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

New Retail, Delivery Chief - Acting Head Josh Colin Assumes Post



Chief Retail and Delivery Officer Joshua D. Colin

Joshua D. Colin was named chief retail and delivery officer, overseeing more than 430,000 employees who help the Postal Service accept and deliver mail and packages.

Colin, who has acted in the role since June, “has done an excellent job taking the helm,” Postmaster General Louis DeJoy wrote in a memo announcing the appointment.

Before stepping in as acting chief, Colin served as delivery operations vice president. Other previous assignments include vice president of the former Eastern Area.

The 35-year postal veteran is a green belt Lean Six Sigma executive, a graduate of the Advanced Leadership Program and has completed phases 1 and 2 of the Postal Service’s Executive Development Program.

Colin also holds a Ph.D. in business administration from Trident University International and dual master’s degrees, in public administration and in human resource management, from Wilmington University.

He succeeds Kristin Seaver, whose retirement as chief retail and delivery officer was announced in June.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

New Vice Presidents - Three Appointed in Retail and Delivery Operations



From left are Angela H. Curtis, delivery operations vice president; Elvin Mercado, Post Office operations vice president; and Eric E. Henry, Central Area’s acting retail and delivery operations vice president.

Angela H. Curtis has been named the Postal Service’s delivery operations vice president.

In this role, she reports to Chief Retail and Delivery Officer Joshua D. Colin, with responsibilities that cover city and rural delivery, fleet management and the delivery operations command center.

Curtis is a 29-year postal veteran and has served in several roles, including her most recent assignment as retail and Post Office operations vice president.

Other previous assignments include serving as acting vice president for the former Eastern Area and manager of the former Mid-Carolinas and Baltimore districts.

Elvin Mercado was named retail and Post Office operations vice president.

In this position, he oversees the Postal Service’s retail network, including more than 31,000 Post Offices.

Mercado, who joined USPS in 1988, has been Central Area’s retail and delivery operations vice president since March. Other previous assignments include manager of the former Westchester and Triboro districts and Postmaster for Manhattan and the Bronx, NY.

Eric E. Henry was named Central Area’s acting retail and delivery operations vice president.

Henry has been with USPS for 30 years and was named manager of New York 3 District, composed of the former Albany, Westchester and Western New York districts.

His previous assignments including serving as Triboro District manager.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

CISO shift - Nielsen, Ray move to new positions

Christopher A. Nielsen, left, and Michael J. Ray



Christopher A. Nielsen, the Postal Service’s chief information security officer and vice president, has accepted an appointment as inspector in charge for the Postal Inspection Service.

Since joining the USPS Corporate Information Security Office in 2018, Nielsen has led several initiatives that bolstered the organization’s cybersecurity.

He improved awareness and training programs; boosted security surrounding internet services, mobile devices and virtual private networks; and elevated cybersecurity risk management and incident response capabilities.

Nielsen also expanded identity proofing services between USPS and other government agencies. Michael J. Ray has been named acting chief information security officer and vice president.

Ray, inspector in charge of the Postal Inspection Service's Cybercrime and Analytics Group, has worked alongside the Corporate Information Security Office since 2013.

He led the development of the Inspection Service's cybercrime program and established strong partnerships with the FBI, among other accomplishments.

Nielsen's and Ray's appointments took effect Aug. 28.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

New Prices - Changes Took Effect Aug. 29

The Postal Service price changes that were announced in the spring and took effect Aug. 29.

The changes, which affect letters, postcards and flats, are in alignment with Delivering for America, the organization's 10-year plan to [achieve financial stability](#).

Here are the current and new prices:

- **Letters (1 ounce):** 55 cents (current), 58 cents (new)
- **Letters (additional ounces):** 20 cents (no change from current price)
- **Letters (metered 1 ounce):** 51 cents (current), 53 cents (new)
- **Domestic postcards:** 36 cents (current), 40 cents (new)
- **Flats (1 ounce):** \$1 (current), \$1.16 (new)
- **Outbound international letters (1 ounce):** \$1.20 (current), \$1.30 (new)

The changes, which were approved by the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), will address operating losses in the near term and will help fund investments in workers, technology and infrastructure to improve operations and customer service.

