

## **DMM Revision: Parcel-Processing Categories Simplification**

Effective November 4, 2024, the Postal Service™ will revise *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®), in various sections, to reflect the Postal Service simplifying parcel-processing categories.

The Postal Service is removing from the “machinable” processing category the minimum-size dimensions requirement and, except for USPS Marketing Mail parcels, the minimum-weight requirement. Except for cylindrical tubes and rolls or similar-shaped pieces, and for labeling requirements in Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, the minimum size of a machinable parcel will be determined by if the parcel is large enough to hold all of the following required items on a single optical plane without bending, folding, or overlapping:

- Delivery address;
- Return address;
- Mailing labels;
- Postage;
- Barcode;
- Endorsements; and
- Other mail markings.

All labels and markings must meet the applicable specifications (e.g., DMM; Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*; Parcel Labeling Guide). A parcel that does not meet this requirement will be considered nonmailable. Except for USPS Marketing Mail parcels, which the Postal Service will continue to require be a

minimum of 3.5 ounces to be a machinable parcel, the minimum-weight requirement for other parcels will no longer be a factor in determining machinability.

The “Nonstandard Parcels” processing category will continue to have a size and weight component that will consist of parcels that exceed the maximum dimensions of the following:

- A machinable parcel;
- Parcels that weigh less than the 3.5-ounce minimum weight for USPS Marketing Mail parcels only; and
- Parcels that exceed the 25-pound maximum weight for a machinable parcel.

The “Nonstandard Parcels” processing category will also have a “Characteristics” component that will define the criteria that will be used to determine if a parcel is nonstandard (e.g., cylindrical tubes and rolls, packaging).

The standards of the “Characteristics” component of “Nonstandard Parcels” will be included in DMM sections 601.3.0, “Packaging,” and 601.4.0, “Acceptable Mailing Containers.”

The packaging criteria in DMM section 601.7.0, “Packaging Standards for Mail Processed at Network Distribution Centers,” will be consolidated into DMM section 601.3.0.

The Postal Service is also revising the packaging standards under DMM section 601.3.0 to include that except for hazardous, restricted, and perishable items as provided in Publication 52, all other parcel-priced pieces must be packaged in a box or other acceptable container that meets the applicable standards under DMM sections 601.3.0 and 601.4.0.

The revisions to parcel-processing categories will not affect the following products:

- Priority Mail Express®.
- Priority Mail®.
- USPS Ground Advantage®.
- USPS Connect® Local.

The revisions will result in no minimum-size dimensions requirement, and, except for USPS Marketing Mail, no minimum-weight requirements, and a nomenclature change, for parcel preparation under the following products:

- Parcel Select® Destination Entry;
- Library Mail;
- Media Mail®;
- Bound Printed Matter;
- Periodicals; and
- USPS Marketing Mail parcels (regular and nonprofit).

The Postal Service will revise the nonstandard Bound Printed Matter preparation standards.

In addition, the Postal Service is making minor revisions in DMM “Physical Standards” subchapters 101 (Retail Mail) and 201 (Commercial Mail) to remove redundancy.

The Postal Service intends to notify the Postal Regulatory Commission of these revisions for updates to the Mail Classification Schedule in a future filing. The Postal

Service also intends to revise all collateral material (e.g., Notice 123 – *Price List*) in a future DMM edition.

While the effective date of these standards is November 4, 2024, sack, tray, and pallet label compliance will not be required until January 19, 2025.

The Postal Service believes these revised standards will simplify the parcel-processing categories, providing mailers with a more efficient shipping process.

***Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)***

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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**

**3.1 Processing Categories**

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

USPS categorizes parcels into one of two mail-processing categories: machinable or nonstandard parcel. These categories are based on the physical dimensions of the parcel, and the placement of the delivery address and all required labels on the parcel. (See 601.1.1.5 for mailability.) For additional information on the machinable and nonstandard processing categories, see 201.7.0.

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

**3.2 Size and Weight**

**3.2.1 Size**

Parcel sizes are as follows:

- a. Minimum size: Except for cylindrical tubes and rolls or similar-shaped pieces and labeling exceptions in Publication 52, all parcels must be large enough to hold the following required items on a single optical plane without bending, folding, or overlapping (see 601.1.1.5), and all labels and markings must meet the applicable specifications (e.g., DMM; Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*; Parcel Labeling Guide):
  1. Delivery address.
  2. Return address.
  3. Mailing labels.
  4. Postage.
  5. Barcode.
  6. Endorsements.
  7. Other mail markings.
- b. Maximum size: Except for USPS Ground Advantage – Retail, which must not measure more than 130 inches in length and girth combined, no mailpiece may measure more than 108 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.

### **3.2.2 Weight**

Except as provided under 4.0 through 7.0, no mailpiece may weigh more than 70 pounds.

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#### **4.0 Additional Physical Standards for Priority Mail Express**

*[Revise the text of 4.0 to read as follows:]*

Lower size and weight standards than provided under 3.2 may apply to Priority Mail Express addressed to certain APO/FPO and DPO mail subject to 703.2.0, and 703.4.0, and for U.S. Department of State mail subject to 703.3.0.

#### **5.0 Additional Physical Standards for Priority Mail**

*[Revise the text of 5.0 to read as follows:]*

Lower size and weight standards than provided under 3.2 may apply to Priority Mail addressed to certain APO/FPO and DPO mail subject to 703.2.0, and 703.4.0, and for U.S. Department of State mail subject to 703.3.0.

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

##### **Advantage – Retail**

##### **6.1 Maximum Weight**

*[Delete the section number and title of 6.1.1, “First-Class Mail,” move the text of current 6.1.1 under 6.1, and revise the text to read as follows:]*

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

*[Delete 6.1.2, “USPS Ground Advantage – Retail,” in its entirety.]*

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##### **6.4 Parcels**

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

A USPS Ground Advantage – Retail parcel is the following:

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*[Delete item d. in its entirety.]*

**7.0 Additional Physical Standards for Media Mail and Library Mail**

*[Delete the introductory text and items a. and b. in their entirety. Move the text of item c. under 7.0 and revise to read as follows:]*

Lower size and weight standards than provided under 3.2 may apply to Library Mail and Media Mail addressed to certain 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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**120 Retail Mail Priority Mail**

**123 Prices and Eligibility**

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**2.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for Priority Mail**

**2.1 Description of Service**

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

\*\*\*Certain Priority Mail mailpieces, such as pieces containing hazardous material or considered nonstandard (e.g., oversized-priced pieces and nonstandard fee-priced pieces), may receive deferred handling.

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

**133 Prices and Eligibility**

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

## **2.1 Description of Service**

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

\*\*\*Certain USPS Ground Advantage – Retail mailpieces, such as pieces containing hazardous material or considered nonstandard (e.g., oversized-priced pieces and nonstandard fee-priced pieces), may receive deferred handling.

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

### **201 Physical Standards**

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## **7.0 Physical Standards for Parcels**

### **7.1 Processing Categories**

*[Revise the text of 7.1 to read as follows:]*

USPS categorizes parcels into one of two mail-processing categories: machinable or nonstandard. These categories are based on the physical dimensions of the piece, and the placement of the delivery address and other required labels on the piece. (See 601.1.1.5 for mailability.)

### **7.2 Minimum Size**

*[Revise the text of 7.2 to read as follows:]*

Pieces are subject to the minimum standards in 7.5, and may be subject to other minimum dimensions, based on the standards for specific prices. Except for cylindrical tubes and rolls or similar-shaped pieces and labeling exceptions in Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, generally the minimum size of a parcel applies to any piece that is not a letter or flat. The parcel must be large enough to hold



all of the following required items on a single optical plane without bending, folding, or overlapping. (See 601.1.1.5.), and all labels and markings must meet the applicable specifications (e.g., DMM, Publication 199, Parcel Labeling Guide):

1. Delivery address.
2. Return address.
3. Mailing labels.
4. Postage.
5. Barcode.
6. Endorsements.
7. Other mail markings.

### **7.3 Maximum Weight and Size**

#### **7.3.1 Maximum Weight**

*[Revise the text of 7.3.1 to read as follows:]*

Except as provided under 8.0, no mailpiece may weigh more than 70 pounds.

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#### **7.5 Machinable Parcels**

*[Delete the section number and title of 7.5.1, "Criteria," move the text of current 7.5.1 under 7.5, and revise the text to read as follows:]*

A machinable parcel is any piece that is not a letter or a flat and that meets the size and weight standards as follows:

- a. Minimum size: Except for cylindrical tubes and rolls or similar-shaped pieces and labeling exceptions in Publication 52, a piece must be large enough to hold all of the required following items on a single optical plane without

bending, folding, or overlapping (see 601.1.1.5), and all labels and markings must meet the applicable specifications:

1. Delivery address.
  2. Return address.
  3. Mailing labels.
  4. Postage.
  5. Barcode.
  6. Endorsements.
  7. Other mail markings.
- b. Maximum size: Not more than 22 inches long, or 18 inches wide, or 15 inches high (see Exhibit 7.5.1b).
- c. Minimum weight: USPS Marketing Mail parcels must weigh at least 3.5 ounces. All other parcel products have no minimum-weight requirement.
- d. Maximum weight: Not more than 25 pounds.

*[Revise the reference number of Exhibit 7.5.1b so that its reference number and title read as follows:]*

**Exhibit 7.5 Machinable Parcel Dimensions**

*[Revise the graphic in renumbered Exhibit 7.5 by changing the width to be 18 inches and the height to be 15 inches and deleting the image of the minimum-size parcel.]*

*[Delete Exhibit 7.5.1c, “Maximum Corner Radius for Parcels,” in its entirety.]*

*[Delete 7.5.2, “Criteria for Lightweight Machinable Parcels”; 7.5.3, “Soft Goods and Enveloped Printed Matter”; and 7.5.4, “Exception,” in their entirety.]*

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*[Revise the title and text of 7.6 to read as follows:]*

## **7.6 Nonstandard Parcels**

### **7.6.1 Dimensions and Weight**

A parcel is considered nonstandard by dimensions or weight as follows:

- a. Dimensions: A parcel that measures more than 22 inches long, or 18 inches wide, or 15 inches high.
- b. Weight: A USPS Marketing Mail parcel that weighs less than 3.5 ounces or any parcel that weighs more than 25 pounds.

### **7.6.2 Characteristics**

A parcel is considered nonstandard by the following characteristics:

- a. Cylindrical tubes or rolls.
- b. A can, or wood or metal box.
- c. A parcel containing more than 24 ounces of liquid in glass containers, or 1 gallon or more of liquid in metal or plastic containers (see 601.3.4).
- d. An unsecurely wrapped or inadequately prepared parcel as provided under 601.3.0 and 601.4.0.

*[Delete 7.7, "Nonmachinable Parcel," in its entirety.]*

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## **8.0 Additional Physical Standards by Class of Mail**

### **8.1 Priority Mail Express**

*Revise the text of 8.1 to read as follows:]*

Lower size and weight standards than provided under 7.3 may apply to Priority Mail Express addressed to certain APO/FPO and DPO mail subject to 703.2.0 and 703.4.0, and for U.S. Department of State mail subject to 703.3.0.

