5-digit scheme bundles must be prepared before preparing 5-digit sacks.

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