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

Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy PMG to Speak as Keynote at Southern AIM in Arlington, TX Hosted by the Greater Dallas PCC

Postmaster General (PMG) and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy is speaking to the Texas and Oklahoma PCCs and the Southern Area AIM on **Tuesday, August 16, 2022**, to share his vision for the Postal Service and how he and his management team are transforming the agency for the future with the Delivering for America Plan.

We encourage everyone to attend – Members and Non-Members of PCCs, Areas Inspiring Mail customers, and the PMG’s Mailers Technical Advisory Committee members.

The **in-person meeting** will be held from **7:00 AM – 1:30 PM CST**. On-site registration and networking will begin at **7:00 AM CST**. PMG remarks will begin at **9:30 AM CST**. The meeting will be held at the AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX. There will also be three workshops and a AT&T VIP Stadium tour.

An in-person networking event will take place on **Monday, August 15, 2022, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM CST**. Attendees will include USPS VP of Corporate Affairs Judy de Torok, who looks forward to hearing from you on future membership growth opportunities. The networking event will be held at the Sheraton Arlington Hotel.

Don't delay, register today at

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=bsufvgeab&oeidk=a07ej9t6q31f0f4d535>.

Registration fee is \$25 for both days events.

This is an opportunity you don't want to miss, and we look forward to seeing you at these events.

For more information, please contact Cathy Scocco at cathy.m.scocco@usps.gov.

Source: *Industry Alert dated July 12*

Postal Service Modernization Enables Expanded Electric Vehicle Opportunity

- The Postal Service announces change of scope of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for its Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (NGDVs) to further reflect network refinements, route optimization, and financial improvements that will support a shortened delivery vehicle procurement strategy interval
- Under the adjusted scope, at least 50 percent of newly ordered NGDVs in the current contract are expected to be battery electric vehicles (BEVs)

- The Postal Service commits to evaluate vehicle mix and purchase capability in shorter intervals as technology evolves and the organization's financial and operational picture improve
- The Postal Service expects a procurement of 34,500 commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) vehicles to supplement the current purpose-built NGDV order, including as many BEVs as are commercially available, and satisfy operational needs
- The Postal Service expects that at least 40 percent of the total quantity of NGDVs and COTS vehicles covered by the SEIS will be BEVs

The U.S. Postal Service announced it anticipates adjusting the purchase interval and composition of its delivery fleet. The adjustments reflect refinements to the Postal Service's overall network modernization, route optimizations, improved facility electric infrastructure, and availability of vehicles and technology. The proposed expanded fleet mix will include purpose built Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (NGDVs) and commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) vehicles, and the network adjustments and attendant economies will facilitate substantially increased deployment of battery electric vehicles (BEVs).

In February 2022, the Postal Service completed its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act process and issued a Record of Decision to acquire up to 165,000 NGDV, with a commitment for at least 10 percent BEV. This decision was expressly designed to provide the Postal Service the flexibility to acquire significantly more BEV NGDV should financial and operational circumstances permit. Pursuant to this decision, the Postal Service then announced in March 2022 a purchase of 50,000 NGDV from Oshkosh Defense, including 20 percent BEVs.

Now, under the new adjusted scope for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), the Postal Service proposes to limit its Decision to the 50,000 NGDV already purchased and to raise the minimum NGDV BEV percentage to at least 50 percent. Because of the critical and immediate need to accelerate the replacement of our aging fleet in accordance with the Delivering for America plan, and the purpose and scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, the Postal Service is also proposing to purchase, over a 2-year period, 34,500 COTS vehicles. Additional purchases of NGDVs under the current contract or other COTS vehicles will be analyzed in future supplements to the EIS prior to such purchases. The Postal Service anticipates evaluating and procuring vehicles over shorter time periods to be more responsive to its evolving operational strategy, technology improvements, and changing market conditions, including the expected increased availability of BEV options in the future.

In total, of the above 84,500 NGDV and COTS vehicles, the Postal Service anticipates having at least 40 percent BEV. The Postal Service reiterates its commitment to the fiscally responsible roll-out of electric-powered vehicles for America's largest and oldest federal fleet. New NGDVs are expected to start servicing postal routes in late 2023.

