## Priority Mail Express - Webinar Start Time: 11:00 AM ET

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## Priority Mail Express (PME)

#### USPS Priority Mail Express is:

- Our fastest domestic service
- Offers an overnight scheduled delivery to most U.S. addresses, including PO Boxes
- Available 365 days a year
- Includes a money-back guarantee
- Includes a minimum of \$100 insurance coverage with all shipments
- Includes proof of delivery signature record (requested at the time of purchase)
- Includes tracking information with USPS Tracking™



#### Other features included with Priority Mail Express are:

- No Saturday delivery charges, no residential surcharges, no fuel surcharges
- Additional charges will apply if Saturday falls on a National holiday
- Free Package Pickup service at customers' home or office



## Service Eligibility

- ✓ Must meet Priority Mail Express (PME) standards. (e.g. certain hazardous materials are not accepted for mailing by USPS).
- ✓ Dropped off at a designated USPS facilities, designated **Priority Mail Express collection boxes**, or through Package Pickup/Pickup on Demand service.
- √ Visit <a href="https://tools.usps.com/go/POLocatorAction\_input">https://tools.usps.com/go/POLocatorAction\_input</a> for a listing of PME collection boxes.
- ✓ Items must be presented by cut-off times to guarantee service commitment. (Pieces deposited after cut-off times, will have a day added to their scheduled delivery date)
- Maximum Weight is 70 lbs.
- Combined length and girth (girth is the distance around the thickest part of the mailpiece) is less than 108 inches.



Certain materials are not allowed to be shipped Priority Mail Express, or must be given special care in transport. Please consult Publication 52 for details.

#### Hazardous Materials Examples:

- poisons
- · explosives
- corrosives



#### Restricted Materials Examples:

- Alcohol
- Knives
- Firearms

## Perishable Goods(Special Handling Required) Examples:

- meat and produce
- live animals
- dry ice
- biological materials

## **Product Enhancements**











Change	Description
New Zone 9	<ul> <li>For Freely Associated States (FAS)</li> <li>Separate zone to align price with cost of transportation</li> </ul>
10:30 AM Delivery	<ul> <li>Based on origin and destination ZIP Codes</li> <li>Additional \$5.00 fee <u>plus</u> postage</li> <li>Hold For Pickup service available</li> </ul>
"Scheduled Delivery Day" - Displayed on internal guaranteed products	<ul> <li>Click-N-Ship</li> <li>Click-N-Ship for Business</li> <li>Retail Systems</li> <li>Self Service Kiosk</li> <li>Optional for PC Postage and Commercial shippers</li> </ul>



USPS Priority Mail Express offers a variety of flexible solutions for retail customers and businesses of all sizes and needs.









## **Priority Mail Express 1-Day Delivery**









- Availability Items can be deposited at USPS facilities, collection boxes, or through one of our Package Pickup services.\*
- Acceptance Times Although times may vary, to qualify for Priority Mail Express 1-Day Delivery, items must be inducted by the cut off times.
- **Delivery Times** Unless endorsed "Guaranteed by End of Day", items are delivered to an addressee within the delivery area of the destination facility by **12:00 p.m. or 3 p.m**.
- 10:30am Delivery For an additional \$5 fee customers can request for their packages or envelopes to be delivered by 10:30am. The service is only available to qualifying origin & destination pairs.
- Hold For Pickup Packages are available for pick up by the addressee at the destination facility by 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. of the <u>next day</u> the destination office is open for retail business.



## **Priority Mail Express 2-Day Delivery**









- Availability Priority Mail Express 2-Day Delivery is available to any destination not listed in the Priority Mail Express 1-Day Delivery directory.\*
- Acceptance Times Although times may vary, to qualify for Priority Mail Express 2-Day Delivery, items must be inducted by the cut off times.
- Delivery Times Unless endorsed "Guaranteed by End of Day", items
  are delivered to an addressee within the delivery area of the destination
  facility by 12:00 p.m. or 3 p.m. on the second delivery day.
- 10:30am Delivery For an additional \$5 fee customers can request for their packages or envelopes to be delivered by 10:30am. The service is only available to qualifying origin & destination pairs.
- Hold For Pickup Items are available for pick up by the addressee at the destination facility by 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. of the second delivery day the destination office is open for retail business.