## **8.2 Priority Mail**

*[Revise the text of 8.2 to read as follows:]*

### **8.2.1 Weight and Size**

Lower weight and size standards than provided under 7.3 may apply to Priority Mail addressed to certain APO/FPO and DPO mail subject to 703.2.0 and 703.4.0, and for U.S. Department of State mail subject to 703.3.0.

### **8.2.2 Priority Mail Cubic**

Priority Mail Cubic must not weigh more than 20 pounds. See 223.1.3 for additional information on size and characteristics.

## **8.3 USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial Parcels**

*[Delete 8.3.1, “Weight,” in its entirety and renumber current 8.3.2 as 8.3.1.]*

### **8.3.1 Size**

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

A USPS Ground Advantage – Commercial parcel is:

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*[Delete item d. in its entirety.]*

*[Add new 8.3.2 to read as follows:]*

### **8.3.2 USPS Ground Advantage Commercial Cubic**

USPS Ground Advantage Commercial Cubic must not weigh more than 20 pounds. See 285.1.3 for additional information on size and characteristics.

## 8.4 USPS Marketing Mail Parcels

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### 8.4.2 Size

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

1. Length: Not more than 12 inches.
2. Width: Not more than 9 inches.
3. Height: Not more than 2 inches.

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

- b. Nonprofit machinable parcels' and Nonprofit nonstandard parcels' dimensions are as follows:

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

- c. A Nonprofit nonstandard parcel is a parcel not meeting the criteria for machinable parcels as provided under 7.6.

## 8.5 Parcel Select

*[Delete 8.5.1 and 8.5.2 in their entirety, delete the section number and title of 8.5.3, and move the text of current 8.5.3 under 8.5 to read as follows:]*

Parcel Select pieces mailed at USPS Connect Local prices must not weigh more than 25 pounds.

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## 203 Basic Postage Statement, Documentation, and Preparation Standards

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### 3.0 Standardized Documentation for First-Class Mail, Periodicals, USPS Marketing Mail, and Flat-Size Bound Printed Matter

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### 3.3 Price Level Column Headings

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

The name of the price level (or abbreviation) is used for column headings required under 3.2 and shown below:

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

- b. Presorted First-Class Mail, barcoded and nonbarcoded Periodicals flats, nonbarcoded Periodicals letters, and machinable, nonmachinable, and nonstandard USPS Marketing Mail:

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**PRICE**

**ABBREVIATION**

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*[Revise the text of the sixth line item, beginning with “ADC,” in the “Price” column under item b. to read as follows:]*

ADC/RPDC [USPS Marketing Mail nonmachinable letters, flats, and nonstandard parcels, and all Periodicals]

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*[Revise the text of the ninth line item, beginning with “Mixed ADC,” in the “Price” column under item b. to read as follows:]*

Mixed ADC [USPS Marketing Mail nonmachinable letters, flats, nonstandard parcels;  
and all Periodicals]

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c. Carrier Route Periodicals and Enhanced Carrier Route USPS Marketing Mail:

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**PRICE**

**ABBREVIATION**

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*[Revise the text of the first line item, beginning with “Saturation,” in the “Price” column under item c. to read as follows:]*

Saturation [letters, flats, and nonstandard parcels]

*[Revise the text of the second line item, beginning with “High Density,” in the “Price” column under item c. to read as follows:]*

High Density [letters, flats, and nonstandard parcels]

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*[Revise the text of the fourth line item, beginning with “Basic,” in the “Price” column under item c. to read as follows:]*

Basic [letters, flats, and nonstandard parcels]

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### **3.4 Sortation Level**

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

The sortation level (or corresponding abbreviation) is used for the bundle, tray, sack, or pallet levels required under 3.2 and shown below:

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**SORTATION LEVEL****ABBREVIATION**

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*[Revise the text of the third line item, beginning with “5-Digit Scheme Carrier Routes,” in the “Sortation Level” column of 3.4 to read as follows:]*

5–Digit Scheme Carrier Routes [sacks/flat trays and pallets (Periodicals and USPS Marketing Mail flats); sacks and pallets (nonstandard parcels)]

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*[Revise the text of the fifth line item, beginning with “5-Digit Scheme [pallets],” in the “Sortation Level” column of 3.4 to read as follows:]*

5–Digit Scheme [pallets, Periodicals flats and nonstandard parcels, USPS Marketing Mail flats, Bound Printed Matter flats]

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*[Revise the text of the seventh line item, beginning with “Merged 5-Digit Scheme,” in the “Sortation Level” column of 3.4 to read as follows:]*

Merged 5–Digit Scheme [flat trays and pallets (Periodicals and USPS Marketing Mail flats); sacks and pallets (nonstandard parcels)]

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*[Revise the text of the 11<sup>th</sup> line item, beginning with “Merged 3-Digit,” in the “Sortation Level” column of 3.4 to read as follows:]*

Merged 3-Digit [flat trays (Periodicals flats); sacks (nonstandard parcels)]

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*[Revise the text of the 19<sup>th</sup> line item, beginning with “SCF [flat trays,” in the “Sortation Level” column of 3.4 to read as follows:]*

SCF [flat trays and pallets (Periodicals flats and USPS Marketing Mail); sacks and pallets (Bound Printed Matter and nonstandard parcels)]

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**4.0 Bundles**

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**4.10 Additional Standards for Unsacked/Untrayed Bundles Entered at DDU or S&DC Facilities**

*[Revise the introductory text of 4.10 to read as follows:]*

Mailers may enter unsacked, untrayed, or nonpalletized bundles of carrier route, Periodicals, or USPS Marketing Mail flats and unsacked Bound Printed Matter (BPM) flats or nonstandard parcels (BPM only) at destination delivery units (DDUs) or sorting and delivery centers (DS&DC) if all the following conditions are met:

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**5.0 Letter and Flat Trays**

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**5.12 Line 2 (Content Line)**

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- b. Codes: The codes shown below must be used as appropriate on Line 2 of tray, sack, and pallet labels.

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CONTENT TYPE	CODE
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*[Delete the 10<sup>th</sup> line item, beginning with “Irregular Parcels,” under item b. of 5.12 in its entirety.]*

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*[Revise the text of the 15<sup>th</sup> line item, beginning with “Mixed Machinable and Irregular Parcels,” under item b. of 5.12 to read as follows:]*

Mixed Machinable and Nonstandard Parcels MACH & NONSTD

*[Revise the text of the 16<sup>th</sup> line item, beginning with “Nonmachinable,” under item b. of 5.12 to read as follows:]*

Nonstandard NONSTD

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## 7.0 Optional Endorsement Lines (OELs)

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### 7.2 OEL Format

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#### 7.2.5 ZIP Code Information

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### Exhibit 7.2.5 OEL Labeling Lists

PROCESSING CATEGORY AND PRESORT TYPE	ADC/ AADC	MIXED ADC/ MIXED AADC
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### Periodicals<sup>1</sup>

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*[In the last line item under “Periodicals <sup>1</sup>,” revise the text “Irregular parcels” in the “Processing Category and Presort Type” column to read as follows:]*

Nonstandard parcels

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**Bound Printed Matter <sup>1</sup>**

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*[In the last line item under “Bound Printed Matter <sup>1</sup>,” revise the text “Irregular parcels” in the “Processing Category and Presort Type” column to read as follows:]*

Nonstandard parcels

**Media Mail**

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*[In the last line item under “Media Mail,” revise the text “Irregular parcels” in the “Processing Category and Presort Type” column to read as follows:]*

Nonstandard parcels

**Library Mail**

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*[In the last line item under “Media Mail,” revise the text “Irregular parcels” in the “Processing Category and Presort Type” column to read as follows:]*

Nonstandard parcels

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**204 Barcode Standards**

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**3.0 Standards for Barcoded Tray Labels, Sack Labels, and Container Labels**

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### 3.2 Specifications for Barcoded Tray and Sack Labels

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#### 3.2.4 3-Digit Content Identifier Numbers

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#### Exhibit 3.2.4 3-Digit Content Identifier Numbers

CLASS AND MAILING	CIN	HUMAN READABLE CONTENT LINE
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#### **PRIORITY MAIL OPEN AND DISTRIBUTE**

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#### ***All Other Classes, Parcels***

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*[Revise the text of the fourth line item, beginning with “ASF/NDC/RPDC irregular parcels,” in the category “All Other Classes, Parcels” to read as follows:]*

ASF/NDC nonstandard parcels	034	PMOD NONSTD NDC
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#### **PERIODICALS (PER)**

*[Revise the title of “PER Irregular Parcels – Merged Carrier Route and Presorted” to read as follows:]*

#### ***PER Nonstandard Parcels – Merged Carrier Route and Presorted***

*[Revise the text of the three line items in retitled category “PER Nonstandard Parcels – Merged Carrier Route and Presorted” to read as follows:]*

merged 5-digit sacks	340	PER NONSTD CR/5D
merged 3-digit sacks	354	PER NONSTD CR/5D/3D
merged 5-digit scheme sacks	365	PER NONSTD CR/5D SCH

*[Revise the title of “PER Irregular Parcels – Carrier Route” to read as follows:]*

**PER Nonstandard Parcels – Carrier Route**

*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “PER Nonstandard Parcels – Carrier Route” to read as follows:]*

saturation price sacks	397	PER NONSTD WSS <sup>1</sup>
high density price sacks	398	PER NONSTD WSH <sup>1</sup>
basic price sacks	395	PER NONSTD CR <sup>1</sup>
5-digit carrier routes sacks	396	PER NONSTD 5D CR-RTS
5-digit scheme car. rts. sacks	399	PER NONSTD CR-RTS SCH
3-digit carrier routes sacks	355	PER NONSTD 3D CR-RTS

*[Revise the title of “PER Irregular Parcels – Presorted” to read as follows:]*

**PER Nonstandard Parcels – Presorted**

*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “PER Nonstandard Parcels – Presorted” to read as follows:]*

5-digit sacks	389	PER NONSTD 5D
3-digit sacks	390	PER NONSTD 3D
SCF sacks	394	PER NONSTD SCF
ADC sacks or trays	391	PER NONSTD ADC

mixed ADC sacks or trays	392	PER NONSTD WKG
origin mixed ADC sacks or trays	363	PER NONSTD WKG W FCM

**PERIODICALS (NEWS)**

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*[Revise the title of “NEWS Irregular Parcels – Merged Carrier Route and Presorted” to read as follows:]*

***NEWS Nonstandard Parcels –***

***Merged Carrier Route and Presorted***

*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “NEWS Nonstandard Parcels – Merged Carrier Route and Presorted” to read as follows:]*

merged 5-digit	440	NEWS NONSTD CR/5D
merged 5-digit scheme	465	NEWS NONSTD CR/5D SCH
merged 3-digit sacks	454	NEWS NONSTD CR/5D/3D

*[Revise the title of “NEWS Irregular Parcels – Carrier Route” to read as follows:]*