As a result of this announcement, the Postal Service is extending the public comment period for its NGDV SEIS. The public hearing will now be held Monday, Aug. 8, at 7pm ET. Registration for the public hearing can be found at uspsngdveis.com/. The public comment period has been extended until Aug. 15.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2022-15616/environmental-impact-statements-availability-etc-supplement-to-the-next-generation-delivery-vehicles>.

Source: *USPS.com Newsroom - July 20*

Fragile Handling Dropped - Extra Service Option Ended July 10

USPS customers and employees should no longer use Label 875, Special Handling — Fragile.

The Postal Service has discontinued the Special Handling — Fragile delivery option, as of July 10.

Special Handling — Fragile was an extra service that offered preferential handling of packages for a fee but did not include insurance.

After a thorough study, USPS concluded that operational concerns warranted ceasing the service entirely.

Customers should be encouraged to package their items carefully and consider purchasing insurance to cover any packages they are concerned about. Additional insurance is available for all mail classes.

For Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express shipments, insurance of up to \$100 is already included.

Postal Service customers and employees should no longer use Label 875, Special Handling — Fragile. Remaining labels should be recycled.

This decision does not affect live animal procedures and processes as outlined in Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail. These will remain the same.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*



Tried and Tested - Extended Mail Forwarding Becomes Permanent Product



More than 2 million customers purchased Extended Mail Forwarding during the two years it was test-marketed nationally.

USPS is now offering Extended Mail Forwarding — a product that allows customers to forward their change-of-address mail for up to 18 months — as a permanent service.

Introduced in August 2020, the service has been successfully test-marketed nationwide for two years. More than 2 million customers have purchased the service.

“We are extremely pleased with customers’ overwhelming response to the market test and the Postal Rate Commission’s decision to make it a permanent product,” said Gary Reblin, Innovative Business Technology Vice President.

Here's how it works:

Typically, change-of-address requests include 12 months of mail forwarding to a new address plus an additional six months of mail returned to the sender if it is still being sent to the customer's old address.

With Extended Mail Forwarding, customers pay \$19.95 (for a six-month extension of forwarding), \$29.95 (for a 12-month extension of forwarding) or \$39.95 (for an 18-month extension of forwarding). Customers who initially select the six- or 12-month option can later extend mail forwarding at the six-month rate, up to a total of 18 months.

Customers may submit requests for Extended Mail Forwarding at Post Offices, postal self-service kiosks or on [usps.com's Mover's Guide](#).

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

Customer Driven - USPS, DMV Pilot Program Rides Along Smoothly

The Postal Service has extended a pilot program that provides customers at select California Post Offices with state motor vehicles services. The pilot, which began last fall, will now continue until October 2022.

Through the program, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has placed self-service kiosks in participating Post Offices in San Francisco, Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, Paradise, Oakland and Los Angeles. The kiosks allow customers to perform many DMV transactions, including renewing vehicle registration and requesting replacement registration cards or stickers.

So far, more than 4,900 transactions have been completed on the kiosks, which the Postal Service promotes through channels such as Informed Delivery and social media.

"Now we are in the DMV's peak season, so we are going to pick up our Informed Delivery digital campaigns," said Kaitlyn Alves, a USPS digital business financial evaluation specialist. "This pilot could lead to Post Offices in other states offering similar DMV services," Alves said. "We are working to identify additional opportunities. We are also exploring other ways we can work with California or other state governments," she said.

"That has always been the goal. Not only to provide additional revenue for the Postal Service, but also to leverage the postal infrastructure to help those communities that are underserved," Alves said.

She added the program also complements the Postal Service's goal of becoming a leading "storefront" for government services for the public, consistent with the agency's 10-year Delivering for America plan.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

New Prices, Classifications - Additional Changes Took Effect July 10



The amount of insurance included with all domestic Priority Mail Outbound shipments will increase from \$50 to \$100.

Additional price and classification changes — as well as a Priority Mail enhancement and a new method of determining zone assignments — took effect July 10.

Here's an overview:

- **Price changes:** As the Postal Service had previously

announced, the price of a Forever stamp increased from 58 cents to 60 cents on July 10, as did 1-ounce letters.

Metered 1-ounce letters increased from 53 cents to 57 cents; additional ounces increased from 20 cents to 24 cents; domestic postcards increased from 40 cents to 44 cents; and 1-ounce outbound international letters increased from \$1.30 to \$1.40.