## **Priority Mail Express Military Service**

- Available between the United States and designated APO/FPO and DPOs to provide Department of Defense personnel and others entitled to military mailing privileges, an expedited delivery service to or from the United States.
- Under the Priority Mail Express Military Service (PMEMA) agreement, mail addressed to Military personnel or sent by Military personnel (see DMM <u>137.561</u>) is delivered to the recipient within a 2 or 3 day guarantee.
- The Postal Service also offers a \$2.00 "military discount" when Priority Mail Express packages are sent to an APO/FPO address.
- The discount is applied automatically based on the APO/FPO address when either large flat rate box, or special military boxes are used.



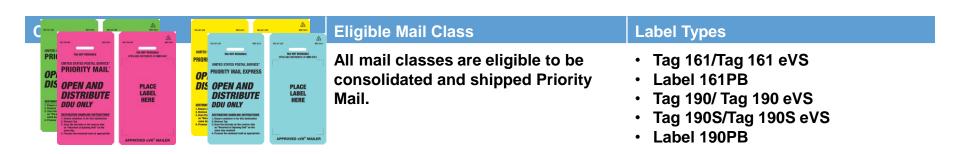


## **Product Description**

- PMEOD is designed to maximize the speed of domestic mailings while minimizing costs.
- Designed exclusively for all classes of mail commingled into an approved container.
- The Priority Mail Express service guarantee for PMEOD is receipt by end of day (11:59 p.m.) and ends upon receipt by scan of the PMEOD container at the destination postal facility. The service guarantee does not apply to the delivery of the enclosed mail to the address.

#### **Features & Benefits**

- Postage paid is based on weight of the contents of the container, rather than volume, saving money.
- Using the Priority Mail Express network expedites shipments to be distributed at their final destination.



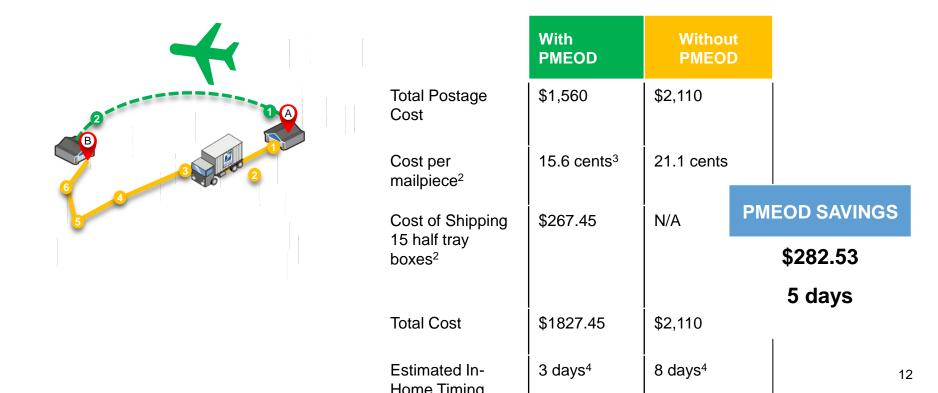


## **Using Priority Mail Express Open and Distribute**

How can a mailer take advantage of mail entry discounts and possibly get the mail in homes faster?

#### Example:

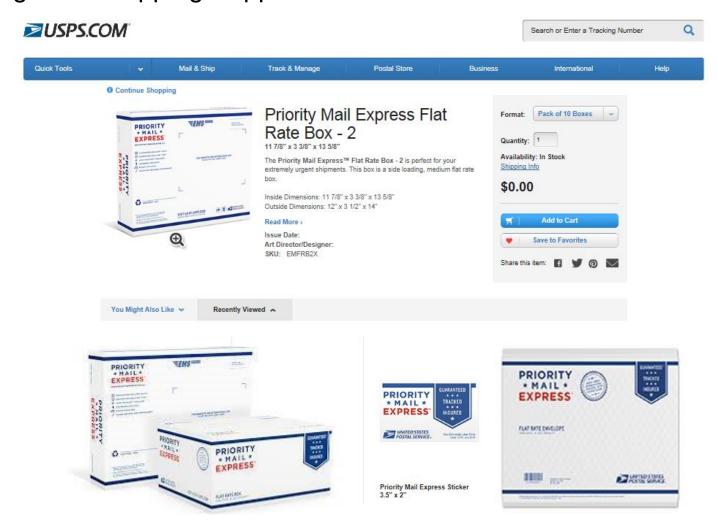
Let's say your business is based in Philadelphia (A) but you want to do a mailing in Chicago (B) using Standard Mail Flats. You prepare your mailing of 10,000 as you normally would. And then you bring it to a BMEU unit in Philadelphia for entry.