***NEWS Nonstandard Parcels – Carrier Route***

*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “NEWS Nonstandard Parcels – Carrier Route” to read as follows:]*

saturation price sacks	497	NEWS NONSTD WSS <sup>1</sup>
high density price sacks	498	NEWS NONSTD WSH <sup>1</sup>
basic price sacks	495	NEWS NONSTD CR <sup>1</sup>
5-digit carrier routes sacks	496	NEWS NONSTD 5D CR-RTS
5-digit scheme car. rts. sacks	499	NEWS NONSTD CR-RTS SCH
3-digit carrier routes sacks	455	NEWS NONSTD 3D CR-RTS

*[Revise the title of “NEWS Irregular Parcels – Presorted” to read as follows:]*

**NEWS Nonstandard Parcels – Presorted**

*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “NEWS Nonstandard Parcels – Presorted” to read as follows:]*

5-digit sacks	489	NEWS NONSTD 5D
3-digit sacks	490	NEWS NONSTD 3D
SCF sacks	494	NEWS NONSTD SCF
ADC sacks or trays	491	NEWS NONSTD ADC
mixed ADC sacks or trays	492	NEWS NONSTD WKG
origin mixed ADC sacks or trays	463	NEWS NONSTD WKG W FCM

**USPS MARKETING MAIL**

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*[Revise the title of “MKT Marketing Parcels less than 6 oz. and Irregular Parcels” to read as follows:]*

**MKT Marketing Parcels (Nonstandard) and Nonprofit Nonstandard-Priced Parcels**

*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “MKT Marketing Parcels (Nonstandard) and Nonprofit Nonstandard-Priced Parcels” to read as follows:]*

5-digit scheme sacks	590	MKT NONSTD 5D SCH
5-digit sacks	590	MKT NONSTD 5D
SCF sacks	596	MKT NONSTD SCF
ASF sacks	571	MKT NONSTD ASF
NDC sacks	570	MKT NONSTD NDC
mixed NDC sacks	594	MKT NONSTD WKG

*[Revise the title of “MKT Marketing Parcels 6 oz. or more and Machinable Parcels” to read as follows:]*

**MKT Marketing Parcels (Machinable) and Nonprofit Machinable Priced Parcels**

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*[Revise the title of “MKT Machinable and Irregular Parcels – Presorted” to read as follows:]*

**MKT Machinable and Nonstandard Parcels – Presorted**

*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “MKT Machinable and Nonstandard Parcels – Presorted” to read as follows:]*

5-digit sacks	603	MKT MACH-NONSTD 5D
5-digit scheme sacks	603	MKT MACH-NONSTD 5D SCH

**PACKAGE SERVICES**

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*[Revise the title of “Carrier Route BPM – Irregular Parcels” to read as follows:]*

**Carrier Route BPM – Nonstandard Parcels**

*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “Carrier Route BPM – Nonstandard Parcels” to read as follows:]*

carrier route sacks	697	PSVC NONSTD CR <sup>1</sup>
5-digit carrier routes sacks	698	PSVC NONSTD CR-RTS
5-digit scheme car. rt. sacks	698	PSVC NONSTD CR-RTS SCH

*[Revise the title of “Presorted BPM – Irregular Parcels” to read as follows:]*

**Presorted BPM – Nonstandard Parcels**



*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “Presorted BPM – Nonstandard Parcels” to read as follows:]*

5-digit sacks	690	PSVC NONSTD 5D
5-digit scheme sacks	690	PSVC NONSTD 5D SCH
3-digit sacks	691	PSVC NONSTD 3D
SCF sacks	696	PSVC NONSTD SCF
ADC sacks	692	PSVC NONSTD ADC
mixed ADC sacks	694	PSVC NONSTD WKG

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*[Revise the title of “Media Mail and Library Mail Irregular Parcels – Presorted” to read as follows:]*

**Media Mail and Library Mail Nonstandard Parcels – Presorted**

*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “Media Mail and Library Mail Nonstandard Parcels – Presorted” to read as follows:]*

5-digit scheme sacks	690	PSVC NONSTD 5D SCH
5-digit sacks	690	PSVC NONSTD 5D
3-digit sacks	691	PSVC NONSTD 3D
ADC sacks	692	PSVC NONSTD ADC
mixed ADC sacks	694	PSVC NONSTD WKG

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**PARCEL SELECT**

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*[Revise the title of “Parcel Select – Irregular (Nonmachinable) Parcels” to read as follows:]*

**Parcel Select – Nonstandard Parcels**

*[Revise the text of the line item in retitled category “Parcel Select – Nonstandard Parcels” to read as follows:]*

3-digit sacks	691	PSVC NONSTD 3D
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*[Revise the title of “Combined Package Services, Parcel Select, and USPS Marketing – Irregular Parcels 2 up to 6 oz (APPS-machinable)” to read as follows:]*

**Combined Package Services, Parcel Select, and USPS Marketing – Nonstandard Parcels 2 oz. up to 6 oz. (APPS-machinable)**

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*[Revise the title of “Combined PSVC & MKT – Irregular Parcels less than 2 oz, and tubes and rolls (not APPS-machinable)” to read as follows:]*

**Combined PSVC & MKT – Nonstandard Parcels Cylindrical Tubes and Rolls**

*[Revise the text of the line items in retitled category “Combined PSVC & MKT – Nonstandard Parcels Cylindrical Tubes and Rolls” to read as follows:]*

3-digit sacks	591	MKT/PSVC NONSTD 3D
ADC sacks	592	MKT/PSVC NONSTD ADC
Mixed ADC sacks	594	MKT/PSVC NONSTD WKG

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**207 Periodicals**

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## 22.0 Preparing Nonbarcoded (Presorted) Periodicals

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## 22.6 Sack Preparation

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

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “5D”; followed by “NON BC” for flats.

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

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “3D”; followed by “NON BC” for flats.

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

- 2 Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “SCF”; followed by “NON BC” for flats.

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

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “SCF”; followed by “NON BC” for flats.

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

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “ADC.”

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

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable, followed by “NONSTD” as applicable, followed by “WKG W FCM.”

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

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “WKG” for nonstandard parcels.

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## **23.0 Preparing Carrier-Route Periodicals**

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*[Revise the title of 23.4 to read as follows:]*

### **23.4 Preparation – Flat-Size Pieces and Nonstandard Parcels**

#### **23.4.1 Flat Tray and Sacking Preparation and Labeling**

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

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “WSS” for saturation-price mail, or “WSH” for high-density-price mail, or “CR” for basic-price mail; followed by the route type and number.

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

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “CR-RTS SCH.”

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

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “CR-RTS.”

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

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable, followed by “FLTS 3D” or “NONSTD 3D” as applicable, followed by “CR-RTS.”

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## **240 Commercial Mail USPS Marketing Mail**

### **243 Prices and Eligibility**

#### **1.0 Prices and Fees**

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#### **1.2 USPS Marketing Mail Prices**

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

- b. A price determined by adding the per-piece charge and the corresponding per-pound charge applies to any USPS Marketing Mail piece that weighs more than the following:
  1. Nonmachinable letters and flats that weigh more than 4.0 ounces;
  2. Presorted Marketing parcels;

3. Nonprofit machinable and Nonprofit nonstandard parcels that weigh more than 3.3 ounces; and

4. Machinable parcels that weigh 3.5 ounces or more.

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### **3.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for USPS Marketing Mail**

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#### **3.2 Defining Characteristics**

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

##### **3.2.3 Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail Machinable and Nonstandard Parcels**

Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail parcels that do not qualify as Marketing parcels may be prepared and mailed as machinable or nonstandard parcels.

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### **3.3 Additional Basic Standards for USPS Marketing Mail**

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

- a. All pieces in a mailing must be of the same processing category, except that nonstandard and machinable parcels may be combined in 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks or on 5-digit scheme and 5-digit pallets.

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

- f. \*\*\*Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail machinable or nonstandard parcels must bear the addressee's name and complete delivery address, or the mailer may use an alternative addressing format.\*\*\*

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#### **4.0 Price Eligibility for USPS Marketing Mail**

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#### **4.2 Minimum Per-Piece Prices**

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

- c. Individual prices. The following apply:
1. There are separate minimum per-piece prices for each subclass (Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit, and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route) and within each subclass for the type of mailing and the level of presort within each mailing.
  2. DNDC prices are not available for ZIP Code ranges 006-009, 967-969, and 995-999, as indicated in labeling list L601.
  3. Except for Customized MarketMail pieces, discounted per-piece prices also may be claimed for destination network distribution center (DNDC), destination sectional center facility (DSCF), and destination delivery unit (DDU) under 246.
  4. DDU prices are available only for mail entered at Enhanced Carrier Route or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route prices.

5. There are also separate prices for Marketing parcels, Nonprofit machinable-priced parcels, and Nonprofit nonstandard-priced parcels.

6. See 1.0 for individual per-piece prices.

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## **5.0 Additional Eligibility Standards for Nonautomation USPS Marketing Mail Letters, Flats, and Presorted USPS Marketing Mail Parcels**

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### **5.3 Price Application**

*[Revise the second sentence of 5.3 to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*Prices for Nonprofit parcels not qualifying as Marketing parcels apply separately to Nonprofit machinable parcels and Nonprofit nonstandard parcels.\*\*\*

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*[Revise the title of 5.8 to read as follows:]*

## **5.8 Prices for Nonstandard Parcels and Marketing Parcels**

### **5.8.1 5-Digit Price**

*[Revise the introductory text of 5.8.1 to read as follows:]*

Five-digit prices apply to nonstandard parcels and to Marketing parcels that are dropshipped to a DNDC/RPDC (or ASF/RPDC when claiming DNDC prices), DSCF/DRPDC, or DDU or DS&DC and presented:

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### **5.8.2 SCF Price**

*[Revise the introductory text of 5.8.2 to read as follows:]*



SCF prices apply to nonstandard parcels and to Marketing parcels that are dropshipped and presented to a DSCF/DRPDC or DNDC/DRPDC:

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### **5.8.3 NDC Price**

*[Revise the introductory text of 5.8.3 to read as follows:]*

NDC prices apply to nonstandard parcels and to Marketing parcels as follows under either of the following conditions:

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### **5.8.4 Mixed NDC Price**

*[Revise the first sentence of 5.8.4 to read as follows:]*

Mixed NDC prices apply to nonstandard parcels and to Marketing parcels in origin NDC/RPDC or mixed NDC/RPDC containers that are not eligible for 5-digit, SCF, or NDC prices.\*\*\*

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## **245 Mail Preparation**

### **1.0 General Information for Mail Preparation**

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#### **1.2 Definition of Mailings**

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*[Revise the text of item b(6) of 1.2 to read as follows:]*

- 6. Machinable and nonmachinable or nonstandard pieces.