The [Postal Explorer website](#) has price change tables.

USPS has also notified the PRC of plans to [temporarily increase some domestic package product prices](#) for the peak holiday season. If approved by the commission, these increases would go into effect Oct. 3 and remain in place until Dec. 26.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

National Postal Forum – 2021 Virtual Event – Making Connections



2021 NPF 2.0
MAKING CONNECTIONS
RECONNECTING.REINVENTING.REIMAGINING

Please join the National Postal Forum (NPF) for an extraordinary 3-day virtual experience **2021 NPF 2.0 Making Connections** beginning Monday, September 20 through Wednesday, September 22, 2021. With a more robust networking platform and an action packed 3-day agenda, you will have a wealth of opportunities to hear from USPS Executives and Industry leaders, take part in motivational workshops, witness innovations that will inspire, while connecting with colleagues, and prospective clients.

Monday General Session – September 20

Hosted by Judy de Torok, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, this session will start with a one-on-one discussion on the Delivering for America plan, featuring Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. From there, Judy and Louis will participate in a series of interactive and engaging roundtable discussions with USPS executives. The roundtables will feature key themes on readiness for peak season; how USPS is engaging its employees; strategies underway for future capital and property investments; exciting new products and services; USPS Connect; and more. As mailing and shipping industry professionals, you don't want to miss this insightful session.

Roundtable Participants:

- Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General
- Doug Tulino, Chief Human Resources Officer
- Isaac Cronkhite, Chief Logistics and Processing Operations Officer
- Dr. Joshua D. Colin, Chief Retail and Delivery Officer
- Joe Corbett, Chief Financial Officer
- Steve Monteith, Chief Customer and Marketing Officer
- Jakki Krage Strako, Chief Commerce and Business Solutions Officer
- Jenny Utterback, Vice President, Organization Development
- Judy de Torok, Vice President, Corporate Affairs (Host)

Tuesday General Session

The session will cover how the Postal Service will support growth as part of the implementation of the Delivering for America plan. It will be hosted by Steve Monteith, Chief Customer and Marketing. Kicking off the session will be a deeper dive into USPS Connect, including the Texas USPS Connect Local Pilot. This presentation will be followed by an update on what is happening with technology and what the Postal Service is doing to bend the curve on mail programs. A common thread for this session will be about growth, including the pandemic impact on the marketplace and mail and package trends. This session is a must see.

Participants:

- Steven (Steve) Monteith, Chief Customer and Marketing Officer (Host)
- Pritha Mehra, Chief Information Officer
- Shavon Keys, Vice President, Sales
- Tom Foti, Vice President, Product Solutions

Throughout the three days we will also be hosting Officer Led sessions led by Scott Bombaugh, Robert Cintron, and Gary Barksdale, 21 workshops, Area Customer Meeting Rooms, special guest speaker Dewitt

Jones, and a few networking events.

Registration is now opened, and the cost is \$149. To register use this link:

<https://showproevent.com/EventRegistration/NPFA0921/Register/New/step/8d6f66d2-1007-430e-8b10-adcba65067f2?regId=a4b2311b-8fe3-4762-a4a4-89e2456840b2&flowId=ac6fafd1-019d-4f5d-a863-28b5aaa9c832>

Source: NPF

NATIONAL PCC DAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE PCC
1961 – 2021

The National Postal Customer Council (PCC) Program Office looks forward to hosting National PCC Day 2021 on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 and for the first-time, in partnership with the 2021 National Postal Forum (NPF) 2.0.

