

Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual

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100 Retail Mail Letters, Cards, Flats, and Parcels

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110 Retail Mail Priority Mail Express

113 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Prices and Fees

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[Add new 1.7 to read as follows:]

1.7 Live Animal and Perishable Handling Fee

Customers mailing Priority Mail Express pieces containing live animals or perishable food (e.g. fruit, meat) are subject to pay the nonrefundable Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*). This fee is charged in addition to the Live-Animal Transportation Fee, when applicable, specified in the Notice 123 — *Price List*. For additional information on the Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee, see Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, (section 526).

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115 Mail Preparation

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2.0 Priority Mail Express 1-Day and 2-Day

2.1 Mailing Label

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[Revise the second sentence of item c. to read as follows:]

- c. ***The Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and the Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) on the shipping label must have the appropriate service-type code and banner text above the IMpb barcode used for shipping cremated remains.***

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120 Retail Mail Priority Mail

123 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Prices and Fees

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[Add new 1.7 to read as follows:]

1.7 Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee

Customers mailing Priority Mail pieces containing live animals or perishable food (e.g. fruit, meat) are subject to pay the nonrefundable Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*). This fee is charged in addition to the Live-Animal Transportation Fee, when applicable, specified in the Notice 123 — *Price List*. For additional information on the Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee, see Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, (section 526).

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130 Retail Mail First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail

133 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Prices and Fees

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[Add new 1.9 to read as follows:]

1.9 Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee

Customers mailing USPS Ground Advantage – Retail pieces containing live animals or perishable food (e.g. fruit, meat) are subject to pay the nonrefundable Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*). This fee is charged in addition to the Live-Animal Transportation Fee, when applicable, specified in the Notice 123 — *Price List*. For additional information on the Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee, see Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, (section 526).

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200 Commercial Mail Letters, Cards, Flats, and Parcels

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202 Elements on the Face of a Mailpiece

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3.0 Placement and Content of Mail Markings

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[Revise the title of 3.9 to read as follows:]

3.9 Shipping-Address Label Markings

3.9.1 General

[Revise the first and last sentence of 3.9.1 to read as follows:]

When a shipping-address label is used, it must include the correct service indicator composed of two elements: the service icon (except as provided under 3.9.2) and the service banner.***Failure to comply may subject the piece's mailer to pay the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee.

3.9.2 Hazardous Materials

[Revise the text of 3.9.2 to read as follows:]

When a shipping-address label is used on mail containing mailable hazardous materials, except for items addressed to an Army Post Office (APO), Fleet Post Office (FPO), or Diplomatic Post Office (DPO), the U.S. territories and possessions, and the Freely Associated States, the label must include the hazardous-materials icon in lieu of the service icon as specified in the Parcel Labeling Guide.

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6.0 Barcode Placement for Parcels

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[Delete 6.2 and 6.3 in their entirety and add new 6.2 to read as follows:]

6.2 Intelligent Mail Matrix Barcode Location

In addition to the mailer being required to place on the mailpiece the IMpb and the GS1-128 Routing barcode in the locations specified in 6.1, the Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) must be placed in the address block to the left of the delivery address.

Optionally, the mailer may place a second IMmb in the lower right corner of the shipping label.

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204 Barcode Standards

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[Revise the title of 2.0 to read as follows:]

2.0 Standards for Package and Extra-Service Barcodes

[Revise the title and text of 2.1 to read as follows:]

2.1 Barcodes

2.1.1 Definition

The following types of barcodes are defined, respectively, as follows:

- a. *Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb)*: An IMpb is the USPS-developed barcode that can be read by automated parcel-processing equipment and scanning devices and consists of a data string that generally follows the GS1-128 specification. The following also apply:
 1. These barcodes include a variable-length format that is determined by the elements selected by the mailer, and supplies tracking and routing data for packages and extra service applications.
 2. IMpbs must be used on all commercial packages, and on other mailpieces of customers requesting extra services.
- b. *Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb)*: An IMmb is a supplemental GS1-DataMatrix (2D) barcode, which is intended to improve package visibility. The IMmb contains the same data as the IMpb barcode, using a space-efficient barcode symbology.