In addition, prices for some International Special Services increased, including insurance fees for Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International Merchandise and Global Express Guaranteed. International Money Transfer Service fees also increased.

- **Classification changes:** On July 10, cubic pricing became available for Parcel Select customers at 10 tiers, up to 1 cubic foot. Commercial Base customers now have the option of Priority Mail cubic pricing; previously, only Commercial Plus customers had this pricing option.
- **Priority Mail enhancement:** The amount of insurance included with all domestic Priority Mail Outbound shipments increased from \$50 to \$100. Priority Mail returns now also include \$100 insurance. This change did not apply to international mail.
- **Zone chart change:** USPS altered zoning charts to reflect a change in the calculation of zone assignments.

The three-digit ZIP Codes between the origin and destination is now used to determine the zone, rather than the distance between the origin and destination plant.

The Postal Explorer website has more information about these changes.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

Package Shipping - PRC Approval Sought for Simplified Options

Retail Ground and Parcel Select Ground will be incorporated into the First-Class Package Service product.

USPS has announced changes to expand its First-Class Package Service product.

The changes will simplify three of the USPS ground shipping options into one: Retail Ground and Parcel Select Ground will be incorporated into one enhanced First-Class Package Service product.

“We are improving service and simplifying product offerings for our customers,” said Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. “By upgrading the customer experience and optimizing our package processing and surface transportation networks, we are becoming the best option in the industry.”

USPS filed the classification changes with the Postal Regulatory Commission on July 12. Assuming a timely and favorable review by the commission, the Postal Service plans to implement the changes on Jan. 8, 2023.

The changes are in keeping with the Delivering for America 10-year plan to achieve financial stability and service excellence, defined as meeting, or exceeding 95 percent on-time delivery across all product categories.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

A Philatelist with Flair - Freddie Mercury's Stamp Collection on Display

Freddie Mercury collected stamps from the British Empire and Commonwealth, as well as Eastern Europe.

Freddie Mercury liked to ride his bicycle, as Queen fans know. But the legendary singer had another childhood hobby fans are less aware of: stamp collecting.

The Postal Museum in London will display Mercury's stamp album July 13 until Oct. 30 to mark the 50th anniversary of the U.K. Pride movement. Visitors will also be able to view the stamp collection at the [museum's website](#). The 54-page album has black pages with stamps arranged to create patterns of color and shape that hint at Mercury's artistic talents — which were later evident in his musical innovations, flamboyant costumes, and vibrant performances.

“The Postal Museum is delighted to be able to show this rare item from Freddie Mercury's childhood,” said curator Georgina Tomlinson. “The album is a surprising insight into the early life of a man who is remembered across the world for his incredible musical prowess and theatrical stage presence.”



Mercury collected stamps from the British Empire and Commonwealth, Eastern Europe and his country of birth, Zanzibar. It is believed he built the collection from around age 9 to 12.

Mercury, born Farrokh Bulsara, died of complications related to AIDS in 1991, at the age of 45. Most of his possessions were burned after his death, in accordance with the Zoroastrian religious beliefs of his family, but the album was spared.

It was auctioned in 1993 to fund Mercury Phoenix Trust, an AIDS charity.

Mercury himself has graced British stamps: In 2020, Royal Mail released a 13-stamp collection to mark the 50th anniversary of Queen's founding.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

New Stamps - Release Date, Location Updates

Honoring Nancy Reagan - PMG Dedicates Stamp at Presidential Library

Ceremony participants unveil the Nancy Reagan stamp image. From left are John Heubusch, Ann B. Wroblewski, Louis DeJoy, Dennis Revell and Pete Wilson.

A stamp honoring former first lady Nancy Reagan was dedicated at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA, on July 6 — what would have been her 101st birthday.



“As a first lady of both California and the nation, she built a legacy of public service throughout her eventful life,” said Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, one of several people on hand to dedicate the stamp. “Whether she was giving voice to the needs of America’s Vietnam veterans, promoting foster grandparent programs or raising visibility for important health issues, she was a passionate and effective public advocate for a wide range of causes close to her heart.”

