DMM Revision: Domestic Competitive Products Pricing and Mailing Standards
Changes

Effective July 9, 2023, the Postal Service™ will revise *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®), to reflect changes to certain prices and mailing standards for the following competitive products:

- Priority Mail Express<sup>®</sup>.
- Priority Mail<sup>®</sup>.
- USPS Ground Advantage<sup>™</sup> (formerly First-Class Package Service<sup>®</sup>).
- Parcel Select<sup>®</sup>.
- Extra Services.
- Return Services.
- Mailer Services.
- Recipient Services.
- Other.

This article describes new prices and product features for competitive products established by the Governors of the United States Postal Service. New prices are available on the Postal Explorer® website at <a href="https://pe.usps.com">https://pe.usps.com</a>. Competitive products changes are identified by product as follows:

#### **Priority Mail Express**

There are no Priority Mail Express retail or commercial price or structural changes scheduled for July 9, 2023.

#### **Priority Mail**

There are no Priority Mail retail or commercial price or structural changes scheduled for July 9, 2023.

## **USPS Ground Advantage (formerly First-Class Package Service)**

First-Class Package Service Rebranded as USPS Ground Advantage

USPS Ground Advantage, a rebranding of First-Class Package Service, will consolidate

USPS Retail Ground® and Parcel Select Ground into the respective retail and

commercial price categories. The USPS Ground Advantage – Retail and USPS Ground

Advantage – Commercial features are as follows:

## USPS Ground Advantage – Retail

- Weight: 1 ounce to 70 pounds. (Ounce pricing will be in 4-ounce, 8-ounce,
   12-ounce, and 15.999-ounce increments for USPS Ground Advantage –
   Retail.)
- Dimensions: Pieces up to 130 inches in length and girth (oversized price).
- USPS Ground Advantage Limited Overland Route (LOR) prices.
- Dimensional weight (DIM) will apply to USPS Ground Advantage Retail and USPS Ground Advantage – LOR.
- Nonstandard Fees will apply to USPS Ground Advantage Retail and USPS Ground Advantage – LOR.
- Sealed against inspection.
- \$100 of insurance included with USPS Ground Advantage Retail and USPS
  Ground Advantage LOR. (See "USPS Ground Advantage Insurance"
  below.)
- USPS Click-N-Ship® added as a payment method.

 Extra Services: Certified Mail<sup>®</sup> and Certificate of Mailing will no longer be offered.

#### USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

- Weight: 1 ounce to 70 pounds. (Ounce pricing will be in 4-ounce., 8-ounce., 12-ounce, and 15.999-ounce increments.)
- Dimensions: Pieces up to 130 inches in length and girth (oversized price).
- USPS Ground Advantage Cubic prices.
- Dimensional weight (DIM) will apply to USPS Ground Advantage Commercial.
- Nonstandard Fees will apply to USPS Ground Advantage Commercial.
- Not Sealed against inspection.
- \$100 of insurance coverage included with USPS Ground Advantage –
   Commercial and USPS Ground Advantage Cubic. (See "USPS Ground Advantage Insurance" below.)
- USPS Click-N-Ship added as a payment method.
- Extra Services: Certified Mail and Certificate of Mailing will no longer be offered.

#### Prices

Overall, USPS Ground Advantage prices will decrease 1.4 percent.

USPS Ground Advantage – Retail prices will decrease 3.2 percent.

USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial prices will decrease 0.7 percent.

#### USPS Ground Advantage Insurance

The Postal Service is including \$100 of insurance coverage with USPS Ground

Advantage – Retail and USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial product offerings. See

Federal Register notice, "New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products," (87 FR 21601-21603) for additional information.

#### **Parcel Select**

#### Prices

The prices for Parcel Select Destination Entry will increase an average of 2.1 percent. The prices for Parcel Select Lightweight® will decrease an average of 0.1 percent. The prices for USPS Connect® Local will remain the same.

Parcel Select Destination Entry Pricing

The Postal Service is revising the Parcel Select Destination Entry pricing structure to eliminate the nonmachinable price table and have one price table that will include price increments for weights from 1 pound through 70 pounds and oversized.

Parcel Select Destination Entry and Parcel Select Lightweight Pricing Component Restructuring

The Postal Service is revising the pricing components of Parcel Select

Destination Entry and Parcel Select Lightweight for consistency within the products.

Both products will have four pricing components:

- Destination Delivery Unit (DDU);
- 2. Destination Hub (DHub);
- 3. Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF); and
- 4. Destination Network Distribution Center (DNDC).

This revision of pricing components will make Parcel Select Lightweight consistent with Parcel Select Destination Entry. Additionally, Parcel Select Lightweight will be priced at 4-ounce, 8-ounce, 12-ounce, and 15.999-ounce increments.

#### Parcel Select Ground Discontinued

As a result of rebranding and enhancing the USPS Ground Advantage –

Commercial product, the Postal Service is discontinuing the Parcel Select Ground price category offering.

#### **USPS Retail Ground**

USPS Retail Ground Discontinued

As a result of rebranding and enhancing the USPS Ground Advantage – Retail product, the Postal Service is discontinuing the USPS Retail Ground product offering.

#### **Return Services**

USPS Returns

Priority Mail Express Return Service

The Postal Service is adding Priority Mail Express Return Service to the suite of USPS Returns services. Priority Mail Express standards will apply to Priority Mail Express Return service pieces.

USPS Ground Advantage Return Service (formerly First-Class Package Return Service)

The Postal Service is rebranding First-Class Package Return Service as USPS

Ground Advantage Return Service.

USPS Ground Advantage Return Service Insurance

The Postal Service is including \$100.00 of insurance coverage with USPS Ground Advantage Return service pieces. See *Federal Register* notice, "New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products," (87 FR 21601-21603) for additional information.

Ground Return Service Discontinued

As a result of rebranding and enhancing the USPS Ground Advantage –

Commercial product and the Postal Service discontinuing the Parcel Select Ground price category offering, the Postal Service is discontinuing the Ground Return Service (Parcel Select Ground) USPS Returns product offering.

#### **Mailer Services**

Pickup on Demand® Service

The Pickup on Demand service fee will remain the same.

USPS Tracking Plus Service

The USPS Premium Tracking Service<sup>™</sup> prices will remain the same.

USPS Label Delivery Service™

The USPS Label Delivery Service prices will remain the same.

#### **Recipient Services**

Post Office Box™ Service

The competitive Post Office Box service prices will remain the same.

Premium Forwarding Service®

Premium Forwarding Service (PFS®) prices will remain the same.

USPS Package Intercept®

The USPS Package Intercept fee will remain the same.

#### Other

Address Enhancement Service

Address Enhancement Service competitive product prices will remain the same.

Small Parcel Forwarding Fee

The small parcel forwarding fee will remain the same.

## Physical Standards for Parcels

The Postal Service is revising the maximum dimensions and weight permitted for machinable parcels. The maximum permitted dimensions for a machinable parcel are 22 inches x 18 inches x 15 inches. The maximum permitted weight for a machinable parcel is 25 pounds.

#### Resources

The Postal Service provides additional resources to assist customers with this price change for competitive products. These tools include price lists, downloadable price files, and *Federal Register* notices, which are on the Postal Explorer® website at <a href="http://pe.usps.com">http://pe.usps.com</a>.

These revised standards are effective July 9, 2023.

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100 Retail Mail Letters, Cards, Flats, and Parcels

101 Physical Standards

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3.0 Physical Standards for Parcels

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## 3.2 Maximum Weight and Size

[Revise the third sentence and add a new fourth sentence of 3.2 to read as follows:]

- \*\*\*No mailpiece may weigh more than 70 pounds. Except for USPS Ground Advantage
- Retail, which may not measure more than 130 inches in length and girth combined, no mailpiece may measure more than 108 inches in length and girth combined.\*\*\*

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[Revise the title of 6.0 to read as follows:]

# 6.0 Additional Physical Standards for First-Class Mail and USPS Ground

Advantage - Retail

## 6.1 Maximum Weight

[Revise the text of 6.1 to read as follows:]

#### 6.1.1 First-Class Mail

First-Class Mail (letters and flats) must not exceed 13 ounces.

## 6.1.2 USPS Ground Advantage – Retail

USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail must not exceed 70 pounds.

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#### 6.4 Parcels

[Revise the introductory text of 6.4 to read as follows:]

USPS Ground Advantage – Retail parcels are eligible for USPS Tracking and Signature Confirmation service. A USPS Ground Advantage – Retail parcel is the following:

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

d. A mailpiece that does not exceed 130 inches in combined length and girth.

[Delete 7.0, "Additional Physical Standards for USPS Retail Ground," in its entirety and renumber current 8.0 as 7.0.]

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## 102 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 3.3 to read as follows:]

## 3.3 First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage - Retail Markings

[Revise the first sentence of 3.3 to read as follows:]

Each single-piece price First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail piece must have a delivery address, but is not required to bear a price marking.\*\*\*

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

## 3.4 Media Mail and Library Mail Markings

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

Mailers must print the basic required Package Services subclass marking "Media Mail" or "Library Mail" on each piece claimed at the respective price.\*\*\*

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

a. The service icon that identifies all Package Services subclasses is a 1-inch solid black square. If the service icon is used, it must appear in the upper left corner of the shipping label.

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

b. \*\*\*If the service banner is used, the appropriate Package Services subclass
marking (e.g., "MEDIA MAIL," "LIBRARY MAIL") must be preceded by the text
"USPS" and must be printed in minimum 20-point bold sans serif typeface,

uppercase letters, centered within the banner, and bordered above and below by minimum 1-point separator lines.\*\*\*

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

## **Exhibit 3.4 Package Services Indicator Examples**

[Rename the class of mail in the first example in Exhibit 3.4 "USPS LIBRARY MAIL."]

[Revise the title of 130 to read as follows:]

- 130 Retail Mail First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage Retail
- 133 Prices and Eligibility
- 1.0 Prices and Fees

[Revise the title and introductory text of 1.1 to read as follows:]

# 1.1 First-Class Mail Single-Piece and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail Price Application

The single-piece prices (see Notice 123 — *Price List*) are applied as follows:

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

d. The USPS Ground Advantage – Retail parcel price applies to parcel-size pieces under 101.3.0 and to flat-size pieces that do not meet the standards in 101.2.0.

[Revise the title and introductory text of 1.2 to read as follows:]

1.2 Price Computation for First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail

First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail prices are charged as follows:

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

- b. USPS Ground Advantage Retail: Based on weight and zone and is charged as follows:
  - Ounce pricing charged at the 4-ounce, 8-ounce, 12-ounce, and 15.999-ounce increments. Any fraction of an ounce over the 4-ounce, 8-ounce, 12-ounce, and 15.999-ounce increments is rounded to the next price increment. For example, if an item weighs 4.1 ounces, the next weight (price) increment is 8 ounces. If an item weighs 12.1 ounces, the next weight (price) increment is 15.999.
  - Per pound from more than 1 pound through 70 pounds. Any fraction of a pound is considered a whole pound. For example, if an item weighs 1.25 pounds, the weight (price) increment is 2 pounds.

[Add new 1.3 and 1.4 to read as follows and renumber current 1.3 through 1.6 as 1.5 through 1.8:]

1.3 USPS Ground Advantage – Retail – Limited Overland Routes Prices

USPS Ground Advantage – Retail – LOR retail prices are only available when mailing eligible items within Alaska for pieces delivered to or from the eligible intra-Alaska ZIP Codes not connected by overland routes in Exhibit 1.3. USPS Ground Advantage — Retail – LOR retail prices are not available through online or commercial postage payment.

Exhibit 1.3 USPS Ground Advantage – Retail – LOR Eligible Intra-Alaska ZIP Codes

USPS Ground Advantage – Retail – LOR eligible intra-Alaska ZIP Codes are as follows:

99545, 99546, 99547, 99548, 99549, 99550, 99551, 99552, 99553, 99554, 99555, 99557, 99558, 99559, 99561, 99563, 99564, 99565, 99569, 99571, 99574, 99575, 99576, 99578, 99579, 99580, 99581, 99583, 99585, 99589, 99590, 99591, 99602, 99604, 99606, 99607, 99608, 99609, 99612, 99613, 99614, 99615, 99619, 99620, 99621, 99622, 99624, 99625, 99626, 99627, 99628, 99630, 99632, 99633, 99634, 99636, 99637, 99638, 99640, 99641, 99643, 99644, 99647, 99648, 99649, 99650, 99651, 99653, 99655, 99656, 99657, 99658, 99659, 99660, 99661, 99662, 99663, 99665, 99666, 99667, 99668, 99670, 99671, 99675, 99677, 99678, 99679, 99680, 99681, 99682, 99684, 99685, 99689, 99690, 99691, 99692, 99695, 99697, 99720, 99721, 99722, 99723, 99724, 99726, 99727, 99730, 99732, 99733, 99734, 99736, 99738, 99739, 99740, 99741, 99742, 99745, 99746, 99747, 99748, 99749, 99750, 99751, 99752, 99753, 99754, 99756, 99757, 99758, 99759, 99761, 99762, 99763, 99765, 99766, 99767, 99768, 99769, 99770, 99771, 99772, 99773, 99774, 99777, 99778, 99781, 99782, 99783, 99784, 99785, 99786, 99788, 99789, 99790, 99791, 99801, 99802, 99803, 99811, 99812, 99820, 99821, 99824, 99825, 99826, 99827, 99829, 99830, 99832, 99833, 99835, 99836, 99840, 99841, 99850, 99901, 99903, 99918, 99919, 99921, 99922, 99923, 99925, 99926, 99927, 99928, 99929, 99950.

### 1.4 Dimensional Weight Price for Low-Density Parcels

#### **1.4.1. General**

Postage for USPS Ground Advantage parcels addressed for delivery to zones 1-9 and USPS Ground Advantage – LOR parcels, exceeding 1 cubic foot (1,728 cubic inches) is based on the actual weight or the dimensional weight (as calculated in 1.4.1 or 1.4.2), whichever is greater.

