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## Prices and Fees

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Minimum weight irregular parcels: none.
Minimum weight machinable parcels: 6 ounces ( 3.5 ounces for parcels prepared under 201.7.5.2).
Maximum weight: 15 pounds.
For an overview of the physical standards for commercial parcels, see Quick Service Guide 201 e.
For a complete listing of Bound Printed Matter prices - see Notice 123-Price List.
Presorted, Carrier Route, and destination NDC (DNDC) prices: separate per piece and per pound charges based on weight and zone. Per pound charges must be calculated using a 1 pound minimum weight per piece, even if the pieces weigh less than 1 pound each. DSCF and DDU prices are not zoned. Destination entry discounts apply to mail prepared as prescribed by USPS and addressed for delivery within service area of destination NDC/ASF, SCF, or delivery unit (DDU) (266).
No annual mailing fee; however, there is an annual destination entry mailing fee.
Bound Printed Matter is typically catalogs, directories, books, and other printed material that weigh up to 15 pounds and meet specific eligibility standards in 263.3.0. Contents must:

- Consist of advertising, promotional, directory, or editorial material (or any combination of these).
- Be securely bound by permanent fastening.
- Consist of sheets of which at least $90 \%$ are imprinted by any process other than handwriting, typewriting with letters, characters, figures, or images (or any combination of these).
- Not have the nature of personal correspondence.
- Not be stationery (e.g., pads of blank printed forms).

Eligible mailings must meet the following minimum pieces:
■ 300 pieces for Presorted and Carrier Route.

- No minimum for nonpresorted.

Mailings of 300 or more pieces, sorted, and marked as described below. Machinable parcels (201.7.5) and nonmachinable parcels (201.7.6) may not be combined in the same mailing.
Each piece must include complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 Code. Return address required for pieces with ancillary service endorsement or extra services.
For Presorted prices, a certified process must be used at least once a year to ensure accuracy of 5-digit ZIP Codes.
For Carrier Route price, carrier route information must be updated using CASS-certified process within 90 days before mailing (263.4.0).
Destination entry discounts apply to mail prepared as prescribed by USPS and addressed for delivery within service area of destination NDC/ASF, SCF, or delivery unit (DDU) (266.2.0).
Each piece entered at the Presorted or Carrier Route price must bear a unique Intelligent Mail package barcode, including a postal routing code, prepared under 708.5.0.

Permit imprint (604.5.0).
Postage statement: PS Form 3605-R or approved facsimile.

Markings (202.3.0):
■ Presorted price: "Bound Printed Matter" or "BPM" and either "Presorted" or "PRSRT."
■ Carrier Route price: "Bound Printed Matter" or "BPM" and "Carrier Route Presort" or "CAR-RT SORT." Mark each piece in the postage area. For optional marking locations, see 202.3.3.
Pieces must be separated by zones when presented unless authorized under 705.2.0.
Parcels must include a unique Intelligent Mail package barcode with a postal routing code, prepared under 708.5.0.

Generally at the Post Office where permit is held.

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## Bundling and Sacking Sequence for Irregular Parcels Less than 10 Pounds (265.8.2)



Labels: Red Label 5 or optional endorsement line (OEL) (708.7.0).


Each bundle (except mixed ADC bundles) must contain at least two addressed pieces.

1. All possible 5 -digit scheme bundles and 5 -digit scheme sacks must be prepared before preparing 5 -digit bundles and 5 -digit sacks.
2. Bundling not required for irregular parcels in 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks meeting the minimum bundle size requirements if individually wrapped or enveloped. 5-digit bundles placed in 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks or prepared and entered at the DDU price may weigh a maximum of 40 pounds.
3. For 5-digit scheme sacks, use "PSVC IRREG 5D SCH." For 5-digit sacks, use "PSVC IRREG 5D."
4. Sacking not required for 5-digit bundles of irregular parcels when prepared and entered at DDU prices; these bundles may be bedloaded and weigh up to 40 pounds.

## Sacking Machinable Parcels Not Claiming DNDC Prices (265.8.4)



For Bound Printed Matter machinable parcels claiming DNDC prices, see 265.8.5.

1. For 5-digit scheme sacks, use "PSVC MACH 5D SCH;" for 5-digit sacks, use "PSVC MACH 5D."
2. All possible 5 -digit scheme bundles must be prepared before preparing 5 -digit sacks.

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## Palletizing Machinable Parcels (705.8.10.6)