Joining the Postmaster General for the ceremony were Dennis Revell, Nancy Reagan’s son-in-law; Ann B. Wroblewski, who worked on Reagan’s Just Say No anti-drug program; Pete Wilson, former governor of California and a board member of the Reagan library and museum; and John Heubusch, executive director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute.

“It’s fitting that this fiercely vigilant and politically astute first lady, who left her stamp on one of the most consequential presidencies of the 20th century, should now be celebrated and commemorated on a Forever stamp of her own,” Revell said.

The stamp's image is a detail taken from Reagan's official 1987 White House portrait, an oil-on-canvas work by artist Aaron Shikler. Greg Breeding was the art director. It shows Reagan (1921-2016) clad in a flowing gown of bright red, her signature color.

"To honor her in this way on what would have been her 101st birthday is a way for Americans to remember her lasting legacy of service," Wilson said.

The Forever stamp is being issued in panes of 20 and is available at Post Offices and usps.com.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

Strolling Thunder - USPS Released Mariachi Stamps July 15



Each of the five stamp designs depicts a single mariachi dressed in distinctive, eye-catching garb.

Mariachi, stamps celebrating the lively Mexican musical tradition, were released July 15. The term "mariachi" can refer to the music, the person playing it, or anything associated with the genre.

Each of the five stamp designs depicts a single mariachi dressed in distinctive, eye-catching garb — an outfit called a traje de charro. These short-jacketed suits are often embroidered and worn with low-heeled boots, silk ties and sombreros. Each is playing one of five common mariachi instruments: a violin; a trumpet; a guitar; a guitarron, a form of bass guitar; and a vihuela, a round-backed guitar that often handles rhythm and syncopation duties.

Mariachi often ply their trade on foot, strolling and serenading as they go.

It is such a distinctive tradition that in 2011, UNESCO named mariachi to its Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list. Stamp artist Rafael Lopez sketched the designs by hand, then digitally added color and texture to the images. Derry Noyes served as art director.

The Forever stamps were issued in panes of 20 and are sold in Post Offices and on usps.com.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

For the Love of Pete - Folk Icon Seeger Honored with Stamp



The Pete Seeger stamp features a photograph taken by the singer's son Dan.

Pete Seeger, the social conscience and clarion voice behind such folk classics as “Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” and “If I Had a Hammer,” was honored with the latest stamp in the Postal Service’s Music Icons series.

The stamp was released July 21.

Seeger (1919-2014), the child of two classical musicians, used traditional folk music to raise awareness of the social and political causes of his time. His adaptation of “We Shall Overcome” became an anthem of the civil rights movement.

He began as a solo artist, joining forces early on with mentor Woody Guthrie. The two created the Almanac Singers, a group focused on patriotic and pro-labor

union performances.

Later, Seeger became a member of the Weavers, a folk quartet that popularized such traditional songs as “Wimoweh” and “Kisses Sweeter Than Wine.” Their version of “Goodnight, Irene” was the No. 1 song of 1950.

While he lent his voice in support of social justice causes throughout his 94 years, one cause hit particularly close to home. Seeger lived in upstate New York in a log cabin he and his family built on a mountainside overlooking the Hudson River.

Alarmed by the waterway’s degradation, he helped spearhead the building of a traditional tall-masted boat dubbed Clearwater, whose mission was to educate the public about water pollution. Clearwater became a model for environmental programs around the world.

The stamp’s image is a black-and-white photograph taken in the early 1960s by Seeger’s son Dan and color-tinted by Kristen Monthei. Antonio Alcalá served as art director.

The Pete Seeger stamp was issued in sets of 16, on a pane designed to look like a vintage 45-rpm record sleeve. The Forever stamp is available for purchase at Post Offices and on usps.com.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

Stamp Champs - Three Recent Issues Win Industry Awards

The 2020 Kwanzaa stamp was among the winners in the recent Print Awards.

Three stamps issued during the past two years have been singled out for glory in the design industry.

The Kwanzaa stamp from 2020 took first place in the invitations/announcements category of the 2022 Print Awards, a competition run by Print magazine. The judges praised artist Andrea Pippins and art director Antonio Alcalá for an approach that used “cool tones and vibrant design elements” to forge an effect that’s “both peaceful and celebratory.”