#### 1.4.2 Determining Dimensional Weight for Rectangular Parcels

Follow these steps to determine the dimensional weight for a rectangular parcel:

- a. Measure the length, width, and height in inches. Round off (see 604.7.0) each measurement to the nearest whole inch.
- b. Multiply the length by the width and then that total by the height.
- c. If the result exceeds 1,728 cubic inches, divide the result by 166 and round up (see 604.7.0) to the next whole number to determine the dimensional weight in pounds.
- d. If the dimensional weight exceeds 70 pounds, the customer pays the 70pound price.

## 1.4.3 Determining Dimensional Weight for Nonrectangular Parcels

Follow these steps to determine the dimensional weight for a nonrectangular parcel:

- a. Measure the length, width, and height in inches at their extreme dimensions.

  Round off (see 604.7.0) each measurement to the nearest whole inch.
- b. Multiply the length by the width and then that total by the height.
- c. Multiply the result by an adjustment factor of 0.785.
- d. If the final result exceeds 1,728 cubic inches, divide the result by 166 and round up (see 604.7.0) to the next whole number to determine the dimensional weight in pounds.
- e. If the dimensional weight exceeds 70 pounds, the customer pays the 70-pound price.

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#### 1.8 Nonstandard Fees

[Revise the introductory text of renumbered 1.8 to read as follows:]

A USPS Ground Advantage – Retail and USPS Ground Advantage – LOR piece is subject to a nonstandard fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*) as follows:

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

# 2.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail

#### 2.1 Description of Service

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

First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail receive expeditious handling and transportation. USPS does not guarantee the delivery of First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail within a specified time. Certain USPS Ground Advantage – Retail pieces may receive deferred handling.

#### 2.2 Defining Characteristics

#### 2.2.1 Inspection of Contents

[Revise the text of 2.2.1 to read as follows:]

First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail are sealed against Postal Service inspection.

#### 2.2.2 Forwarding and Return Service

[Revise the text of 2.2.2 to read as follows:]

The price of First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail includes forwarding service to a new address for up to 12 months, and return service if the mailpiece is undeliverable.

## 2.2.3 Extra Services

[Revise the text of 2.2.3 to read as follows:]

First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail are eligible to receive the following extra services as specified (See 503 for information regarding additional extra services):

- a. First Class Mail: Registered Mail services and Certified Mail services.
- b. USPS Ground Advantage Retail: Registered Mail services.

#### 3.0 Content Standards

## 3.1 General Eligibility

[Revise the text of 3.1 to read as follows:]

With the exception of restricted material as described in 601.8.0, any mailable item may be mailed as First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail.

#### 3.2 Bills and Statements of Account

[Revise the introductory text of 3.2 to read as follows:]

Bills and statements of account must be mailed as First-Class Mail, USPS Ground

Advantage – Retail, Priority Mail, or Priority Mail Express and are defined as follows:

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#### 3.3 Personal Information

[Revise the first sentence of 3.3 to read as follows:]

Mail containing personal information must be mailed as First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, Priority Mail, or Priority Mail Express.\*\*\*

#### 3.4 Handwritten and Typewritten Material

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

Mail containing handwritten or typewritten material must be mailed as First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, Priority Mail, or Priority Mail Express.

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#### 3.6 Prohibited Air Transportation

[Revise the text of 3.6 to read as follows:]

All First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail are subject to limitations for air transportation as specified in 601.8.0.

## **134 Postage Payment Methods**

[Revise the title of 1.0 to read as follows:]

# 1.0 Postage Payment Methods for First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail

## 1.1 Payment Method

[Delete 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 in their entirety and add new text under 1.1 to read as follows:]

Postage for single-piece First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail
must be paid as follows:

- a. First-Class Mail: With affixed postage stamps (see 604.1.0), postage evidencing system postage (see 604.4.0), or precanceled stamps (see 604.3.0).
- USPS Ground Advantage Retail: In addition to payment methods in 1.1a,
   USPS Ground Advantage mail may be paid with USPS Click-N-Ship.

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#### 1.3 More Than One Mailer

[Revise the first sentence of 1.3 to read as follows:]

When two or more individuals or organizations, or a party acting as their agent, mail in one package the bills, statements of account, or other letters of the individuals or organizations, to an addressee in common, First-Class Mail or USPS Ground

Advantage – Retail postage may be paid based on the weight of the entire package of aggregated mail.\*\*\*

#### 1.4 More Than One Letter

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

An individual or organization may mail in one package more than one of the mailer's own letters and pay First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail postage based on the weight of the entire package of letters if:

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## 1.5 Agent

[Revise the text of 1.5 to read as follows:]

Any agent of a licensing authority may forward completed applications in one envelope to an office of the licensing authority and pay First-Class Mail or USPS Ground

Advantage – Retail postage based on the weight of the piece.

## 135 Mail Preparation

[Revise the title and text of 1.0 to read as follows:]

# 1.0 Preparation for First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage - Retail

The following standards apply to retail single-piece First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail:

 Each piece of First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail must have a delivery address, but is not required to bear a price marking.  b. There are no sorting requirements for retail single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail.

## 136 Deposit

[Revise the title and introductory text of 1.0 to read as follows:]

#### 1.0 Deposit for First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage - Retail

Retail First-Class Mail (letters, cards, flats) and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail must be deposited as follows:

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[Delete Chapter 150, "USPS Retail Ground," in its entirety.]

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## 200 Commercial Mail Letters, Cards, Flats, and Parcels

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# 201 Physical Standards

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#### 7.0 Physical Standards for Parcels

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## 7.3 Maximum Weight and Size

[Revise the text of 7.3 to read as follows:]

No mailpiece may weigh more than 70 pounds. Lower weight limits apply to parcels mailed at Priority Mail cubic, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial cubic, USPS Marketing Mail, and Bound Printed Matter prices. Except for USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial and Parcel Select mailpieces, pieces may not measure more than 108 inches in length and girth combined. USPS Marketing Mail Marketing parcels (see 8.4)

may not be larger than 12 inches long, 9 inches high, and 2 inches thick. USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial and Parcel Select parcels may not measure more than 130 inches in length and girth combined. For parcels, length is the distance of the longest dimension, and girth is the distance around the thickest part. Lower size or weight standards apply to mail addressed to some APOs and FPOs subject to 703.2.0 and 703.4.0 and for U.S. Department of State mail, subject to 703.3.0.

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#### 7.5 Machinable Parcels

#### 7.5.1 Criteria

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

b. Not more than 22 inches long, or 18 inches high, or 15 inches thick. Parcels must not weigh more than 25 pounds.

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### **Exhibit 7.5.1b Machinable Parcel Dimensions**

[Revise the maximum dimensions shown in the graphic in Exhibit 7.5.1b to be 22"  $\times$  18"  $\times$  15".]

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## 8.0 Additional Physical Standards by Class of Mail

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[Revise the title of 8.3 to read as follows:]

#### 8.3 USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial Parcels

## **8.3.1 Weight**

[Revise the text of 8.3.1 to read as follows:]

USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels must not weigh more than 70 pounds.

#### 8.3.2 Size

[Revise the second sentence of the introductory text under 8.3.2 to read as follows:]

\*\*\*A USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcel is:

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

d. A mailpiece that does not exceed 130 inches in combined length and girth.

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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 and text of 3.6 to read as follows:]

# 3.6 USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial Markings

## 3.6.1 Basic Markings

The basic required marking "USPS Ground Advantage" must be printed as part of, directly below, or to the left of the postage on all parcels. Optionally, the basic required price marking may be printed on a shipping address label as a service indicator composed of a service icon and service banner.

#### 3.6.2 USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial Cubic Markings

USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial pieces claimed at the cubic price must be marked as provided under 3.6.1 and bear the applicable marking that reflects the

correct price tier printed on the piece or produced as part of the postage indicia. The cubic tiers are determined by the cubic measurement of each mailpiece up to the defined threshold, (for example, measurements from .01 up to .10 for "Cubic .10" and from .101 up to .20 for "Cubic .20"). Place the marking directly above, directly below, or to the left of the postage. Approved markings are as follows:

- a. "Cubic .10."
- b. "Cubic .20."
- c. "Cubic .30."
- d. "Cubic .40."
- e. "Cubic .50."
- f. "Cubic .60."
- g. "Cubic .70."
- h. "Cubic .80."
- i. "Cubic .90."
- j. "Cubic 1.00."

# 3.6.3 Price Marking – Permit Imprint

USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial permit imprint pieces claimed at the cubic price must be marked as provided under 3.6.1 and bear the "cubic" marking printed on the piece or produced as part of the permit imprint indicia. Place the marking directly above, directly below, or to the left of the postage. The approved marking is "Cubic" (or "CUBIC," or "cubic").

#### 3.6.4 Soft Pack and Padded Envelope Markings

Regardless of the postage payment method used, soft pack and padded envelopes must be marked as provided under 3.6.1 in addition to the tier price markings in 3.6.2 and the dimensions (length and width) of the original packaging. Place the markings directly above, directly below, or to the left of the postage.

# 3.7 Parcel Select, Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, and Library Mail Markings

## 3.7.2 Parcel Select Markings

[Move the title of 3.7.2, "3.7.2 Parcel Select Markings" to be under the graphic of Exhibit 3.7.1, "Marking Indicator Examples," and immediately before the text under the graphic.] [Delete the third sentence (referencing "USPS Retail Ground") of the introductory text of 3.7.2.]

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[Delete item b. in its entirety and renumber current items c. and d. as b. and c.]

[Delete 3.8, "Parcel Select Ground Cubic Markings," in its entirety and renumber current 3.9 and 3.10 as 3.8 and 3.9.]

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203 Basic Postage Statement, Documentation, and Preparation Standards

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# 5.0 Letter and Flat Trays

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# 5.12 Line 2 (Content Line)

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[Delete the "First-Class Package Service – Commercial" entry from the list of codes of						
item b.]						
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204 Barcode Standards						
1.0 Standards for Intelligent Mail Barcodes						
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1.3 Reflectance						
1.3.1 Background Reflectance						
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[Revise the text of item b. to read as follows:]						
b. The area surrounding the barcode (within 1/8 inch of the leftmost and						
rightmost bars and 1/25 inch above and below the barcode) of a card-size,						
letter-size, or flat-size piece barcoded in the address block and of a flat-size						
piece barcoded elsewhere.						
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1.3.4 Dark Fibers and Background Patterns						
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[Revise the text of item b. to read as follows:]						
b. The area of the address block or the area of the mailpiece where the barcode						
appears on a flat-size piece in an automation mailing.						
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207 Periodicals						

# 3.0 Physical Characteristics and Content Eligibility 3.4 Impermissible Mailpiece Components 3.4.3 Products [Revise the last sentence of 3.4.3 to read as follows:] \*\*\*Package Services or Parcel Select mailpieces may not be combined with a Periodicals publication. 4.0 Basic Eligibility Standards 4.7 Eligible Formats 4.7.1 Complete Copies [Revise the last sentence of 4.7.1 to read as follows:] \*\*\*Incomplete copies (for example, those lacking pages or parts of pages) are subject to the applicable First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, USPS Marketing Mail, or Package Services prices. 4.10 Back Issues and Reprints [Revise the last sentence of 4.10 to read as follows:]

\*\*\*Other mailings of back issues or reprint copies, including permanently bound back issues or reprint copies, are subject to the applicable Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail,

First-	Clas	s Mail, l	JSPS (	Ground Adv	vantage -	- Retail, USPS	Ground Advantage –
Comr	nerc	ial, USF	S Mark	ceting Mail	, or Pack	age Services p	prices.
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5.0 A	pply	ing for	Period	icals Auth	orizatio	n	
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5.2 Mailing While Application Pending							
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5.2.2 Pending Prices							
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[Revi	se th	ne text o	f item b	o. to read a	s follows	:]	
	b.	For a re	efund a	fter the ap <sub>l</sub>	olication i	s approved, at	USPS Marketing Mail,
		Bound	Printed	Matter, an	ıd Parcel	Select prices	or at single-piece Priority Mail
		First-Cl	ass Ma	il, and USI	PS Grour	nd Advantage -	- Retail prices under the
		exception	on in 5.	3.6e.			
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5.2.3 Pending Postage							
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Exhibit 5.2.3 Pending Postage							
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[Rename the "First-Class Package Service-R" line item as "USPS Ground Advantage-							
R" to read as follows:]							
USP	USPS Ground Advantage-R 311%						

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# 5.3 Decision on Application

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#### 5.3.6 No Refund

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

e. Postage paid at Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS

Ground Advantage – Retail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

prices. *Exception*: For a mailing presorted and prepared as Periodicals mail

that is less than 200 pieces or 50 pounds, a refund may be authorized when

postage is paid at single-piece Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground

Advantage – Retail prices as provided on the applicable postage statement.

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# 6.0 Qualification Categories

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# 6.7 News Agent Registry

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#### 6.7.4 Parts Returned

[Revise the text of 6.7.4 to read as follows:]

Parts of publications returned to publishers to show that copies have not been sold are subject to the applicable USPS Marketing Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, or Package Services prices.

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#### 10.0 Preferred Periodicals

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# 10.6 Mailing While Application Pending

#### 10.6.1 Mailing Before Approval

[Revise the text of 10.6.1 to read as follows:]

A publisher or news agent may not mail at a Periodicals Preferred price until the PCSC manager approves the application. Until approval is given, postage must be paid at the Outside-County prices (for authorized Periodicals publications), or at the First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, USPS Marketing Mail, or Package Services prices (if the publication is in a pending status for Periodicals mailing privileges).

# 10.6.2 Record of Deposits

[Revise the last sentence of 10.6.2 to read as follows:]

\*\*\*No record is kept if First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial postage is paid or if postage is not paid by advance deposit account.