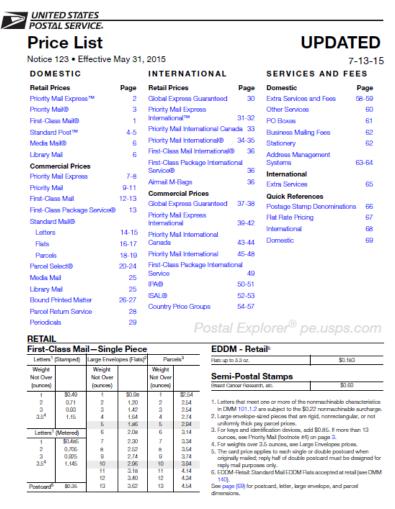
## Priority Mail Express (PME) Shipping Supplies

## Ordering PME Shipping Supplies at USPS.com





## All USPS prices are available online in USPS Notice 123 – Price List

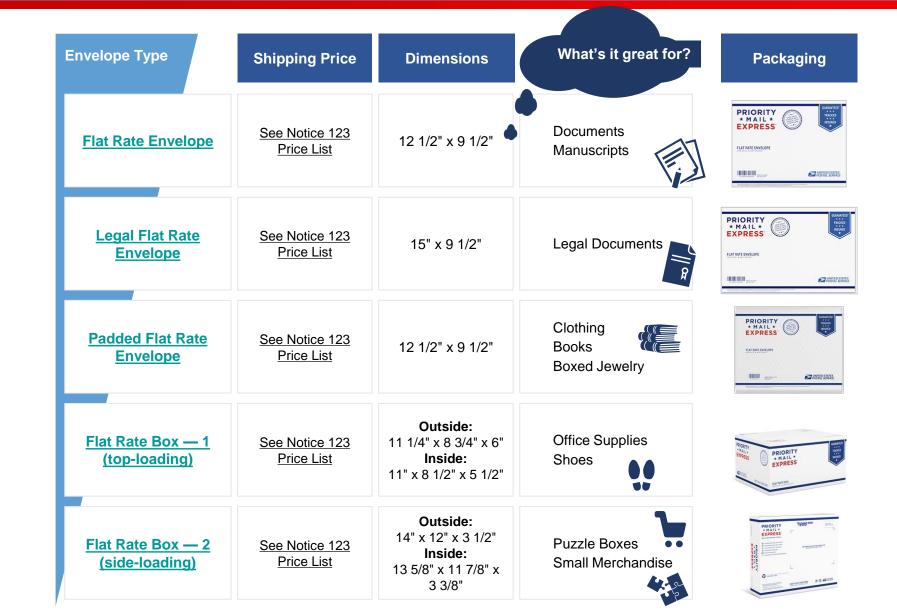


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## **Prices Charged Per Piece (Retail)**

- Except for the Priority Mail Express Flat Rate packaging, Priority Mail Express prices are based on weight and zone. Items are charged the 0.5-pound price for weights up to 0.5 pound (i.e. If a piece weighs 0.25 pound, the weight (postage) increment is 0.5 pound).
- Items over a 0.5 pound are rounded up to the next whole pound (i.e. If a piece weighs 0.75 pound, the weight (postage) increment is 1 pound or if a piece weighs 1.2 pounds, the weight (postage) increment is 2 pounds).
- Items mailed in USPS-produced Priority Mail Express Flat Rate packaging is charged one flat price regardless of weight (up to 70 pounds) or domestic destination. Only USPS-produced Flat Rate packaging is eligible for the Priority Mail Express Flat Rate price
- Retail Priority Mail Express postage may be paid by adhesive stamps (DMM 604.1.0) or postage meter (DMM 604.4.0).