Heritage Breeds, a set of stamps from spring 2021 featuring portraits of 10 heirloom farm animals, received the 2022 Art Directors Club Bronze Cube for portraiture/series. Photographs were by Aliza Eliazarov; Zack Bryant and Greg Breeding served as art directors.

The awards are presented by the One Club for Creativity, a New York-based nonprofit dedicated to nurturing “a more vibrant and inspired global creative community.”

And fall 2021’s set of customizable Message Monsters stamps was one of only 443 entries selected out of a group of 7,000 for inclusion in American Illustration 41, a design compendium that will be released in November. Children’s book author and illustrator Elise Gravel provided the artwork with Alcalá as art director.

“As miniature works of art, the United States Postal Service is very proud to have these works recognized and honored in this way,” Bill Gicker, Stamp Services director, said of the winners.

Source: *USPS News Link – Washington, DC*

Are you an MTAC member? What are you waiting for?

There’s a comfort in being this close to so much great information. 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. It’s time to join the conversation. 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.

Upcoming Events...

AIM Meetings 2022

Central	August 30
Southern AIM/PCC event	August 16

National PCC Week – September 19 – 23

Quarterly MTAC Meeting

October 25-26, 2022

For information contact: MTAC@usps.gov

Proposed MTAC dates for 2023:

- **Jan 31-Feb 2, 2023**
- **March 28-30, 2023**
- **July 18-20, 2023**
- **October 17-19, 2023**

**Preliminary 2023 MTAC meeting schedule; schedule will be finalized in October 2022*

**Preliminary 2023 MTAC meeting schedule does not confirm PMG or ELT participation*

**As of July 2022, all MTAC 2023 meetings are scheduled to take place at USPS HQs, with evening receptions on Tuesday meeting dates*

And now, a Quick Glance Forward Welcome to August

“After Lammas Day, corn ripens as much by night as by day.”

- **August 1**, traditionally known as **Lammas Day**, was a festival to mark the annual wheat and corn harvest. Lammas also marked the mid-point between the summer solstice and autumn equinox and was a cross-quarter day.
- **August 1** is a Civic Holiday in many parts of Canada. Celebrations and names for this holiday vary across the country. For example, in Alberta, it’s celebrated as Heritage Day, while in British Columbia, it’s known as British Columbia Day!
- **August 10** is St. Lawrence’s Day. “Fair weather on St. Lawrence’s Day presages a fair autumn.”
- **August 11** marks the end of the **Dog Days of Summer**, which began on July 3.
- **August 17** is when the **Cat Nights** begin, harking back to a rather obscure Irish legend concerning witches; this bit of folklore also led to the idea that a cat has nine lives.
- **August 19** brings **National Aviation Day**, chosen for the birthday of Orville Wright who piloted the first recorded flight of a powered heavier-than-air machine in 1903.

- **August 26** is Women’s Equality Day, which celebrates the 1920 ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and, with it, women’s right to vote in the United States. We celebrate but, in my book, this is EVERY day!

And here are a few additional and somewhat strange celebrations!

Aug. 1–7: International Clown Week

Aug. 3: National Watermelon Day

Aug. 8: National Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbors’ Porch Day (or, use up that bounty with our best zucchini recipes.)

Aug. 10: National S’mores Day

Aug 12: Vinyl Record Day

Aug. 13: International Left-Handers Day

Aug. 20: International Geocaching Day

Aug. 20: World Honeybee Day

Aug. 25: Kiss-and-Make-Up Day

August’s zodiac signs are Leo (July 23–August 22) and Virgo (August 23–September 22).

Be sure to tell your friends about us and thanks for taking the time!

Federal Register Notices:

Published in the Federal Register July 25, 2022

Privacy Act; System of Records (Doc # 2022-15853)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service® (Postal Service) is proposing to modify one General Privacy Act System of Records (SOR) to support an initiative sponsored by its Transportation Strategy group to procure a software tool that will be used to manage bid solicitation and contract management activities more effectively, by aligning tactical buying decisions with overall sourcing strategies. This initiative also aligns with the network modernization objective within the USPS Delivering for America 10-year plan.