#### 10.7 Decision on Application

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#### 10.7.5 No Refund

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

	t.	Ро	stage <sub>l</sub>	paid at	Priority Mail Express, First-Class Mail or USPS Ground	
		Ad	vantag	je – Re	tail prices.	
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11.5	Сор	ies	Maile	d by Pu	ıblic	
[Revi	se tl	he te	ext of 1	11.5 to	read as follows:]	
The s	singl	e-pi	ece Pr	iority M	lail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground	
Adva	ntag	je –	Retail	, or Pac	ckage Services price is charged on copies of publications	
mailed by the general public and on copies returned to publishers or news agents.						
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210 (	Com	me	rcial N	lail Pri	ority Mail Express	
213 Prices and Eligibility						
1.0 Prices and Fees						
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1.8 N	ons	tan	dard F	ees		
[Revi	se tl	he ii	ntroduc	ctory te	xt of 1.8 to read as follows:]	
Exce	pt fo	r Pr	iority N	∕lail Exp	oress Return Service, a Priority Mail Express piece is subject	
to a r	ons	tand	dard fe	e (see	Notice 123 — <i>Price List</i> ) as follows:	
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230 Commercial Mail First-Class Mail						
233 Prices and Eligibility						
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2.0 Content Standards for First-Class Mail						
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[Del	[Delete 2.6 in its entirety and renumber current 2.7 and 2.8 as 2.6 and 2.7.]					
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240	Comm	nercial	Mail U	SPS Marketing Mail		
243	Prices	and E	Eligibili	ty		
1.0	Prices	and F	ees			
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1.4	Fees					
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1.4.	2 Weig	hted F	ee			
[Re	vise the	e text o	f 1.4.2	to read as follows:]		
For return of pieces bearing the ancillary service markings "Address Service						
Requested" and "Forwarding Service Requested." The weighted fee equals single-piece						
First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, price multiplied by 2.472.						
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3.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for USPS Marketing Mail						
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[Revise the title and text of 3.7 to read as follows:]						
3.7 Residual Mail Subject to First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail						
Prices						
The	followi	ng app	olies:			

- a. Pieces prepared as USPS Marketing Mail (i.e., that bear USPS Marketing Mail price markings, ACS codes, etc.) that do not qualify for Enhanced Carrier Route, automation, or Presorted USPS Marketing Mail prices are subject to the single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage Retail prices as applicable for the weight of the mailpiece.
- b. Metered pieces weighing more than 13 ounces but less than 16 ounces that do not qualify for USPS Marketing Mail prices, and any pieces that do not qualify for USPS Marketing Mail prices for which First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage Retail service is desired, must be re-enveloped or otherwise prepared so that they do not bear USPS Marketing Mail markings, endorsements, and ACS codes and must bear the proper First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage Retail price markings and ACS codes.
- c. Mailers with pieces (other than metered pieces weighing more than 13 ounces but less than 16 ounces) that do not qualify for USPS Marketing Mail prices but that are prepared as USPS Marketing Mail and who do not want First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage Retail service for those pieces may enter their mailpieces "as is" (i.e., bearing the USPS Marketing Mail markings and endorsements), provided the requirements in 244.1.0 are met.

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## 5.0 Residual Pieces

[Revise the title and introductory text of 5.1 to read as follows:]

# 5.1 Residual USPS Marketing Mail Subject to First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage Prices

Mailers with pieces weighing 13 ounces or less that do not qualify for USPS Marketing Mail prices but that are prepared as USPS Marketing Mail must pay single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail postage for such pieces. If mailers do not want First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail service for such pieces they may enter the mailpieces "as is" (i.e., bearing the USPS Marketing Mail markings and endorsements) under the following conditions:

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

b. Mailers of mail bearing metered or precanceled stamp postage must pay the difference between the postage affixed at the USPS Marketing Mail prices and the single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail prices by means of an advance deposit account or by affixing a meter stamp for the appropriate amount to PS Form 3600-FCM.\*\*\*

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

c. Mailers of mail bearing permit imprints must pay the appropriate single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail prices by completing PS Form 3600-FCM.\*\*\*

[Revise the title and text of 5.2 to read as follows:]

5.2 Residual USPS Marketing Mail Subject to USPS Ground Advantage – Retail Prices

Mailers of permit imprint pieces weighing more than 13 ounces but less than 16 ounces that do not qualify for USPS Marketing Mail prices but that are prepared as USPS Marketing Mail must pay the USPS Ground Advantage – Retail postage for such pieces. Mailers of mailpieces paid with meters or permit imprints must re-envelope or otherwise prepare the pieces so that when mailed they bear only the appropriate USPS Ground Advantage markings, ancillary service endorsements, and ACS codes and do not bear USPS Marketing Mail markings, endorsements, or ACS codes. Mailers of mailpieces paid with permit imprints for which their mailers do not want USPS Ground Advantage service may enter the mailpieces "as is" (i.e., bearing the USPS Marketing Mail markings and endorsements), under the following conditions:

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

b. The appropriate USPS Ground Advantage – Retail prices must be paid by completing the appropriate part of PS Form 3600-FCM on the line titled "Pieces From USPS Marketing Mail mailing" in the postage calculation section.\*\*\*

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#### **6.0 Preparing Enhanced Carrier Route Letters**

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## 6.3 Residual Pieces

[Revise the text of 6.3 to read as follows:]

Pieces not sorted as a carrier route mailing must be prepared as a separate mailing at USPS Marketing Mail automation or Presorted prices or at the applicable single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail prices.

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## 8.0 Preparing Nonautomation Flats

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#### 8.10 Residual Pieces

[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text of 8.10 to read as follows:]

Mailers entering USPS Marketing Mail residual pieces that do not qualify for USPS

Marketing Mail prices, and paying the applicable single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS

Ground Advantage – Retail prices (but prepared "as is" under 244.5.0), must separately bundle and sack residual pieces from the automation and presort pieces.\*\*\*

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#### 9.0 Preparing Enhanced Carrier Route Flats

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## 9.2 Residual Pieces

[Revise the text of 9.2 to read as follows:]

Pieces not sorted as a carrier route mailing must be prepared as a separate mailing at USPS Marketing Mail automation or Presorted prices or at the applicable single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail prices.

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#### **250 Commercial Mail Parcel Select Parcels**

#### 253 Prices and Eligibility

1.0 Pi	rice	s an	d Fee	s	
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1.1.2	Pric	ce Ca	atego	ries	
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[Revis	se tl	he te	xt of i	tem a.	to read as follows:]
	a.	Des	stinatio	on entr	y, including destination entry network distribution center
		(DN	IDC),	destina	ation entry sectional center facility (DSCF), destination hub
		(DH	lub), a	and des	stination entry delivery unit (DDU).
[Delet	te ite	em b	o. in its	entire	ty and renumber current items c. and d. as items b. and c.]
[Revis	se r	enun	nbere	d item i	b. to read as follows:]
	b.	Ligh	ntweig	ht, incl	uding DNDC, DSCF, DHub, and DDU.
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1.1.3	Pric	ce A	pplica	ition	
*	*		*	*	*
[Revis	se tl	he fir	st ser	ntence (	of item a. to read as follows:]
	a.	Pric	es foi	<sup>-</sup> Destir	nation Entry DNDC are based on the weight increment and
		the	entry	of eacl	n addressed piece.***
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[Delet	te ite	em a	I. in its	s entire	ty and renumber current item e. as item d. Revise the text of
renun	nbei	red it	tem d.	to rea	d as follows:]
	d.	Pric	es foi	Parce	I Select Lightweight are based on the weight increment and
		the	entry	of eacl	n addressed piece. The price is charged at the 4-ounce, 8-

ounce, 12-ounce, and 15.999-ounce increments. Any fraction of an ounce

over the 4-ounce, 8-ounce, 12-ounce and 15.999-ounce increments is

rounded to the next price increment. For example, if an item weighs 4.1

ounces, the next weight (price) increment is 8 ounces. If an item weighs 12.1

ounces, the next weight (price) increment is 15.999 ounces.

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[Delete 1.2, "Parcel Select Ground Cubic," in its entirety and renumber current items 1.3

[Delete 1.2, "Parcel Select Ground Cubic," in its entirety and renumber current items 1.3 through 1.9 as items 1.2 through 1.8.]

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# 1.2 Dimensional Weight Price for Low-Density Parcels to Zones 1-9

[Revise the introductory text of renumbered 1.2 to read as follows:]

Postage for Destination Entry parcels addressed for delivery to zones 1-9 and exceeding 1 cubic foot (1,728 cubic inches) is based on the actual weight or the dimensional weight (as calculated in 1.2.1 or 1.2.2), whichever is greater.

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#### 1.7 Nonstandard Fees

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

A Parcel Select Destination Entry, Parcel Select Lightweight, or USPS Connect Local mailpiece is subject to a nonstandard fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*) as follows:

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- 4.0 Price Eligibility for Parcel Select and Parcel Select Lightweight
- 4.1 Destination Entry Price Eligibility

#### 4.1.1 Definition

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[Add new item c. to read as follows and renumber current item c. as item d.:]

c. A destination hub (DHub) includes all facilities in L014. See 4.1.4 for more information.

[Revise the title and introductory text of 4.1.4 to read as follows:]

#### 4.1.4 DSCF, DHub, and DDU Prices

For DSCF, DHub, and DDU prices, pieces must meet the applicable standards in 3.0 and the following criteria:

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[Add new item b. to read as follows and renumber current item b. as item c.:]

b. For DHub prices, be part of a Parcel Select destination entry mailing of parcels deposited at an DHub in L014. Mailers must not prepare mail on pallets or pallet boxes if the delivery facility is unable to handle pallets. See 255.4.2 and 255.6.0 for preparation requirements.

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[Delete 4.2, "Parcel Select Ground Price Eligibility," in its entirety and renumber current 4.3 through 4.6 as 4.2 through 4.5.]

# 4.2 Parcel Select Lightweight

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## 4.2.2 Price Application

[Revise the text of renumbered 4.2.2 to read as follows:]

Prices for Parcel Select Lightweight apply to parcels that meet the eligibility standards in 2.0 and 4.2 and preparation standards in 255.6.0, 705.6.0, or 705.8.0. Pieces combined under 705.6.0 are eligible for applicable prices when the combined total meets the eligibility standards. For example, if a 5-digit sack contains 10 pounds of combined

machinable parcels and irregular parcels, all pieces in the sack are eligible for applicable prices.

#### 4.2.3 Prices for Machinable Parcels

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

- a. *DDU Price*; the DDU price applies to qualifying machinable parcels that are dropshipped to a DDU and presented:
  - 1. In a 5-digit/scheme (L606) sack containing at least 10 pounds of pieces.
  - 2. On a 5-digit/scheme (L606) pallet, according to standards in 705.8.10.
  - 3. As one or more parcels that mailers drop ship to a DDU under 256.2.2f.

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[Add new item b. to read as follows and renumber current items b. through d. as items c. through e:]

- b. *Hub Price*; the Hub price applies to machinable parcels that are dropshipped and presented to a Hub:
  - 1. In a 5-digit/scheme (L606) sack containing at least 10 pounds of pieces.
  - 2. On a 5-digit/scheme (L606) pallet, according to standards in 705.8.10.

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

c. DSCF Price; the DSCF price applies to machinable parcels that are dropshipped and presented to a DSCF:

[Add new items c(1) and c(2) to renumbered c. to read as follows and renumber current items 1 and 2 of renumbered c. as items c(3) and c(4):]

1. In a 5-digit/scheme (L606) sack containing at least 10 pounds of pieces.

2. On a 5-digit/scheme (L606) pallet, according to standards in 705.8.10. [Revise the text of renumbered item d. to read as follows:] d. DNDC Price; the DNDC price applies to qualifying machinable parcels that are dropshipped and presented to an NDC or ASF as follows: 1. In a 5-digit/scheme (L606) sack containing at least 10 pounds of pieces. 2. On a 5-digit/scheme (L606) pallet, according to standards in 705.8.10. 3. In an SCF sack containing at least 10 pounds of parcels. 4. On an SCF pallet, according to 705.8.10. 5. In an ASF or NDC sack containing at least 10 pounds of parcels; or on an ASF or NDC pallet, according to standards in 705.8.10; or in an NDC/ASF container prepared under 705.21.0. 6. DNDC prices are not available for ZIP Code ranges 006-009, 967-969 and 995-999, as indicated in labeling list L601. [Delete renumbered item e. (current item d.) in its entirety.] 4.2.4 Prices for Irregular Parcels [Revise the introductory text of item a. to read as follows] a. DDU Price; the DDU price applies to irregular parcels that are dropshipped to

a DDU and presented:

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[Add new item b. to read as follows and renumber current items b. through d. as items c. through e.:]

- b. *Hub Price*; the Hub price applies to irregular parcels that are dropshipped and presented to a Hub:
  - 1. In a 5-digit/scheme (L606) sack containing at least 10 pounds of pieces.
  - 2. On a 5-digit/scheme (L606) pallet, according to standards in 705.8.10.

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

c. *DSCF Price*; the DSCF price applies to irregular parcels that are dropshipped and presented to a DSCF:

[Add new items c(1) and c(2) to read as follows and renumber current items c(1) through c(3) as items c(3) through c(5):]

- 1. In a 5-digit/scheme (L606) sack containing at least 10 pounds of pieces.
- 2. On a 5-digit/scheme (L606) pallet, according to standards in 705.8.10.

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

- d. DNDC Price; the DNDC price applies to qualifying irregular parcels that are dropshipped and presented to an NDC or ASF as follows:
  - 1. In a 5-digit/scheme (L606) sack containing at least 10 pounds of pieces.
  - 2. On a 5-digit/scheme (L606) pallet, according to standards in 705.8.10.
  - 3. In an SCF sack containing at least 10 pounds of parcels.
  - 4. On an SCF pallet, according to 705.8.10.

- In an ASF or NDC sack containing at least 10 pounds of parcels; or on an ASF or NDC pallet, according to standards in 705.8.10; or in an NDC/ASF container prepared under 705.21.0.
- 6. DNDC prices are not available for ZIP Code ranges 006-009, 967-969, and 995-999, as indicated in labeling list L601.