2.1.2 Specification Resources

Detailed specifications on an IMpb and IMmb are available on PostalPro at

<https://postalpro.usps.com> as follows:

- a. Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*.
- b. Parcel Labeling Guide.
- c. Intelligent Mail Package Barcode Technical Specifications.

d. Intelligent Mail Matrix Barcode Technical Specifications.

2.1.3 Barcode Location

See 202.6.1 for barcode-location standards.

2.1.4 Quality Assurance

Mailers must routinely inspect and test labels and barcodes to ensure quality.

2.1.5 Electronic File

All mailers generating an IMpb and IMmb must transmit piece-level information to USPS in an approved electronic-file format (except for mailers generating barcodes for use on return services products, such as uninsured USPS Returns service packages).

2.1.6 Compliance-Quality Thresholds

All mailers who enter commercial parcels into the Postal Service network must meet the established thresholds for compliance quality outlined in Exhibit 2.1.6 to avoid paying the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee. Failure to meet any compliance-quality threshold in Exhibit 2.1.6 will result in the Postal Service charging the mailer the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee.

Exhibit 2.1.6 Compliance-Quality Thresholds

Note: See Publication 199 for a list of validations for each compliance category (AQ, MQ, BQ).

Compliance Category	Compliance Code	Compliance Threshold
Address Quality: Checks for a timely address that validates to a unique 11-	AQ	90

digit DPV or passes the critical validation criteria in Pub 199.

Manifest Quality (Shipping-Services file): Checks for a timely manifest file that passes the critical validation criteria in Pub 199.	MQ	94
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Barcode Quality: Checks the barcode in the manifest that passes the critical validation criteria in Pub 199.	BQ	98
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2.1.7 Alternate Approval

Labels not meeting IMpb specifications or other label-element standards, but still able to demonstrate acceptable functionality within USPS processes, may be allowed using an alternative approval process authorized by the vice president, Applied Engineering. (See 608.8.1 for contact information.)

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210 Commercial Mail Priority Mail Express

213 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Prices and Fees

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1.7 Unmanifested Fee

[Revise the text of 1.7 to read as follows:]

Customers mailing eligible Priority Mail Express pieces omitted from the manifest are subject to pay the unmanifested fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*), unless subject to pay the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee as specified in 3.2.

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[Add new 1.10 to read as follows:]

1.10 Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee

Customers mailing Priority Mail Express pieces containing live animals or perishable food (e.g. fruit, meat) are subject to pay the nonrefundable Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*). This fee is charged in addition to the Live-Animal Transportation Fee, when applicable, specified in the Notice 123 — *Price List*. For additional information on the Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee, see Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, (section 526).

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3.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for Priority Mail Express

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[Revise the title of 3.2 to read as follows:]

3.2 Barcode Standards

[Move the text of 3.2 under new title 3.2.1 to read as follows:]

3.2.1 IMpb Standards

[Revise the renumbered text of 3.2.1 to read as follows:]

All Priority Mail Express pieces (outbound and returns) must bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) prepared as specified under 204.2.0.

[Add new 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 to read as follows:]

3.2.2 IMmb Standards

In addition to the IMpb under 3.2.1, all Priority Mail Express pieces (outbound and returns) must bear an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) prepared as specified under 204.2.0.

3.2.3 Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee

Unless otherwise excepted, mailers of mailpieces not meeting the requirements for using a unique IMpb, and IMmb, as outlined in 204.2.1.6 and Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*, will be assessed the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee. (See Notice 123 — *Price List*.) For details see PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com>.