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#### **1.4 Preparation Definitions and Instructions**

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*[Revise the fifth sentence of item j. to read as follows:]*

- j. \*\*\*The 5-digit scheme sort may not be used for other mail prepared on pallets, except for 5-digit bundles of USPS Marketing Mail nonstandard parcels that are part of a mailing job that is prepared in part as palletized flats at automation prices.\*\*\*

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## **11.0 Preparing Presorted Parcels**

### **11.1 Basic Standards**

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*[Revise the text of item b. of 11.1 to read as follows:]*

- b. Marketing parcels, Nonprofit machinable-priced parcels, and Nonprofit nonstandard-priced parcels must each be prepared as separate mailings, except under 11.3.1.

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*[Revise the title of 11.3 to read as follows:]*

## **11.3 Preparing Marketing Parcels (6 Ounces or More) and Nonprofit Machinable Parcels**

### **11.3.1 Sacking**

*[Revise the text of 11.3.1 to read as follows:]*

The following apply:

- a. Prepare mailings of machinable Marketing parcels weighing 6 ounces or more and mailings of Nonprofit machinable-priced parcels under 11.3.

- b. Prepare 5-digit sacks only for parcels dropshipped to a DNDC/RPDC (or ASF/RPDC when claiming DNDC prices), DSCF/DSCF, or DDU or DS&DC.
- c. Prepare ASF/RPDC or NDC/RPDC sacks only for parcels dropshipped to a DNDC/RPDC (or ASF/RPDC when claiming DNDC prices).
- d. There is no minimum for parcels in 5-digit/scheme sacks entered at a DDU or DS&DC.
- e. Mailers combining nonstandard parcels with machinable parcels placed in 5-digit/scheme sacks must prepare those sacks under 11.3.2a.
- f. Mailers combining machinable Marketing parcels weighing 6 ounces or more with Nonprofit machinable-priced parcels placed in ASF/RPDC, NDC/RPDC, or mixed NDC/RPDC sacks must prepare the sacks under 11.3.2.

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*[Revise the title of 11.4 to read as follows:]*

**11.4 Preparing Marketing Parcels (Less Than 6 Ounces) and Nonprofit Nonstandard Parcels**

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**11.4.2 Sacking**

*[Revise the text of 11.4.2 to read as follows:]*

The following apply:

- a. Prepare mailings of nonstandard Marketing parcels weighing less than 6 ounces and mailings of Nonprofit nonstandard-priced parcels under 11.4.

- b. Prepare 5-digit sacks only for parcels dropshipped to a DNDC/RPDC (or ASF/RPDC when claiming DNDC prices), DSCF/RPDC, or DDU or SDC. See 11.4.3 for restrictions on SCF/RPDC, ASF/RPDC, and NDC/RPDC sacks.
- c. Mailers must prepare a sack when the mail for a required presort destination reaches 10 pounds of pieces.
- d. There is no minimum for parcels prepared in 5-digit/scheme sacks entered at a DDU or S&DC.
- e. Mailers combining Nonprofit nonstandard-priced parcels with Nonprofit machinable-priced parcels and machinable Marketing parcels weighing 6 ounces or more in 5-digit/scheme sacks must prepare those sacks under 11.3.2.
- f. Mailers may not prepare sacks containing nonstandard and machinable parcels to other presort levels.
- g. Mailers may combine Nonprofit nonstandard-priced parcels with nonstandard Marketing parcels in sacks under 11.4.3.

**11.4.3 Sacking and Labeling**

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*[Revise the text of item a(2) of 11.4.3 to read as follows:]*

- 2. Line 2: For 5-digit scheme sacks, use “STD NONSTD 5D SCH.” For 5-digit sacks, use “STD NONSTD 5D.”

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

- 2. For Line 2, use “STD NONSTD SCF.”

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

2. Line 2: use “STD NONSTD ASF.”

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

2. Line 2: use “STD NONSTD NDC.”

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

2. Line 2: use “STD NONSTD NDC.”

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

2. Line 2: use “STD NONSTD WKG.”

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

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## **255 Mail Preparation**

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### **4.0 Preparing Destination Entry Parcel Select**

#### **4.1 Preparing Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) or Sorting and Delivery Center (S&DC) Parcel Select**

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##### **4.1.3 Sacking and Labeling**

*[Revise the third sentence of the introductory text of 4.1.3 to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*Machinable and nonstandard pieces may be combined in the same sack or on the same pallet (including pallet boxes on pallets).\*\*\*

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## 4.2 Preparing Destination Hub (DHub) Parcel Select

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### 4.2.3 Sacking and Labeling

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*[Revise the second sentence of item b. of 4.2.3 to read as follows:]*

- b. \*\*\*Machinable and nonstandard pieces may be combined in the same sack to meet this requirement.\*\*\*

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## 4.3 Preparing Destination SCF (DSCF)/Regional Processing and Distribution Center (DRPDC) Parcel Select

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### 4.3.2 Basic Standards

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*[Revise the first sentence of item d. of 4.3.2 to read as follows:]*

- d. Any remaining nonstandard parcels (as defined in 201.7.6) sorted to 3-digit ZIP Code prefixes in L002, Column C.\*\*\*

### 4.3.3 Sacking and Labeling

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*[Revise the second sentence of item b. of 4.3.3 to read as follows:]*

- b. \*\*\*Machinable and nonstandard pieces may be combined in the same sack to meet this requirement.\*\*\*

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*[Revise the text of items f. through h. to read as follows:]*

- f. SCF sack labeling: Line 1, use L051; for Line 2, “PSVC MACH SCF.”
- g. 3-digit nonstandard sack labeling: Line 1, use L051; for Line 2, “PSVC NONSTD 3D.”
- h. See 705.8.0 for the option to place 5-digit scheme and 5-digit DSCF/DRPDC sacks, SCF/RPDC sacks, and 3-digit nonstandard sacks on an SCF/RPDC pallet.

*[Revise the title of 4.4 to read as follows:]*

**4.4 Preparing Destination NDC (DNDC)/Regional Processing and Distribution Center (DRPDC) Parcel Select**

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**4.4.3 Sacking and Labeling**

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

- b. DNDC/DRPDC nonstandard parcels that each weigh 25 pounds or less must be sacked under 5.0 if the parcels do not contain perishables and the size of the parcels allows a sack to hold at least two pieces. DNDC/DRPDC nonstandard parcels that cannot be sacked in this manner or that weigh more than 25 pounds must be transported as outside (unsacked) pieces. If

authorized in advance by USPS, DNDC/DRPDC nonstandard parcels may be palletized.

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## **256 Enter and Deposit**

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## **2.0 Deposit**

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## **2.2 Containers**

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*[Revise the text of item b. of 2.2. to read as follows:]*

- b. For a DNDC price, nonstandard parcels that each weigh 25 pounds or less must be sacked under 255.4.0 if the parcels do not contain perishables and the size of the parcels allows a sack to hold at least two pieces.

DNDC/DRPDC nonstandard parcels that cannot be sacked in this manner or that weigh more than 25 pounds must be transported as outside (unsacked) pieces. If authorized in advance by USPS, DNDC/DRPDC nonstandard parcels may be palletized.

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

- c. \*\*\*Machinable and nonstandard pieces may be included in the same sack.

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

- e. For DSCF/DRPDC and DDU or DS&DC, nonstandard parcels may be palletized (including pallet boxes on pallets). Nonstandard parcels may be



combined with machinable parcels on 5-digit scheme, 5-digit, and 3-digit pallets (including pallet boxes on pallets) claimed at DSCF or DDU prices under 705.8.0.

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

- f. \*\*\*Machinable and nonstandard pieces may be combined in 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks or on 5-digit scheme and 5-digit pallets (including pallet boxes).

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*[Revise the title of 2.17 to read as follows:]*

**2.17 DNDC/DRPDC Parcel Select – Acceptance at Designated SCF/RPDC – USPS Benefit**

*[Revise the introductory text of 2.17 to read as follows:]*

A mailing that is otherwise eligible for DNDC prices may be deposited, and accepted, at a USPS-designated SCF/RPDC when it benefits USPS and:

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

- a. The mailing contains only machinable parcels prepared in 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks, pallets, or containers and nonstandard parcels prepared under 2.2.

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**260 Commercial Mail Bound Printed Matter**

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**265 Mail Preparation**

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## 2.0 Bundles

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*[Revise the title and text of 2.4 to read as follows:]*

### 2.4 Bundle Sizes for Nonstandard Parcels

Mailers must prepare unsacked, nonpalletized bundles of nonstandard parcels for DDU or DS&DC entry according to 203.4.10, and as follows:

- a. For presorted nonstandard parcels, under 8.2 for parcels weighing less than 10 pounds and 8.3 for parcels weighing 10 pounds or more.
- b. For carrier-route nonstandard parcels, under 9.2 for parcels weighing less than 10 pounds and 9.3 for parcels weighing 10 pounds or more.

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## 8.0 Preparing Presorted Parcels

### 8.1 Basic Standards

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

- b. \*\*\*See 201.7.0 for definitions of machinable and nonstandard parcels.

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*[Delete 8.2, "Preparing Irregular Parcels Weighing Less than 10 Pounds," in its entirety and renumber current 8.3 through 8.5 as 8.2 through 8.4, respectively.]*

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*[Revise the title of renumbered 8.2 to read as follows:]*

### 8.2 Preparing Nonstandard Parcels

#### 8.2.1 Piece Preparation

*[Revise the last sentence of renumbered 8.2.1 to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*Bundling is not permitted.

### **8.2.2 Required Sacking**

*[Delete the last two sentences of the text of renumbered 8.2.2.]*

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### **8.2.3 Sacking and Labeling**

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

2. Line 2: For 5-digit scheme sacks, "PSVC NONSTD 5D SCH." For 5-digit sacks, "PSVC NONSTD 5D."

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD 3D."

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD SCF."

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD ADC."

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD WKG."

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*[Revise the title of 9.0 to read as follows:]*

## **9.0 Preparing Carrier-Route Parcels**

### **9.1 Basic Standards**

*[Revise the title and introductory text of 9.1.1 to read as follows:]*

#### **9.1.1 General Standards for Carrier-Route Preparation**

All mailings of carrier-route Bound Printed Matter (BPM) are subject to the standards in 9.2 through 9.4 and to these general standards:

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

- b. \*\*\*A BPM nonstandard parcel is a piece that is not a machinable parcel as defined in 201.7.5.1. Nonstandard parcels also are pieces that meet the size and weight standards for a machinable parcel, but are not individually boxed or packaged to withstand processing on parcel sorters under 601.3.0 and 601.4.0.

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*[Revise the title of 9.2 to read as follows:]*

## **9.2 Preparing Nonstandard Parcels Weighing Less Than 10 Pounds**

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### **9.2.2 Required Sacking**

*[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text of 9.2.2 to read as follows:]*

Mailers may prepare nonstandard parcels as unsacked bundles under 203.4.10 or in bundles on pallets.\*\*\*

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## 9.2.4 Sack Label Line 2

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*[Revise the text of items a. through c. to read as follows:]*

- a. Carrier route: “PSVC NONSTD CR,” followed by the route type and number.
- b. 5-digit scheme carrier routes: “PSVC NONSTD CR-RTS SCH.”
- c. 5-digit carrier routes: “PSVC NONSTD CR-RTS.”

