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The electronic newsletter from the USPS Headquarters - Industry Engagement & Outreach team - summarizing recent USPS news and developments

On a mission - PMG praises employees for service, commitment



Postmaster General Louis DeJoy address managers and employees at the Richmond, VA, Processing and Distribution Center.

During a visit to Richmond, VA, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy thanked employees for their service and encouraged them to continue helping USPS to become more efficient.

At the Richmond Processing and Distribution Center, DeJoy stressed the need to focus on “operational precision, to become the most efficient and effective organization in the country. When we do that, we can drive business growth and enhance our connection to our customers.”

He also thanked employees for their commitment to the Postal Service’s mission, particularly during an election year.

“We play a special role in elections, and we’re all proud of that. It’s our duty to deliver every ballot, and I know you’re going to do a great job on the election for the American people,” he said.

The visit was part of the Postmaster General’s ongoing effort to recognize employees for helping USPS achieve operational excellence. Earlier in September, DeJoy traveled to Houston, where he praised workers for reducing late trips and delayed inventory.

The Postmaster General’s Richmond visit also included a stop at Pocoshock Creek Station, where he reviewed facility operations, met with employees and local management, and bought several sheets of stamps.

“Keep up the good work, stay safe and if you see a ballot, get it delivered!” DeJoy said.

Source: USPS News Link – Washington, DC

New vice president - Pastre now leading government relations

Peter Pastre (Pronounced Pastor) is the Postal Service's new government relations and public policy vice president.

He recently joined USPS from MetLife's Washington, DC, office, where he began working in 2003, first as vice president of federal government relations and then as vice president of global government relations.

Prior to that, Pastre was assistant vice president for government relations for the Pacific Life Insurance Co.; associate director for external affairs at the American Council of Life Insurers; and government relations director at the National Society of Professional Engineers.

His first day on the job was Sept. 28.



*Government Relations and Public Policy Vice President
Peter Pastre*

Source: USPS News Link – Washington, DC

Vice President, Area Retail & Delivery Operations, Southern Area Appointment

Timothy R. Costello has been named Vice President, Area Retail & Delivery Operations, Southern Area effective October 24, 2020. Tim has been acting in this role since October 1, 2020.

As the Southern Area Vice President, Tim oversees all Retail and Delivery operations in a total of 18 postal districts, spread across 11 states, including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

He is responsible for effective management of all retail and delivery operations for the area where more than 39.2 billion pieces of mail and packages are delivered to over 52.9 million delivery points.

Prior to arriving in the Southern Area, Tim served as Acting Vice President, Sales. In that role, he directed and managed the Sales team to drive revenue growth and retention. Under his leadership, the Sales team pursued opportunities and maintained existing relationships to ensure profitable revenue for the Postal Service.

Tim's strong operations background was developed through service in a succession of high-level positions, including District Manager South Florida (Metro), Dallas District and Alabama District. He held detail assignments as A/District Manager in South Jersey and Tennessee. His first Executive assignment was Manager, Delivery Programs Support in the Eastern Area. He also served on the HQ Segway Team and the HQ World Class Package Platform Team.

Beginning his postal career in 1988, He first served as a City Carrier in Jackson, MS. Tim later worked as Supervisor, Customer Services, Manager, Customer Services, and in three Postmaster positions. He also held the position of Manager, Operations Programs Support for the Mississippi and Atlanta Districts.

A graduate of the USPS Advanced Leadership Program, Tim also completed the USPS Executive Leadership and Senior Leadership programs. He attended Mississippi State University and received his Lean Six Sigma (LSS) Green Belt certification from Villanova University.

Source: Industry Alert dated October 23

New prices - USPS announces changes for 2021

The Postal Service has announced price changes for next year. If reviewed favorably by the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), the changes would take effect Jan. 24, 2021.

Here's a list of current and proposed prices:

- **First-Class Mail letters (additional ounces):** 15 cents (current), 20 cents (proposed)
- **First-Class Mail letters (metered 1 ounce):** 50 cents (current), 51 cents (proposed)
- **First-Class Mail domestic postcard stamps:** 35 cents (current), 36 cents (proposed)
- **First-Class Mail letters (1 ounce):** 55 cents (no change from current price)
- **Flats (1 ounce):** \$1 (no change from current price)

The changes would raise Mailing Services product prices approximately 1.7 percent. Competitive International Shipping Services price changes would vary by product.

