### **Special Standards**

#### Periodicals Nonbarcoded Flats



# Physical Standards (207.26.0)

Maximum weight: 4.4 pounds

Dimensions:

■ Minimum: 6 inches long, 5 inches high, and 0.009 inch thick.

County prices apply to all eligible In-County copies.

■ Maximum: 15 inches long, 12 inches high, and 1.25 inch thick.

Flexibility: no requirement.

Polywrapped Pieces: Must meet all six properties in Exhibit 201.4.5.1.

If an address label is used on the outside of the polywrapped piece, the haze property is not required. Polywrap seam must be parallel to longest dimension.

The preferred seam placement is on the nonaddressed side of the mailpiece. If seam is on the addressed side, it must not cover the delivery address, barcode, postage area, or any required markings.

## Prices and Fees (207.1.0)

Prices include piece charges, pound prices (advertising and nonadvertising), and applicable discounts. Carrier Route, 5-digit, 3-digit/SCF, and ADC and Mixed ADC prices are available; Outside-County prices apply; In-

#### **In-County Prices:**

In-County prices include piece prices, pound prices (DDU and other), and DDU discount.

#### **Outside-County Prices:**

Pound Prices—Advertising pounds based on destination entry and zone. Nonadvertising pounds based on destination entry and all other zones.

Piece Prices—Based on the bundle level (six or more pieces). Firm bundles pay a separate firm piece price. Bundle Prices—Based on container and bundle level. Firm bundles pay a separate firm bundle price. For bundles and containers with both In-County and Outside-County pieces, mailers do not pay the bundle or container charges for carrier route, 5-digit carrier routes, and 5-digit/scheme bundles, pallets, and sacks.

Container Prices—Based on the container type, container level, and entry. For mailings prepared in sacks, mailers pay the container price for each sack based on container level and entry.

- For mailings prepared on pallets (705.8.0):
  - For bundles placed directly on pallets, mailers pay the container price for each pallet.
  - For sacks on pallets, mailers pay the container price for each sack, and not for the pallets. The container price for each sack is based on the sack level and where the pallet is entered.
- For sacks with both In-County and Outside-County pieces, mailers do not pay the container charges for carrier route, 5-digit carrier routes, and 5-digit/scheme sacks.

Destination entry prices (DDU, DSCF, DADC, and DNDC) have additional standards (207.29.0). The mail must be addressed for delivery within that facility's service area.

Ride-Alongs are available for items up to 3.3 ounces (or not more than the weight of the host publication) eligible as Standard Mail (207.15.0).

Eligibility Standards (207.12.0, 207.13.0) For authorized publications (e.g., magazines and newspapers) whose primary purpose is transmitting information. Periodicals must be issued at least four times a year at a stated frequency from a known office of publication and be formed of printed sheets. General publications must have a legitimate list of subscribers, and Requester publications must have a legitimate list of requesters or subscribers. All pieces within each mailing must be in the same processing category.

Carrier route: carrier route information updated using CASS-certified process (708.3.0) or another AIS product containing carrier route information within 90 days before mailing.

A certified process must be used at least once a year to ensure accuracy of 5-digit ZIP Codes on other than carrier route pieces (602.6.0).

Mailers can apply Repositionable Notes, see 202.7.0.

#### Postage Payment and Documentation (207.16.0, 705.19.0)

Advance deposit account(s) at original and each additional entry Post Office, unless authorized under Centralized Postage Payment (CPP) (207.16.5).

Documentation:

- Postage statement: PS Form 3541, Periodicals One Issue or One Edition, or approved facsimile.
- Supporting documentation: required for prices claimed, including marked copy. Documentation generated by PAVE-certified software or printed in standardized format.
- Carrier Route: PS Form 3553 for address and barcode accuracy must be retained by mailer for 1 year (708.3.5.2).

## Mail Preparation (207.22.0, 207.23.0)

Bundles for individual carrier routes must be prepared with facing slips under 203.3.15, optional endorsement lines under 203.3.13, or carrier route information lines under 203.3.14.

See sack label in 207.21.0.

Palletization of sacks or bundles is permitted under 705.8.0. Traying is permitted under 207.22.7.

Any mailing job that contains bundles of machinable barcoded (automation) flats and bundles of machinable nonbarcoded flats must be co-sacked using 705.9.0.

#### Enter and Deposit (207.28.0)

Deposit only at authorized original and additional entry Post Office(s), unless authorized exceptional dispatch under 207.29.4.