National PCC Day will start off with a video featuring a decade-by-decade look of the PCC over the past 60 years. Then Postmaster General Louis DeJoy hosts a roundtable discussion with the PCC Advisory Committee (PCCAC) leadership team. Integrated into the PCC programming, will be a *Sustainability of the Mail* presentation, led by Vice President, Marketing, Sheila Holman. An additional PCCAC roundtable will focus on key forward-looking strategic initiatives. Closing out National PCC Day will be the announcement of some surprise PCC awards.



National PCC Day Participants are:

- Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General
- Dina Kessler, PCCAC National Industry Chair
- Neal Fedderman, PCCAC National Industry Vice-Chair
- Sheila Holman, Vice President, Marketing
- Judy de Torok, Vice President, Corporate Affairs
- Lindsey Taylor, Director, Industry Engagement and Outreach
- Glen Swyers, Industry Co-Chair, PCCAC Education Programming Sub-Committee
- Mark Fallon, Industry Co-Chair, Innovation and PCC Policy Sub-Committee
- Margaret Vickers, Industry Co-Chair, Membership Growth and Recruitment Sub-Committee
- Kathy Hall, Industry Co-Chair, Communications and Marketing Sub-Committee

In addition, PCCs will have access to the entire NPF platform on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. The agenda includes:

- **10:00 AM – 11:00 AM** PCCs will have an option to choose from 1 of 3 workshops
- **11:15 AM – 12:15 PM** **Officer Led Session**
 - Chief Inspector, Gary Barksdale and Deputy Chief Inspector, Pete Rendina
- **1:30 PM – 2:40 PM** **National PCC Day Program**
 - PCC 60 Anniversary Video
 - PMG Louis DeJoy Roundtable with the PCCAC

- Sustainability of Mail, VP Marketing, Sheila Holman
- PCC Advisory Committee Roundtable – Future of the PCC
- Surprise PCC Awards Recognition
- **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** PCCs will have an option to choose from 1 of 3 workshops



Get Connected and Grow

Source: PCC

New Delivery Option - ‘Carrier — Leave If No Response’ Reminder

The new option authorizes USPS employees to leave some shipments in a designated area if no signature is required.

USPS reminded employees about a new service that ensures timely deliveries for customers who request expedited packaging supplies (EPS).

These supplies — including corrugated containers, envelopes, pressure-sensitive labels and decals — are specially designed for use with domestic and international Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail services, at no additional cost to customers.

All expedited packaging supplies must include a “Carrier — Leave If No Response” endorsement shipping label on uninsured EPS shipments that don’t require a signature.

The labels authorize postal employees who make the initial delivery to leave EPS shipments in an area — such as an uncovered porch, stairwell or similar location — designated in the customers’ instructions.

Employees must scan the Intelligent Mail package barcode at delivery.

Further delivery instructions are outlined in the [Domestic Mail Manual](#), Section 508.1.2; the [Postal Operations Manual](#), Section 617.2; [Handbook M-41](#), Section 322.311; and [Handbook PO-603](#), Section 331.22 “Carrier — Leave If No Response” endorsement shipping labels, which USPS *introduced in May*, aim to improve service by eliminating the need for customers to travel to local postal facilities to retrieve EPS orders because no one was available to accept deliveries.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*



Delivering Change - 3-Wheel Scooter was an Early Mail Vehicle



The Mailster scooters, like this one shown in 1964, were ultimately replaced by the iconic Jeep mail delivery vehicles by the early 1970s.

While the Postal Service has more than 230,000 vehicles in its delivery fleet today, until 1970, most letter carriers delivered mail on foot.

“They didn’t have trucks when we started. When I started, you went to your route on the bus,” recalled Alfonzo T. Wilson Jr., a Cleveland letter carrier who began his postal career in 1957.

Wilson is one of 25 employees who participated in the USPS 50th Anniversary Oral History Project, which the organization recently conducted to mark its transition from the Post Office Department to an independent federal agency on July 1, 1971.

In Beverly, MA, Thomas S. Dean recalled carriers being trucked to their routes.

“When I first started there was probably three trucks in the whole town. And those trucks took the carriers, four or five carriers at a time, to their spot where they were dropped off. Then you’d drop off their relays [mail prepared for delivery along a route] and probably parcels,” said Dean, who became a letter carrier in 1967.