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[Delete renumbered item e. (current item d.) in its entirety.]

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# 4.5 Hold For Pickup

[Revise the text of renumbered 4.5 to read as follows:]

Parcel Select Lightweight parcels are eligible for Hold For Pickup service under 507.3.0.

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# 254 Postage Payment and Documentation

#### 1.0 Basic Standards for Postage Payment

## 1.1 Postage Payment Options

[Revise the title and introductory text of 1.1.1 to read as follows:]

# 1.1.1 Parcel Select Destination Entry

Parcel Select destination entry may be paid as follows:

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

a. Metered postage may be used on pieces as provided under 1.1.1c and 604.4.

[Delete items a(1) and a(2) in their entirety.]

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## 255 Mail Preparation

## 1.0 General Information for Mail Preparation

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[Delete 1.6 and 1.7 in their entirety and renumber current 1.8 as 1.6.]

## 1.6 Parcel Select Markings

[Delete the last sentence of renumbered 1.6.]

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## 4.0 Preparing Destination Entry Parcel Select

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[Add new 4.2 to read as follows and renumber current 4.2 and 4.3 as 4.3 and 4.4:]

# 4.2 Preparing Destination Hub (DHub) Parcel Select

#### 4.2.1 Definition

A destination Hub (DHub) includes all facilities in L014.

#### 4.2.2 Basic Standards

Pieces must meet the applicable standards in 4.0 and the following criteria:

- a. Must be part of a mailing of at least 50 Parcel Select pieces.
- b. DHub pieces must be for the same Hub area under L014.
- c. Sorted to optional 5-digit scheme destinations under L606, Column B, 5-digit destinations, either in sacks or directly on pallets or in pallet boxes. Mailers must enter the pieces at the designated Hub, under L014 that serves the 5-digit ZIP Code destinations of the pieces. The DHub price is not available for palletized mail for facilities that are unable to handle palletized mailings. Refer to the Drop Shipment Product available at the USPS FAST website

(https://fast.usps.com) to determine if the facility serving the 5-digit destination can handle pallets.

# 4.2.3 Sacking and Labeling

Sacking requirements for DHub entry include the following:

- a. Only 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks are permitted.
- b. Each 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sack must contain a minimum of seven pieces. Machinable and nonmachinable pieces may be combined in the same sack to meet this requirement. One overflow sack per 5-digit ZIP Code is permitted (no piece minimum).
- c. 5-digit scheme sack labeling:
  - 1. Line 1: Use L606, Column B;
  - 2. Line 2: Use "PSVC PARCELS 5D SCH."
- d. 5-digit sack labeling:
  - Line 1: Use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail. (See 203.5.11 for overseas military mail.)
  - 2. Line 2: Use "PSVC PARCELS 5D."

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# **5.0 Preparing Machinable Parcels**

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# 5.3 Sacking and Labeling

[Insert the title "5.3.1 General" immediately above the introductory text of 5.3 and renumber current 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 as 5.3.2 and 5.3.3.]

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5.3.2 Sack Preparation
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[Delete item f. in its entirety from the text of renumbered 5.3.2.]
5.3.3 Sack Line 2
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[Delete item f. in its entirety from the text of renumbered 5.3.3.]
6.0 Preparing Parcel Select Lightweight
6.2.1 Sacking
[Revise the first sentence of 6.3.1 to read as follows:]
Mailers may prepare 5-digit sacks only for parcels that will be dropshipped to a DNDC
(or ASF when claiming DNDC prices), DHub, DSCF, or DDU.***
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6.2.2 Sacking and Labeling
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[Revise the introductory text of item a. to read as follows:]
a. 5-digit/scheme (optional), see definition in 1.4; allowed only for mail deposited at
DNDC (or ASF when claiming DNDC prices), DHub, DSCF, or DDU. Sacks mus
contain a 10-pound minimum except at DDU entry, which has no minimum;
labeling:
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[Delete items e. and f. in their entirety.]
6.3 Preparing Irregular Parcels

6.3.1 Sacking

[Revise the first sentence of 6.3.1 to read as follows:] Mailers may prepare 5-digit sacks only for parcels that will be dropshipped to a DNDC (or ASF when claiming DNDC prices), DHub, DSCF, or DDU.\*\*\* 6.3.3 Sacking and Labeling [Revise the introductory text of item a. to read as follows:] a. 5-digit/scheme (optional), see definition in 1.4; allowed only for mail deposited at DNDC (or ASF when claiming DNDC prices), DHub, DSCF, or DDU. Sacks must contain a 10-pound minimum except at DDU entry, which has no minimum; labeling: [Delete items e. and f. in their entirety.] [Delete 8.0, "Preparing a Cubic Mailing," in its entirety.] 256 Enter and Deposit 2.0 Deposit 2.2 Containers [Revise the introductory text and item a. of 2.2 to read as follows:] DNDC mailings (if not bedloaded), DDU mailings (if not bedloaded), and all DHub, and

DSCF mailings must be prepared as follows:

a.	Machinable parcels for which a DNDC, DSCF, DHub, or DDU price is claimed				
	must be sacked under 255.4.0 or prepared on pallets under 705.8.0.				
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[Add new item g. to the text of 2.2 to read as follows:]					
g.	For DHu	For DHub, 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks may be bedloaded or be placed			
	on DHub pallets that are labeled and otherwise prepared under 705.8.0.				
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2.5 Mail Separation and Presentation of Destination Entry Mailings					
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[Revise the text of item a. to read as follows:]					
a.	a. Mark each DNDC, DSCF, DHub, or DDU Parcel Select piece as "Parcel				
	Select," according to 202.3.7.2. If eVS is used, include the marking "eVS" on				
	each pie	ce as d	escribed in 604.5.0.		
[Delete item b. in its entirety and renumber current items c. through f. as items b.					
through e.]					
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2.11 Deposit Conditions					

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

a. Destination facilities may refuse mailings that are unscheduled or late (i.e., if vehicles arrive more than 2 hours after the scheduled appointment at ASFs, NDCs, SCFs, or DHubs, and more than 20 minutes late at delivery units). If a mailing is refused, a mailer is permitted to make a new appointment.

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## 2.13 Vehicle Unloading

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

 a. Properly prepared containerized loads (e.g., pallets) are unloaded by the USPS at NDCs, ASFs, SCFs, and Hubs.\*\*\*

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

 The driver must unload bedloaded shipments within 8 hours of arrival at NDCs, ASFs, SCFs, and Hubs.\*\*\*

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[Revise the title of 280 to read as follows:]

280 Commercial Mail USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

283 Prices and Eligibility

#### 1.0 Prices and Fees

# 1.1 Price Application

[Revise the text of 1.1 to read as follows:]

Except under items 1.1c and 1.1d, postage is based on the price (see Notice 123 — *Price List*) that applies to the weight and zone of each addressed piece as follows:

a. The price is charged at the 4-ounce, 8-ounce, 12-ounce, and 15.999-ounce increments. Any fraction of an ounce over the 4-ounce, 8-ounce, 12-ounce and 15.999-ounce increments is rounded to the next price increment. For example, if an item weighs 4.1 ounces, the next weight (price) increment is 8 ounces. If an item weighs 12.1 ounces, the next weight (price) increment is 15.999 pound.

- b. Per pound from 1 pound through 70 pounds. Any fraction of a pound is considered a whole pound. For example, if an item weighs 1.25 pounds, the weight (postage) increment is 2 pounds.
- c. The oversized price is based on the zone and applies to pieces that measure more than 108 inches but not more than 130 inches in combined length and girth.
- d. Cubic prices are based on the zone and cubic measurement (Tier) of the mailpiece with any fraction of a measurement rounded down to the nearest 1/4 inch. For example, if a dimension of a cubic piece measures 12-3/8 inches, it is rounded down to 12-1/4 inches.

## 1.2 Commercial Prices

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

d. USPS Returns service used by permit holders for USPS Ground Advantage –
 Commercial packages when all requirements are met under 505.3.0).

[Delete 1.3, "Surcharge," in its entirety; add new 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 to read as follows; and renumber current 1.4 as 1.6.:]

# 1.3 USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial Cubic

## 1.3.1 Eligibility

Cubic prices are available to eligible USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial customers, including USPS Ground Advantage Return service customers, under 505.3.0. Each cubic mailpiece, including soft packs and padded envelopes under 1.3.4,

must measure 1 cubic foot or less, weigh 20 pounds or less, and the longest dimension must not exceed 18 inches. Cubic-priced mailpieces must not be rolls or tubes.

#### 1.3.2 Tiers

Cubic prices consist of the following 10 tiers:

- a. Tier 0.10: Mailpieces measuring up to .10 cubic foot.
- b. Tier 0.20: Mailpieces measuring more than .10 up to .20 cubic foot .
- c. Tier 0.30: Mailpieces measuring more than .20 up to .30 cubic foot.
- d. Tier 0.40: Mailpieces measuring more than .30 up to .40 cubic foot.
- e. Tier 0.50: Mailpieces measuring more than .40 up to .50 cubic foot.
- f. Tier 0.60. Mailpieces measuring more than .50 up to .60 cubic foot.
- g. Tier 0.70. Mailpieces measuring more than .60 up to .70 cubic foot.
- h. Tier 0.80: Mailpieces measuring more than .70 up to .80 cubic foot.
- i. Tier 0.90: Mailpieces measuring more than .80 up to .90 cubic foot.
- j. Tier 1.00: Mailpieces measuring more than .90 up to 1.00 cubic foot.

# 1.3.3 Determining Cubic Tier Measurements for Rectangular and Nonrectangular

# **Parcels**

Follow these steps to determine the cubic tier measurement for rectangular and nonrectangular parcels:

a. Measure in inches the length, width, and height at each dimension's maximum point. Round down (see 604.7.0) each measurement to the nearest 1/4 inch. For example, 6-1/8" x 5-7/8" x 6-3/8" is rounded down to 6" x 5-3/4" x 6-1/4". b. Multiply the length by the width by the height and divide by 1,728. Example:
6" x 5-3/4" x 6-1/4" = 215.6 divided by 1,728 = 0.125. This piece exceeds 0.10
Tier 1 threshold. It is calculated at Tier 2: 0.101 to 0.20.

## 1.3.4 Determining Cubic Tier Measurement for Soft Pack and Padded Envelopes

Cubic tier measurements for soft pack (poly, plastic, cloth, or similar soft packaging) and padded envelopes are based on the outside dimensions of length plus width, in inches, of the original packaging material. Mailpieces that are pleated (e.g., expandable) must meet the measurement guidelines in 1.3.3 to be eligible for cubic pricing. Determine cubic tier measurements as follows:

- a. Measure the length and width separately in inches.
- b. Round down (see 604.7.0) each measurement to the nearest 1/4 inch. For example, 10-1/8 inches is rounded down to 10 inches.
- c. Add the two measurements together. The maximum total of length plus width must not exceed 36 inches. See Exhibit 1.3.4 for corresponding price tiers.

**Exhibit 1.3.4 Cubic Pricing Tiers for Soft Pack and Padded Envelopes** 

CUBIC PRICE TIERS		LENGTH PLUS WIDTH
0.10	Mailpieces measuring from	0" up to 16"
0.20	Mailpieces measuring more than	16" up to 21"
0.30	Mailpieces measuring more than	21" up to 24"
0.40	Mailpieces measuring more than	24" up to 26"
0.50	Mailpieces measuring more than	26" up to 28"
0.60	Mailpieces measuring more than	28" up to 30"
0.70	Mailpieces measuring more than	30" up to 32"

0.80	Mailpieces measuring more than	32" up to 34"
0.90	Mailpieces measuring more than	34" up to 35"
1.00	Mailpieces measuring more than	35" up to 36"

# 1.4 Dimensional Weight Price for Low-Density Parcels to Zones 1-9

Postage for USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels addressed for delivery to zones 1-9 and exceeding 1 cubic foot (1,728 cubic inches) is based on the actual weight or the dimensional weight (as calculated in 1.4.1 or 1.4.2), whichever is greater.

# 1.4.1 Determining Dimensional Weight for Rectangular Parcels

Follow these steps to determine the dimensional weight for a rectangular parcel:

- a. Measure the length, width, and height in inches. Round off (see 604.7.0) each measurement to the nearest whole inch.
- b. Multiply the length by the width by the height.
- c. If the result exceeds 1,728 cubic inches, divide the result by 166 and round up (see 604.7.0) to the next whole number to determine the dimensional weight in pounds.
- d. If the dimensional weight exceeds 70 pounds, the customer pays the 70pound price.

## 1.4.2 Determining Dimensional Weight for Nonrectangular Parcels

Follow these steps to determine the dimensional weight for a nonrectangular parcel:

- a. Measure the length, width, and height in inches at their extreme dimensions.

  Round off (see 604.7.0) each measurement to the nearest whole inch.
- b. Multiply the length by the width by the height.

- c. Multiply the result by an adjustment factor of 0.785.
- d. If the final result exceeds 1,728 cubic inches, divide the result by 166 and round up (see 604.7.0) to the next whole number to determine the dimensional weight in pounds.
- e. If the dimensional weight exceeds 70 pounds, the customer pays the 70pound price.

## 1.4.3 Dimensional Weight Dimension Standard

Shipping Services file manifests or other approved electronic documentation must include the accurate dimensions (length, width, height) of all pieces that exceed 1 cubic foot. Mailers of pieces exceeding 1 cubic foot and with Shipping Services file manifests, or other approved electronic documentation, that do not meet the requirement to include the piece's accurate dimensions will be assessed a dimension-noncompliance fee under 1.8.

# 1.5 Computing Postage

# 1.5.1 Determining Single-Piece Weight

To determine single-piece weight in any mailing of nonidentical-weight pieces, weigh each piece individually. To determine single-piece weight in a mailing of identical-weight pieces, weigh a sample group of at least 10 randomly selected pieces and divide the total sample weight by the number of pieces in the sample. Except for mailers using eVS, when determining single-piece weight for USPS Ground Advantage mailpieces, express all weights in decimal pounds rounded off to two decimal places. Mailers using eVS may round off to four decimals, and eVS will automatically round to the appropriate decimal place. If a customer is using a manifest mailing system, the manifest weight

field must be properly completed by adhering to the rules relative to the specific manifest.