*[Revise the title of 9.3 to read as follows:]*

## 9.3 Preparing Nonstandard Parcels Weighing 10 Pounds or More

*[Revise the first two sentences of the introductory text of 9.3 to read as follows:]*

Mailers may prepare nonstandard parcels as unsacked bundles under 2.2 or in bundles on pallets. When preparing nonstandard parcels in sacks, the preparer must place parcels only in direct carrier-route sacks.\*\*\*

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

- b. Line 2: “PSVC NONSTD CR,” followed by the route type and number.

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## 3.0 Destination Entry

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## 3.6 Mailings of Unsacked Bundles

*[Revise the first sentence of 3.6 to read as follows:]*

Mailers may present unsacked, nonpalletized bundles of BPM flats or nonstandard parcels that are properly prepared for and entered at DDU prices and unloaded according to standards in 3.8.9.\*\*\*

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

#### **4.0 Destination Network Distribution Center (DNDC)/Regional Processing and Distribution Center (DRPDC) Entry**

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*[Revise the title of 4.5 to read as follows:]*

#### **4.5 Presorted Nonstandard Parcels**

*[Revise the first sentence of 4.5 to read as follows:]*

Customers mailing presorted nonstandard parcels in sacks or on pallets at all sort levels may claim DNDC prices.\*\*\*

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*[Revise the title of 4.7 to read as follows:]*

#### **4.7 Carrier-Route Nonstandard Parcels**

*[Revise the first sentence of 4.7 to read as follows:]*

Customers mailing carrier-route nonstandard parcels in sacks at all sort levels or on pallets at all sort levels may claim DNDC prices.\*\*\*

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

#### **6.0 Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) or Sorting and Delivery Center (DS&DC) Entry**

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*[Revise the title of 6.5 to read as follows:]*

## **6.5 Presorted Nonstandard Parcels**

*[Revise the first sentence of 6.5 to read as follows:]*

Customers mailing presorted nonstandard parcels in 5-digit scheme sacks and 5-digit sacks, on 5-digit scheme or 5-digit pallets, or prepared as unsacked 5-digit bundles may claim DDU prices.\*\*\*

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*[Revise the title of 6.7 to read as follows:]*

## **6.7 Carrier-Route Nonstandard Parcels**

*[Revise the first sentence of 6.7 to read as follows:]*

Customers mailing carrier-route nonstandard parcels in sacks, on 5-digit scheme and 5-digit pallets, or prepared as unsacked carrier route bundles may claim DDU prices.\*\*\*

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## **270 Commercial Mail Media Mail and Library Mail**

### **273 Prices and Eligibility**

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### **7.0 Price Eligibility for Media Mail and Library Mail**

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### **7.3 Price Categories for Media Mail and Library Mail**

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#### **7.3.2 Parcels**

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

- a. \*\*\*Nonstandard parcels may qualify for the 5-digit price if prepared to preserve sortation by 5-digit ZIP Code as prescribed by the postmaster of the mailing office.

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

- b. \*\*\*Nonstandard parcels may qualify for the basic price if prepared to preserve sortation by NDC/RPDC as prescribed by the postmaster of the mailing office.

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## **275 Mail Preparation**

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### **4.0 Basic Standards for Preparing Media Mail and Library Mail**

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

- d. \*\*\*See 201.7.0 for definitions of machinable and nonstandard parcels.

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## **6.0 Preparing Media Mail and Library Mail Parcels**

### **6.1 Basic Standards**

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

- b. All parcels in a mailing must be within the same processing category. See 201.7.0 for definitions of machinable and nonstandard parcels.

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*[Revise the title of 6.3 to read as follows:]*



### **6.3 Preparing Nonstandard Parcels**

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#### **6.3.4 Sacking and Labeling**

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

2. Line 2: For 5-digit scheme sacks, “PSVC NONSTD 5D SCH.” For 5-digit sacks, “PSVC NONSTD 5D.”

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

2. Line 2: “PSVC NONSTD 3D.”

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

2. Line 2: “PSVC NONSTD ADC.”

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

2. Line 2: “PSVC NONSTD WKG.”

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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 Eligibility for Extra Services**

###### **1.4.1 Eligibility – Domestic Mail**

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### **Exhibit 1.4.1 Eligibility – Domestic Mail**

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*[Revise footnote 7. to read as follows:]*

7. USPS Marketing Mail, Nonprofit machinable-priced parcels and Nonprofit nonstandard-priced parcels only.

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## **600 Basic Standards for All Mailing Services**

### **601 Mailability**

#### **1.0 General Standards**

*[Revise the title of 1.1 to read as follows:]*

#### **1.1 Determining Mail-Processing Categories**

##### **1.1.1 Processing Categories**

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

There are four mail-processing categories for mailpieces: letter, flat, machinable parcel, and nonstandard parcel.\*\*\*

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*[Add new 1.1.5 to read as follows:]*

##### **1.1.5 Nonmailable Placement of Address on Parcel-Size Pieces**

Placing the address incorrectly on a parcel-size mailpiece may render the piece nonmailable. Except for cylindrical tubes or similar-shaped pieces and labeling exceptions in Publication 52, if all of the following are not placed on a single optical plane without bending, folding, or overlapping, it is nonmailable:

- a. Address.
- b. Return address.
- c. Mailing labels.
- d. Postage.
- e. Barcode.
- f. Endorsements.
- g. Other mail markings.

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### **3.0 Packaging**

#### **3.1 General**

*[Add new 3.1.1 section number and title immediately above the text of 3.1 to read as follows:]*

##### **3.1.1 Basic Standards**

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*[Add new 3.1.2 to read as follows:]*

##### **3.1.2 Parcels**

In addition to 3.1.1, except for hazardous, restricted, and perishable items as provided in Publication 52, all other parcel-priced pieces must be packaged in a box or other acceptable container that meets the applicable standards under 3.0 and 4.0.

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#### **3.7 High-Density Items**

*[Revise the text of 3.7 to read as follows:]*

The following apply for packaging high-density items:

- a. High-density items (such as tools, hardware, and machine and auto parts) weighing from 20 to 45 pounds must be packaged in fiberboard boxes constructed of a minimum 200-pound test board or equivalent wood, metal, or plastic containers.
- b. Plastic, metal, and similar hard containers must be packaged, treated, or otherwise prepared so that their coefficient of friction or ability to slide on a smooth, hard surface is similar to that of a domestic-class fiberboard box of the same approximate size and weight.
- c. Closure must be done by the following:
  - 1. Staples;
  - 2. Heat-shrinking;
  - 3. Adhesives; or
  - 4. Tape.
- d. Boxes without inner packing, or containing loose material, must be reinforced or banded with the following:
  - 1. Reinforced paper or plastic tape;
  - 2. Pressure-sensitive filament tape; or
  - 3. Firmly applied nonmetallic banding.
- e. Internal blocking and bracing, including the use of interior containers, cut forms, partitions, dunnage, and liners, must be used as required so that packages are capable of maintaining their integrity without damage to the contents if dropped once on one of their smallest sides on a solid surface from a height of 3 feet. These items from 45 to 70 pounds must be similarly

packaged, closed, and reinforced, except that exterior containers must be a minimum of 275-pound test fiberboard or equivalent.

*[Revise the title and text of 3.8 to read as follows:]*

### **3.8 Books**

Books and similarly produced printed matter (such as catalogs) fastened together along one edge between hardback, paperback, or self-covers, that are more than one inch thick or one pound must not be accepted in letter-style non-reinforced flat envelopes or without packaging. Envelopes or other appropriate packaging must meet the standards in 3.0. Void spaces within containers must be filled with dunnage, or otherwise stabilized to prevent shifting or damage to the contents or container. Shipments are packaged according to the following weight categories:

- a. Up to 5 pounds: Sealing must be by multiple friction closures, completely clinched staples, heat-sealing, adhesives, tape, or nonmetallic banding. Although shrinkwrap is not acceptable as the only packaging for hardback books and similarly produced printed matter exceeding one pound or one inch thick, it may be used on the exterior of otherwise acceptable containers. Shrinkwrap (under 3.6) may be used as the only method of packaging for paperback books and similarly produced printed matter up to 3 pounds.
- b. From 5 up to 10 pounds: Closure must be by tape, nonmetallic banding, or adhesives. Reinforced tape or nonmetallic banding is adequate for both closure and reinforcement. Nonmetallic banding must be firmly applied to the point that the straps must be tightened until they depress the carton at the edges.

- c. From 10 up to 25 pounds: Reinforced tape or nonmetallic banding is adequate for closure and reinforcement. Nonmetallic banding must be firmly applied to the point that the straps tighten until they depress the carton at the edges.
- d. From 25 up to 50 pounds: Hardbound books and similarly produced printed matter must be packaged in 275-pound test fiberboard boxes and paperback books, and similarly produced printed matter must be packaged in 200-pound test fiberboard boxes.
- e. From 50 to 70 pounds: Hardbound books and similarly produced printed matter must be packaged in 350-pound test fiberboard boxes and paperback books, and similarly produced printed matter must be packaged in 275-pound test fiberboard boxes.

*[Add new 3.9 through 3.12 to read as follows and renumber current 3.9 through 3.13 as 3.13 through 3.17:]*

### **3.9 Soft Goods**

The following apply:

- a. Boxes containing soft goods (e.g., textiles, clothing, linens, or draperies) weighing up to 5 pounds must be filled to capacity.
- b. Soft goods weighing 5 to 20 pounds must be packaged in material with a minimum 70-pound outer ply-basis weight.
- c. Closure of bags must be by completely clinched staples, heat-sealing, adhesives, sewing, or tape. Improperly clinched staples must be removed.
- d. Shrinkwrapping is not acceptable as the only packaging.

- e. Fiberboard containers must be made of the following, respectively, for soft goods weighing the following:
  - 1. From 20 up to 45 pounds: At least 200-pound test board.
  - 2. From 45 to 70 pounds: At least 275-pound test board.

### **3.10 Sound Recordings**

Shipments of recordings (e.g., records and CDs in paper sleeves, paperboard, or chipboard shells) must be packed in the following, respectively, for mailings or shipments weighing the following:

- a. Up to 3 pounds: 70-pound basis-weight envelopes.
- b. From 3 up to 10 pounds: Outer corrugated, fiberboard containers.
- c. From 10 up to 40 pounds: When shipments weigh from 10 pounds up to 40 pounds, multiple shell containers must be packaged in 175-pound test fiberboard containers or equivalent and closed and reinforced by the following:
  - 1. Adhesives;
  - 2. Kraft paper tape or equivalent plastic tape; or
  - 3. Staples.
- d. From 40 to 65 pounds: When shipments weigh from 40 to 65 pounds, multiple shell containers up to 65 pounds must be packaged in 200-pound test fiberboard containers or equivalent and closed and reinforced as described for 20- to 40-pound containers, except that containers must be reinforced about every 8 inches around the package.