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215 Mail Preparation

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2.0 Priority Mail Express 1-Day and 2-Day

2.1 Mailing Label

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[Revise the second sentence of item c. to read as follows:]

- c. ***The Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and the Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) on the shipping label must have the appropriate service-type code and banner text above the IMpb barcode used for shipping cremated remains.***

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220 Commercial Mail Priority Mail

223 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Prices and Fees

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1.9 Unmanifested Fee

[Revise the text of 1.9 to read as follows:]

Customers mailing eligible Priority Mail pieces omitted from the manifest are subject to pay the unmanifested-piece fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*), unless subject to pay the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee for the piece as specified in 3.2.

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[Add new 1.12 to read as follows:]

1.12 Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee

Customers mailing Priority Mail pieces containing live animals or perishable food (e.g. fruit, meat) are subject to pay the nonrefundable Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee. (See Notice 123 — *Price List*.) This fee is charged in addition to the Live-Animal Transportation Fee, when applicable, specified in the Notice 123 — *Price List*. For additional information on the Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee see Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, (section 526).

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3.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for Priority Mail

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[Revise the title of 3.2 to read as follows:]

3.2 Barcode Standards

[Move the text of 3.2 under new title 3.2.1 to read as follows:]

3.2.1 IMpb Standards

[Revise the renumbered text of 3.2.1 to read as follows:]

Unless the mailer is authorized to use a unique IMb on Priority Mail letters and flats prepared in high-speed environments, all Priority Mail pieces (outbound and returns) must bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode prepared as specified under 204.2.0. To obtain information on how to acquire an authorization to use an IMb on Priority Mail letters and flats, mailers may contact USPS Shipping Information Systems at IMPB@usps.gov.

[Add new 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 to read as follows:]

3.2.2 IMmb Standards

In addition to the IMpb under 3.2.1, all Priority Mail pieces (outbound and returns) must bear an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) prepared as specified under 204.2.0.

3.2.3 Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee

Unless otherwise excepted, mailers of mailpieces not meeting the requirements for using a unique IMpb and IMmb, as outlined in 204.2.1.8 and Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*, will be assessed the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee. (See Notice 123 — *Price List*.) For details see PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com>.

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3.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for USPS Marketing Mail

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3.4 IMpb Standards

[Revise the text of 3.4 to read as follows:]

All USPS Marketing Mail parcels must bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) as outlined in 204.2.0 and Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*. For details see PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com>.

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250 Commercial Mail Parcel Select Parcels

253 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Prices and Fees

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1.4 Unmanifested Fee

[Revise the text of 1.4 to read as follows:]

Customers mailing eligible Parcel Select pieces omitted from the manifest are subject to pay the unmanifested fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*), unless subject to pay the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee specified in 3.3.

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3.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for Parcel Select Parcels

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[Revise the title of 3.3 to read as follows:]

3.3 Barcode Standards

[Move the text of 3.3 under new title 3.3.1 to read as follows:]

3.3.1 IMpb Standards

[Revise the renumbered text of 3.3.1 to read as follows:]

All Parcel Select mailpieces must bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) prepared as specified under 204.2.0.

[Add new 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 to read as follows:]

3.3.2 IMmb Standards

In addition to the IMpb under 3.3.1, all Parcel Select pieces (outbound and returns) must bear an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) prepared as specified under 204.2.0.

3.3.3 Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee

Unless otherwise excepted, mailers of mailpieces not meeting the requirements for using a unique IMpb and IMmb, as outlined in 204.2.1.6 and Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*, will be assessed the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee. (See Notice 123 — *Price List*.) For details see PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com>.

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260 Commercial Mail Bound Printed Matter

263 Prices and Eligibility

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3.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for Bound Printed Matter

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[Revise the title and text of 3.5 to read as follows:]

3.5 Barcode Standards

Presorted-priced BPM parcels must bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) as outlined in 204.2.0 and Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*. For details see PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com>.

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270 Commercial Mail Media Mail and Library Mail

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5.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for Media Mail and Library Mail

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[Revise the title and text of 5.5 to read as follows:]

5.5 Barcode Standards

All Media Mail and Library Mail parcels must bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) as outlined in 204.2.0 and Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*. For details see PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com>.