# 1.5.2 Computing Postage for Affixed Postage

For each piece, affix correct postage for the weight (including any surcharges) and, if applicable, the zone to which the piece is addressed, as shown in 1.2 through 1.4. To calculate the total postage for the mailing, add all of the affixed postage amounts for each piece.

# 1.5.3 Computing Postage for Permit Imprint

To compute the total postage for a mailing, for each weight increment, multiply the number of pieces by the applicable price per piece. Round off each product to four decimal places. Add the number of products and round up the total postage to the nearest whole cent.

#### 1.6 eVS Unmanifested Fee

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

Eligible eVS USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial pieces omitted from the eVS manifest are subject to the eVS unmanifested fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*), unless the piece is subject to the IMpb noncompliance fee specified in 3.4.

[Add new 1.7 and 1.8 to read as follows:]

#### 1.7 Nonstandard Fees

A USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial mailpiece is subject to a nonstandard fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*) as follows:

- a. A piece measures more than 22 inches up to 30 inches long.
- b. A piece measures more than 30 inches long.

- c. A piece measures more than 2 cubic feet (3,456 cubic inches). Dimensions for rectangular pieces are determined by measuring the length, width, and height in inches, rounding off (see 604.7.0) each measurement to the nearest whole inch and multiplying the length by the width by the height. Dimensions for nonrectangular pieces are calculated as above and the result multiplied by an adjustment factor of 0.785. If either calculation exceeds 3,456 cubic inches, the piece is subject to the nonstandard fee.
- d. A piece may be subject to both a length (1.8a, 1.8b) and a cube (1.8c) nonstandard fee.
- e. Shipping Services file manifests or other approved electronic documentation must include the accurate dimensions (length, width, height) of all pieces that exceed 22 inches.
- f. Mailers of pieces exceeding 22 inches and with Shipping Services file manifests, or other approved electronic documentation, that do not meet the requirement to include the piece's accurate dimensions will be assessed a dimensionnoncompliance fee under 1.8.

# 1.8 Dimension-Noncompliance Fee

Mailers of USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial mailpieces required to include the mailpiece's dimensions (length, width, height) in the Shipping Services file manifest or other approved electronic documentation under 1.4.3 or 1.7 will be charged a dimension-noncompliance fee (see Notice 123 — *Price List*) if the piece's dimensions are omitted or inaccurate in the Shipping Services file manifest or other approved

electronic documentation. A mailpiece is subject to only one dimension-noncompliance fee.

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

## 2.0 Content Standards for USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial Parcels

#### 2.1 General

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

In addition to restricted material described in 601.8.0, parcels mailed at USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial prices must not contain documents or personal correspondence, except for invoices, receipts, incidental advertising, and other documents that relate in all substantial respects to merchandise contained in the parcels.

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

## 3.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

## 3.1 Description of Service

[Revise the text of 3.1 to read as follows:]

USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels receive expeditious handling and transportation. USPS does not guarantee delivery of USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial mailpieces within a specified time. Certain USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial mailpieces may receive deferred service.

## 3.2 Defining Characteristics

## 3.2.1 Inspection of Contents

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

Articles mailed at USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial prices are not sealed against Postal Service inspection. Regardless of physical closure, mailing articles at USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial prices constitutes consent by the mailer to Postal Service inspection of the contents.

## 3.2.2 Forwarding and Return Service

[Revise the text of 3.2.2 to read as follows:]

The postage price of USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels includes forwarding service to a new address for up to 12 months and return of undeliverable parcels to the sender.

#### 3.2.3 Additional and Extra Services

[Revise the text of 3.2.3 to read as follows:]

Extra services are available for USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels under 503 and for Hold for Pickup service under 507.3.0.

#### 3.3 Additional Basic Standards

[Revise the introductory text of 3.3 to read as follows:]

All USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels must:

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

c. Bear a return address.

## 3.4 IMpb Standards

[Revise the first sentence of 3.4 to read as follows:]

All USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels must bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) prepared under 204.2.0.\*\*\*

[Revise the title of 4.0 to read as follows:]

# 4.0 Price Eligibility for USPS Ground Advantage - Commercial

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# 284 Postage Payment and Documentation

## 1.0 Basic Standards for Postage Payment

[Revise the first sentence of 1.0 to read as follows:]

Postage for USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels must be paid with postage evidencing system postage or permit imprint as specified below.\*\*\*

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

# 2.0 Postage Payment for USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

# 2.1 Permit Imprint Postage

[Revise the first sentence of 2.1 to read as follows:]

All USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels may bear permit imprint postage under 604.5.0.\*\*\*

[Revise the title and text of 2.2 to read as follows:]

# 2.2 Affixed Postage for USPS Retail Ground – Commercial

Each USPS Retail Ground – Commercial parcel bearing postage evidencing system indicia (IBI Meter or PC Postage) must bear the full numerical value of postage at the USPS Retail Ground – Commercial price for which it qualifies.

## 285 Mail Preparation

[Revise the title and introductory text of 1.0 to read as follows:]

## 1.0 Preparation for USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

The following standards apply to single-piece USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial:

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

- b. There are no sorting requirements for single-piece USPS Ground Advantage
  - Commercial parcels paid with postage evidencing system postage.

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[Delete 3.0, "Optional ADC Presort," in its entirety and add new 3.0 and 4.0 to read as follows:]

# 3.0 Preparing a Cubic Mailing

Cubic mailpieces for multiple price tiers may be combined in the same container.

## 4.0 Pickup on Demand Service

Pickup on Demand service (see 507.7.0) is available for a fee only from designated ZIP Codes and may be requested online at *www.usps.com*.

# 286 Enter and Deposit

## 1.0 Deposit

## 1.1 Time and Location of Deposit

[Revise the text of 1.1 to read as follows:]

Mailers may deposit USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels with parcels postage evidencing indicia at any Postal Service facility, preferably near the customer's local Post Office. USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels bearing a permit imprint must be deposited under 604.5.0 and 705.

# 1.2 Approved Collections

[Revise the introductory text of 1.2 to read as follows:]

USPS may collect USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels at a mailer's facility if part of an approved collection service for other classes of mail; space is available on the transportation; and:

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# **500 Additional Mailing Services**

#### **503 Extra Services**

## 1.0 Basic Standards for All Extra Services

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# 1.4.1 Eligibility – Domestic Mail

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# **Exhibit 1.4.1 Eligibility – Domestic Mail**

ADDITIONAL COMBINED

EXTRA SERVICE ELIGIBLE MAIL EXTRA SERVICES

[Revise Exhibit 1.4.1 under the "ELIGIBLE MAIL" column by deleting "USPS Retail Ground" in the line items "Insurance," "Certificate of Mailing," "Certificate of Bulk Mailing," "Return Receipt," "Signature Confirmation," "Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery," and "Collect on Delivery (COD)."]

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## Registered Mail

[Revise "Register Mail" extra services by replacing under the "ELIGIBLE MAIL" column line item "First-Class Package Service – Commercial" with "USPS Ground Advantage –

Commercial" and line item "First-Class Package Service – Retail" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Retail."] **Certified Mail** [Revise 1.4.1 "Certified Mail" extra services by deleting under the "ELIGIBLE MAIL" column line items "First-Class Package Service – Commercial" and "First-Class Package Service – Retail."] Insurance [Revise "Insurance" extra services by replacing under the "ELIGIBLE MAIL" column line item "First-Class Package Service - Commercial" with "USPS Ground Advantage -Commercial" and line item "First-Class Package Service – Retail" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Retail."] Certificate of Mailing [Revise "Certificate of Mailing" extra services by deleting under the "ELIGIBLE MAIL" column line items "First-Class Package Service – Commercial" and "First-Class Package Service – Retail."] Certificate of Bulk Mailing [Revise "Certificate of Bulk Mailing" extra services by deleting under the "ELIGIBLE"

MAIL" column line items "First-Class Package Service – Commercial" and "First-Class

Package Service – Retail."]

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## Return Receipt

[Revise "Return Receipt" extra services by replacing under the "ELIGIBLE MAIL" column line item "First-Class Package Service – Commercial" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial" and line item "First-Class Package Service – Retail" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Retail."]

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## Signature Confirmation

[Revise "Signature Confirmation" extra service by replacing under the "ELIGIBLE MAIL" column line item "First-Class Package Service – Commercial" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial" and line item "First-Class Package Service – Retail" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Retail."]

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Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery

[Revise "Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery" extra service by replacing under the "ELIGIBLE MAIL" column line item "First-Class Package Service – Commercial" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial" and line item "First-Class Package Service – Retail" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Retail."]

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Adult Signature Required<sup>1</sup>

[Revise "Adult Signature Required1" extra services by replacing under the "ELIGIBLE MAIL" column line item "First-Class Package Service – Commercial" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial."]

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Collect on Delivery (COD)

[Revise "Collect on Delivery (COD)" extra services by replacing under the "ELIGIBLE MAIL" column line item "First-Class Package Service – Commercial" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial" and line item "First-Class Package Service – Retail" with "USPS Ground Advantage – Retail."]

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# 1.4.3 Eligibility — Domestic Returns

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Exhibit 1.4.3 Eligibility — Domestic Returns

[Revise Exhibit 1.4.3 to read as follows:]

RETURN SERVICES	ELIGIBLE EXTRA SERVICES (Paid by EPS Account or by Permit Holder)		
	Insurance \$500 or Less	Insurance More than \$500	
USPS Returns:			
Priority Mail Express Return Service	1	1, 2, 3	
Priority Mail Return Service	1	1, 2, 3	
USPS Ground Advantage Return Service	1, 3	2, 3	

[Revise the text of footnote no. 1 in Exhibit 1.4.3 to read as follows:]

	1.	Insu	rance	cover	age, up to a maximum of \$100.00, is included for Priority Mail
		Expr	ess F	Return	Service, Priority Mail Return Service, and USPS Ground
		Adva	antag	e Retu	rn Service.
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[Dele	te fo	ootnot	e no.	4 in its	s entirety.]
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4.0 In	sur	ed Ma	ail		
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4.3 Basic Standards					
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4.3.2 Ineligible Matter					
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[Revi	se t	he tex	t of it	em e. 1	to read as follows:]
	<ul> <li>e. First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, and Priority Mail mailpieces, unless the mailpiece contains matter that is eligible to be mailed at USPS Marketing Mail, or Package Services prices. Such a mailpiece may be insured.</li> </ul>				
*	*	*		*	*
7.0 USPS Tracking					
7.1 Basic Standards					
*	*	*		*	*
7.1.3	Add	dition	al Ph	ysical	Standards
[Revi	se t	he las	t sen	tence i	in the introductory text of 7.1.3 to read as follows:]

\*\*\*In addition to the applicable standards in 101 and 201 and the purposes of USPS Tracking with Media Mail, Library Mail, Bound Printed Matter, or Parcel Select, the parcel must meet these additional requirements:

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## 8.0 USPS Signature Services

#### 8.1 Basic Standards

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# 8.1.2 Standards for Signature Confirmation

[Revise the introductory text of 8.1.2 to read as follows:]

For Signature Confirmation with Media Mail, Library Mail, Bound Printed Matter, or Parcel Select pieces meeting the physical standards under 201.7.0, the parcel must meet these additional requirements:

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#### 505 Return Services

- 1.0 Business Reply Mail (BRM)
- 1.1 BRM Postage and Fees

#### 1.1.1 Basic BRM

[Revise the first and second sentence of 1.1.1 to read as follows:]

For basic BRM, a permit holder is required to pay an annual permit fee as provided under 1.2 and a per-piece fee under 1.1.7 in addition to the applicable Retail First-Class Mail (stamped for letters), USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, or Priority Mail postage for each returned piece. For USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, or Priority Mail BRM pieces weighing more than 13 ounces, if the zone cannot be determined from a return address

or cancellation, then the permit holder is charged Zone 4 postage based on the weight of the piece.\*\*\*

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# 1.1.5 Bulk Weight Averaged Nonletter-Size BRM

[Revise the text of 1.1.5 to read as follows:]

In addition to an annual permit fee (which will apply under 1.2.3 for the return of any flatsize pieces), per piece fee and the applicable Retail First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, or Priority Mail postage, permit holders participating in bulk weight averaged nonletter-size BRM under 1.8 must pay an annual account maintenance fee, and a monthly maintenance fee.

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#### 1.3 Basic Standards

# 1.3.1 Description

[Revise the first and second sentence of 1.3.1 to read as follows:]

Business Reply Mail (BRM) service enables a permit holder to receive First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, and Priority Mail from customers. The permit holder guarantees payment of the applicable Retail First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, or Priority Mail postage, plus a per piece fee, on all returned BRM that includes incomplete, blank, or empty BRM cards and envelopes and mailable matter with a BRM label affixed. BRM cards, envelopes, self-mailers, cartons, and labels may be distributed by a BRM permit holder in any quantity for return to any Post Office in the United States and U.S. territories and possessions, including military Post Offices overseas.\*\*\*

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#### 3.0 USPS Returns Service

#### 3.1 Basic Standards

# 3.1.1 Description

[Revise the introductory text of 3.1.1 to read as follows:]

USPS Returns service allows an authorized account holder to pay the postage and fees on single-piece priced commercial Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial packages returned to the account holder by senders (mailers) via a return label, meeting the standards in 3.1.4, produced by the account holder. Unless otherwise restricted, any mailable matter may be mailed using any USPS Returns service option (Priority Mail Express Return Service, Priority Mail Return Service, or USPS Ground Advantage Return Service). Any content that constitutes First-Class Mail matter may only be mailed using Priority Mail Express Return Service or Priority Mail Return Service. USPS Returns service is subject to the following conditions:

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# 3.1.3 Postage and Prices

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

a. Postage is calculated based on the weight of the return package, and the zone associated with the point of origin and delivery ZIP Code subject to the eligibility for commercial prices and fees based on the class of mail under 220 and 280. (Exception: Postage for USPS Returns in flat-rate packaging is based on the packaging type used and the associated Universal Product Code [UPC] on the packaging.)\*\*\*

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

b. Prices for Priority Mail Express Return Service, Priority Mail Return Service and USPS Ground Advantage Return Service packages are charged as follows:

[Add new item b(1) to read as follows and renumber current items b(1) though b(3) as items b(2) through b(4):]

Priority Mail Express commercial prices are available for account holders
using Priority Mail Express Return Service, when all applicable requirements
are met.