Mailing Services product price increases are based on the consumer price index, while all Shipping Services prices are primarily adjusted due to market conditions.

USPS filed the proposals with the PRC on Oct. 9.

The complete price filings are available on the PRC's site under the Daily Listings section, and price change tables will be available on the Postal Explorer website.

Source: USPS News Link – Washington, DC

2020 U.S. Postal Service Election Mail Fact Sheet

With a record number of people across the country voting early, the U.S. Postal Service is actively working to ensure the secure, timely delivery of the nation's Election Mail. This is our number one priority and we are working closely with state and local election officials across the country to meet this goal.

USPS's Role in the November Election.

Regarding Election Mail and the November election, the U.S. Postal Service is responsible for processing, transporting, and delivering the mail. The Postal Service is not responsible for determining the extent to which the mail is used for participating in elections, the design of ballots or return envelopes, counting ballots, or setting state election deadlines including dates to request (if required by the state) or return a ballot.

USPS's Ability to Handle the Surge in Mail-in Ballot Deliveries.

The Postal Service is fully committed and actively working to handle the anticipated increase in Election Mail volume over the coming weeks. The Postal Service, our unions and the more than 630,000 postal employees are united in delivering on this sacred duty.

For context:

- The Postal Service delivers 433 million pieces of mail a day. Even if all Americans were to vote by mail this year, 330 million ballots over the course of the election would be only three-quarters of what the Postal Service delivers in a single day.
- Anticipated volume of Election Mail is predicted to amount to less than 2% of total mail volume from mid-September to Election Day.
- Anticipated volume of Election Mail will still be less than our holiday season volume, which we successfully deliver every year.

USPS is deploying additional resources through Election Season.

- Throughout October, the Postal Service has allocated additional resources including expanded processing procedures, extra transportation, extra delivery and collection trips and overtime to ensure Election Mail reaches its intended destination in a timely manner.
- Between October 26 and November 24, USPS local management is authorized and instructed to use extraordinary measures—expedited handling, extra deliveries and special pickups—consistent with practices used in past elections, to accelerate the delivery of ballots to its intended destination.
- A fact sheet outlining these and other operational readiness measures the Postal Service has implemented related to Election Mail can be found [here](#).

Voters should be assured that from now through Election Season:

- Retail hours at Post Offices will not be reduced.
- Mail processing equipment and blue collection boxes will remain where they are.
- No mail processing facilities will be closed or consolidated.
- Completed ballots mailed by voters are First-Class Mail, regardless of whether they are prepaid by election officials or mailed with a stamp affixed by the voter. The only situation where completed ballots are not First-Class Mail is where the voter opts instead to pay for a premium service like Priority Mail or Priority Mail Express.
- We will continue to prioritize Election Mail that is entered as Marketing Mail regardless of the paid class.

Commonly Asked Questions:

- **When should voters mail their ballot to be sure it arrives on time?**
 - If you are eligible to vote by mail and choose to do so, you should plan ahead to give yourself enough time to complete and return your ballot by your state's deadlines.
 - For domestic, nonmilitary voters who choose to use the mail to return a completed ballot, our general recommendation is, as a common-sense measure, to mail your completed

ballot before Election Day, and at least one week prior to your state's deadline. Some states may recommend allowing even more time for mailing completed ballots.