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280 Commercial Mail USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

283 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Prices and Fees

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1.6 Unmanifested Fee

[Revise the text of 1.6 to read as follows:]

Customers mailing eligible USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial pieces omitted from the manifest are subject to pay the unmanifested fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*), unless subject to pay the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee for the piece as specified in 3.4.

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[Add new 1.9 to read as follows:]

1.9 Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee

Customers mailing USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial pieces containing live animals or perishable food (e.g. fruit, meat) are subject to pay the nonrefundable Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee. (See Notice 123 — *Price List*.) This fee is charged in addition to the Live-Animal Transportation Fee, when applicable, specified in the Notice 123 — *Price List*. For additional information on the Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee see Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, (section 526).

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3.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

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[Revise the title of 3.4 to read as follows:]

3.4 Barcode Standards

[Move the text of 3.4 under new title 3.4.1 to read as follows:]

3.4.1 IMpb Standards

[Revise the renumbered text of 3.4.1 to read as follows:]

All USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels (outbound and returns) must bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) prepared as specified under 204.2.0.

[Add new 3.4.2 and 3.4.3 to read as follows:]

3.4.2 IMmb Standards

In addition to the IMpb under 3.4.1, all USPS Ground Advantage pieces (outbound and returns) must bear an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) prepared as specified under 204.2.0.

3.4.3 Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee

Unless otherwise excepted, mailers of mailpieces not meeting the requirements for using unique Intelligent Mail package barcodes or extra-services barcodes, as outlined in 204.2.1.8 and Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb)*

Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems, will be assessed the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee. (See Notice 123 — *Price List*.)

For details see PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com>.

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500 Additional Mailing Services

503 Extra Services

1.0 Basic Standards for All Extra Services

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1.7 Forms and Labels

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1.7.2 Privately Printed Forms or Labels

[Revise the text of 1.7.2 to read as follows:]

The following apply:

- a. Except for Certificate of Mailing service using privately printed forms (i.e., facsimiles) as provided under 5.0, if authorized, a mailer may use privately printed extra-service forms and labels for domestic mail only, if the forms and labels are nearly identical in design elements and color to the USPS form, with an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and human-readable numbers that meet USPS specifications, and an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb), as specified in 204.2.0.
- b. Before use, mailers must send samples of their privately printed form to the National Customer Support Center (NCSC) for review and approval. (See 608.8.0 for address, and PS Form 5052 for details.)
- c. Customers affixing both a barcoded address label and a barcoded extra-service label on the same mailpiece must ensure that the barcodes on both labels match.
- d. Mailers generating shipping labels bearing an IMpb and IMmb must also affix the appropriate colored non-barcoded color-coded label for Registered Mail (under 2.1.2) or Certified Mail (under 3.2.1).

- e. For mailers printing their own barcodes, which requires sending an electronic Shipping Service file, see 204.2.0.

[Revise the title and text of 1.7.3 to read as follows:]

1.7.3 Barcodes

Items for which extra services are added must bear a correct Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb).

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1.7.5 Legacy Extra-Service Forms

[Revise the last sentence of the introductory text of 1.7.5 to read as follows:]

***Mailers using noncompliant versions of the following extra-service forms will be subject to pay the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*):

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2.0 Registered Mail

2.1 Basic Standards

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2.1.2 Label 200

[Revise the first sentence of 2.1.2 to read as follows:]

Registered Mail must bear the barcoded red Label 200 (see forms at <https://pe.usps.com>), or a non-barcoded red Label 200-N when a mailer-generated shipping label bearing an IMpb and IMmb as specified under 204.2.0 is also affixed on the same mailpiece.***

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[Revise the title of 3.0 to read as follows:]

3.0 Certified-Mail Services

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3.2 Mailing

3.2.1 PS Form 3800

[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text of 3.2.1 to read as follows:]

Certified Mail must bear the barcoded green label part of the PS Form 3800 (see forms at <https://pe.usps.com>), or a non-barcoded green Label 3800-N when a mailer-generated shipping label bearing an IMpb and IMmb, as specified under 204.2.0, is also affixed on the same mailpiece.***

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4.0 Insured Mail

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[Revise the title of 4.2 to read as follows:]

4.2 Insurance Coverage — Priority Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, and USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

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[Revise the text of item a. to read as follows:]

- a. Insurance coverage is provided against loss, damage, or missing contents and is limited to a maximum liability of \$100.00 when the pieces bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) or USPS retail tracking barcode (see 4.3.4) and the mailer pays retail or commercial prices.