**Priority Mail Express Commercial Base prices** are less than Priority Mail Express retail prices (see Notice 123—Price List). These prices are available to:

- **a**. Customers who use a USPS Corporate Account (USPSCA), including federal agency accounts.
- **b**. Click-N-Ship customers.
- **c**. Registered end-users of USPS-approved PC Postage providers when using a qualifying shipping label managed by the PC Postage system used.
- **d**. Customers using USPS-approved IBI postage meters that print the IBI with the appropriate price marking (see DMM <u>202.3.3</u>) and who electronically transmit transactional data to the USPS and use an approved Priority Mail Express shipping label.
- **e.** Customers who pay postage with a permit imprint using the Electronic Verification System (eVS) program to document and pay postage (see DMM <u>705.2.9</u>).





**Priority Mail Express Commercial Plus Pricing** is available to customers who commit to ship more than five thousand **(5,000)** pieces using the Priority Mail Express<sup>®</sup> service during the twelve months that begin on the activation date. During this period, a customer will be eligible for Priority Mail Express Commercial Plus<sup>®</sup> Pricing<sup>™</sup> for Priority Mail Express<sup>®</sup> parcels, (including Flat Rate Envelopes (FREs), and letters (see Notice 123—Price List). These prices are available to:

- a. USPS Corporate Account (USPSCA) customers, including Federal Agency Accounts.
- **b.** Registered end-users of USPS-approved PC Postage providers when using a qualifying shipping label managed by the PC Postage system used.
- c. Customers using USPS-approved IBI postage meters that print the IBI with the appropriate price marking (see DMM <u>202.3.3</u>) and who electronically transmit transactional data to the USPS and use an approved Priority Mail Express shipping label.
- **d.** Customers who pay postage with a permit imprint using the Electronic Verification System (eVS) program to document and pay postage (see DMM 705.2.9).

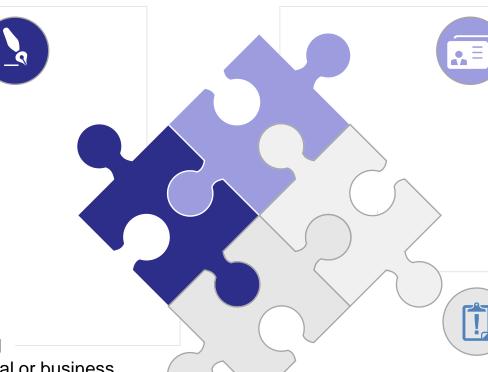








# Sign Up USPS Corporate Account (USPSCA) is available by completing an application (PS Form 5639).



#### **Account Required**

Application is required, mailers must pay postage through a USPS Corporate Account for all Priority Mail Express items accepted under the terms of a Priority Mail Express Manifesting agreement.

#### **Postage Liability**

The mailer must pay all postage and fees resulting from shipments presented bearing the assigned account number while the account is active and up to 30 days after the account is closed.

#### **Payment Method**

- Use a personal or business credit card.
- 2. Authorize the USPS to originate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit from a specified bank account.
- 3. Participate in CAPS.
- 4. Must maintain a minimum balance.



## **Mailing Activity Report**

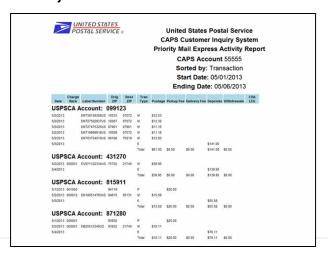


By the <u>10th of the month</u>, the account holder receives a mailing activity report for the previous month. Including:

- Beginning and ending balances;
- Deposits made
- Postage and fees deducted

#### This itemization lists:

 Each piece mailed, mailing date, label number, origin and destination ZIP Codes, postage and fees, deposits, withdrawals, and adjustments



## **Closing an Account**



USPS may close an account with <u>10 days'</u> written advance notice to the account holder, for any of the following reasons:

- The ending balance below the minimum required for two consecutive months.
- The account remains inactive for one year, unless circumstances warrant otherwise.
- For any unpaid mailings.
- There are repetitive unpaid mailings due to rejection of payment by the account holders' credit card company or ACH institution.