- You should always check to make sure you understand your state's requirements and recommendations on mailing your completed ballot. You can look for information about your state's requirements and recommendations here: [Find your state election website](#).
- **What about ballots mailed close to Election Day?**
 - The Postal Service recognizes that Election Mail, and ballots in particular, are time-sensitive. We are committed to the expeditious processing and delivery of Election Mail, particularly ballots. To minimize the risk that a ballot will not arrive before your state's deadline, we recommend that, as a best practice, voters act early if they plan to use the mail to return their completed ballot.
 - Between October 26 and November 24, extraordinary measures including expedited handling, extra deliveries and special pickups will be used as in past elections to ensure Election Mail reaches its intended destination in a timely manner.
- **What happens if a voter mails a ballot without sufficient postage?**
 - Each state or local Board of Elections if authorized, determines whether to provide voters with a pre-paid return envelope for mail-in ballots or request that voters apply their own appropriate postage. The Postal Service requires election officials to inform voters of the amount of postage required, if applicable.
 - If a return ballot is nevertheless entered into the mailstream with insufficient or unpaid postage, it is the Postal Service's policy not to delay the delivery of completed absentee balloting materials, including mail-in ballots. In cases where a ballot enters the mailstream without the proper amount of postage, the Postal Service will deliver the ballot and thereafter attempt to collect postage from the appropriate Board of Elections.
- **Some Boards of Elections use postmarks to determine if a ballot was sent on time. What should voters know about postmarking?**
 - The Postal Service's policy is to try to ensure that every return ballot mailed by voters receives a postmark, whether the return ballot is pre-paid by election officials or mailed with a stamp affixed by the voter.
 - Voters are reminded to:
 1. Check collection times posted on collection boxes and at Post Office™ locations and retail facilities. Be mindful of when mail is delivered and picked up at your residential mailbox.
 2. Ballots deposited after the collection time won't be picked up, or postmarked, until the following business day.
 3. Be aware of mail collection times and practices if ballots are deposited in an office or residential mailroom.
- **How secure are mail-in ballots delivered by the Postal Service?**
 - The U.S. Postal Inspection Service, as the federal law enforcement and security arm of the Postal Service, is responsible for defending the nation's mail system from illegal or dangerous use.
 - The Inspection Service continues to employ its technical capabilities and specialized personnel to protect the critical infrastructure of our processing and distribution networks, as well as the employees who will be delivering to voters across the country.

- Utilizing proven mail-fraud detection and loss prevention strategies and countermeasures, Postal Inspectors will continue to actively identify attempts to compromise the mail system our nation is depending on during this critical time. Daily coordination between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies ensures each agency has timely information and all agencies' resources, tools and techniques can be applied to ensure the integrity of America's election.

Source: <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/statements/1021-usps-election-mail-fact-sheet.htm>

MTAC 4th Quarter Meeting – Date Change

Please be advised that the 2020 - 4th Quarter, Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) meeting originally scheduled for October 27 - 28, 2020 has been moved to November 17 - 18, 2020.

Our apologies if this has caused any inconvenience.

In addition, the following are the proposed 2021 MTAC meeting dates for planning purposes. Notifications will be sent of any changes to these dates.

2021 MTAC PROPOSED MEETING DATES:

Tuesday & Wednesday, January 26-27, 2021 (**Propose virtually**)

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 30-31, 2021

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 29-30, 2021

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 2-3, 2021

Source: *Industry Alert dated October 16*

Something extra - Informed Delivery tests new package feature

The Postal Service is testing a feature that aims to grow Informed Delivery by providing shippers with new marketing opportunities.

During the test, companies that ship products with USPS will be able to provide recipients who are Informed Delivery customers with digital content related to the package.

When the customer opens their Informed Delivery daily digest email or dashboard, they'll see the package tracking number as usual. They'll also be able to see an image and click on a link to access content related to the company's brand or the contents of the package.

"For years, Informed Delivery has allowed mailers to add interactive content to the notices that subscribers receive. Now, through this test, shippers can use Informed Delivery to create innovative marketing campaigns around the packages they send," said Bob Dixon, product technology innovation director at USPS headquarters in Washington, DC.

The new feature will allow businesses that send both letters and packages to create Informed Delivery marketing campaigns around all their outgoing products, Dixon said. Consumers will also benefit because of the enhanced digital experience offered by the package shipper.

One participant in the test is a national property and casualty insurance company that sends Bluetooth devices to customers to install in their vehicles for use with a mobile application. In addition to package tracking information, the company's customers who subscribe to Informed Delivery will receive an image and a link to an instructional video on how to activate and use the device.

The new package campaign feature comes in response to requests from business customers, Dixon said.

"After we added package tracking to Informed Delivery, there has been growing interest from mailers for the ability to run interactive campaigns connected to their packages and parcels," he said.

If the test is successful, the package campaign feature will be rolled out nationally to all shippers.

Source: USPS News Link – Washington, DC

Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Annual observance began Oct. 1

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to learn more about the disease and efforts to cure it.

Aside from skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer for American women. Approximately 250,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women and 2,300 in men each year in the United States.

Most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 years or older. Other risk factors include genetic mutations, having dense breasts, family history of breast cancer and prior personal history of breast cancer. Staying healthy throughout your life helps reduce cancer risk and improves your chances of survival if it occurs.

Some people have no symptoms of breast cancer, while others may experience the following signs:

- Any change in the size or shape of the breast
- Pain in any area of the breast
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk (including blood)
- A new lump in the breast or underarm

If you have any symptoms that concern you, consult your health care provider right away.