But the 1960s saw the Post Office Department introduce delivery vehicles for carriers, including a three-wheel vehicle called a Mailster. “I used a Cushman scooter-type thing [Mailster], something like what a traffic officer for the police department would use to mark parking downtown,” said Ronald E. Emerick, an Oceanside, CA, letter carrier who began his postal career in 1966.

Chevrolet Chevettes and AMC Ambassadors were also put into service for carriers. The Chevettes “were so small that you’d have to take the seats out, except for the driver’s seat, to get the mail in,” Wilson recalled.

Mailsters were ultimately deemed unsafe and were largely replaced by the iconic Jeep mail delivery vehicles by the early 1970s.

Emerick recalled using a different type of Jeep, a “Fleetvan,” which had a fold-up seat so carriers could drive it while standing. “It was very slender,” Emerick said. “It was a stand-up vehicle, where it really just had a lean bar on it, no seat.”

Jeeps continued as the primary delivery vehicle until 1987, when the current long-life vehicles, known as LLVs, joined the fleet. “In my opinion, this vehicle has been the best of all of them, as far as delivering mail,” Emerick said.

During the decades since their introduction, the LLVs have been supplemented by minivans and then Ram ProMaster 2500 cargo vans, which are used for mail collection, package delivery and relay drop-offs. The Postal Service is currently in the process of a 10-year effort to replace the LLVs with a next-generation delivery vehicle, called NGDVs. The first NGDVs are expected to join the fleet in 2023.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

Dear Drew - Barrymore Shares Love of Mail

Drew Barrymore loves mail — and she’s letting her Instagram followers know. Image: Netflix

Drew Barrymore is an actress, film producer and talk show host.

She’s also a fan of the U.S. Mail.

Barrymore recently posted a video on Instagram describing her excitement after receiving a letter from her daughter at sleepaway camp.

“I’m the most proud parent right now. I got mail from my daughter and she’s at camp,” Barrymore says.

Becoming emotional, she continues: “I think that letters and postcards and stamps and the Post Office are just so important. Letters are so beautiful and may we encourage our kids to be writers and send mail to us.”

Barrymore, who has 14 million Instagram followers, has shared her love of mail before in previous posts. She also uses a yellow mailbox GIF to encourage fans to send her correspondence, including letters for the “Dear Drew” segment on her self-titled daytime talk show. She even selects a [“ZIP Code of the Day”](#) where she shares fun local facts before opening a letter.

In her latest Instagram post, Barrymore, a mother of two, says that opening a letter from her daughter is “the day I’ve dreamt of since my kids were born — my kid writing me a letter from sleepaway camp.”

She added: “It’s just such a sign that not only is everything okay, but these rich, important, crucial traditions live on in our family. We love mail. And guess what? I’ve got mail.”

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington. DC*



USPS Stamp Corner – Featuring New Stamps

That's so Raven - Stamp Spotlights Indigenous Myth



The Raven Story stamp depicts a raven as he escapes from his human family and begins to transform into bird form.

On July 30, the Postal Service released the forever stamp, Raven Story.

The character of Raven is important for many of the Indigenous peoples of North America, particularly those in the Pacific Northwest. Stories and myths about the trickster bird are legion.

The stamp references a Tlingit creation myth and shows Raven midway between human and avian form (notice the hand) as he successfully completes an elaborate plot to bring the light of the sun, moon and stars to the world.

To illustrate the myth, Tlingit/Athabaskan artist Rick Worl combined modern elements with formline, a technique common among Native Americans from the northern coast of the Pacific Northwest. Antonio Alcalá was the art director.

The Raven Story stamps can be purchased at Post Offices and usps.com.

Hot Dogs - 5 Types of Canine Stamps



Stamps featuring dogs include, clockwise from top left, Arctic Explorations; Puppy Love; Rowlf the Dog, part of the Jim Henson the Man Behind the Muppets release; an Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet stamp featuring a yellow Labrador retriever; and a Neuter and Spay stamp that shows a puppy.