DATES: These revisions will become effective without further notice on August 24, 2022, unless, responses 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 July 21, 2022

Notice To Postpone Public Hearing and Extend Public Comment Period for Supplement to the Next Generation Delivery Vehicles Acquisitions Final Environmental Impact Statement (Doc # 2022-15616)

AGENCY: Postal Service

SUMMARY: On June 10, 2022, the Postal Service published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to analyze potential environmental impacts of a

proposed change to the Preferred Alternative for its Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV) Acquisitions, which was adopted in the Record of Decision (ROD) on February 23, 2022. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the NGDV Acquisitions was published on January 7, 2022, pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), its implementing regulations at 39 CFR part 775, and the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations at 40 CFR part 1500.

The Postal Service now announces our intention to postpone that virtual public hearing to the new date of Monday, August 8, 2022, at 7 p.m. (ET). Registration information is available at the following website: <http://uspsngdveis.com/>. Accordingly, the public comment period for the Notice of Intent will also be extended until August 15, 2022.

DATES: Comments should be received no later than August 15, 2022. The Postal Service will also publish a Notice of Availability to announce the availability of the Draft SEIS and solicit comments on the Draft SEIS during a second 45-day public comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested parties may direct comments and questions to: Mr. Davon Collins, Environmental Counsel, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Office 6606, Washington, DC 20260-6201, or at NEPA@usps.gov.

Published in the Federal Register July 20, 2022

Elimination of USPS Retail Ground Product (Doc # 2022-15489)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Notice of elimination of product.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service hereby provides notice that it has filed a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to remove the USPS Retail Ground product from the competitive product list.

DATES: The request was submitted to the Postal Regulatory Commission on July 13, 2022.

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

Published in the Federal Register July 20, 2022

Change in Classes of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Doc # 2022-15490)

AGENCY: Postal Service

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

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

DATES: January 8, 2023.

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

Published in the Federal Register July 7, 2022

Periodicals Requester Records Requirements (Doc # 2022-14500)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is amending Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) to revise verification requirements for authorized audit bureaus.

DATES: Effective July 7, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Kennedy at (202) 268-6592.

Published in the Federal Register July 5, 2022

Privacy Act; System of Records (Doc # 2022-14277)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service (USPS) is proposing to revise a General and Customer Privacy Act System of Records. These updates are being made to facilitate use of market research tools that will be implemented by the Chief Customer and Marketing Organization within the Postal Service to assess new and existing USPS and competitive products, services, processes, and campaigns in order to gauge attitudes, perceptions, opinions, habits, and usage of USPS products and services from voluntary participants (including employees and customers)..

DATES: These revisions will become effective without further notice on August 4, 2022, unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

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 June 29, 2022

New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products (Doc # 2022-13766)

AGENCY: Postal Service

ACTION: Supplemental final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service published in the Federal Register of June 13, 2022, a document revising Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®), to reflect changes to prices and mailing standards for certain Mailing Services products. This document clarifies and amends the mailing standards.

DATES: *Effective date: July 10, 2022.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doriane Harley at (202) 268-2537 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:

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*: 7/21/2022 – (Doc# 2022-15527), 7/21/2022 – (Doc# 2022-15533), 7/21/2022 – (Doc# 2022-15536)

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*:

Product Changes-**Priority Mail Express** *Negotiated Service Agreements*: 7/21/2022 – (Doc# 2022-15532)

Product Changes-**Priority Mail** *Negotiated Service Agreements*: 6/29/2022 – (Doc# 2022-13909), 6/29/2022 – (Doc# 2022-13910), 6/29/2022 – (Doc# 2022-13911), 7/7/2022 – (Doc# 2022-14477), 7/21/2022 – (Doc# 2022-15529)

Product Changes-**Priority Mail and First-Class Package Service** *Negotiated Service Agreements*: 7/21/2022 – (Doc# 2022-15530), 7/21/2022 – (Doc# 2022-15537), 7/21/2022 – (Doc# 2022-15535)

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*:

Product Changes-**Parcel Select** *Negotiated Service Agreements*: 6/29/2022 – (Doc# 2022-13915)

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

Product Changes-**Parcel Return Service** *Negotiated Service Agreements*:

Postal Bulletins:

Postal Bulletin 22603 dated 7/28/2022

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND FORMS UPDATES

Manuals

DMM Revision: Nonsubscriber Cap for In-County Periodicals

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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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