



**International Service Center (ISC)  
Zone Chart**

**Technical Guide**

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## OVERVIEW

This International Service Center (ISC) Zone Chart guide is designed to assist mailers in determining the proper postage prices for Priority Mail International® mail pieces for partner countries listed in this guide. Postage prices are based on mail piece weight and the distance the mail piece travels within the United States using the zone assignments. The matrix is used to determine the distance factor that will be used in the proper calculation of postage from the ZIP Code™ where the mailpiece enters the mailstream (origination) through the USPS International Service Center (ISC) and ultimately to the international destination.

Please be advised the matrix does not include postage price information. Current postage prices for all classes of mail are located on-line at <http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/Notice123.htm>.

The serving ISC for each 3-Digit Origin ZIP Code is shown in the following table:

<b>3-Digit Origin ZIP Code Prefix</b>	<b>Serving ISC</b>
005, 010–089, 100–212, 214–268, 270–297, 400–418, 420–427, 470–477	ISC NEW YORK NY 003
006–009, 298–342, 344, 346–347, 349–352, 354–399	ISC MIAMI FL 33112
090–098, 424, 430–469, 478–516, 520–528, 530–532, 534–535, 537–551, 553–567, 570–577, 580–588, 600–620, 622–631, 633–641, 644–658, 660–662, 664–681, 683–693, 700–701, 703–708, 710–714, 716–731, 733–741, 743–799, 885, 962-966	ISC CHICAGO IL 60290
590–599, 800–816, 820–838, 840–847, 893–895, 897–898, 937–961, 970–986, 988–999	ISC SAN FRANCISCO CA 94013
850–853, 855–857, 859–860, 863–865, 870–884, 889–891, 900–908, 910–928, 930–936	ISC LOS ANGELES CA 900
967–969	P&DC HONOLULU HI 967

## IDENTIFICATION OF PROPER ZONE

Layout of 13 character file:

Definition:	3 Digit Origin ZIP	Country Code	*Identifier	Zone
Fields	1-2-3	4-5	6-7-8-9-10-11	12-13

\*The identifier field is the data used to identify the induction point in the Destinating country.

## IDENTIFIER USE

This International Service Center (ISC) Zone Chart file is for use with Priority Mail International destined to the following countries:

### Country

Canada utilizes 3 induction facilities. Determination of proper facility is based on:

Induction facility 1-	Canada Post Code starting with A, B, C, E, G, H, J, K, or X
Induction facility 2-	Canada Post Code starting with L, M, N, P or R
Induction facility 3-	Canada Post Code starting with S, T, V or Y

## MAIL CLASSES REQUIRING

This International Service Center (ISC) Zone Chart file is for use with Priority Mail International destined to the following countries:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Country Code</u>	<u>Identifier</u>
Canada	CA	First alpha character of Canada Post Code

## MATRIX FILE GENERAL INFORMATION

The matrix file contains only active 3-Digit Origin ZIP Codes.

File Name = isc\_zone\_chart.txt

File Format = ASCII text file

Approximate File Size = 1MB

Record Length = 15

First Record Of File = Effective Date (MMDDCCYY)

## MATRIX FILE STRUCTURE

<u>Description</u>	<u>Start Position</u>	<u>End Position</u>	<u>Field Length</u>	<u>Acceptable</u>
Originating 3 Digit ZIP Code	001	003	003	numeric
Country Code	004	005	002	alpha
Identifier	006	011	006	alpha/numeric
Zone	012	013	002	numeric (leading zero)
Carriage Return Line Feed	014	015	002	

## MATRIX ZONE DETERMINATION

See the matrix file example in the previous section for reference of this determination.

<u>Origin ZIP Code</u>	<u>Country Code</u>	<u>Identifier</u>	<u>Zone</u>
005	CA	A	01
005	CA	B	01
005	CA	C	01
006	CA	A	06
006	CA	B	06
006	CA	C	06

## MATRIX FILE EXAMPLE

03012015  
005CAA 01  
005CAB 01  
005CAC 01  
005CAE 01  
005CAG 01  
005CAH 01  
005CAJ 01  
005CAK 01  
005CAX 01  
005CAO 01  
005CAL 01  
005CAM 01  
005CAN 01  
005CAP 01

## ORDER FORM INFORMATION

The *National & International Service Center (ISC) Zone Charts Matrix & Labeling Lists Product Order Form* [PS Form 8184] can be found on the RIBBS<sup>®</sup> web site located at <https://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=zonecharts>. Or, call 800-238-3150 Option 0 to request a copy via fax or email.

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