

## Summary of Changes

### Overview

The Summary of Changes lists revisions to this edition of *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) by effective date.

### Summary of Changes by Effective Date

#### January 22, 2012

##### New Standards for Domestic Mailing Services

We revised various sections to reflect price adjustments and mailing requirements changes associated with the October 2011 filing with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC). We published this information in the December 29, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

##### Domestic Shipping Services Pricing and Mailing Standards Changes

We revised various sections, to reflect changes to prices and mailing standards for the following Shipping Services: Express Mail, Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service, Parcel Select, Parcel Return Service, Mailer Services, Recipient Services. We published this information in the December 15, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

##### Combined Mailings of Standard Mail and Periodicals Flats

We added a new section, [705.15.0](#), providing optional standards for combining Standard Mail flats and Periodicals flats within the same bundle, when placed on pallets; and for combining bundles of Standard Mail flats and bundles of Periodicals flats on the same pallet. We published this information in the October 6, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

##### Periodicals PS Form 3541-M - Discontinued

We revised [707.17.5.1](#) to revise the practice of submitting one Periodicals postage statement for all issues mailed in a calendar month. We published this information in the November 3, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

##### Priority Mail Commercial Plus Cubic Packaging Alternatives

We revised [402.2.2](#), [423.1.4](#), and [425.2.3](#) to introduce two new Priority Mail Commercial Plus Cubic packaging alternatives—soft-pack envelopes and padded envelopes. We published this information in the November 3, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

##### Intelligent Mail Package Barcode Implementation for Commercial Parcels

We revised various sections to provide new standards for the use of Intelligent Mail package barcodes (IMpb). We published this information in the November 17, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

##### Combined Mailings of Standard Mail and Periodicals Flats—Clarification

We revised [705.15.0](#), to reflect standards changes related to combined mailings of Standard Mail and Periodicals flats. We published this information in the December 1, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

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## Copalletized, Combined, or Mixed-Price Level Palletized Mailings—Correction

We revised [705.8.7.4](#) to clarify that the presort level of Standard Mail letter-size pieces that are part of a copalletized or combined mailing must accurately reflect the postage and entry discount paid at the origin site. We published this information in the December 1, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

## Eligibility for Destination Entry Prices per NDC and ASF Labeling Lists

We revised various sections to delete destination network distribution center (DNDC) eligibility Exhibits 246.3.1, 346.3.1, 366.4.1, 446.3.1, 453.3.1.3, and 466.4.4. We published this information in the December 1, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

## Products Mailable at Nonprofit Standard Mail Prices

We revised [703.1.6.11](#) to indicate that products mailed at Nonprofit Standard Mail prices must meet at least one of three exceptions. A *low-cost item* is one of the exceptions referenced in the Internal Revenue Code. We published this information in the December 15, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

## Express Mail Domestic Postage Refund Policy and Waiver of Signature

We revised various sections to modify the policy for filing claims for domestic Express Mail postage refunds from 90 days to 30 days after the date of mailing. We published this information in the December 15, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.

## Antique Firearms—Clarification

We revised [601.12.1.1a](#) to clarify that antique firearms that meet the definition of a handgun according to USPS standards are also subject to the mailing requirements in [601.12.2](#) through [601.12.7](#). We published this information in the December 29, 2011, *Postal Bulletin*.