

# INDUSTRY ALERT

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## Manifest Mailing System Publication 401 Update

The *Guide to the Manifest Mailing System*, Publication 401 has been updated with the Nonstandard Parcel Sizes coding that take effect April 3, 2022.

The Postal Service is implementing fees for packages exceeding a non-standard dimension or cubic measurement for retail, commercial, and Negotiated Service Agreement (NSA) competitive domestic packages, including USPS Retail Ground, Retail Ground LOR, Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, First-Class Packages Retail, Parcel Select, and Parcel Select Lightweight.

**Note:** Priority Mail Open and Distribute (PMOD), USPS Flat Rate Packaging and Regional Rate Packaging supplied by the Postal Service would be excluded.

The new fees would apply to parcels that require additional handling due to their dimensions and/or cubic measurement. Existing dimensional weight pricing and oversize pricing remain in place where applicable.

The proposal specifies that all parcel dimensions (Length, Width, and Height) must be provided as part of the manifest documentation under the following conditions:

- When the package length (defined as the longest side) of a package exceeds 22 inches (configurable) and is less than or equal to 30 inches (configurable); **OR**
- When the package length exceeds 30 inches (configurable); **OR**
- When the package volume exceeds 2 cubic feet (configurable).

**Applicable Codes for Nonstandard Parcel Sizes by file type are below:**

File Type	Field	22 < Length <= 30 (unit: inches)	Length > 30 (Unit: inches)	Volume > 2 (Unit: cu. Ft.)	22 < Length <= 30 (unit: inches) <b>AND</b> Volume > 2 (Unit: cu. Ft.)	Length > 30 (Unit: inches) <b>AND</b> Volume > 2 (Unit: cu. Ft.)
Mail.dat	Service Type	L1	L2	L4	NA	NA
Mail.XML	Service Code	L1	L2	L4	NA	NA
Shipping Services File (SSF)	Extra Service Code	881	882	883	884 <b>OR</b> 881 and 883	885 <b>OR</b> 882 and 883
Indicium Creation Record (ICR) file	Extra Service Code	881	882	883	884 <b>OR</b> 881 and 883	885 <b>OR</b> 882 and 883

The thresholds are parameter-driven to be easily configurable. Pricing is driven by the length, volume, or both. For example, pricing for a package with length 23 inches, width 15 inches, height 15 inches, and volume 2.99 cubic feet would be calculated by adding the fee associated with both the length and the volume to the base price.

Additional updates include Exhibit 24 -Special Codes. These codes are the only acceptable abbreviations to be used on a manifest when Nonstandard Packages are included in the mailing:

<b><u>Nonstandard Package Dimensions</u></b>	<b>Code</b>
Nonstandard Package Length > 22" and <=30"	NSL22
Nonstandard Package Length > 30"	NSL30
Nonstandard Package Volume > 2 cu ft.	NSC2

Software versions that do not support Nonstandard Package reporting will be verified at the acceptance unit utilizing Manifest Verification process in PostalOne! to charge accordingly. Mailers have until June 2022 to update.

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