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#### **Preparation**

#### See next page for carrier route preparation Bundling and Sacking Sequence (207.22.0) Origin Mixed ADC 5-Digit1 3-Digit1 ADC **Mixed ADC** Bundles: Required. Bundles: Required. Bundles: Required. Bundles: Required. Bundles: Required. 6-piece minimum to 6-piece minimum for 6-piece minimum for no minimum for any any remaining pieces the same 5-digit ZIP pieces to the same 3pieces to same ADC remaining pieces for must be bundled in digit ZIP Code prefix; mixed ADC bundles. Code; fewer pieces (L004); fewer than 6 destinations in L201, permitted under fewer pieces pieces in a bundle not Column B, of the 207.22.4. See permitted under permitted. origin ZIP Code in Labels: Tan Label X 207.22.4. 207.22.3 for optional Column A. or OEL. Labels: Pink Label A firm bundles. Labels: Green Label or OEL. Labels: Tan Label X Labels: Red Label 5 3 or OEL. or OEL. or optional endorsement line (OEL) (708.7.0). XIIII ADC PHOENIX AZ 852 OMX DULLES VA MXD JCTM WASH DC 20495 201 TUCSON AZ 85701 TUCSON AZ 856 SCF TUCSON AZ 856 [PER]<sup>2</sup> FLTS SCF [NON BC]<sup>3</sup> [PER]2 FLTS ADC [NON BC]3 [PER]2 FLTS WKG W FCM [PER]<sup>2</sup> FLTS [NON BC]<sup>3</sup> WKG [PER]2 FLTS 5D [NON BC]3 [PER]2 FLTS 3D [NON BC]3 ALEXANDRIA VA ALEXANDRIA VA AI FXANDRIA VA ALEXANDRIA VA ALEXANDRIA VA AI FXANDRIA VA 5-Digit1 3-Digit **SCF/Origin Entry ADC Origin Mixed ADC** Mixed ADC SCF Sacks: Required at Sacks: Required at Sacks: Required at Sacks: Required at Sacks: Required, no Sacks: Required, no 72 pieces; optional at 24 pieces; fewer 24 pieces; fewer 24 pieces; fewer minimum for any minimum for any remaining bundles. 24 pieces minimum. pieces not permitted. pieces not permitted. pieces not permitted. remaining bundles for destinations in L201, Required, no minimum for SCF of Labels: For Line 1, Labels: For Line 1, Labels: For Line 1, Column B, of the Labels: For Line 1, origin ZIP Code in use city, state, and 5use L002, Column A. origin (verification) use L004, Column B. use L009. For Line 2, "PER" (or "NEWS") digit ZIP Code on For Line 2, "PER" (or office; optional for the For Line 2, "PER" (or Column A. mail. For Line 2, "NEWS") and "FLTS SCF of an entry office "NEWS") and "FLTS and "FLTS NON BC "PER" (or "NEWS" 2) 3D NON BC." other than origin ADC NON BC." Labels: For Line 1, WKG." and "FLTS 5D NON use L201. For Line 2, office. Price: 4,5 Price: 4 "PER" (or "NEWS") Price: 4 BC." and "FLTS WKG W Labels: For Line 1, Price: 4 use L002, Column C. FCM." For Line 2, "PER" (or "NEWS") and "FLTS Price: 4 SCF NON BC. Price: 4

- 1. See 207.22.0 for optional 5-digit scheme and 3-digit scheme preparation for pieces meeting the standards in 201.6.0.
- 2. Use "NEWS" if issued weekly or more frequently.
- 3. For barcoded nonmachinable pieces, use "BC."
- 4. For prices, see Notice 123-Price List.
- 5. Mixed ADC piece price for bundles of fewer than 6 pieces, see 705.9.2.3.



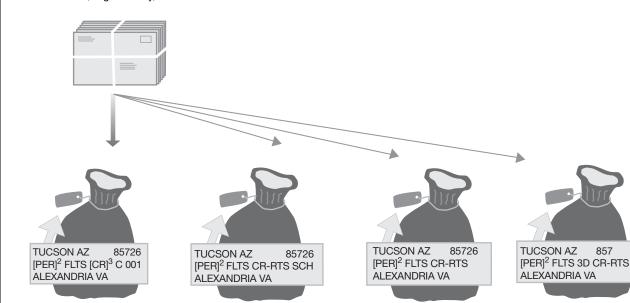
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#### **Optional Carrier Route Preparation (207.23.0)**

**Bundles:** Six or more pieces addressed to same carrier route (city route, rural route, highway contract route, post office box section, or general delivery unit) must be prepared in bundles. Carrier route bundles may be prepared with fewer than 6 pieces when publisher determines the preparation will improve service. Pieces in these low-volume carrier route bundles must be claimed at the basic presort price, see 207.23.6. For optional firm bundles, see 207.23.5.

Labels: Facing slip (203.3.15), optional endorsement line (207.7.0), or carrier route information line (203.3.14).

Price: Saturation, High Density, Basic Carrier Route<sup>1</sup>



#### **Carrier Route**

**Sacks:** Required at 24 pieces; fewer pieces not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail. For Line 2, "PER" (or "NEWS"), "FLTS," and route marking as appropriate: for saturation, "WSS" and route type and number; for high density, "WSH" and route type and number; or for basic, "CR" and route type and number.

## 5-Digit Scheme Carrier Routes

**Sacks:** Required at 24 pieces; fewer pieces not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L001, Column B. For Line 2, "PER" (or "NEWS") and "FLTS CR-RTS SCH."

#### 5-Digit Carrier Routes

**Sacks:** Required at 24 pieces; fewer pieces not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail. For Line 2, "PER" (or "NEWS") and "FLTS CR-RTS."

### 3-Digit Carrier Routes

**Sacks:** Required with one 6-piece bundle.

Labels: For Line 1, use city, state, and ZIP Code shown in L002, Column A, that corresponds to the 3-digit ZIP Code prefix of bundles. For Line 2, "PER" (or "NEWS") and "FLTS 3D CR-RTS."

- 1. Basic price for bundles of fewer than 6 pieces.
- 2. Use "NEWS" if issued weekly or more frequently.
- 3. Use "WSS" for Saturation, "WSH" for High Density, or "CR" for Basic Carrier Route.



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