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[Revise the text of renumbered b(3) to read as follows:]

USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial prices are available for USPS
 Ground Advantage Return Service packages when all applicable requirements are met.

[Delete renumbered item b(4) (current b(3)) in its entirety.]

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

Insurance is available for USPS Returns service (see 503.4). Insurance is included with the postage for Priority Mail Express Return service, Priority Mail Return service, and USPS Ground Advantage Return service (see 503.4.2). Additional insurance for Priority Mail Express Return service, 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 imbedded into the IMpb on the label, and for which the account holder has provided electronic data that supports the value of the merchandise (see 503.4.3.1a). Only the account holder may file a claim (see 609). Mailers returning a USPS Returns service package may not obtain insurance at their own expense.

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# 3.1.5 Noncompliant Labels

[Revise the second 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 will be assessed the appropriate USPS

Ground Advantage – Retail price calculated from the package's initial entry point (first physical scan) in the USPS network to its delivery address.

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## 3.1.6 Enter and Deposit

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[Revise the text of item a(3) to read as follows:]

 In any collection receptacle (e.g., collection box, lobby package drop unit) as permitted by each receptacle's limitations (see 3.1.6b for USPS Returns service packages with extra services);

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#### 3.2 Additional Standards

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[Add new item a. to read as follows and renumber current items a. through c. as items b. through d.:]

a. Priority Mail Express Return service may contain any mailable matter meeting the standards in 201.8.0 and 213.2.0. APO/FPO/DPO mail is subject to standards in 703.2.0 and 703.4.0, and U.S. Department of State mail is subject to standards in 703.3.0. Priority Mail Express Return service receives expeditious handling and transportation, with service standards in accordance with Priority Mail Express. Customers of Priority Mail Express Return service pieces mailed under a specific customer agreement are charged postage according to the individual agreement.

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

c. USPS Ground Advantage Return service may contain mailable matter meeting the standards in 201.8.0 and 283.2.0. USPS Ground Advantage Return service handling, transportation, and eligibility of contents are the same as for outbound USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels under standards in 283.0. USPS Ground Advantage Return service packages must not contain documents or personal correspondence, except for invoices, receipts, incidental advertising, and other documents that relate in all substantial respects to merchandise contained in the package.

[Delete renumbered Item d. (current item c.) in its entirety.]

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#### **507 Mailer Services**

#### 1.0 Treatment of Mail

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#### 1.4.5 Extra Services

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[Revise the text of items a. and b. to read as follows:]

- a. Undeliverable-as-addressed Certified Mail is treated as First-Class Mail and
   USPS Ground Advantage Retail.
- b. All insured First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage Retail, USPS Ground Advantage Commercial, and Priority Mail pieces are forwarded and returned at no additional charge. All insured USPS Marketing Mail, Package Services, and Parcel Select pieces are forwarded or returned.

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# 1.5 Treatment for Ancillary Services by Class of Mail

[Revise the title and introductory text of 1.5.1 to read as follows:]

# 1.5.1 First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground

# Advantage Service – Commercial, and Priority Mail

Undeliverable-as-addressed First-Class Mail (including postcards), USPS Ground

Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, and Priority Mail pieces

are treated under Exhibit 1.5.1 with these additional conditions:

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

b. \*\*\*Only if the address is incorrect or incomplete or the mail is undeliverable for another reason as shown in Exhibit 1.4.1, undeliverable First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, or Priority Mail pieces with any alternative addressing format are returned with the reason for nondelivery attached; however, if such mail is endorsed "Change Service Requested," the piece is disposed of and an ACS record is provided for the same reasons.

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

d. First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage
 – Commercial, or Priority Mail pieces bearing USPS Marketing Mail markings
 and endorsements under 202 and 244.5.1 for letters, flats, and parcels
 receive forwarding, return, and address-correction services for USPS
 Marketing Mail under 1.5.3.

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[Revise the text of items e(2) and e(3) to read as follows:]

- First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage Retail, USPS Ground Advantage
   Commercial, or Priority Mail pieces containing hazardous materials under
   601.8.0.
- First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage Retail, USPS Ground Advantage
   Commercial or Priority Mail pieces with an extra service other than USPS
   Tracking or Signature Confirmation.

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

f. Address Change Service under 4.0 is available for First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, and Priority Mail pieces with the ACS participant code for an authorized ACS participant and a valid ancillary service endorsement. Mailers participating in OneCode ACS under 4.2.6 may print an Intelligent Mail barcode on First-Class Mail automation letters instead of a participant code and endorsement. The only endorsements permitted on First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial and Priority Mail valid ACS pieces are "Address Service Requested," "Change Service Requested," or "Electronic Service Requested" subject to the following:

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[Revise the title of Exhibit 1.5.1 to read as follows:]

Exhibit 1.5.1 Treatment of Undeliverable First-Class Mail, USPS Ground

Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial and Priority Mail

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"Change Service Requested"

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RESTRICTIONS (FOR OPTIONS 1 AND 2)

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[Revise the text of item 1 under "RESTRICTIONS (FOR OPTIONS 1 AND 2)" to read as follows:]

(1) This endorsement is limited to use on valid mailpieces bearing a proper ACS participant code and only for:

- (a) Priority Mail containing perishable matter (other than live animals) and the marking "Perishable" and;
- (b) First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage Retail, and USPS GroundAdvantage Commercial (excluding hazardous materials).

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## 1.5.2 Periodicals

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[Revise the third sentence of item e. to read as follows:]

e. \*\*\*For each returned piece, the mailer is charged the single-piece First-Class

Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail price for the weight and shape of
the piece, and the letter-size nonmachinable surcharge if applicable.\*\*\*

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#### **Exhibit 1.5.2 Treatment of Undeliverable Periodicals**

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"Address Service Requested"

# If no change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the text under "'Address Service Requested,' If no change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Piece returned with reason for nondelivery attached (only return postage charged at First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail single-piece price as appropriate for weight of piece).

## If change-of-address order on file:

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[Revise the second bullet under "'Address Service Requested,' If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

 After 60-day period: Piece returned with new address or reason for nondelivery attached (in either case, only return postage charged at First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail single-piece price as appropriate for weight of piece).

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## 1.5.3 USPS Marketing Mail and Parcel Select Lightweight

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

h. The mailer of a returned piece endorsed "Return Service Requested" is charged the applicable single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail price for the weight and shape of the piece, and the nonmachinable surcharge if applicable.

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# Exhibit 1.5.3 Treatment of Undeliverable USPS Marketing Mail and Parcel Select Lightweight

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"Address Service Requested" (Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return participants via ACS only)

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Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 2

If no change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the text under "Address Service Requested' (Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 2), If no change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Piece returned with reason for nondelivery attached; postage due charged at applicable First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail single-piece price for the weight of the piece. Separate notice provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

## If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the first bullet under "Address Service Requested' (Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 2), If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Months 1 through 12: Piece forwarded. Forwarding postage is charged to the
mailer at the applicable First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail
single-piece price for the weight of the piece. Separate notice of new address
provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

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Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 3

## If no change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the text under "Address Service Requested' (Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 3), If no change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Piece returned with reason for nondelivery attached; postage due charged at the applicable First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail single-piece price for the weight of the piece. Separate notice provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

## If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the bullets under "Address Service Requested' (Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 3), If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

- Months 1 through 12: Piece forwarded. Forwarding postage is charged to the
  mailer at the applicable First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground Advantage Retail
  single-piece price for the weight of the piece. Separate notice of new address
  provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)
- Months 13 through 18: Piece returned with new address attached; return
  postage is charged to the mailer at the applicable First-Class Mail, or USPS
  Ground Advantage Retail single-piece price for the weight of the piece.
   Separate notice of new address provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)
- After month 18: Piece returned with reason for nondelivery; return postage is charged to the mailer at the applicable First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail single-piece price for the weight of the piece. Separate notice of reason for nondelivery provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

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"Address Service Requested – BPRS" (BPRS participants only)

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## If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the first bullet under "Address Service Requested – BPRS' (BPRS participants only), If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Months 1 through 12: Piece forwarded (no charge to addressee); separate
 ACS notice of new address provided. (ACS address correction fee and
 forwarding postage are charged at First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground
 Advantage – Retail, single-piece price as appropriate for weight of piece, via
 mailer's ACS participant code.)

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"Return Service Requested" (Except for BPRS participants)

**OPTION 1** 

[Revise the text under "Return Service Requested' (Except for BPRS participants)

OPTION 1" to read as follows:]

Piece returned with new address or reason for nondelivery attached. In either case, only return postage is charged at First-Class Mail, or USPS Retail Ground – Retail single-piece price, as appropriate for the weight of the piece.

OPTION 2 (Available via ACS only)

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In all cases (regardless of whether a change-of-address order is on file):

[Revise the text under "Return Service Requested' (Except for BPRS participants)

OPTION 2 (Available via ACS only) In all cases (regardless of whether a change-ofaddress order is on file):" to read as follows:]

Piece returned with new address or reason for non-delivery attached and separate ACS notice of reason for nondelivery provided. In either case, both the address correction fee is charged, and return postage is charged at First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail single-piece price, as appropriate for the weight of the piece.

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"Change Service Requested" (Shipper Paid Forwarding participants via ACS only)

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If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the first bullet under "Change Service Requested' (Shipper Paid Forwarding participants via ACS only), If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Months 1 through 12: Piece forwarded; postage due charged to the mailer at
the applicable First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail singlepiece price for the weight of the piece; separate notice of new address
provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

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[Revise footnote no. 2 to read as follows:]

 The weighted (per piece) fee is the First-Class Mail, or USPS Ground
 Advantage – Retail single-piece price and any nonmachinable surcharge (see 133.1.0), multiplied by 2.472, rounding any fractions to the next whole cent.

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[Revise the title and introductory text of 1.5.4 to read as follows:]

## 1.5.4 Package Services and Parcel Select

Undeliverable-as-addressed (UAA) Package Services and Parcel Select (see 1.5.3 for Parcel Select Lightweight) mailpieces are treated as described in Exhibit 1.5.4, with these additional conditions:

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

 Package Services and Parcel Select mail is forwarded only to domestic addresses.

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

b. \*\*\*Undeliverable Parcel Select, Media Mail, and Library Mail with this address format are returned with the reason for nondelivery attached only if the

address is incorrect or incomplete, or the mail is undeliverable for another address-related reason.\*\*\*

[Revise the text of items c., d., and e. to read as follows:]

- c. The endorsement "Change Service Requested" is not permitted for Package Services or Parcel Select mailpieces containing hazardous materials under 601.8.0.
- d. If a Package Services (except for unendorsed Bound Printed Matter) or Parcel Select mailpiece and any attachment are not opened by the addressee, the addressee may refuse delivery of the piece and have it returned to the sender without affixing postage. Pieces endorsed "Change Service Requested" are not returned to the sender. If a Package Services or Parcel Select piece or any attachment to that piece is opened by the addressee, the addressee must affix the applicable postage to return the piece to the sender.
- e. An undeliverable Package Services (except for unendorsed Bound Printed Matter) or a Parcel Select mailpiece that bears postage with a postage evidencing imprint and that has an illegible (or no) return address is returned to the meter licensee or PC Postage customer upon payment of the return postage. The reason for nondelivery is attached, with no address correction fee. All Package Services (except unendorsed Bound Printed Matter) and Parcel Select pieces must have a legible return address.

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[Revise the title of Exhibit 1.5.4 to read as follows:]

MAILER ENDORSEMENT

#### **USPS TREATMENT OF UAA PIECES**

\* \* \* \*

"Address Service Requested" (Except for Shipper Paid Forwarding participants)

If no change-of-address order on file:

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[Revise the two bullets under "Address Service Requested" (Except for Shipper Paid Forwarding participants), If no change-of-address order on file: to read as follows:]

- Parcel Select: at the USPS Ground Advantage Commercial price plus the additional service fee.
- Package Services: at the appropriate single-piece price for the specific class of mail.

## If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the first bullet and items a. and b. under "Address Service Requested" (Except for Shipper Paid Forwarding participants), If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

• Months 1 through 12: Package Services forwarded postage due at the single-piece price for the class of mail. Parcel Select forwarded as postage due to addressee at the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the additional service fee. In both cases, separate notice of new address is provided. (Address correction fee is charged.) If addressee refuses to pay

postage due, piece is returned with reason for nondelivery attached and postage charged as follows:

- a. Parcel Select: at the USPS Ground Advantage Commercial price plus the additional service fee.
- b. Package Services: at the single-piece price for the class of mail.

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"Address Service Requested" Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 1(Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return participants via ACS only)

## If no change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the text under "Address Service Requested' Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 1 (Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return participants via ACS only), If no change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Parcel returned with reason for nondelivery attached. Postage due is charged at the applicable Package Services single-piece price or the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the additional service fee.