	Fee	Description
	Sunday and Holiday Premium	When delivery is guaranteed for a Sunday or holiday, there is a premium unless paying via a Priority Mail Express Manifesting Agreement.
11 12 1 2 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1	10:30 am Delivery	An optional fee is charged for a 10:30 a.m. request to have Priority Mail Express items delivered to an addressee within the delivery area of the destination facility where available.
	Pickup on Demand	The Pickup on Demand fee is charged each time pickup service is provided, regardless of the number of pieces picked up.

Note: Prices tables can be found in USPS price notice 123 located at <a href="http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/Notice123.htm">http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/Notice123.htm</a>



USPS offers a variety of flexible pickup solutions for businesses of all sizes and for all respective needs.

#### Package Pickup

Customers can schedule package pickup at USPS.com up to one year in advance. Packages are picked up on the next or scheduled delivery day by carrier. No charge is assessed for Package Pickup when the mail is picked up during the carrier's line of travel.

## Pickup On Demand

Allows customers to set up a one time, weekly, or daily pickup time at their location within a two hour pickup window for a fee. Dates times, and payments may all be entered at USPS.com. Customers can schedule pickups up to one year in advance.

#### **Collection Service**

This service usually refers to prepaid mail deposited in a collection box. However, it is also considered collection service when customers hand their outgoing, prepaid mail to a USPS carrier or other designated employee that is performing normal delivery and collection duties.

#### No Fee Pickup

Requires a signed No Fee Pickup Service Agreement (PS Form 5543) between the customer and the Postal Service for weekly recurring pickups meeting the minimum volume threshold of the seven qualified items per pickup.



#### **Product Description**

- Pickup On Demand provides the customer with an opportunity to conveniently schedule a
  pickup at their home using their USPS.com account.
- The pickup can occur on the same day provided it is requested within two hours of the latest scheduled pickup time or on a date the customer selects.

#### **Features & Benefits**

- Convenient 2 hour pickup window for customers.
- Eliminates need for customer to travel to a post office.

Current Offering	Eligible Mail Class	Additional Combined Services
Pickup On Demand	<ul> <li>Priority Mail Express</li> <li>Priority Mail</li> <li>First-Class Package Service</li> <li>Parcel Select Nonpresort</li> <li>Package Services Parcels</li> <li>Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail Open and Distribute shipments.</li> <li>Global Express Guaranteed</li> <li>Priority Mail Express International</li> <li>Priority Mail International</li> <li>First-Class Package International Service</li> </ul>	N/A



- 1. Insurance up to \$5,000
- 2. Insurance Restricted Delivery
- 3. Adult Signature Required (not available at retail)
- 4. Adult Signature Restricted Delivery
- 5. Return Receipt
- 6. Collect on Delivery
- 7. Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery
- 8. Special Handling Fragile







## **Mail Preparation for Priority Mail Express**

## **Preparing Priority Mail Express**













Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5

Step 6

Place item in PME Packaging provided by USPS or your own packaging

Ensure Proper sealing of packaging including Flat Rate packaging

Affix PME Mailing Label

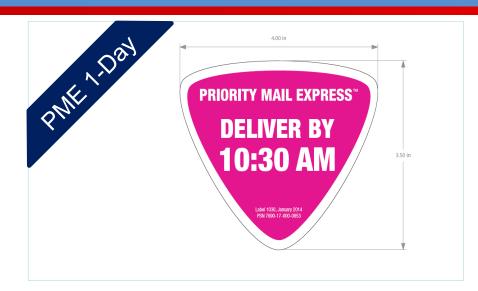
Inspect Label for waiver of signature (or Signature required)

**ZIP** Code Determination

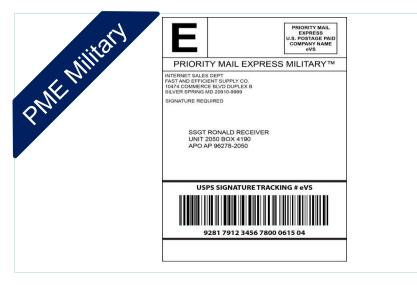
Complete PS Form 3877- Firm Mailing Book (Only in the case of 3 or more PME packages) for one receipt



