Summary of Changes

Overview

The Summary of Changes lists revisions to this edition of *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service,* Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) by effective date.

Summary of Changes by Effective Date

January 22, 2017

Periodicals Identification Statement

We revised 207.4.11.3 to specifically allow a publisher to place the identification statement on the cover of a publication. This clarification confirms that this additional design option does not affect mail verification, processing, or delivery. We published this information in the November 24, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products

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Domestic Competitive Products Pricing and Mailing Standards Changes

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Customs Declaration Form PS Form 2976-B Mandatory for Use on All APO/FPO/DPO Priority Mail Express—Use of PS Form 2976-R Delayed

We revised 703.2.3.6, 703.2.3.7, and 703.2.3.8 to make mandatory the use of PS Form 2976-B, *Priority Mail Express International Shipping Label and Customs Form,* on all Priority Mail Express® items, regardless of weight, value, or contents, to and from APO/FPO/DPO addresses. We published this information in the December 22, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

November 7, 2016

Alternate Marked Copy Process

We revised 207.16.2 to add an alternate process for publishers to submit their marked copies. We published this information in the September 29, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Extra Services Eligibility

We revised 503 and 503.3.0 to provide clarity and consistency on the eligibility of extra services. We published this information in the September 29, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Registered Mail Deposit

We revised 503.2.0 to clarify how Registered Mail service may be obtained. We published this information in the September 29, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Full-Service Automation Option Waiver of Fees
We revised 705.23.0, *Full Service Automation Option,* to clarify the volume required to be eligible for the waiver of fees and for Mail Anywhere. In addition, we revised 705.23.3.2, *Mail Anywhere,* to clarify the volume requirement that a mailer must prepare is at least 90 percent of full-service eligible pieces as full-service. We published this information in the October 13, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Ballots – Priority Mail Express Label 11-DOD
We revised 703.8.0, *Balloting Materials,* to add the use of Priority Mail Express® Label 11-DOD on ballots. We published this information in the October 27, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

October 3, 2016
Customized MarketMail
We revised section 201.9.0 and 243.9.0, *Customized MarketMail,* for simplification and consistency with standards, and to remove redundancy. We published this information in the September 1, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Registered COD
We revised sub-sections 503.2.1.5 and 503.9.1.3, *Registered COD Mail,* to remove First-Class Package Service® (FCPS) as an eligible product. We published this information in the September 1, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Basic Eligibility Standards
We revised text in the Basic Eligibility Standards subsections under each class of mail for consistency and will also reverse the order of the Basic Eligibility Standards and Content Standards subsections under several classes of mail for consistency in the structure of the DMM. We published this information in the August 4, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

New PS Form 2976-R, USPS Customs Declaration and Dispatch Note
We updated sections 608.2.5.6, Placement of ITN, AES Downtime Citation, or AES Exemption, 703.2.3.6, Customs Declarations, and Index and Appendices. This was to support the addition of new customs form PS Form 2976-R, *USPS Customs Declaration and Dispatch Note.* We published this information in the August 18, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Manifest Mailing System Keyline Price Category Abbreviations
We revised 705.2.3.3 to provide Publication 401, *Guide to the Manifest Mailing System,* as the source for the Manifest Mailing System keyline price category abbreviations. We published this information in the August 18, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

July 11, 2016
Business Reply Mail – Mailer ID Based Intelligent Mail Barcode
We revised 505.1.5 to add a barcode option allowing Business Reply Mail® (BRM) customers sharing a BRM 9-digit ZIP Code® the ability to trace the mail separately using a Mailer ID (MID) based Intelligent Mail® barcode (IMb). We published this information in the May 26, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Alternate Postage
We revised 604.5.5, Alternate Postage to expand its use and simplify the requirements. We published this information in the June 9, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Destination Network Distribution Center Price Eligibility
We revised various sections to clarify that mail prepared under labeling list L601 for offshore ZIP Code™ destination ranges 006-009, 967-969, and 995-999, is not eligible for Destination Network Distribution Center (DNDC) discount prices. We published this information in the June 9, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Full-Service Automation Option – Annual Permit Fee Renewal
We revised 705.23.0 to modify the annual fee renewal date process. We published this information in the June 9, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

