

POSTAL SERVICE

First-Class Mail International™ M-Bag Service, International Priority Airmail™ Service, and International Surface Air Lift® Service.

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service adopts new mailing standards for International Priority Airmail (IPA®) service and International Surface Air Lift (ISAL®) service. These changes reflect the shape-based standards published in the Federal Register on February 20, 2008. Prices for IPA and ISAL will continue to be calculated by piece and pound. New prices will be adopted, but the pricing structure will not change.

The Postal Service is also adopting new country price groups for First-Class Mail International M-Bag, Direct Sacks to One Addressee, service. These changes reflect the nine country price groups for First-Class Mail International published in the *Federal Register* on February 20, 2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:01 a.m. on May 12, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Postal Service's classification changes and new pricing for M-Bags, IPA, and ISAL will enhance efficiency and align the products with each other. IPA and ISAL will have the same shape-based requirements as First-Class Mail International. First-Class Mail International and M-Bags will have the same country price groups.

The Postal Service adopts the following changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM®), which is incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR Part 20.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20

Foreign relations, International postal services.

Accordingly, 39 CFR Part 20 is amended as follows:

Part 20 — [AMENDED.]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR Part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 401, 404, 407, 408, 3622, 3632, and 3633.

2. Revise the following sections of *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM), as follows:

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2 Conditions for Mailing

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290 Commercial Services

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292 International Priority Airmail Service

292.1 Description

292.11 General

[Replace the paragraph to read as follows:]

International Priority Airmail™ (IPA®) service is as fast as, or faster than, First-Class Mail International service. It is available for volume mailings of all First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, large envelopes (flats), and packages (small packets). The sender must prepare mailpieces in accordance with the shape-based requirements of First-Class Mail International service (see 240) and the requirements of this subchapter. Separate prices are provided for drop shipments, presorted mail (price groups 1–9), and nonpresorted mail (worldwide). Volume incentives available through customized agreements.

292.12 Qualifying Mail

[Replace the paragraph to read as follows:]

Any First-Class Mail International mail piece as defined in 141.5, qualifies. Mailpieces do not have to be of the same size and weight to qualify.

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292.2 Postage

[Revise heading of 292.21 as follows:]

292.21 Prices

292.211 General

[Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:]

International Priority Airmail service has two price options: a presort price option with nine price groups, and a worldwide nonpresort price. ***

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[Replace Exhibits 292.211a, b, and c with new Exhibits 292.211a, b, and c as follows:]

INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY AIRMAIL

PRICE GROUPS	Per Piece	Full Service Per Lb.	ISC Drop Shipment Per Lb.
1	\$0.40	\$5.44	\$4.44
2	0.15	6.10	5.10
3	0.40	7.50	6.50
4	0.41	7.70	6.70
5	0.15	6.50	5.50
6	0.15	5.80	4.80
7	0.15	7.50	6.50
8	0.12	8.00	7.00
9	0.31	8.25	7.25
Worldwide	0.36	8.50	7.50

INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY AIR MAIL M-BAG - FULL SERVICE

PRICE GROUPS	Full Service Per Lb.
1	\$2.10
2	2.70
3	3.60
4	5.15
5	4.40
6	4.20
7	4.95
8	4.85
9	5.60

Note: M-bags are subject to the minimum rate for 11 pounds.

INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY AIR MAIL M-BAG - ISC DROP SHIPMENT

Weight Not Over (lb.)	Price Groups								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5	\$19.30	\$25.00	\$30.85	\$44.50	\$38.75	\$38.65	\$44.80	\$42.50	\$47.75
6	19.75	25.60	31.85	46.25	39.90	39.45	45.95	43.85	49.60
7	20.20	26.20	32.85	48.00	41.05	40.25	47.10	45.20	51.45
8	20.65	26.80	33.85	49.75	42.20	41.05	48.25	46.55	53.30
9	21.10	27.40	34.85	51.50	43.35	41.85	49.40	47.90	55.15
10	21.55	28.00	35.85	53.25	44.50	42.65	50.55	49.25	57.00
11	22.00	28.60	36.85	55.00	45.65	43.45	51.70	50.60	58.85
Each additional pound or fraction of a pound	2.00	2.60	3.35	5.00	4.15	3.95	4.70	4.60	5.35

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292.214 Separation by Price Group

[Revise the paragraph as follows:]

The mailer must specify the price group on the back of PS Tag 115, *International Priority Airmail*, with 1 (Canada), 2 (Mexico), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or WW (worldwide), and must physically separate the sacks by price group at the time of mailing.