## If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the first bullet under "Address Service Requested' Shipper Paid
Forwarding/Return Option 1 (Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return participants via ACS
only), If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

 Months 1 through 12: Parcel forwarded. Forwarding postage is charged to the mailer at the applicable Package Services single-piece price or the USPS
 Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the ACS and Shipper Paid Forward/Return additional service fee. Separate notice of new address provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

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Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 2

## If no change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the text under "Address Service Requested' Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 2, If no change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Piece returned with reason for nondelivery attached. Postage due is charged at the applicable Package Services single-piece price or the USPS Ground Advantage —

Commercial price plus the additional service fee. Separate notice provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

## If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the first bullet under "Address Service Requested' Shipper Paid
Forwarding/Return Option 2, If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Months 1 through 12: Parcel forwarded. Forwarding postage is charged to the
mailer at the applicable Package Services single-piece price or the USPS
Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the ACS and Shipper Paid
Forward/Return additional service fee. Separate notice of new address
provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

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Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 3

If no change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the text under "Address Service Requested' Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 3, If no change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Piece returned with reason for nondelivery attached. Return postage is charged to the mailer at the Package Services single-piece price, or the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the ACS and Shipper Paid Forward/Return additional service fee. Separate notice provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

## If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the first bullet under "Address Service Requested,' Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return Option 3, If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Months 1 through 12: Parcel forwarded. Forwarding postage is charged to the
mailer at the Package Services single-piece price or the USPS Ground
Advantage – Commercial price plus the ACS and Shipper Paid
Forward/Return additional service fee. Separate notice of new address
provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

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"Forwarding Service Requested"2

## If no change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the text under "Forwarding Service Requested", If no change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Piece returned with reason for nondelivery attached; return postage charged at the applicable Package Services single-piece price or the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the additional service fee.

## If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the first bullet under "Forwarding Service Requested", If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

Months 1 through 12: Package Services forwarded postage due at the single-piece price for the class of mail. Parcel Select forwarded as postage due to the addressee at the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the additional service fee. If the addressee refuses to pay postage due, the piece is returned with reason for nondelivery attached; postage charged at the applicable Package Services single-piece price or the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the additional service fee.

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## "Return Service Requested"

Option 2 (Available via ACS only)

Option 1

## In all cases (regardless of whether a change-of-address order is on file):

[Revise the text under "Return Service Requested,' Option 1, In all cases (regardless of whether a change-of-address order is on file):" to read as follows:]

Piece returned with new address or reason for nondelivery attached. In either case, only return postage is charged and as follows: at the Package Services single-piece price or the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the additional service fee.

In all cases (regardless of whether a change-of-address order is on file):

[Revise the text under "Return Service Requested,' Option 2 (Available via ACS only), In all cases (regardless of whether a change-of-address order is on file):" to read as follows:]

Piece returned with new address or reason for non-delivery attached; return postage is charged at the applicable Package Services single-piece price or the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the additional service fee. Separate ACS notice of reason for nondelivery provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged).

## "Change Service Requested"<sup>3</sup>

Option 1 (Valid for all pieces, including ACS participating pieces)

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

(2) This endorsement is not permitted for Package Services containing hazardous materials.

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"Change Service Requested" (For Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return participants via ACS only)

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## If change-of-address order on file:

[Revise the first bullet under "Change Service Requested," (For Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return participants via ACS only), If change-of-address order on file:" to read as follows:]

 Months 1 through 12: Parcel forwarded; postage due charged to the mailer at the Package Services single-piece price for the specific class of mail or the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the ACS and Shipper Paid Forward/Return additional service fee; separate notice of new address provided. (Electronic ACS fee is charged.)

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Restrictions:

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

(2) This endorsement is not permitted for Package Services containing hazardous materials.

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#### 1.6 Attachments and Enclosures

#### 1.6.1 Periodicals

[Revise the first sentence of 1.6.1 to read as follows:]

Undeliverable Periodicals (including publications pending Periodicals authorization) with a nonincidental First-Class Mail attachment or enclosure are returned at the single-piece First-Class Mail price for the weight and shape of the piece, and the nonmachinable surcharge if applicable, or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail price for the weight and destination of the piece.\*\*\*

## 1.6.2 USPS Marketing Mail

[Revise the first sentence of 1.6.2 to read as follows:]

Undeliverable, unendorsed USPS Marketing Mail with a nonincidental First-Class Mail attachment or enclosure is returned at the single-piece First-Class Mail price for the

weight and shape of the piece or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail price for the weight and destination of the piece.\*\*\*

## 1.6.3 Package Services and Parcel Select

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

 a. Parcel Select at the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the additional service fee.

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#### 1.7 Mixed Classes

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## **1.7.4 Parcel**

[Revise the text of 1.7.4 to read as follows:]

Mailers of combination parcels containing Media Mail and Bound Printed Matter are charged postage at the USPS Ground Advantage – Retail price to forward or return the parcel.

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## 1.8 Returning Mail

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[Revise the title and introductory text of 1.8.3 to read as follows:]

## 1.8.3 Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground

Advantage – Retail, and USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

Mailpieces sent as Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial mail that cannot be

delivered as addressed or forwarded to a new address, unless otherwise requested by the sender, are returned to the sender at no additional charge. Excluding pieces containing live animals, USPS disposes of the following:

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

b. First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, or USPS Ground
 Advantage – Commercial pieces with a valid ACS participant code and
 endorsed "Change Service Requested."

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#### 1.9 Dead Mail

#### 1.9.1 Basic Information

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

- e. Except for unendorsed USPS Marketing Mail, the following types of undeliverable mail that cannot be returned because of an incorrect, incomplete, illegible, or missing return address are opened and examined to identify the sender or addressee:
  - (1) USPS Marketing Mail;
  - (2) Package Services; and
  - (3) Insured First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage Retail, or USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial pieces containing USPS Marketing Mail, or Package Services enclosures.

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## 2.0 Forwarding

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#### 2.2 Forwardable Mail

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#### 2.2.3 Discontinued Post Office

[Revise the text of 2.2.3 to read as follows:]

All Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, Periodicals, and Package Services pieces addressed to a discontinued Post Office may be forwarded without added charge to a Post Office that the addressee designates as more convenient than the Post Office to which USPS ordered the mail sent.

## 2.2.4 Rural Delivery

[Revise the text of 2.2.4 to read as follows:]

When rural delivery service is established or changed, a customer of any Post Office receiving mail from the rural carrier of another Post Office may have the following types of mailpieces forwarded to the latter Post Office for delivery without added charge, if the customer files a written request with the postmaster at the former Post Office:

- a. Priority Mail Express;
- b. Priority Mail;
- c. First-Class Mail;
- d. USPS Ground Advantage Retail;
- e. USPS Ground Advantage Commercial;
- f. Periodicals; and

g. Package Services.

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## 2.2.6 Mail for Military Personnel

[Revise the first sentence of 2.2.6 to read as follows:]

All Priority Mail Express, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, Periodicals, and Package Services mailpieces addressed to persons in the U.S. Armed Forces (including civilian employees) serving where U.S. mail service operates are forwarded at no added charge when the change of address is caused by official orders.\*\*\*

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## 2.3 Postage for Forwarding

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[Revise the title and text of 2.3.3 to read as follows:]

## 2.3.3 Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, and USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial

Priority Mail, First-Class Mail (including postcards), USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, and USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial mailpieces are forwarded without charge when postage is fully prepaid by the sender.

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## 2.3.5 USPS Marketing Mail and Parcel Select Lightweight

[Revise the second sentence of 2.3.5 to read as follows:]

\*\*\*Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return (under 4.2.9) provides mailers of USPS Marketing
Mail and Parcel Select Lightweight parcels an option of paying forwarding postage on

those parcels, or return postage if undeliverable, at the applicable single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail price, instead of the addressee paying postage-due charges.\*\*\*

[Revise the title of 2.3.6 to read as follows:]

## 2.3.6 Package Services and Parcel Select

Package Services and Parcel Select pieces are subject to the collection of additional postage at the applicable price for forwarding: Parcel Select at the USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial price plus the additional service fee, and Package Services at the single-piece price for the specific class of mail.\*\*\*The addressee may refuse any piece of Package Services or Parcel Select that has been forwarded.\*\*\*

[Revise the first and third sentence of the text of 2.3.6 to read as follows:]

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## 3.0 Hold For Pickup

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#### 3.2 Basic Information

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## 3.2.2 Basic Eligibility

[Revise the introductory text of 3.2.2 to read as follows:]

Hold For Pickup service is available at retail Post Office locations for Priority Mail Express presented under 113.4.2 or 113.4.3, with or without COD service; Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, Library Mail, and Media Mail, with COD service; and for Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, and USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, using USPS Click-N-Ship. It is also available with commercial mailings of Priority Mail Express presented

under 213.4.2 or 213.4.3, Priority Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, Parcel Select Lightweight, and Bound Printed Matter parcels, when:

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3.2.3 Additional Eligibility Standards

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

b. Except as provided in 3.2.3c, Parcel Select Lightweight parcels must be more than 3/4 inch thick at the thickest point.

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## 3.3 Preparation Definitions and Instructions

[Revise the introductory text of 3.3 to read as follows:]

Except for Priority Mail Express Hold For Pickup with or without COD service — and First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, Library Mail, and Media Mail, all with COD service and presented at retail Post Office locations — mailers (or their agents) when using Hold For Pickup service must prepare mailpieces with the "Hold For Pickup" label as follows:

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#### 4.0 Address Correction Services

#### 4.1 Address Correction Service

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#### 4.1.3 Invalid Endorsement

[Revise the last sentence (beginning with "Exception:") to read as follows:]

\*\*\*Exception: Undeliverable Media Mail, Library Mail, and Parcel Select pieces that bear invalid or conflicting ancillary service endorsements are treated as if endorsed "Forwarding Service Requested."

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#### 4.1.5 Other Classes

[Revise the first sentence of 4.1.5 to read as follows:]

When possible, "on-piece" address correction is provided for Priority Mail Express,

Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground

Advantage – Commercial, USPS Marketing Mail, Package Services, and Parcel Select pieces.\*\*\*

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## **5.0 Package Intercept**

## 5.1 Description of Service

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## 5.1.2 Eligibility

[Revise the first sentence of 5.1.2 to read as follows:]

Except under 5.1.3, Package Intercept service is available for Priority Mail Express,

Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground

Advantage – Commercial, Parcel Select, Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, or Library

Mail mailpieces with a tracking barcode (excluding COD Hold For Pickup mailpieces),

addressed to, from, or between domestic destinations (608.2.0) that do not require a

customs declarations label, and measuring not more than 108 inches in length and girth

combined.\*\*\*

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## 5.2 Postage and Fees

[Revise the second and third sentences of the introductory text of 5.2 to read as follows:]

\*\*\*Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, and USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial pieces being redirected to the sender are not relabeled or subject to additional postage. Intercepted Parcel Select, Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail or Library Mail pieces that are redirected to the sender, and all intercepted mailpieces that are redirected to a new delivery address or a Post Office as Hold For Pickup (3.0), are relabeled and handled as a new Priority Mail piece.\*\*\*

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## 7.0 Pickup on Demand Service

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## 7.2 Basic Standards

## 7.2.1 Availability

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[Revise the text of items c. and d. to read as follows:]

- c. USPS Ground Advantage Retail.
- d. USPS Ground Advantage Commercial.

[Delete items e. and h. in their entirety, and renumber current items f. and g. as items e. and f., and current items i. through m. as items g. through k.]

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[Revis	se the t	ext of i	tems b.	and c. to read as follows:]
	b. US	SPS Gr	ound A	dvantage – Retail.
	c. US	SPS Gr	ound A	dvantage – Commercial.
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1.8 C	ommer	cial M	ail Rec	eiving Agencies
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1.8.3	Addres	ssee a	nd CMI	RA Agreement

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

b. ***At the end of the 6-month remail period the CMRA may return to the Post
Office only First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, Priority Mail,
Priority Mail Express, or accountable mail, received for the former addressee
(customer).***
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[Revise the third sentence of item c. to read as follows:]
c. ***Upon approval, the CMRA may return to the Post Office only First-Class
Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express,
and accountable mail, received for the former customer.***
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7.0 Premium Forwarding Services

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7.2 Premium Forwarding Service Residential

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7.2.6 Weekly Priority Mail Shipments

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[Revise the text of items b(1) through b(3) to read as follows:]

Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS
Ground Advantage – Commercial pieces and Periodicals parcels are rerouted
separately at no additional charge.

- USPS Marketing Mail parcels and Parcel Select Lightweight pieces are rerouted separately and charged postage due at the appropriate USPS Ground Advantage – Retail price.
- 3. Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, Library Mail, and Parcel Select pieces are rerouted separately and charged postage due at the appropriate single-piece price for the class or subclass of mail in which the piece was originally shipped.

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[Revise the text of items d(1) and d(2) to read as follows:]

- Mailers of First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, and Priority Mail pieces are charged only for the original postage-due amount.
- 2. Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, Library Mail, and Parcel Select pieces are rerouted postage due at the appropriate single-piece price for the class, or subclass, of mail the mailpiece was originally shipped plus the postage-due amount already indicated on the mailpiece.

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## 7.3 Premium Forwarding Service Commercial

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## 7.3.3 Conditions

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

	e.	Except under 7.3.3g, the following products may be included in a PFS-									
		Commer	cial se	rvice container: Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground							
		Advanta	ge – Re	etail, and USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial pieces.							
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602 A	ddr	essing									
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1.3 A	ddr	ess Elem	ents								
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[Revis	se tl	he text of	item e.	to read as follows:]							
	e.	ZIP Cod	es are	required on Priority Mail Express, commercial First-Class Mail,							
		Periodic	als, US	PS Marketing Mail, Package Services and Parcel Select							
		mailpiec	es, all r	mail sent to military addresses within the United States and to							
		APO and	d FPO	addresses, official mail, Business Reply Mail, and USPS							
		Returns	service	e packages.							
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1.5 Re	etur	n Addres	sses								
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1.5.3	Rec	quired Us	e of R	eturn Addresses							
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[Revis	se th	he text of	item g.	to read as follows:]							

	g.	USPS G	Fround	Advantage – Retail and USPS Ground Advantage –
		Comme	rcial.	
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3.0 U	se c	of Alterna	ative A	Addressing
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3.1.2	Pro	hibited l	Jse	
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[Revi	se tl	he text of	item b	o. to read as follows:]
	b.	Mail with	n any a	ancillary service endorsement under 507.1.1 through 507.1.8
		except a	as allov	wed for First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage –
		Comme	rcial pa	arcels, or Priority Mail under 507.1.5.1b.
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3.1.3	Tre	atment		
[Revi	se tl	he last se	entence	e of 3.1.3 to read as follows:]
***Un	deli	verable n	nail wit	th any alternative addressing format is disposed of as waste
under	507	7.1.9.1, e	xcept	for First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercia
parce	ls, a	and Priori	ty Mail	l under 507.1.5.1b.
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4.0 D	etac	ched Add	dress l	Labels (DALs) and Detached Marketing Labels (DMLs)
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4.5 D	ispo	osition o	f Exce	ess or Undeliverable Material
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[Revise the last sentence of item d. to read as follows:]

d.	***Additional material must be sent prepaid to the delivery Post Office as
	First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, Priority Mail, or Priority
	Mail Express.