- e. More than 65 pounds: Shipments weighing more than 65 pounds must be packaged in 275-pound test fiberboard containers or equivalent.

### **3.11 Film Cases**

A film case weighing more than 5 pounds or with strap-type closures is not a machinable parcel, except any film case the USPS authorizes to be entered as a machinable parcel under 201.7.0 and to be identified by the words “Machinable in United States Postal Service Equipment” permanently attached as a nontransferable decal in the lower right corner of the case.

### **3.12 Coefficient of Friction**

All parcels must have the coefficient of friction or ability to slide on a smooth, hard surface, similar to that of a domestic-class fiberboard box of the same approximate size and weight.

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## **4.0 Acceptable Mailing Containers**

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### **4.2 Boxes**

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*[Revise the text of items a. through c. to read as follows:]*

- a. Paperboard boxes may be used for loads up to 10 pounds.
- b. Metal-stayed paperboard boxes may be used for loads up to 20 pounds.
- c. Solid and corrugated fiberboard boxes may be used for loads up to 70 pounds or according to the limits in 3.0.

*[Delete the table under item c. in its entirety.]*



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*[Delete item g. in its entirety.]*

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*[Revise the text of 4.4 through 4.6 to read as follows:]*

#### **4.4 Paper Bags and Wraps**

The following apply:

- a. For loads of up to 5 pounds, paper bags and wraps are acceptable when at least of a 50-pound basis weight (the strength of an average large grocery bag) and the items are immune from impact or pressure damage.
- b. A combination of plies adding up to or exceeding 50-pound basis weight is not acceptable.
- c. For loads of up to 20 pounds, reinforced bags or bags with a minimum of 70-pound basis weight are acceptable.
- d. Nonreinforced loose-fill padded bags are not acceptable as exterior containers, unless the exterior ply is at least 60-pound basis weight.

#### **4.5 Plastic Bags**

Plastic bags must be polyethylene or equivalent and at least:

- a. For loads up to 5 pounds: 2 millimeters thick.
- b. For loads up to 10 pounds: 4 millimeters thick.

#### **4.6 Plastic Film**

Heat-shrinkable plastic film — either irradiated polyethylene, linear low-density polyolefin, or copolymer — may be used as packaging for mailpieces under the

following conditions only. When requested, mailers must provide written certification that these types of film are being used:

- a. The film must be at least 1-1/4 (1.25) millimeters thick for a load up to 5 pounds.
- b. The film must be at least 1-1/2 (1.5) millimeters thick for a load up to 10 pounds, only when mailers prepare the parcels on the following type of pallets:
  1. 5-digit/scheme;
  2. Merged 5-digit/scheme; or
  3. Finer level.

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*[Revise the title of 7.0 to read as follows and delete the text of 7.0 in its entirety:]*

## **7.0 RESERVED**

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## **602 Addressing**

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### **3.0 Use of Alternative Addressing**

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#### **3.2 Simplified Address**

##### **3.2.1 Conditions for General Use**

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

- b. USPS Marketing Mail, Periodicals, and Bound Printed Matter flat-size mailpieces (including USPS Marketing Mail pieces allowed as flats under 3.2.1c), and Periodicals nonstandard parcels for distribution to a city route or to Post Office boxes in offices with city carrier service may bear a simplified address, but only when complete distribution is made under the following conditions:

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*[Revise the text of b(5) to read as follows:]*

- 5. Using the word “Local,” or the Post Office and state name, is optional; however, the Postal Service recommends using the Post Office, state and ZIP Code for mail not entered at or dropshipped directly to a destination delivery unit.

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### **3.2.3 Mail Preparation**

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

The following apply:

- a. Mailers must do the following:
  - 1. Prepare letter-size pieces in trays.
  - 2. Prepare flat-size pieces in carrier-route bundles in sacks, flat trays, or directly on pallets.
  - 3. Prepare nonstandard parcels in carrier-route bundles in sacks or directly on pallets.
  - 4. Mark pieces according to 102 or 202.

5. Prepare all pieces for the same carrier route in bundles of 50, so far as practicable. If the pieces are bundled in quantities other than 50, mailers must show the actual number of pieces on the facing slip or on the top piece of the bundle.
  6. Include enough pieces to cover the routes selected if selective distribution is desired.
- b. Bundles, sacks, or trays may be placed on the following pallets under 705.8.10:
    1. SCF;
    2. 3-digit;
    3. 5-digit; or
    4. 5-digit scheme.
  - c. In addition to the required simplified address, each bundle must bear a facing slip showing the desired distribution (for example, 5-digit ZIP Code and route number), or the top piece of each bundle must include the route number and ZIP Code.
  - d. Mailers may obtain delivery statistics for routes as described in 509.1.0.
  - e. All pieces must be in the same processing category.

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**604 Postage Payment Methods and Refunds**

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**5.0 Permit Imprint (Indicia)**

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### **5.3 Indicia Design, Placement, and Content**

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#### **5.3.9 Use of a Company Permit Imprint**

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

- a. \*\*\*Sample pieces are not required for nonidentical-piece USPS Marketing Mail and Package Services machinable or nonstandard parcel mailings (e.g., merchandise and other fulfillment mailings).

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### **700 Special Standards**

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#### **705 Advanced Preparation and Special Postage Payment Systems**

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### **6.0 Combining Mailings of USPS Marketing Mail, Package Services, and Parcel**

#### **Select Parcels**

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#### **6.4 Combining Package Services, Parcel Select, and USPS Marketing Mail –**

##### **Optional 3-Digit SCF Entry**

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##### **6.4.2 Qualification and Preparation**

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

- d. USPS Marketing Mail, machinable Marketing parcels (regular and Nonprofit) and Nonprofit machinable-priced parcels are eligible for the NDC/RPDC presort-level DNDC price. USPS Marketing Mail, nonstandard Marketing parcels (regular and Nonprofit) and Nonprofit nonstandard-priced parcels are eligible for the 3-digit presort-level DSCF price.

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## **7.0 Combining Package Services and Parcel Select Parcels for Destination Entry**

### **7.1 Combining Parcels – DSCF/DRPDC and DDU or DS&DC Entry**

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#### **7.1.2 Basic Standards**

*[Revise the introductory text of 7.1.2 to read as follows:]*

Package Services and Parcel Select parcels that qualify as machinable and nonstandard under 201 and meet the following conditions may be combined in 5-digit scheme and 5-digit sacks or 5-digit scheme and 5-digit pallets under these conditions:

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## **8.0 Preparing Pallets**

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### **8.5 General Preparation**

#### **8.5.1 Presort**

*[Revise the text of 8.5.1 to read as follows:]*

The following apply:

- a. Pallet sortation is generally intended to presort the palletized portion of a mailing to at least the finest extent required for the corresponding class of mail and method of preparation.
- b. Pallet sortation is sequential from the lowest (finest) level to the highest and must be completed at each required level before the next optional or required level is prepared.
- c. Defined terms and levels:
  - 1. Standard preparation terms are defined in the Mail Preparation section for each class of mail;
  - 2. Standard presort levels are defined in 8.0; and
  - 3. Advanced presort levels are defined in 10.0, 12.0, and 13.0.
- d. For sacks, trays, or machinable parcels on pallets, the mailer must prepare all required pallet levels before any mixed ADC/RPDC or mixed NDC/RPDC pallets are prepared for a mailing or job.
- e. Except as described in 15.1.4f, bundles must not be placed on mixed ADC/RPDC or mixed NDC/RPDC pallets. Bundles that cannot be placed on pallets must be prepared in sacks under the standards for the price claimed.
- f. The standards for bundle reallocation to protect the SCF/LPC (letters, flats)/RPDC (parcels), ADC/RPDC, or NDC/RPDC pallet (8.11, 8.13, and 8.14) are optional methods of pallet preparation designed to retain as much mail as possible at the SCF/LPC (letters, flats)/RPDC (parcels), ADC/RPDC, or NDC/RPDC level.

- g. These standards may result in some bundles of Periodicals flats and nonstandard parcels and USPS Marketing Mail flats that are part of a mailing job prepared in part as palletized flats at automation prices not being placed on the finest level of pallet possible.
- h. Mailers must use PAVE-certified presort software to prepare mailings using bundle reallocation. (Bundle reallocation is optional, but if performed, it must be done for the complete mailing job.)

**8.5.2 Required Preparation**

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

- b. For bundles of flat-size mailpieces or bundles of nonstandard parcels on pallets, after preparing all possible pallets under 8.5.2a, when 250 or more pounds of bundles remain for an ADC/RPDC (Periodicals) or for a NDC/ASF/RPDC (USPS Marketing Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services), mailers must prepare the ADC/RPDC or NDC/ASF/RPDC pallet, as applicable for the class of mail.\*\*\*

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**8.5.4 Minimum Height of Mail**

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

- b. *Nonstandard parcels.*\*\*\*

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**8.5.6 Mail on Pallets**



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

- a. For Bound Printed Matter nonstandard parcels, Presorted-price mail and carrier-route-price mail may be combined on all levels of a pallet. For Bound Printed Matter flats, Presorted-price mail and carrier-route-price mail may be combined on all levels of a pallet except as provided in 8.5.6g.
- b. For sacks or flat trays of Periodicals, USPS Marketing Mail, and Bound Printed Matter flats or nonstandard parcels, carrier-route-price mail must be prepared on separate 5-digit pallets from automation-price and/or Presorted-price mail.

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## **8.6 Pallet Labels**

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### **8.6.5 Line 2 (Content Line)**

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- b. *Codes.* The codes shown below must be used as appropriate on Line 2 of sack, tray, and pallet labels.

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#### **CONTENT TYPE**

#### **CODE**

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*[Delete the “Irregular Parcels” line item in its entirety.]*

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*[Revise the text of the “Mixed Machinable and Irregular” line item to read as follows:]*

Mixed Machinable and Nonstandard Parcels

MACH & NONSTD (USPS Marketing Mail only)

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*[Revise the text of the “Nonmachinable Parcels” line item to read as follows:]*

Nonstandard Parcels

NONSTD

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**8.8 Basic Uses**

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

- d. Machinable or nonstandard parcels.

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**8.9 Bundles on Pallets**

**8.9.1 Applicability**

*[Revise the first sentence of 8.9.1 to read as follows:]*

Presort destination bundles of Periodicals, USPS Marketing Mail, and Package Services flats and nonstandard parcels may be placed directly on pallets under 8.9.2 through 8.9.5 and 8.10.\*\*\*

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**8.9.5 Bound Printed Matter**

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*[Revise the first sentence of item b(1) to read as follows:]*

- 1. Only individual pieces of flats or nonstandard parcels that weigh less than 10 pounds each may be prepared as bundles on pallets.\*\*\*

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## **8.10 Pallet Presort and Mailing**

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*[Revise the title of 8.10.2 to read as follows:]*

### **8.10.2 Periodicals – Bundles, Sacks, and Letter or Flat Trays**

*[Revise the seventh sentence of the introductory text of 8.10.2 to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*Bundles of Periodicals flats and nonstandard parcels may also be palletized under 10.0, 12.0, or 13.0.\*\*\*

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*[Revise the text of a(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS,” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD,” as applicable; followed by “CARRIER ROUTES” (or “CR-RTS”); followed by “SCHEME” (or “SCH”).