Mammograms remain the best way to detect breast cancer early. Although screening doesn't prevent breast cancer, it helps identify cancer in earlier stages and ideally lead to better health outcomes.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website offers comprehensive breast cancer screening guidelines that compare recommendations from leading health organizations.

Your health care provider will help you understand the guidelines, as well as benefits and risks of breast cancer screenings, so you can make personalized and informed decisions. Talk to your doctor about when and how often you should be screened, and which tests are right for you.

The CDC website and the USPS October Wellness Toolkit have additional information.

Source: USPS News Link – Washington, DC

Postal Service Ready to Deliver Holiday Cheer to Service Members Worldwide Recommended Mailing Dates Announced for 2020

The holiday season is nearly upon us and the U.S. Postal Service urges customers to plan ahead and ship early to their friends and loved ones stationed on military outposts in faraway lands and serving on the high seas.

To send packages to military and diplomatic posts abroad, the Postal Service offers a discounted price of \$19.60 on its largest Priority Mail Flat Rate Box. The price includes a \$1.50 discount per box for mail sent to APO/FPO/DPO (Air/Army Post Office/Fleet Post Office/Diplomatic Post Office) destinations worldwide.

Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes are available at no cost at Post Office locations and can also be ordered via usps.com. Postage, labels and customs forms can also be printed online anytime using Click-N-Ship. All mailing products can be found at store.usps.com/store/home.

To ensure timely delivery of holiday wishes by Dec. 25, the Postal Service recommends that cards and packages be sent to military APO/FPO/DPO addresses overseas no later than the mailing dates listed below.

Military Mail Addressed To and From	Priority Mail Express Military Service (PMEMS)¹	First-Class Mail Letters and Cards	Priority Mail	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL)²	Space Available Mail (SAM)³	Retail Ground
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 094-099	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
APO/FPO/DPO AA ZIP 340	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6

1. PMEMS is available to select military/diplomatic Post Offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO/DPO address.

2. PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for USPS Retail Ground items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface price for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

3. SAM parcels are paid at USPS Retail Ground prices with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.

Use the Military Care Kit to Send Presents and Care Packages

The Postal Service has created a free Military Care Kit based on the items most frequently requested by military families. The kit contains:

- Two Priority Mail APO/FPO Flat Rate Boxes
- Four Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate Boxes
- Priority Mail tape
- Priority Mail address labels
- Six Custom Forms Envelopes

To order the kit, call 800-610-8734. Guidelines for packing, addressing and shipping items to U.S. troops can be found at store.usps.com/store/product/shipping-supplies/military-care-kit-P_MILITARYKIT. To order flat-rate boxes featuring the “America Supports You” logo, go to usps.com/freeboxes.

Addressing the Package

- Write the service member’s full name
- Include the unit and APO/FPO/DPO address with the 9-digit ZIP Code (if one is assigned). For example:

Army/Air Post Office (APO)

PFC JANE DOE
PSC 3 BOX 4120
APO AE 09021

Fleet Post Office (FPO)

SEAMAN JOSEPH SMITH
UNIT 100100 BOX 4120
FPO AP 96691

Diplomatic Post Office (DPO)

MELANIE ADAMS
UNIT 8400 BOX 0000
DPO AE 09498-0048

- Do not write the country name where the service member is stationed in the address
- Include a return address
- Inside the box, include the service member’s name and address as well as the sender’s name and address on an index card in case the shipping label gets damaged in transit

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Source: <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2020/1006-military-holiday-shipping-deadlines.htm>

Winter is here - New stamps celebrate season's beauty



The Winter Scenes stamps, available in booklets of 20, will feature 10 images that capture the season's quiet beauty.

The Postal Service released Winter Scenes, stamps that celebrate the season's splendor and serenity, on Oct. 16. The booklet of 20 stamps feature 10 photographs from the Northern United States.

Five stamps feature images of winter wildlife against their snowy habitats: a bright red cardinal, a colorful blue jay, two foraging deer, a majestic owl and a portly brown bunny.

Two stamps feature barns, both a brilliant red that contrasts with the surrounding snow and evergreen trees.

The landscapes in two other stamps focus on the beauty of freshly fallen snow; one shows a long lane bounded by tall trees with snow-covered branches and the other features two towering evergreens covered in snow, highlighted against a cloudy sky and far-off hills.