As we swelter through summer's dog days — and because August was [National Dog Month](#) — here's a look at stamps that celebrate (hu)man's best friend:

1. Dogs with a mission. These include

2019's Military Working Dogs, featuring the stylized images of a Belgian Malinois, Dutch shepherd, German shepherd and Labrador retriever; McGruff the Crime Dog, a 20-cent stamp featuring the canine detective, issued for Crime Prevention Month in 1984; Arctic Explorations, a 4-cent stamp from 1959 marking the 50th anniversary of Adm. Robert Peary's husky-enabled North Pole expedition; and Seeing for Me, a 15-cent stamp from 1979 marking the 50th anniversary of the Seeing Eye guide dog school.

2. Animal welfare. This category includes Humane Treatment of Animals, a 5-cent stamp from 1966 marking the centennial of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Neuter and Spay, a 37-cent stamp from 2002 that featured a toll-free number in the selvage for more information; and Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet, 44-cent stamps from 2010 unveiled by Postmaster General Jack Potter on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."

3. Disney dogs. The Art of Disney series, released over several years in the mid-2000s, included an image of Pluto (2005, 37 cents) and scenes from “Lady and the Tramp” (2006, 39 cents) and “101 Dalmations” (2008, 42 cents).

4. Cartoons and Muppets. This group includes Scooby-Doo!, a 2018 release highlighting the Do Good youth campaign, and a stamp of Rowlf the Dog that was part of the 2005 Jim Henson the Man Behind the Muppets release. Snoopy appears on several stamps but got a starring role in a 34-cent stamp from 2001’s “Peanuts” commemoratives.

5. Cute illustrations. Rowlf did the honors at the 1986 dedication for the 22-cent Puppy Love stamp, part of the Love series. The 32-cent Bright Eyes stamps from 1998 depict five common family pets in whimsical drawings that contain scrambled indicia, a hidden security feature. For the dog stamp, the hidden images are a doghouse and bone. And Puppy and Kitten, a 13-cent illustrated stamp, was issued in 1982 during a Humane Society convention.

Signal Achievement - Latest Lighthouse Stamps Released



Howard Koslow illustrated all the stamps in the Lighthouse series, including the new Mid-Atlantic Lighthouses release.

On Aug. 6, the Postal Service released Mid-Atlantic Lighthouses, the seventh installment in the popular Lighthouse stamp series. The five stars of the finale are New York’s Montauk Point Lighthouse, Navesink in New Jersey, Pennsylvania’s Erie Harbor Pierhead Light, Delaware’s Harbor of Refuge Lighthouse and the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse in Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay.

The artist was Howard Koslow, who illustrated all the stamps in the long-running series. The mid-Atlantic illustrations were his last work for the Postal Service before his death in 2016.

Art direction was by Greg Breeding. The stamps can be purchased at Post Offices and at usps.com.

Good clean fun - Backyard Games stamps dedicated



Ceremony participants unveil the stamp images. From left are Bill Gicker, Greg Breeding, Judy de Torok, Scott English, Alex P. Gara and Kalind Haynes, a Chicago letter carrier who performed the national anthem.

Backyard Games, the Postal Service’s latest stamp release, was dedicated Aug. 12 during the Great American Stamp Show, an event for philatelists held in Rosemont, IL.

“Stamp collecting has become a great American tradition, just as the backyard games we’re celebrating today have become great American traditions,” said Judy de Torok, the Postal Service’s corporate affairs vice president.

De Torok was joined at the dedication by William J. Gicker, the USPS Stamp Services director; Greg Breeding, a postal art director; Scott D. English, the American Philatelic Society’s executive director; and Alex P. Gara, president of the American Bocce Co. The stamps depict eight sports usually played simply for the fun of it: badminton, bocce, cornhole, croquet, flying disc, horseshoes, tetherball and a variation on pick-up baseball.