June 6, 2016
Full-Service Automation Option
We revised 705.23.0 to add a new sub-section on the Mail Anywhere program. Additionally, we revised 604.5.1.4 to include the Mail Anywhere program and updated 708.6.3.5 for consistency. We published this information in the May 26, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Optional Combined Parcel Mailings
We revised 705.21.1.1 to clarify that the minimum volume requirement for Parcel Select Lightweight® parcels in a combined parcel mailing under 705.21.0, is 200 pieces or 50 pounds. We published this information in the May 26, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Extra Service Refunds
We revised 604.9.2.4g to clarify that extra service fees will not be refunded for undeliverable Certified Mail®, Return Receipt for Merchandise (RRM), and Signature Confirmation™ mailpieces when they have received the proper event scan (e.g., UAA, Refused, etc.). We published this information in the May 26, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Missing Mail
We revised 507.1.9 by adding a new sub-section 1.9.3, *Customer Inquiry.* Additionally, we will revise sections 507.1.9.1 and 608.8.1 to provide contact information. We published this information in the May 12, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Return Receipt for Merchandise
We revised 503 to reinsert the language for Return Receipt Merchandise (RRM) service. We published this information in the April 28, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Mailer Endorsements for Parcel Select Lightweight Pieces
We revised 507.1.5.3 to specify that Parcel Select Lightweight® pieces will no longer be required to include any specific ancillary service endorsements. We published this information in the April 28, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Minimum Paper Basic Weight Standards
We revised 201.3.2 to provide the minimum paper basis weight for envelopes or letter-size mailpieces sealed along all four sides. We also revised 201.3.0 and 505.1.4.1 for consistency, and 505.1.6.1a. to correct a DMM reference error. We published this information in the April 28, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

April 10, 2016
Periodicals Carrier Route Pallets
We revised 705.8.10.2 to facilitate the preparation of carrier route pallets. We published this information in the March 17, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Parcel Select
We revised 705.8.0 to remove text that remains on palletizing NDC Presort parcels. We published this information in the March 17, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

March 7, 2016
Military Mail Addressing and Restriction Codes
We revised 703.2.0 to include two restrictions pertaining to the overseas addressing requirements for military mail that were previously Restrictions A1 and A2 in the APO/FPO/DPO table. We published this information in the January 7, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Business Reply Mail
We revised 505.1.0 to clarify that Retail First-Class Mail or Priority Mail prices are required in addition to the per piece fee for Basic and High Volume BRM pieces. We published this information in the February 18, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Postage Stamp Denominations
We revised 604.1.0 to reinstate the current postage stamp denominations table. We published this information in the February 18, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

Priority Mail Regional Rate Box Pricing
We revised 223.1.2 and 224.1.1.1 to correct an omission regarding Priority Mail Regional Rate Box® pricing on Click-N-Ship®. We published this information in the February 18, 2016, *Postal Bulletin.*

January 17, 2016
Priority Mail Express
We revised 110, 210 and 703.2.6 to clarify the standards for the acceptance and deposit of retail and commercial Priority Mail Express items. We published this information in the November 2, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Competitive Post Office Box Services
We revised 508.4.5.4 to clarify the maximum weight and dimension standards for private carrier packages addressed to competitive Post Office Box™ customers who are authorized to receive such packages at their Post Office Box address. We published this information in the November 12, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Flat-Size Mailpiece Deflection Standards
We revised 201.4.6 to clarify that flat-size mailpieces mailed at carrier route prices are not required to meet deflection standards. We published this information in the November 12, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Meter Provider Update
We revised 604.4.1.3 to update the contact information for meter provider, FP Mailing Solutions. We published this information in the November 12, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

No Handwritten Customs Forms May Be Submitted to a Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)
We revised 608.2.4.6 and 608.2.4.7 to make mandatory the submission of electronically transmitted customs data for mail that is paid with a permit imprint and entered at a Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU). We published this information in the November 12, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Priority Mail Express Open and Distribute and Priority Mail Open and Distribute
We revised 223 and 705.18.5.7 to clarify the barcodes and service type codes that must be used on Priority Mail Express Open and Distribute and Priority Mail Open and Distribute address labels. We published this information in the November 26, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Products Mailable at Nonprofit Standard Mail Prices
We revised 703.1.6.11 to specify that the value of a low-cost item cannot exceed $10.60. We published this information in the November 26, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Domestic Competitive Products Pricing and Mailing Standards Changes
We revised various sections of the DMM to reflect changes to prices and mailing standards for competitive products. We published this information in the December 10, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

First-Class Package Service Maximum Dimensions
We revised 201.8.3 to list the maximum dimensions for First-Class Package Service as currently stated in the *Mail Classification Schedule*. We published this information in the December 10, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

New Standards for Domestic Certificates of Mailing
We revised 503 to incorporate new standards for domestic Certificates of Mailing. We published this information in the December 24, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Parcel Simplification
We revised various sections of the DMM to clarify that the term “outside parcel” is a “nonmachinable parcel.” We published this information in the December 24, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

November 2, 2015

Postage Evidencing Systems – Legibility of Postage

We revised 604.4.3.2 to indicate that the postage value must be displayed in dollars and cents, such as $0.49. We published this information in the October 15, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Pickup on Demand Service

We revised 507.7.0 and various other sections to clarify the availability of Pickup on Demand service and for consistency. We published this information in the October 29, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

September 14, 2015

Postage Evidencing Systems - Revised Procedures for Collection of Postage Discrepancies