The final stamp depicts two large brown horses pulling a sleigh through the snow.

Derry Noyes, a USPS art director, designed the stamps using existing images taken by several photographers. Winter Scenes stamps, which can be used on cards and letters year-round, are available at Post Offices and on usps.com.

Winter Scenes will be one of several holiday stamp releases this year, along with Holiday Delights, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Our Lady of Guápulo.

Source: USPS News Link – Washington, DC

Upcoming PCC Events

Here are a few items from the November PCC Calendar – The full calendar will be sent soon and we'd love to see you there.

November 5, 2020

USPS Business Customer Gateway Webinar

Twin Cities PCC – Central Area

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST

Link to join virtual event:

<https://usps.zoomgov.com/j/1612652885?pwd=SVNldWQ4VHZoOC80cjBhZlc5c0NrZz09>

Password: 795012

November 10, 2020

National PCC TouchPoint

National HQ PCC Program Office and PCC Advisory Committee (PCCAC)

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST

Link to join virtual event:

<https://usps.zoomgov.com/j/1608512108?pwd=czhZY1NaSHZHOFBUQnFoTnhxKzdZQT09>

Password: 517122

November 12, 2020

Leadership Town Hall

Sacramento PCC – WestPac Area

9:30 AM PST

Register to attend: www.SacPCC.com.

“USPS: What Lies Ahead in Uncertain Times” – Keynote speaker Leo Raymond

Santa Ana District and Los Angeles PCCs – WestPac Area

10:30 AM PST

Link to join virtual event: <http://www.socalpcc.org/leo-raymond.html>

November 13, 2020

Postal Coffee Break Price Change Webinar – Keynote speaker Eddie Woods, SourceLink with special guests; Mark Fallon, The Berkshire Co. and Lisa Bowes, WindowBook

Upstate PCC of Greater South Carolina PCC – Southern Area

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM EST

Register to Attend: <https://upstatepcc.org/>

November 19, 2020

Mail Service Professional Recognition Webinar,

Chicago PCC – Central Area

8:30 AM CST

Register to Attend: <https://www.chicagopcc.com/>

November 19, 2020

Get Innovative and Grow – Strategic Innovations and PCC Policy Café

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST

Link to join virtual event:

<https://usps.zoomgov.com/j/1617100316?pwd=NXFBSnkzM3R2dG00NDBMZDRDZk8zQT09>

Password: 487002

Source: November 2020 PCC Virtual Event Calendar

October Fun Facts

This month's name came from the Latin octo, "eight," because this was the eighth month of the early Roman calendar. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar, the name October stuck, even though it's now the 10th month!

October 12 is a busy day, with three holidays packed into it:

- **Canadian Thanksgiving.** This holiday shares many similarities with its American equivalent. However, there are a number of things that set the Canadian Thanksgiving apart!
- **Columbus Day (U.S.),** a federal holiday, is observed on the second Monday in October. It was on October 12, 1492, that Christopher Columbus landed on a small island in the Bahamas, convinced that he had reached Asia. Read more about Columbus Day.
- **Indigenous Peoples' Day (U.S.)**—a holiday that celebrates the history and cultures of indigenous peoples native to what is today the United States. Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated in cities and states across the country, often as an alternative to Columbus Day.

And just for fun dates – did you know:

Oct. 4 was International Ships-in-Bottles Day

Oct. 6 was National Noodle Day

Oct. 16 was National Fossil Day

Oct: 24–Nov. 11 are World Origami Days

Oct. 25 was Frankenstein Friday

We mustn't forget Oct. 31 – We hope you all had a safe and happy Halloween

Looking ahead – November Fun Facts

DID YOU KNOW:

- **November 1** at 2 A.M. is the end of Daylight Saving Time. **Be sure to set your clocks back** one hour on Saturday night at bedtime.
- **November 1** is also All Saints' Day.
- **November 3** is **Election Day.**
- **November 3** is also Sadie Hawkins Day.
- **November 4** is Will Rogers Day.
- **November 11** is Veterans Day (U.S.) and Remembrance Day (Canada). Time to hug a vet.
- If we're fortunate, we may experience an "Indian Summer" in November; but according to the traditional definition, it can only occur between November 11 and 20!
- **November 14** is Diwali, which is an annual festival of lights celebrating the triumph of good over evil.
- **November 19** is Discovery of Puerto Rico Day.
- **November 26** is **Thanksgiving Day** (U.S.). Time to get stuffed!