They feature a simplified style emphasizing the movement of the game pieces and evoke a sense of nostalgia, suggesting carefree hours of summertime play.

The Forever stamps are available in panes of 16 at usps.com and Post Offices nationwide.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

Interested in Joining MTAC?

The Postmaster General’s Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) is a venue for the United States Postal Service (“Postal Service”) to share technical information with mailers. It’s also a great way to receive mailers advice and recommendations on matters concerning mail-related products and services, in order to enhance customer value and expand the use of these products and services for the mutual

benefit of mailing industry stakeholders and the Postal Service. Don't hesitate, reach out and we'll get you acquainted with MTAC today.

Check out our Web Site for more information at: <https://postalpro.usps.com/mtac>

Or for further information please contact the MTAC Program Manager at MTAC@usps.gov.

A Few Upcoming Events...

September 20-24

Virtual Fall NPF & National PCC Week combined

For information contact: mgoodson@npf.org and lewis.l.johnson@usps.gov

September 22

National PCC Day Virtual

For information contact: cathy.m.scocco@usps.gov

November 2-3

MTAC Meeting

For information contact: MTAC@usps.gov

And Now for Some Interesting September Facts

- The Romans would quite often associate different months with different gods. The month of September is associated with Vulcan, the Roman god of fire, quite possibly because it was a fiery hot month back when it was the seventh month of the year.
- September 2, 1666 was a terrible time for the city of London. A raging fire broke out within the older section of the city, completely destroying all it touched within the ancient Roman walls. What's most surprising about this tragedy is that there were only 6 recorded deaths!
- September 11, 2001, changed the shape of the world forever. It was on this fateful day that the worst terrorist attack on US soil happened when four commercial airliners were hijacked. Two of the planes were flown straight into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, and another was crashed into the Pentagon. The fourth plane crash-landed into a field in Pennsylvania after the passengers of the flight attempted to regain control of the plane from the terrorists.
- September 17th is an incredibly important day for the US, as it was on this day in 1787 that the US Constitution was adopted. If it weren't for the Constitution the US could be an incredibly different country today, with far fewer civil liberties.
- September has some pretty interesting holidays next to Labor Day spread throughout the month! Firstly, in the US, September is National Happy Cat Month! We also have Kids Take Over the Kitchen

Day (US) on September 13th, International Talk Like a Pirate Day on September 19th, as well as National Punctuation day (US) on September 24th. Ahoy Matey!!

- The first newspaper to ever be put into print in the US was published on September 25, 1690. The paper was called Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick and was published in Boston. The newspaper was to be rather short-lived, as the British were displeased with its contents and put a stop to it straight away.

And a good bit of trivia:

September is the Month with The Most Letters.

Out of all 12 months of the year, September is spelled with the most letters. It contains nine letters, and it happens to be the ninth month of the year. No other months have the same amount of letters as their number in the calendar year.

Federal Register Notices:

Published in the Federal Register Aug 26, 2021

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Purchase of Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (Doc # 2021-18302)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), its implementing procedures at 39 CFR 775, and the President's Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the U.S. Postal Service announces availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to purchase over 10 years 50,000 to 165,000 purpose-built, right-hand-drive vehicles—the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV)—to replace existing delivery vehicles nationwide that are approaching the end of their service life. While the Postal Service has not yet determined the precise mix of the powertrains in the new vehicles to be purchased, under the Proposed Action, at least ten percent of the NGDVs would have battery electric (BEV) powertrains, with the remainder being internal combustion (ICE). The DEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of the Proposed Action, as well as two BEV and ICE commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) vehicle alternatives and the “no action” alternative. The Postal Service is soliciting comments on the DEIS during a 45-day public comment period.

DATES: Comments should be received no later than October 12, 2021. The Postal Service will also publish a Notice of Availability to announce the availability of the Final EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may inspect and photocopy all written comments, by appointment only, at USPS Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, 11th Floor North, Washington, DC 20260 by calling 202-268-2906.