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292.3 Weight and Size Limits

[Revise the paragraph as follows:]

Any item sent by IPA must conform to the weight and size limits for First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, large envelopes (flats), and packages (small packets) as described in 240.

292.4 Mail Preparation for Individual Items

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292.42 Marking

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[Revise title of 292.422 as follows:]

292.422 Packages (Small Packets)

[Revise 292.422 by changing the word "Letter" to "Letter-Post."]

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292.45 Sacking Requirements

292.451 Direct Country Sack (11 Pounds or More)

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[Revise the last sentence in 292.451b as follows:]

b. *** The mailer must specify the price group on the back of PS Tag 115, *International Priority Airmail*, with 1 (Canada), 2 (Mexico), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or WW (worldwide).

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293 International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) Service

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293.2 Qualifying Mail and Minimum Quantity Requirements

[Replace the first sentence in the paragraph with the following:]

First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, large envelopes (flats), and packages (small packets), as defined in 141.5, qualify and must be prepared by using the shape-based requirements of First-Class Mail International service (see 240) and the requirements of this subchapter.***

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293.7 Postage

[Revise the title of 293.71 as follows:]

293.71 Prices

[Renumber Exhibit 293.71 as Exhibit 293.71d. Replace the three unnumbered tables with Exhibits 293.71a, b, and c as follows:]

INTERNATIONAL SURFACE AIR LIFT

PRICE GROUPS	Per Piece	Full Service Per Lb.	ISC Drop Shipment Per Lb.
1	\$0.41	\$3.61	\$2.61
2	0.15	5.15	4.15
3	0.43	4.45	3.45
4	0.44	4.46	3.46
5	0.15	5.45	4.45
6	0.15	5.55	4.55
7	0.15	5.45	4.45
8	0.12	6.60	5.60
9	0.30	4.48	3.48

INTERNATIONAL SURFACE AIR LIFT M-BAG - FULL SERVICE

PRICE GROUPS	Full Service Per Lb.
1	\$1.60
2	1.70
3	2.00
4	2.80
5	2.35

6	2.35
7	2.60
8	3.25
9	3.00

Note: M-bags are subject to the minimum rate for 11 pounds.

INTERNATIONAL SURFACE AIR LIFT M-BAG - ISC DROP SHIPMENT

Weight Not Over (lb.)	Price Groups								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5	\$15.90	\$14.30	\$11.45	\$16.25	\$12.90	\$14.40	\$12.05	\$16.20	\$18.25
6	16.00	14.85	12.75	18.40	14.60	15.85	14.35	19.00	20.25
7	16.10	15.40	14.05	20.55	16.30	17.30	16.65	21.80	22.25
8	16.20	15.95	15.35	22.70	18.00	18.75	18.95	24.60	24.25
9	16.30	16.50	16.65	24.85	19.70	20.20	21.25	27.40	26.25
10	16.40	17.05	17.95	27.00	21.40	21.65	23.55	30.20	28.25
11	16.50	17.60	19.25	29.15	23.10	23.10	25.85	33.00	30.25
Each additional pound or fraction of a pound	1.50	1.60	1.75	2.65	2.10	2.10	2.35	3.00	2.75

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293.8 Weight and Size Limits

[Replace the paragraph with the following:]

Any item sent by ISAL must conform to the weight and size limits for First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, large envelopes (flats), and packages (small packets) as described in 240.

293.9 Mail Preparation

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293.93 Makeup Requirements for ISAL

293.931 Packaging

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[Revise the fourth sentence in 293.931d as follows:]

d. *** The designated price group (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9) must be inserted as appropriate. ***

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Individual Country Listings Country Conditions for Mailing

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First-Class Mail International

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Direct Sack to One Addressee – M-Bags (260)

[Replace the current price table in each individual country listing in which First-Class Mail International M-Bag service is available with the new price table that reflects the price group (1–9) for that country, as noted in the list below:]