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## 4.6 Postage

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#### 4.6.3 Returns

[Revise the first sentence of 4.6.3 to read as follows:]

Postage for excess or undeliverable DALs or DMLs that are properly endorsed, or for items being returned, is computed at the single-piece price (First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, Priority Mail, or Package Services) applicable to the combined weight of the DAL or DML, and the accompanying item, regardless of whether both are returned.\*\*\*

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## 604 Postage Payment Methods and Refunds

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4.0 Postage Meters and PC Postage Products ("Postage Evidencing Systems")

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## 4.6 Mailings

## 4.6.1 Mailing Date Format

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

All Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground
 Advantage – Retail, and USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial pieces.

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## 4.6.3 Deposit of Mail

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

Mailers may deposit Priority Mail Express (including Flat Rate), Priority Mail
 (including Flat Rate), retail First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage –
 Retail, retail Media Mail, and Library Mail, with a postage-evidencing indicia at
 any Postal Service facility, preferably near the customer's local Post Office.\*\*\*

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## 5.0 Permit Imprint (Indicia)

#### 5.1 General Standards

#### 5.1.1 Definition

[Revise the second sentence of the text of 5.1.1 to read as follows:]

\*\*\*This payment method may be used for postage and extra service fees for Priority

Mail Express ("eVS" only), Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage –

Commercial, USPS Marketing Mail, Package Services, and Parcel Select mailpieces.\*\*\*

## 5.1.2 Minimum Volume

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

f. A mailing containing 50 or more pieces for Parcel Select destination entry under 253.4.1.2.

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

g. \*\*\*Mailers may include any combination of the following products under this provision: Priority Mail Express (eVS only), Priority Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels, nonpresorted Bound Printed Matter parcels, and single-piece Media Mail and Library Mail parcels.\*\*\*

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## 5.3 Indicia Design, Placement, and Content

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[Revise the title and introductory text of 5.3.6 to read as follows:]

## 5.3.6 Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, and USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial Format

A permit-imprint indicia on Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, or USPS

Ground Advantage – Commercial mailpieces must be formatted as follows:

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

a. Except under items 5.3.6b through 5.3.6d, the permit-imprint indicia must show the basic price markings "Priority Mail Express," "Priority Mail" (or "Priority"), "First-Class Mail," or "USPS Ground Advantage" as applicable;
 "U.S. Postage Paid"; city and state; and permit number.\*\*\*

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

c. The "Priority Mail Express," "Priority Mail" (or "Priority"), "First-Class Mail, or "USPS Ground Advantage" basic price marking may be omitted when using shipping address labels under 202.3.0.

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8.0 Insufficient or Omitted Postage								
8.1 Insufficient Postage								
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8.1.2 Undeliverable and Refused Mail								
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[Revise the text of item b. to read as follows:]								
b. Returned to the sender and delivered when the sender pays the total deficient								
postage and additional postage for forwarding or return if other than First-								
Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, and with a return address.								
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8.1.6 Registered Mail With Insufficient Postage								
[Revise the first sentence of the text of 8.1.6 to read as follows:]								
If shortpaid Registered Mail is found in ordinary mail, with only the First-Class Mail or								
USPS Ground Advantage – Retail price of postage paid, the piece is delivered to the								
addressee as ordinary First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mail.***								
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8.3 Mailable Matter Without Postage in or on Mail Receptacles								
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8.3.4 Partial Distribution								
[Revise the text of 8.3.4 to read as follows:]								
If there is a distribution of pieces to some, but not all, addresses on a route, pieces are								
returned to the delivery unit for use in computing the postage due. First-Class Mail or								

USPS Ground Advantage - Retail prices are applied to matter that would require First-

Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail postage if mailed. For other matter, if the piece weighs less than 16 ounces, the applicable single-piece First-Class Mail or USPS Ground Advantage – Retail price based on the weight of the piece is applied, or an applicable Package Services price is applied, whichever is less. If the piece weighs 16 ounces or more, the USPS Ground Advantage – Retail or applicable Package Services price is applied.

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## 9.0 Exchanges and Refunds

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## 9.2 Postage and Fee Refunds

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#### 9.2.3 Full Refund

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[Revise the first sentence of item I. to read as follows:]

I. If a First-Class Mail, USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, or Package Services mailpiece is torn or defaced during USPS handling so that the addressee or intended delivery point cannot be identified.\*\*\*

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## 7.0 Trademarks and Copyrights of the USPS

## 7.1 USPS Trademarks

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[Dele	ete fron	n the li	st of tra	ndemarks "First-Class Package," "First-Class Package Service,"
and	"USPS	Retail	Groun	d." Add new "USPS Ground Advantage" alphabetically.]
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9.0 F	Postal Z	Zones		
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9.2	Applica	tion		
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[Rev	ise the	footno	ote und	er the table of item a. to read as follows:]
* Ch	icago IL	606 :	serves	Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage mail destinating to
thes	e ZIP C	odes.		
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609	Filing I	ndem	nity Cla	aims for Loss or Damage
1.0 (	Genera	l Filin	g Instru	uctions
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Insu	red Mai	l and i	register	ed Mail (Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, First-Class Package
Serv	rice – R	etail, S	SAM, o	PAL)" to read as follows:]
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				Mail and registered Mail (Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, USPS
Grou	ınd Adv	antag	e – Ret	ail, SAM, or PAL)

#### 700 Special Standards

## 703 Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail and Other Unique Eligibility

## 1.0 Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail

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## 1.9 Mailing While Application Pending

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## 1.9.2 Postage Record

[Revise the text of 1.9.2 to read as follows:]

While an application or confirmation of authorization is pending, postage must be paid at the applicable USPS Marketing Mail prices to qualify for a refund. USPS records the difference between postage paid at regular USPS Marketing Mail prices and the postage that would have been paid at Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail prices.

#### 1.9.3 Refund

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

b. If postage was paid at any eligible price other than USPS Marketing Mail.

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## 2.0 Overseas Military and Diplomatic Post Office Mail

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## 2.4 Military Ordinary Mail (MOM)

[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text of 2.4 to read as follows:]

Military ordinary mail (MOM) is DOD official mail sent at USPS Ground Advantage –

Retail, USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, Periodicals, USPS Marketing Mail,

Parc	el Se	elect, or I	Packaç	ge Services prices that requires faster service than sealift					
trans	port	ation to,	from, a	and between military Post Offices.***					
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2.5 F	arce	el Airlift	(PAL)						
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2.5.2	Ava	ailability							
[Revise the text of 2.5.2 to read as follows:]									
PAL	PAL is available for USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, USPS Ground Advantage –								
Com	merc	cial, Pacl	kage S	ervices, or Parcel Select pieces that do not exceed 30 pounds					
in we	eight	or 60 inc	ches in	length and girth combined, when mailed at or addressed to any					
overs	seas	military	Post C	ffice outside the 48 contiguous states.					
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3.0 E	ера	rtment o	of Stat	e Mail					
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3.2 C	ond	litions F	or Aut	horized Mail					
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3.2.3	We	ight and	Size I	_imits					
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[Rev	ise ti	he text o	f items	e. and f. to read as follows:]					
	e.	Combin	ed len	gth and girth: 108 inches for all mail classes other than USPS					
		Ground	Advar	ntage – Retail.					
	f.	Combin	ed len	gth and girth: 130 inches for USPS Ground Advantage – Retail.					

9.0 Mixed Classes								
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9.12 Pos	9.12 Postage Payment for Combined Mailings of Media Mail and Bound Printed							
Matter								
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9.12.4 R	atin	g of Uı	nmark	ed Parcel				
[Revise	the ii	ntroduc	ctory te	ext of 9.12.4 to read as follows:]				
A parcel	A parcel containing Media Mail and Bound Printed Matter is charged postage at USPS							
Ground A	Adva	antage	– Com	mercial prices if it:				
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705 Adv	anc	ed Pre	paratio	on and Special Postage Payment Systems				
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6.0 Com	bini	ng Ma	ilings	of USPS Marketing Mail, Package Services, and Parcel				
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6.2 Com	bini	ng Pai	rcels –	DNDC Entry				
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6.2.1 Eli	gible	e Price	es					
[Revise	the f	irst ser	ntence	of the text of 6.2.1 to read as follows:]				
Combine	ed pa	arcels r	may be	eligible for USPS Marketing Mail, Parcel Select Lightweight				

Parcel Select DNDC/ASF, single-piece and Presorted Media Mail, single-piece and

Bound Printed Matter prices.\*\*\*

Presorted Library Mail, Bound Printed Matter DNDC, and Nonpresorted and Presorted

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8.0	8.0 Preparing Pallets										
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8.6	Pallet I	Labels	<b>3</b>								
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8.6.	8.6.5 Line 2 (Content Line)										
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16.0	Plant	Load	Mailing	gs							
16.1	Basic	Infor	mation								
16.1	.1 Pur	pose									
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[Rev	ise the	e text o	of footno	ote no. 3	B to read as follows:]						
	3. F	Priority	Mail E	xpress a	and Priority Mail only.						
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18.0	Priori	ty Mai	il Expre	ess Ope	n and Distribute and Priority Mail Open and						
Dist	ribute										
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18.3 Additional Standards for Priority Mail Express Open and Distribute							
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18.3.2	2 Ex	tra Servi	ces				
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[Revi	se tl	he text of	item a	to read as follows:]			
	a.	First-Cla	ss Mai	I pieces may be sent with Certified Mail service.			
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[Revi	se tl	he text of	item d	to read as follows:]			
	d.	Parcel S	elect a	and Package Services parcels mail may be sent with USPS			
		Tracking	or Sig	nature Confirmation service.			
18.4	Add	itional St	tandar	ds for Priority Mail Open and Distribute			
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18.4.2	2 Ex	tra Servi	ces				
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[Revi	se tl	he text of	items a	a. through c. to read as follows:]			
	a.	First-Cla	ss Mai	I pieces may be sent with Certified Mail service.			
	b.	USPS M	larketir	ng Mail parcels (except Customized <i>MarketMail</i> pieces) may be			
		sent with	n electr	onic option USPS Tracking service.			
	C.	Parcel S	elect a	and Package Services parcels may be sent with USPS			
		Tracking	or Sig	nature Confirmation service.			
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add new line item "USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, 286" alphabetically.]

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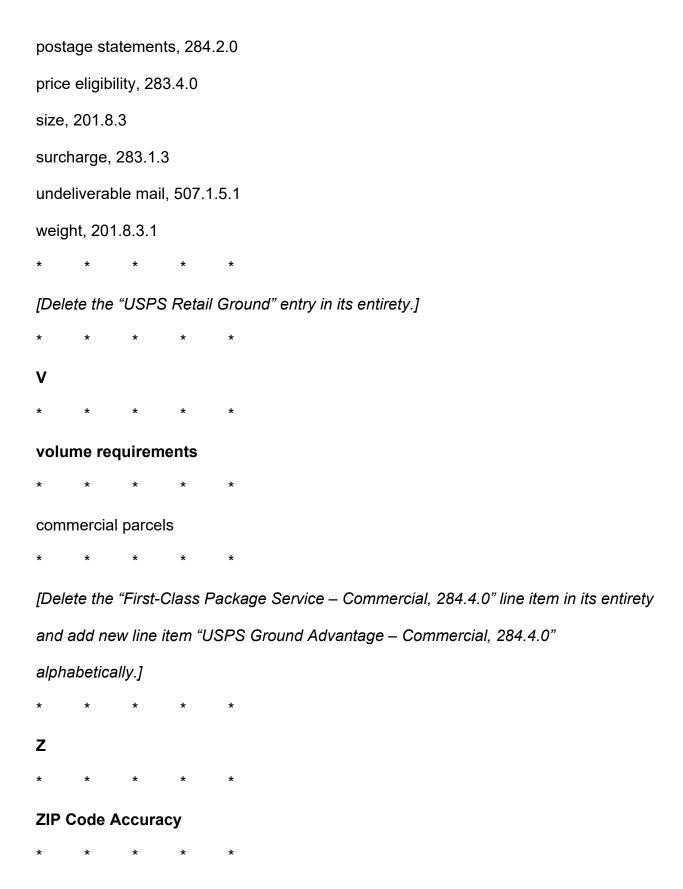
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add new line item "USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, 285" alphabetically.]					
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## **Network Distribution Center (NDC) acceptance**

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and add new line item "USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial, 284.3.0,"						
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[Delete the "First-Class Package Service - Commercial, 283.2.0" line item in its entirety and add new line item "USPS Ground Advantage - Commercial, 283.2.0" alphabetically.] retail mail [Delete the "USPS Retail Ground, 153.2.2" line item in its entirety.] U [Add new entry "USPS Ground Advantage - Commercial parcels" alphabetically to read as follows:] **USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcels** computing postage, 283.1.1 content standards, 283.2.0 deposit of, 286.1.0 documentation, 284.3.0 eligibility standards, 283 incidental enclosure with another class of mail, 703.9.5 mail preparation, 285 markings required on each mailpiece general, 202.1.0 postage payment methods, 284



commercial parcels

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[Revise the "First-Class Package Service – Commercial, 283.3.0" line item to read as follows:]

USPS Ground Advantage - Commercial, 283.3.0

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

— Product Classification, Product Solutions, 6-00-23