Published in the Federal Register Aug 18, 2021

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records (Doc # 2021-17250)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Notice of modified systems of records

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service® (Postal Service) is proposing to modify several General

Privacy Act Systems of Records (SOR) to support improved communication efforts within USPS Human Resources employee applications or systems, to sponsor and support a voluntary wellness challenge and program initiative for employees to promote fitness and health, and to reflect recent organizational changes.

DATES: These revisions will become effective without further notice on September 17, 2021, unless, in response to comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janine Castorina, Chief Privacy and Records Management Officer, Privacy and Records Management Office, 202-268-3069 or privacy@usps.gov.

Published in the Federal Register Aug 18, 2021

Change in Rates and Classes of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Doc # 2021-17610)

AGENCY: Postal Service

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

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

DATES: The change in rates is effective October 3, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Reed, 202-268-3179.

Published in the Federal Register Aug 17, 2021

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records (Doc # 2021-17648)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service® (Postal Service) is proposing to modify a General Privacy Act System of Records (SOR) to support an initiative that promotes innovation by issuing challenges and soliciting responses from participants through a crowd sourced solution.

DATES: These revisions will become effective without further notice on September 16, 2021, unless, in response to comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janine Castorina, Chief Privacy and Records Management Officer, Privacy and Records Management Office, 202-268-3069 or privacy@usps.gov.

Published in the Federal Register Aug 11, 2021

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records (Doc # 2021-17117)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service® (Postal Service) is proposing to modify a General Privacy Act System of Records (SOR) to support the implementation of an online tool that will be used by the Government Relations and Public Policy department within the Postal Service to more effectively manage relationships with Congressional, federal, and state officials.

DATES: These revisions will become effective without further notice on September 10, 2021, unless, in response to comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janine Castorina, Chief Privacy and Records Management

Officer, Privacy and Records Management Office, 202-268-3069 or privacy@usps.gov

Published in the Federal Register Aug 11, 2021

Revised Service Standards for Market-Dominant Mail Products (Doc # 2021-17127)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Final Rule

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is adding one to two days to the service standards for certain First-Class Mail and Periodicals.

DATES: Effective October 1, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Twana Barber, Strategic Communications Business Partner, at 202-714-3417.

Published in the Federal Register Aug 9, 2021

New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products (Doc # 2021-16985)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: On May 28, 2021, the Postal Service (USPS®) filed a notice of mailing services price adjustments with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), effective August 29, 2021. On June 23, 2021 USPS further filed a notice to change the maximum size limitation for presorted First-Class Mail postcards. This final rule contains the revisions to Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) to implement the changes coincident with the price adjustments and postcard size limitation changes.

DATES: Effective August 29, 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline Erwin at (202) 268-2158 or Dale Kennedy at (202) 268-6592.

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: 8/24/2021 – (Doc# 2021-18171)

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*: 8/25/2021 – (Doc# 2021-18312)

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*: 8/12/2021 – (Doc# 2021-17164)

Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail** *Negotiated Service Agreements*:

Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express** *Negotiated Service Agreements*: 8/25/2021 – (Doc# 2021-18314)

Product Changes-**Priority Mail** *Negotiated Service Agreements*: 8/12/2021 – (Doc# 2021-17163), 8/12/2021 – (Doc# 2021-17165), 8/12/2021 – (Doc# 2021-17167), 8/25/2021 – (Doc# 2021-18311), 8/25/2021 – (Doc# 2021-18315), 8/25/2021 – (Doc# 2021-18316)

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

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

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Additional Resources:

FRN: [Federal Register Notices](#)

PB: [Postal Bulletin](#)

PE: [Postal Explorer](#) is a mailer's resource for all information contained in the [Domestic Mail Manual](#) (DMM), [International Mail Manual](#) (IMM), [Publication 52](#), *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*.

PostalPro: [PostalPro](#) is a mailer's resource for other information (i.e., Mailing and Shipping, Operations, Industry Forum, Certifications, Resources).

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