## **Priority Mail Express Labels**









<sup>\*</sup> Priority Mail Open and Distribute



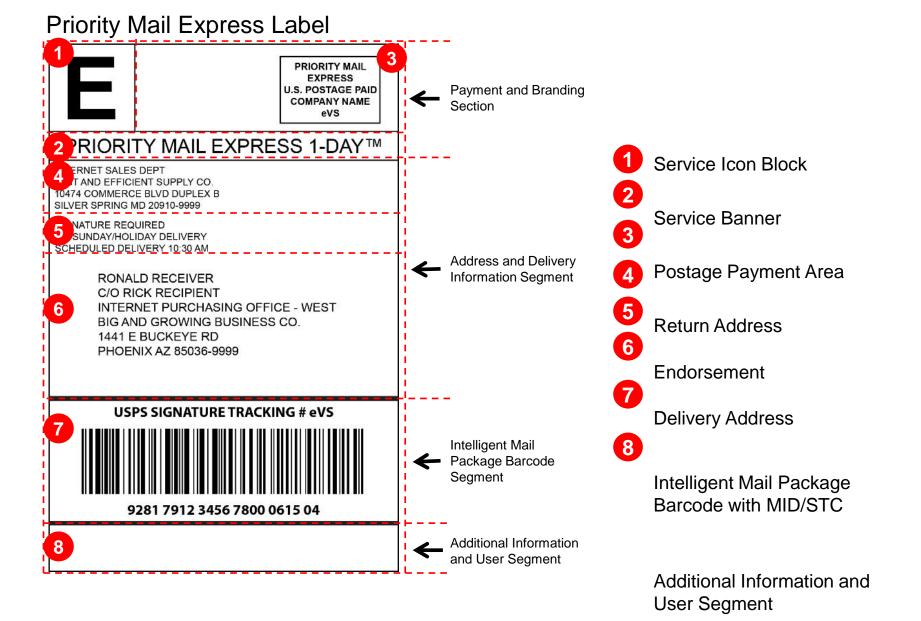




- Availability: Postal Store & Post Offices.
- Affix to PME packages to identify item as a 10:30 AM commitment.
- Target markets include Motor Vehicle Associations, Banks and Legal services.



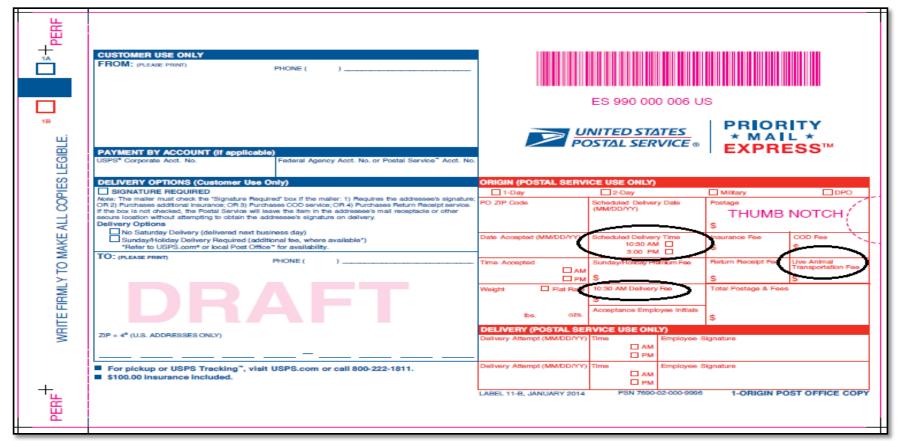






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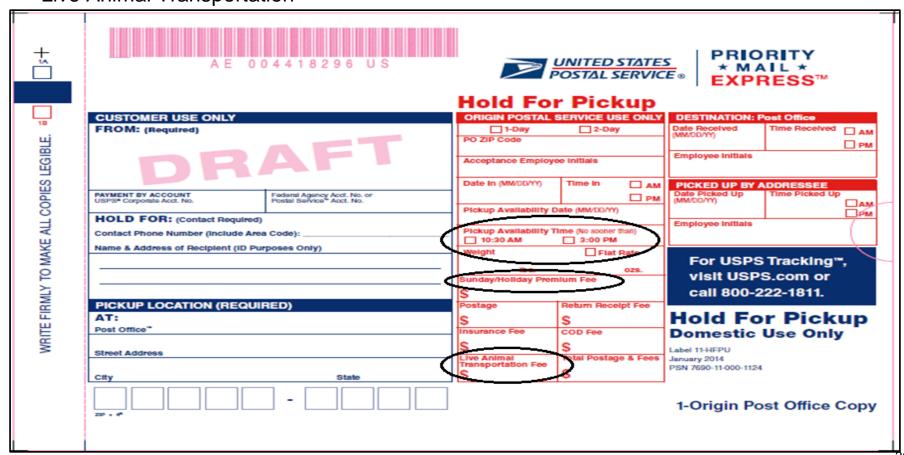
- 10:30 a.m. Scheduled Delivery Time
- 10:30 a.m. Delivery Fee
- Live Animal Transportation