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4.3 Basic Standards

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4.3.4 Markings and Forms

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[Revise the text of item a. to read as follows:]

- a. Retail Systems Software (RSS) sites: A label and a receipt will be provided at the retail counter. The label printed at the retail counter will include postage and an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) that contains the appropriate service-type code for the product and extra service purchased.

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7.0 USPS Tracking

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7.2 Labels

7.2.1 Types of Labels

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[Revise the last sentence of item b. to read as follows:]

- b. ***The labels are populated with the product service-type code and the customer's Mailer Identification (MID) number in the Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb).

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[Revise the title of 8.0 to read as follows:]

8.0 USPS-Signature Services

8.1 Basic Standards

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8.1.2 Standards for Signature Confirmation

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[Revise the text of item d(1) to read as follows:]

1. Retail Systems Software (RSS) sites: A label and a receipt will be provided at the retail counter. The label printed at the retail counter will include postage and an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and an Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) that contains the appropriate service-type code for the product and extra service purchased.

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505 Return Services

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3.0 USPS Returns Service

3.1 Basic Standards

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3.1.3 Postage and Prices

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[Revise the last two sentences of item a. to read as follows:]

- a. ***Customers mailing USPS Returns service packages are charged postage and fees based on the STC embedded in the IMpb and IMmb and as provided under 3.1.3c. If all or part of the barcodes are unreadable, or the package is unable to be priced based on the data collected, postage will be

determined by the Postal Service based on historical data, or default data determined at time of enrollment.

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[Revise the third sentence of item c(1) to read as follows:]

1. ***Additional insurance for Priority Mail Return service and USPS Ground Advantage Return service is available to the account holder for a fee on packages that have the applicable STC embedded into the IMpb and IMmb on the label, and for which the account holder has provided electronic data that supports the value of the merchandise (see 503.4.1a).***

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3.1.4 Labels

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[Revise the text of item b(2) to read as follows:]

2. The label must include an IMpb and IMmb (see 204.2.0), accommodate all required information, be legible, and be prepared in accordance with the standards in Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*, available on the PostalPro website at <https://postalpro.usps.com>.

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[Revise the text of item b(4) to read as follows:]

4. Except for USPS Returns service labels generated by the USPS API or MRA, all returns labels must have a properly constructed IMpb (C01, C05, N02, or N05, as applicable) and IMmb approved by the NCSC.

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3.1.5 Noncompliant Labels

[Revise the last sentence of 3.1.5 to read as follows:]

***When noncompliant labels, including discontinued labels, are affixed to USPS Returns service packages, the permit holder may be assessed the Package-Quality-Noncompliance Fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*), or the appropriate USPS Returns class of mail retail price (i.e., permit holders of Priority Mail Express Returns service packages will be assessed the retail Priority Mail Express price) calculated from the package’s initial entry point (first physical scan) in the USPS network to its delivery address.

3.1.6 Enter and Deposit

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[Revise the last sentence of item b. to read as follows:]

- b. ***Any such packages deposited in collection boxes may be returned to the sender for the extra service to be purchased appropriately, or it will be processed and the sender charged postage and fees based on the STC embedded in the IMpb and IMmb on the label and as provided under 3.1.4c.

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5.0 Bulk Parcel Return Service

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5.4 Optional BPRS Label

[Revise the text of 5.4 to read as follows:]

An authorized BPRS permit holder has the option to use a label to identify BPRS

parcels for return to a designated Postal Service facility. The label is prepared at the mailer's expense and must meet all format standards in the Parcel Labeling Guide (available on PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com>), including an IMpb and IMmb meeting the standards in 204.2.0.

