

# 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<sup>®</sup>)* 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 March 19, 2015, as noted in PB issue 22411, the following parts and sections are revised to reflect U.S. government sanctions to the Crimea Region of Ukraine:

512	524.21	531.1
514	526.1	532.1
516	526.2	ICL for Ukraine

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

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<b>Chapter 1, International Mail Services</b>			
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
<b>Chapter 2, Conditions for Mailing</b>			
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
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

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<b>Chapter 3, Extra Services</b>			
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
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
<b>Chapter 6, Special Programs</b>			
622.1	revised in item j to clarify one of the eligibility criteria that a Global Direct Entry (GDE) wholesaler must meet	2-19-2015	22409
<b>Chapter 9, Inquiries, Indemnities, and Refunds</b>			
934.2	revised to reflect changes to the indemnity limit for Registered Mail items.	1-1-2016	22428
<b>Index of Countries and Localities</b>			
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
<b>Country Price Groups and Weight Limits</b>			
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
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

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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
<b>Individual Country Listing</b>			
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 provide more accurate information about U.S. government sanctions programs regarding Cuba.	3-19-2015	22411
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
Iran	revised to provide more accurate information about U.S. government sanctions programs regarding Iran.	3-19-2015	22411
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
Korea, North	revised to provide more accurate information about U.S. government sanctions programs regarding North Korea.	3-19-2015	22411
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
Sudan	revised to provide more accurate information about U.S. government sanctions programs regarding Sudan.	3-19-2015	22411
Syria	revised to provide more accurate information about U.S. government sanctions programs regarding Syria.	3-19-2015	22411
Ukraine	revised to provide more accurate information about U.S. government sanctions programs regarding Ukraine.	3-19-2015	22411