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

- b. \*\*\*Required for bundles containing all other flats or nonstandard parcels.\*\*\*

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

2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS,” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD,” as applicable; followed by “CR/5D”; followed by “SCHEME” (or “SCH”).

*[Revise the first and third sentence of the introductory text of item c. to read as follows:]*

- c. *5-digit scheme, required*, permitted for bundles only. \*\*\*Required for bundles containing all other flats and nonstandard parcels.\*\*\*

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*[Revise the text of c(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: "PER" or "NEWS," as applicable; followed by "FLTS" or "NONSTD," as applicable; followed by "5D"; followed by "BARCODED" (or "BC") if the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by "NONBARCODED" (or "NBC") if the pallet contains Presorted-price mail; followed by "SCHEME" (or "SCH").

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*[Revise the text of d(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: "PER" or "NEWS," as applicable; followed by "FLTS," "NONSTD," or "LTRS," as applicable; followed by "CARRIER ROUTES" (or "CR-RTS").

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

- e. \*\*\*Required for bundles containing all other flats or nonstandard parcels.\*\*\*

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*[Revise the text of e(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: "PER" or "NEWS," as applicable; followed by "FLTS" or "NONSTD," as applicable; followed by "CR/5D."

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

- f. *5-digit, required*, except for letter trays; permitted for bundles, trays, and sacks (nonstandard parcels only).\*\*\*

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*[Revise the text of f(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: "PER" or "NEWS," as applicable; followed by "FLTS," "NONSTD," or "LTRS," as applicable; followed by "5D"; followed by "BARCODED" (or "BC") if

the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by “NONBARCODED” (or “NBC”) if the pallet contains Presorted-price mail.

*[Revise the first two sentences of the introductory text of item g. to read as follows:*

- g. *3-digit, optional*, option not available for bundles for 3-digit ZIP Code prefixes marked “N” in L002. The pallet may contain mail for the same 3-digit ZIP Code or the same 3-digit scheme under L008 (for automation-compatible flats only under 201.6.0).\*\*\*

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*[Revise the text of g(2) to read as follows:]*

- 2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS,” as applicable; followed by “FLTS,” “NONSTD,” or “LTRS,” as applicable; followed by “3D”; followed by “BARCODED” (or “BC”) if the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by “NONBARCODED” (or “NBC”) if the pallet contains carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail.

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

- h. *SCF/LPC (letters, flats)/RPDC (parcels), required*, permitted for bundles, trays, and sacks (nonstandard parcels only). The pallet may contain carrier-route-price, automation-price, and/or Presorted-price mail for the 3-digit ZIP Code groups in L005. Mailers may place origin mixed ADC (OMX) sacks (nonstandard parcels only) or flat trays on origin SCF pallets. Labeling:

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*[Revise the text of h(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: "PER" or "NEWS," as applicable; followed by "FLTS," "NONSTD," or "LTRS," as applicable; followed by "SCF"; followed by "BARCODED" (or "BC") if the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by "NONBARCODED" (or "NBC") if the pallet contains carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail.

*[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text of item i. to read as follows:]*

- i. *ADC/RPDC, required*, permitted for bundles, trays, and sacks (nonstandard parcels only).\*\*\*

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*[Revise the text of i(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: "PER" or "NEWS," as applicable; followed by "FLTS," "NONSTD," or "LTRS," as applicable; followed by "ADC"; followed by "BARCODED" (or "BC") if the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by "NONBARCODED" (or "NBC") if the pallet contains carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail.

*[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text of item j. to read as follows:]*

*Origin Mixed ADC/RPDC (OMX), optional for sacks and trays*; allowed with no minimum and required at 100 pounds of mail for bundles of flats.\*\*\*

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*[Revise the text of j(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: "PER" or "NEWS," as applicable; followed by "FLTS," "NONSTD," or "LTRS," as applicable; followed by "BARCODED" (or "BC") if the pallet

contains automation-price mail; followed by “NONBARCODED” (or “NBC”) if the pallet contains nonautomation-price mail; followed by “WKG.”

*[Revise the third sentence of the introductory text of item k. to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*The pallet may contain carrier-route mail, automation-price mail, or Presorted-price mail.\*\*\*

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*[Revise the text of k(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS,” as applicable; followed by “FLTS,” “NONSTD,” or “LTRS,” as applicable; followed by “BARCODED” (or “BC”) if the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by “NONBARCODED” (or “NBC”) if the pallet contains carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail; followed by “WKG.”

*[Revise the title of 8.10.3 to read as follows:]*

### **8.10.3 USPS Marketing Mail – Bundles, Sacks, or Trays**

*[Revise the fifth and sixth sentence of the introductory text of 8.10.3 to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*For parcels, mailers must use this preparation only for nonstandard parcels in sacks. Mailers must palletize unbundled or unsacked nonstandard parcels under 8.10.8.\*\*\*

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

- d. 5-digit, required except for trays, permitted for bundles, trays, and sacks (when applicable).\*\*\*

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*[Revise the first sentence of item d(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: For flats and nonstandard parcels, use “STD” followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD,” as applicable; followed by “5D” followed by “BARCODED” (or “BC”) if the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by “NONBARCODED” (or “NBC”) if the pallet contains Presorted-price mail.\*\*\*

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

- f. SCF/LPC (letters, flats)/RPDC (parcels), required, permitted for bundles, trays, and sacks (nonstandard parcels only).\*\*\*

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*[Revise the first sentence of the text of item f(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: For flats and nonstandard parcels, “STD” followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD,” as applicable; followed by “SCF”; followed by “BARCODED” (or “BC”) if the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by “NONBARCODED” (or “NBC”) if the pallet contains carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail.\*\*\*

*[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text of item g. to read as follows:]*

- g. ASF/RPDC, required unless bundle reallocation is used under 8.13, permitted for bundles, trays, and sacks (nonstandard parcels only).\*\*\*

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*[Revise the first sentence of the text of item g(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: For flats and nonstandard parcels, “STD” followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD,” as applicable; followed by “ASF”; followed by “BARCODED” (or “BC”) if the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by



“NONBARCODED” (or “NBC”) if the pallet contains carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail.\*\*\*

*[Revise the first sentence of the introductory text of item h. to read as follows:]*

- h. *NDC/RPDC, required*, permitted for bundles, trays, and sacks (nonstandard parcels only).\*\*\*

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*[Revise the first sentence of the text of item h(2) to read as follows:]*

- 2. Line 2: For flats and nonstandard parcels, “STD” followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD,” as applicable; followed by “NDC”; followed by “BARCODED” (or “BC”) if the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by “NONBARCODED” (or “NBC”) if the pallet contains carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail.\*\*\*

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

- i. *Mixed NDC, optional*, permitted for bundles, trays, and sacks (nonstandard parcels only); allowed with no minimum and required at 100 pounds of mail for bundles of flats. Bundles of flats totaling less than 100 pounds must be trayed if not palletized. The pallet may contain carrier-route, automation, and/or Presorted mail. Mailers must place trays and sacks (nonstandard parcels only) containing pieces paid at the single-piece price on the mixed NDC pallet (unless required to be presented separately by special postage-payment authorization). Labeling:

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*[Revise the first sentence of the text of item i(2) to read as follows:]*

2. Line 2: For flats and nonstandard parcels, “STD” followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD,” as applicable; followed by “BARCODED” (or “BC”) if the pallet contains automation-price mail; followed by “NONBARCODED” (or “NBC”) if the pallet contains carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail; followed by “WKG.”\*\*\*

*[Delete the text of items j. and k. in their entirety]*

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*[Revise the title of 8.10.5 to read as follows:]*

#### **8.10.5 Package Services Nonstandard Parcels – Bundles and Sacks**

*[Revise the fifth sentence of the introductory text of 8.10.5 to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*At the mailer’s option, all Package Services nonstandard parcels also may be prepared for destination entry (see 7.0).\*\*\*

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

2. Line 2: “PSVC NONSTD CR/5D”; followed by “SCHEME” (or “SCH”).

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

2. Line 2: “PSVC NONSTD”; followed by “CARRIER ROUTES” (or “CR-RTS”); followed by “SCHEME” (or “SCH”).

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

2. Line 2: “PSVC NONSTD 5D”; followed by “SCHEME” (or “SCH”).

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD CR/5D."

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD"; followed by "CARRIER ROUTES" (or "CR-RTS").

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD 5D."

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD 3D."

*[Revise the second sentence of the introductory text of item h. to read as follows:]*

h. \*\*\*The pallet may contain carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail for the 3-digit ZIP Code groups in L005.\*\*\*

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD SCF."

*[Revise the second sentence of the introductory text of item i. to read as follows:]*

i. \*\*\*The pallet may contain carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail for the 3-digit ZIP Code groups in L602.\*\*\*

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD ASF."

*[Revise the second sentence of the introductory text of item j. to read as follows:]*

j. \*\*\*The pallet may contain carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail for the 3-digit ZIP Code groups in L601.\*\*\*

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD NDC."

*[Revise the the second sentence of the introductory text of item k. to read as follows:]*

k. \*\*\*The pallet may contain carrier-route-price mail and/or Presorted-price mail.\*\*\*

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

2. Line 2: "PSVC NONSTD WKG."

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*[Revise the title and introductory text of 8.10.8 to read as follows:]*

**8.10.8 Nonstandard Parcels Weighing 2 Ounces or More – USPS Marketing Mail, Including Marketing Parcels**

Mailers who palletize unbundled or unsacked nonstandard parcels must make pallets or pallet boxes when there are 250 pounds or more for the destination levels below for DNDC, DSCF, or DDU prices. When pallets or pallet boxes are prepared at origin, a 200-pound minimum is required for the NDC price. Mailers must prepare pallets or pallet boxes of nonstandard parcels (except tubes, rolls, and similar pieces) weighing 2 ounces or more under 8.0 and in the sequence listed below. Mailers must label pallets

or pallet boxes according to the Line 1 and Line 2 information listed below and under 8.6. Mailers may not prepare tubes, rolls, and similar pieces or pieces that weigh less than 2 ounces on pallets or in pallet boxes, except for pieces in carrier-route bundles or in sacks under 8.10.3. Preparation sequence and labeling:

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

2. Line 2: "STD NONSTD 5D"; followed by "SCHEME" (or "SCH").

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

2. Line 2: "STD NONSTD 5D."

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

2. Line 2: Use "STD NONSTD SCF."

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

2. Line 2: "STD NONSTD ASF."

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

2. Line 2: "STD NONSTD NDC."

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

2. Line 2: "STD NONSTD NDC."

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

2. Line 2: "STD NONSTD WKG."

*[Revise the title of 8.11 to read as follows:]*

**8.11 Bundle Reallocation to Protect SCF/LPC/RPDC Pallet for Periodicals Flats and Nonstandard Parcels and USPS Marketing Mail Flats on Pallets**

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**8.11.3 Reallocation of Bundles If Optional 3-Digit Pallets Are Prepared**

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

d. \*\*\*Mail that falls beyond the SCF/RPDC pallet level must be placed on the next appropriate pallet (ADC/RPDC, ASF/RPDC, NDC/RPDC or MNDC/MRPDC) or in the next appropriate sack (nonstandard parcels) or flat tray.