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507 Mailer Services

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5.0 Package Intercept

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5.3 Adding Extra Services

[Revise the third sentence of the introductory text of 5.3 to read as follows:]

The relabeled item will be assigned a new barcode applicable to the extra service purchased.

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600 Basic Standards for All Mailing Services

601 Mailability

1.0 General Standards

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1.2 Overweight or Oversize Items

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1.2.3 Fee

[Revise the text of 1.2.3 to read as follows:]

Except for an overweight or oversize item discovered and picked up at the same facility where it was entered, the overweight/oversize-item fee of \$200 will be assessed and must be paid before release of the item. The \$200 overweight- or oversize-item fee may be paid by any authorized retail payment method or through *PostalOne!*.

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602 Addressing

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[Revise the title and text of 10.0 to read as follows:]

10.0 Dual-Shipping Labels

Mailers must not use dual-shipping labels, which are used by private shippers to identify both the Postal Service and a private carrier as possible delivery agents. Postal Service Post Offices must not accept items bearing dual-shipping labels and may return such items to the sender.

604 Postage Payment Methods and Refunds

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9.0 Exchanges and Refunds

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9.2 Postage and Fee Refunds

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9.2.4 Postage and Fee Refunds Not Available

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[Add new item j. to read as follows:]

- j. For the Package Intercept per-piece fee once USPS successfully intercepts the mailpiece (see 507.5.2) or the Live-Animal and Perishable Handling Fee once the piece is entered into the network.

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609 Filing Indemnity Claims for Loss or Damage

1.0 General Filing Instructions

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1.2 Bulk Insured Claims

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1.2.2 Eligibility

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[Revise the text of item b. to read as follows:]

- b. IMpb and IMmb compliance history.

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1.3 Who May File

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[Revise the text of item c. to read as follows:]

- c. Only the account holder, for USPS Returns packages that are insured as identified by the account holder's mailer identification (MID) and the applicable STC for insurance imbedded into the IMpb and IMmb on the label, and for which the account holder has provided electronic data that supports the value of the merchandise being returned (see 503.4.3.1a).

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700 Special Standards

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703 Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail and Other Unique Eligibility

1.0 Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail

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1.6 Eligible and Ineligible Matter

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1.6.11 Products Mailable at Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail Prices

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[Revise the third sentence of item 1.6.11a to read as follows:]

a. ***Effective January 1, 2025, the cost of such items must not exceed \$13.60. ***

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18.0 Priority Mail Express Open and Distribute and Priority Mail Open and Distribute

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18.5 Preparation

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18.5.7 Address Label Service Barcode Requirement

[Revise the first through fifth sentences of the introductory text of 18.5.7 to read as follows:]

An electronic service barcode must include an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and Intelligent Mail matrix barcode (IMmb) (eVS-approved mailers) symbology for Priority Mail Express Open and Distribute, and the IMpb and IMmb symbology for Priority Mail Open and Distribute in the address label. Mailers must prepare address labels using the formats in 118.5.8 through 8.5.12. Priority Mail Express Open and Distribute IMpb and IMmb labels must include service-type code “723.” For Priority Mail Open and Distribute, the IMpb and IMmb must include service-type code “123.” The human-readable text “USPS SCAN ON ARRIVAL” must appear above the IMpb barcode.***

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[Revise the text of item b. to read as follows:]

- b. Register and integrate USPS Web Tools Application Program Interface (API), available at <https://www.usps.com/webtools/>, for Priority Mail Open and Distribute using their own developers.

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[Add an IMmb in the address block to the left of the delivery address to the label graphics in Exhibits 18.5.8 through 18.5.12.]

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[Revise the “Intelligent Mail” entry by alphabetically adding the following:]

matrix barcode, 204.2.0

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The Postal Service will incorporate these revisions into the next update of the online DMM, which is available on Postal Explorer at pe.usps.com.

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