We revised 604.4.0 to modify procedures for the collection of postage discrepancies for customers using Postage Evidencing Systems. We published this information in the July 23, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Clarification of Scans as Evidence of Mailing and the Placement of Collect on Delivery (COD) Forms

We revised 503.1.0 and 609.3.0 to clarify that USPS® physical scans can be treated by the Postal Service as evidence of mailing when postage and extra service fees are paid online for purposes of indemnity claim review. We published this information in the August 6, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Premium Forwarding Service Commercial

We revised 507.3.0 to update the standards for Premium Forwarding Service Commercial® (PFS-Commercial®) service. We published this information in the August 20, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Business Reply Mail

We revised 505.1.0 to clarify that letters (cards), flats, and parcels are eligible to be returned under basic BRM and high-volume BRM. We published this information in the September 14, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Periodicals Marked Copy

We revised 207.16.0 to clarify the standards when there are multiple editions of a Periodicals publication. We published this information in the September 14, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

July 13, 2015

New Flats Sequencing System (FSS) Sortation Level

We revised 708.1.4 to add a new FSS sortation level. We published this information in the June 11, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Mandatory Use of Customs Declaration PS Form 2976-B on APO/FPO/DPO Priority Mail Express
We revised 703.2.3.6 to make mandatory the use of PS Form 2976-B, Priority Mail Express International Shipping Label and Customs Form, on Priority Mail Express® items requiring a customs form to APO/FPO/DPO addresses. We published this information in the June 25, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

May 31, 2015

Clarification of Postage Payment Information for Mail to Military Post Offices
We revised 703.2.7.1 to clarify standards that apply to bulk and commercial mail sent to Military Post Offices (MPOs). We published this information in the April 30, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Click-N-Ship for Business Transitioning to a USPS Meter Label Solution
We revised 705.18.5.7 to update references to the Click-N-Ship for Business™ application. We published this information in the April 30, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Updated Addressing Standards for Military Addresses
We revised 703.2.2.1 to update military addressing standards, specifically APO and FPO military addresses. We published this information in the April 30, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Clarification of Census Bureau Filing Regulations for U.S. Territories
We revised 608.2.5, 608.2.5.1 and 608.2.5.5 to align with regulatory requirements from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (15 C.F.R. §30.16(a)) and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (15 C.F.R. §758.1(b)). We published this information in the May 14, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Minimum Mailability Dimensions
We revised various sections of the DMM to clarify that all mailpieces that are ¼ inch thick or less must be at least 5 inches in length, 3 ½ inches in height and must be at least 0.007 inch in thickness. We published this information in the May 14, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products
We revised various sections of the DMM to implement the changes coincident with the price adjustments and other minor DMM changes. We published this information in the May 14, 2014, *Postal Bulletin*.

Provision for New First-Class Package Service Commercial Plus Customers
We revised 283.1.3 to add a provision to First-Class Package Service® that allows Commercial Plus® prices for new customers who have a customer commitment agreement with the USPS®. We published this information in the May 14, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Business Reply Mail ZIP Code
We revised 505.1.5.6 to clarify the Postal Service assigns a ZIP + 4® to all Business Reply Mail® pieces that must be printed directly on the piece, unless accepted by standard. We published this information in the May 28, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

April 26, 2015
Domestic Competitive Products Pricing and Mailing Standards Changes
We revised various sections of the DMM to reflect changes to certain prices and mailing standards for certain Competitive Products. We published this information in the February 5, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Clarification of Content Eligibility for Stand Mail Marketing Parcels
We revised 243 to reaffirm basic eligibility standards for Standard Mail Marketing Parcels. We published this information in the April 2, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Premium Forwarding Service Commercial
We revised 507.3.0 to update the online payment option for Premium Forwarding Service Commercial® (PFS Commercial™) service. We published this information in the April 16, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

Updated Restrictions—Freely Associated States (FAS)
We revised 503.1.0 and 608.2.0 to clarify the references to restrictions for Freely Associated States. We published this information in the April 16, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

March 2, 2015
Products Mailable at Nonprofit Standard Mail Prices
We revised 703.1.6.11 to show that products that are mailed at the Non-profit Standard Mail® prices must meet at least one of three exceptions. We published this information in the February 2, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*

January 25, 2015
FSS Facility Pallets
We revised 705.14.2.2 to eliminate “MXD” on the first line of an optional FSS Facility sort placard. We published this information in the November 27, 2014, *Postal Bulletin.*

New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products
We revised various sections of the DMM to reflect minor mail classification updates, product and service enhancements, and to eliminate outdated references, publications, and forms. We published this information in the December 25, 2014, *Postal Bulletin.*

Letter Tray Preparation
We revised 203.4.0 to clarify requirements for preparing trays when mailing letter-sized mail. We published this information in the January 8, 2015, *Postal Bulletin.*