Afghanistan	6	Dominica	9	Lebanon	8	San Marino	5
Albania	4	Dominican Republic	9	Lesotho	7	Sao Tome and Principe	7
Algeria	8	Ecuador	9	Liberia	7	Saudi Arabia	8
Andorra	5	Egypt	8	Libya	8	Senegal	7
Angola	7	El Salvador	9	Liechtenstein	5	Serbia-Montenegro	5
Anguilla	9	Equatorial Guinea	7	Lithuania	4	Seychelles	7
Antigua and Barbuda	9	Eritrea	7	Luxembourg	5	Sierra Leone	7
Argentina	9	Estonia	4	Macao	6	Singapore	6
Armenia	4	Ethiopia	8	Macedonia, Republic of	4	Slovak Republic	5
Aruba	9	Falkland Islands	9	Madagascar	7	Slovenia	5
Ascension	7	Faroe Islands	5	Malawi	7	Solomon Islands	6
Australia	3	Fiji	6	Malaysia	6	Somalia	n/a*
Austria	5	Finland	5	Maldives	6	South Africa	7
Azerbaijan	4	France	5	Mali	7	Spain	5
Bahamas	9	French Guiana	9	Malta	5	Sri Lanka	6
Bahrain	8	French Polynesia	6	Martinique	9	Sudan	7
Bangladesh	6	Gabon	7	Mauritania	7	Suriname	9
Barbados	9	Gambia	7	Mauritius	7	Swaziland	7
Belarus	4	Georgia, Republic of	4	Mexico	2	Sweden	5

Belgium	5	Germany	5	Moldova	4	Switzerland	5
Belize	9	Ghana	7	Mongolia	6	Syrian Arab Republic	8
Benin	7	Gibraltar	5	Montserrat	9	Taiwan	6
Bermuda	9	Great Britain and Northern Ireland	5	Morocco	8	Tajikistan	6
Bhutan	6	Greece	5	Mozambique	7	Tanzania	7
Bolivia	9	Greenland	5	Namibia	7	Thailand	6
Bosnia-Herzegovina	4	Grenada	9	Nauru	6	Togo	7
Botswana	7	Guadeloupe	9	Nepal	6	Tonga	6
Brazil	9	Guatemala	9	Netherlands	5	Trinidad and Tobago	9
British Virgin Islands	9	Guinea	7	Netherlands Antilles	9	Tristan da Cunha	7
Brunei Darussalam	6	Guinea-Bissau	7	New Caledonia	6	Tunisia	8
Bulgaria	4	Guyana	9	New Zealand	6	Turkey	4
Burkina Faso	7	Haiti	9	Nicaragua	9	Turkmenistan	6
Burma	6	Honduras	9	Niger	7	Turks and Caicos Islands	9
Burundi	7	Hong Kong	3	Nigeria	7	Tuvalu	6
Cambodia	6	Hungary	4	Norway	5	Uganda	7
Cameroon	7	Iceland	5	Oman	8	Ukraine	4
Canada	1	India	6	Pakistan	6	United Arab Emirates	8
Cape Verde	7	Indonesia	6	Panama	9	Uruguay	9
Cayman Islands	9	Iran	8	Papua New Guinea	6	Uzbekistan	6
Central African Republic	7	Iraq	8	Paraguay	9	Vanuatu	6
Chad	7	Ireland	5	Peru	9	Vatican City	5
Chile	9	Israel	8	Philippines	6	Venezuela	9
China	3	Italy	5	Pitcairn Island	6	Vietnam	6
Colombia	9	Jamaica	9	Poland	4	Wallis and Futuna	6

						Islands	
Comoros	7	Japan	3	Portugal	5	Western Samoa	6
Congo (Brazzaville), Republic of the	7	Jordan	8	Qatar	8	Yemen	8
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	7	Kazakhstan	6	Reunion	9	Zambia	7
Costa Rica	9	Kenya	7	Romania	4	Zimbabwe	7
Cote d Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	7	Kiribati	6	Russia	4		
		Korea, Democratic Peoples Republic of (North Korea)	6	Rwanda	7		
Croatia	4	Korea, Republic of (South Korea)	3	Saint Christopher and Nevis	9		
Cuba	9	Kuwait	8	Saint Helena	7		
Cyprus	4	Kyrgyzstan	6	Saint Lucia	9		
Czech Republic	4	Laos	6	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	4		
Denmark	5	Latvia	4	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	9		
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*n/a = First-Class Mail International M-Bag Service is not available.

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