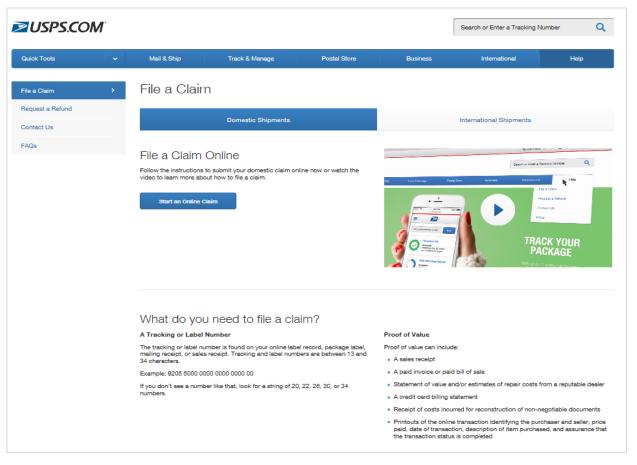
#### **Updated Retail Priority Mail Express Labels 11-HFPU to include:**

- New Pickup availability time of 10:30 a.m. or 3:00 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Delivery Fee
- Live Animal Transportation





## Insurance Claims may be filed online at USPS.com





#### How to file a Domestic Claim with USPS



**Domestic Claims Video (Link)** 

\*URL: https://youtu.be/uB5Bt674-Xc



## Filing Insurance Claims by Mail

## **Claims Filed by Mail**

- Customers may file a claim by completing a Form 1000 and mailing the original copy to the address indicated on the form, accompanied by proof of value.
- Obtain Form 1000 by calling 1-800-332-0317, option 9. For pieces with multiple extra services, the customer must provide original receipts for all services purchased. Upon request by the USPS, the customer must submit proof of damage under DMM <u>2.0</u> for damaged items or missing contents.

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## PME Customer Refunds

## **Priority Mail Express - Refund Requirements**



Priority Mail Express® service comes with a money-back guarantee, subject to the standards for this service.

You must request a postage (and Sunday or holiday premium fee and/or the 10:30am delivery fee, as applicable) refund within 30 days of purchase.

You must make your request at your local Post Office™.

- Print out a copy of the receipt from your Print History. To access the receipt, click on the info box () that corresponds to the label in the Print History.
- Complete PS Form 3533 (Refund for Postage) at the Post Office where the item was mailed.
- Once verified, your claim will be paid by cash or money order.



#### Resources

Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) <a href="http://pe.usps.com">http://pe.usps.com</a>

Electronic Verification Service (eVS) Business and Technical Guide <a href="https://ribbs.usps.gov/evs/documents/tech\_guides/pubs/Pub205.PDF">https://ribbs.usps.gov/evs/documents/tech\_guides/pubs/Pub205.PDF</a>

Intelligent Mail package bar code (IMpb) information page on RIBBS <a href="https://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=intellmailpackage">https://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=intellmailpackage</a>

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Publication199, Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide <a href="https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail\_package/documents/tech\_guides/PUB199IMPBImpGuide.pdf">https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail\_package/documents/tech\_guides/PUB199IMPBImpGuide.pdf</a>

Parcel Labeling Guide

https://ribbs.usps.gov/barcode\_cert/documents/tech\_guides/ParcelLabelingGuide.pdf

PS Forms available on PolicyNet and USPS.com

- <a href="http://blue.usps.gov/formmgmt/forms.htm">http://blue.usps.gov/formmgmt/forms.htm</a> (for postal employees only)
- http://about.usps.com/forms/all-forms.htm

## **Priority Mail Express - Webinar Question and Answer Session**

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Classification Specialist



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