**8.11.4 Reallocation of Bundles If Optional 3-Digit Pallets Are Not Prepared**

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

b. \*\*\*Mail that falls beyond the SCF/RPDC pallet level must be placed on the next appropriate pallet (ADC/RPDC, ASF/RPDC, NDC/RPDC, or MNDC/MRPDC) or in the next appropriate sack (nonstandard parcels) or flat tray.

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*[Revise the title of 8.12 to read as follows:]*

**8.12 Bundle Reallocation to Protect ADC/RPDC Pallet for Periodicals Flats and Nonstandard Parcels on Pallets**

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**8.14 Pallets of Bundles, Sacks, and Trays**

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**8.14.2 USPS Marketing Mail**

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

- a. \*\*\*Mailers may include machinable parcels and nonstandard parcels on 5-digit pallets.

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**8.18 Parcel Select DSCF Prices – Parcels on Pallets**

**8.18.1 Basic Preparation, Parcels on Pallets**

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

- a. *General.* The following apply:
  - 1. Parcels for each SCF/RPDC area must be sorted to 5-digit scheme, 5-digit, SCF/RPDC (machinable parcels only), or 3-digit (nonstandard) destinations on pallets.
  - 2. For purposes of this section, the term “pallets” includes preparation of parcels directly on pallets and in pallet boxes on pallets.

3. Except when prepared under 8.18.2, each of the following types of pallet must meet a minimum-volume requirement under one of the criteria in 8.18.1:
  - (a) 5-digit scheme;
  - (b) 5-digit;
  - (c) SCF/RPDC; and
  - (d) 3-digit.
4. Machinable and nonstandard pieces may be combined on the same pallet or in the same overflow sack when sorted to 5-digit scheme or 5-digit destinations.
5. In a single mailing mailers may prepare some pallets under the minimum-volume requirement in 8.18.1b1 and some pallets under the minimum-volume requirement in 8.18.1b2.
6. A mailing entered at a destination SCF/RPDC facility containing pallets prepared under 8.18.1 also may include mail that is sacked for the DSCF price.
7. Double-stacking is permitted if the requirements of 8.3 are met.

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#### **8.18.2 Alternate Preparation, Parcels on Pallets**

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

- a. *General.* The following apply:



1. All DSCF-price mail in the mailing must be sorted to 5-digit scheme, 5-digit, SCF (machinable parcels only), or 3-digit (nonstandard) destinations under 8.18.2 (i.e., mail prepared under 8.18.1 and mail sacked under 255.4.2 must not be included in a mailing prepared under 8.18.2).
2. For purposes of this section, the term “pallets” includes preparing parcels directly on pallets and in pallet boxes on pallets.
3. Machinable and nonstandard pieces may be combined on the same pallet.
4. Double-stacking is permitted if the requirements of 8.3 are met.

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## **8.20 Parcel Select and Bound Printed Matter DDU Prices**

*[Revise the fourth sentence of the introductory text of 8.20 to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*Machinable and nonstandard pieces may be combined.\*\*\*

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## **9.0 Combining Bundles of Automation and Nonautomation Flats in Flat Trays and Sacks**

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### **9.2 Periodicals**

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#### **9.2.4 Optional Sack Preparation and Labeling**

*[Revise the fifth sentence of the introductory text of 9.2.4 to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*If, due to the physical size of the mailpieces, the machinable barcoded-price pieces are considered flat-size under 201.6.0 and the machinable nonbarcoded-price pieces

are considered nonstandard parcels under 201.7.6, the processing category shown on the sack label must show “FLTS.”\*\*\*

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## **10.0 Merging Bundles of Flats Using the City State Product**

### **10.1 Periodicals**

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#### **10.1.4 Sack and Flat-Tray Preparation and Labeling**

*[Revise the introductory text of 10.1.4 to read as follows:]*

All carrier-route bundles must be placed in sacks/flat trays under 10.1.4a through 10.1.4e and 10.1.4h as described below. When sorting is performed under this section, mailers must prepare merged 5-digit scheme sacks (nonstandard parcels) or flat trays, 5-digit scheme carrier routes sacks/flat trays, and merged 5-digit sacks (nonstandard parcels) or flat trays for all possible 5-digit schemes or 5-digit ZIP Codes as applicable, using L001 (merged 5-digit scheme and 5-digit scheme carrier routes sort only) and the Carrier Route Indicators field in the City State Product when there is enough volume for the 5-digit scheme or 5-digit ZIP Code to prepare such sacks (nonstandard parcels) or flat trays under 10.1.4. Mailers must label sacks/flat trays according to the Line 1 and Line 2 information listed below and under 207.20.1. If, due to the physical size of the mailpieces, the barcoded pieces are considered flat-size under 207.26.0, and the carrier-route pieces and nonbarcoded pieces are considered nonstandard parcels under 201.7.6, “FLTS” must be shown as the processing category on the sack/tray label. If a mailing job does not contain barcoded-price pieces and the carrier-route pieces and the nonbarcoded pieces are nonstandard-parcel shaped, use “NONSTD” for the processing

category on the contents line of the label. Mailers must prepare sacks containing carrier-route and 5-digit bundles from the carrier-route, barcoded, and nonbarcoded mailings in the mailing job in the following manner and sequence:

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

- h. *Merged 3-digit.* Required for carrier-route, 5-digit, and 5-digit scheme bundles remaining after preparing sacks (nonstandard parcels only) or flat trays under 10.1.4a through 10.1.4g, and any 3-digit and 3-digit scheme bundles with a minimum of 24 pieces for a 3-digit area. Labeling:

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*[Revise the text of h(2) to read as follows:]*

- 2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable, followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD” as applicable, followed by “CR/5D/3D.” If there are no barcoded price bundles in the mailing job, label under 207.22.6.

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## **12.0 Merging Bundles of Flats on Pallets Using a 5-Percent Threshold**

### **12.1 Periodicals**

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#### **12.1.5 Pallet Preparation and Labeling**

*[Revise the fourth and fifth sentence of the introductory text of 12.1.5 to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*If, due to the physical size of the mailpieces, the barcoded-price pieces are considered flat-size under 201.6.0 and the carrier-route sorted pieces and nonbarcoded-price pieces are considered nonstandard parcels under 201.7.6, “FLTS”

must be shown as the processing category on the pallet label. If a mailing contains no barcoded-price pieces and the carrier-route pieces and the nonbarcoded pieces are nonstandard parcels, use “NONSTD” for the processing category on the contents line of the pallet label.\*\*\*

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

c. \*\*\*Required for all other flats and nonstandard parcels.\*\*\*

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### **13.0 Merging Bundles of Flats on Pallets Using the City State Product and a 5-Percent Threshold**

#### **13.1 Periodicals**

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##### **13.1.5 Pallet Preparation and Labeling**

*[Revise the third and fourth sentence of the introductory text of 13.1.5 to read as follows:]*

\*\*\*If, due to the physical size of the mailpieces, the barcoded-price pieces are considered flat-size under 201.6.0 and the carrier-route sorted pieces and nonbarcoded-price pieces are considered nonstandard parcels under 201.7.6, “FLTS” must be shown as the processing category on the pallet label. If a mailing contains no barcoded-price pieces and the carrier-route pieces and the nonbarcoded pieces are nonstandard parcels, use “NONSTD” for the processing category on the contents line of the pallet label.\*\*\*

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## 21.0 Optional Combined Parcel Mailings

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## 21.3 Mail Preparation

### 21.3.1 Basic Standards

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

2. USPS Marketing Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services nonstandard parcels, except for tubes, rolls, triangles, and other similarly nonstandard-shaped pieces: Use “STD/PSVC” for line 2 content labeling.
3. USPS Marketing Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services tubes, rolls, triangles, and similarly nonstandard-shaped parcels: Use “STD/PSVC NONSTD” for line 2 content labeling.

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### 21.3.3 Combining USPS Marketing Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services

#### APPS-Machinable Parcels

*[Revise the introductory text of 21.3.3 to read as follows:]*

Prepare and enter USPS Marketing Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services nonstandard parcels, that are not tubes, rolls, triangles, or similarly nonstandard-shaped parcels) as combined APPS-machinable parcels as shown in the table below.

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*[Delete “irregular parcels” and its line item under “I” in its entirety.]*

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**Library Mail, commercial parcels**

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*[Revise the “irregular parcels” and “irregular parcels on pallets” line items under “Library Mail, commercial parcels” to read as follows and move to be in alphabetical order immediately below line item “markings required on each mailpiece, 202.3.7” and above line item “postage payment options, 274.1.0” under “Library Mail, commercial parcels”:]*

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*[Delete the “nonmachinable parcels, 201.7.6, 201.7.7” line item under “Library Mail, commercial parcels” in its entirety.]*

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*[Revise the “irregular parcels” and “irregular parcels on pallets” line items to read as follows and move to be in alphabetical order immediately below line item “machinable parcels on pallets, 705.8.17” and above line item “sacks, 275.3.0” under “mail preparation, 275”:]*

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*[Revise the “nonmachinable parcels” line item under “Media Mail, commercial parcels” to read as follows:]*

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*[Revise the “nonmachinable” line item under “N” to read as follows:]*

**nonstandard**

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*[Revise the “Parcel Select” line item under the renamed “nonstandard” line item to read as follows:]*

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**Parcel Select**

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*[Delete in its entirety the “irregular parcels on pallets” line item under “mail preparation.”]*

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*[Revise the “nonmachinable parcels on pallets” line item under “mail preparation” under “Parcel Select” to read as follows:]*

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*[Revise the “nonmachinable criteria” title under “parcels” to read as follows:]*

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*[Revise the “irregular parcels in sacks” line item under “loose enclosures, 207.3.3.4” to read as follows and move to be in alphabetical order immediately below line item “nonbarcoded letters in trays, 207.22.5” and above line item “sacks on pallets, 705.8.10.2” under “loose enclosures, 207.3.3.4”:]*

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*[Revise the “nonmachinable parcels” line item under “size” to read as follows and move to be in alphabetical order immediately below line item “nonmailable, 101, 201, 601” and above line item “Package Services, 101.7.0, 201.5.3, 201.5.4, 201.7.0” under “size”:]*

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*[Revise the “bundling for irregular parcels” line item under line item “mail preparation, 245” to read as follows:]*

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*[Revise the “presorted irregular parcels” line item under line item “mail preparation, 245” under “USPS Marketing Mail, parcels” to read as follows and move to be in alphabetical order immediately below line item “presorted machinable parcels, 245.11.3” and above “sack labels, 245.4.0” under line item “mail preparation, 245”:]*

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