- **November 29** is the First Sunday of Advent.

And here are some additional fun dates in November:

- **Nov. 1:** National Cook for Your Pets Day – Did someone say bacon?
- **Nov. 3:** Zero-Tasking Day – This is also any day football is on...
- **Nov. 9:** National Scrapple Day – Hmmm, not sure about this one.
- **Nov. 16:** National Button Day – How can we celebrate buttons?
- **Nov. 21:** World Hello Day – Hellooo....

To top it all off, November is Banana Pudding Lovers Month—who knew?

Thank you again for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Federal Register Notices:

Published in the Federal Register October 20, 2020

Change in Rates and Classes of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Doc # 2020-23152)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Notice of a change in rates of general applicability for competitive products

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products.

DATES: This action begins January 24, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher C. Meyerson, 202-268-7820.

Published in the Federal Register October 15, 2020

New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products (Doc # 2020-22887)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Proposed rule

SUMMARY: On October 9, 2020, the Postal Service (USPS®) filed a notice of mailing services price adjustments with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), effective January 24, 2021. This proposed rule contains the revisions to Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) that we would adopt to implement the changes coincident with the price adjustments.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 16, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacqueline Erwin at (202) 268-2158, or Dale Kennedy at (202) 268-6592.

Published in the Federal Register October 15, 2020

International Mailing Services: Proposed Product and Price Changes-CPI (Doc # 2020-22886)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments

SUMMARY: The Postal Service proposes to revise Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM®), to reflect changes coincident with the recently announced mailing services price adjustments.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before November 16, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Frigo at 202-268-4178.

Published in the Federal Register October 15, 2020

International Competitive Services Product and Price Changes (Doc # 2020-22885)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Final Rule

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is revising Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM®), to reflect the prices, product features, and classification changes to Competitive Services and other changes, as established by the Governors of the Postal Service.

DATES: Effective date: January 24, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Frigo at 202-268-4178.

Negotiated Service Agreements:

International Product Changes-**International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International** Service Agreement:

International Product Changes-**International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International** Service with Reseller Agreement:

International Product Changes-**International Priority Airmail, International Service Air Lift, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International** Service with Reseller Agreement:

International Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & Commercial ePacket Duty and Tax Chargeback** Agreement:

International Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International and First-Class Package International** Service Agreement:

International Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International, First-Class Package International** Service and **Commercial ePacket** Agreement:

International Product Changes-**International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International** Service with Reseller Agreement:

International Product Changes-**International Priority Airmail** Agreement:

International Product Changes-Competitive Multi-Service Commercial Contracts 1:

Product Changes-Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service and Parcel Select Service Negotiated Service Agreements:

Product Changes-Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail and First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreements:

Product Changes-Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail and First-Class Negotiated Service Agreements:

Product Changes-Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreements: 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22827), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22844), 10/29/2020 (Doc# 2020-23904)

Product Changes-Priority Mail Express Negotiated Service Agreements: 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22832),

Product Changes-Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreements: 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22826), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22828), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22829), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22833), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22834), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22835), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22839), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22840), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22842), 10/29/2020 (Doc# 2020-23897), 10/29/2020 (Doc# 2020-23898), 10/29/2020 (Doc# 2020-23905), 10/29/2020 (Doc# 2020-23906), 10/29/2020 (Doc# 2020-23907)

Product Changes-Priority Mail and First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreements: 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22838), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22830), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22836), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22841), 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22843), 10/29/2020 (Doc# 2020-23896)

Product Changes-Priority Mail, First Class and Parcel Select Negotiated Service Agreements:

Product Changes-Priority Mail and Parcel Select Negotiated Service Agreements:

Product Changes-First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreements: 10/15/2020 (Doc# 2020-22831)

Product Changes-Parcel Select Negotiated Service Agreements:

Product Changes-Parcel Select and Parcel Return Service Negotiated Service Agreements:

Product Changes-Parcel Return Service Negotiated Service Agreements:

Postal Bulletins:

Postal Bulletin 22557 dated 10/22/2020

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2020/pb22557/pb22557.pdf>

Manuals

DMM Revision: Postage Payment Methods

IMM Revision: Availability of Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International Service

Handbooks

Handbook AS-701 Revision: Asset Management

Publications

Publication 431 Revision: Changes to Post Office Box Service and Caller Service Fee Groups

Postal Bulletin 22556 dated 10/8/2020

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