

DMM Revision: Periodicals Outside County Simplification and Pallet Discounts

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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3.2 Format and Content

For First-Class Mail, Periodicals, USPS Marketing Mail, and Bound Printed Matter, standardized documentation includes:***

- c. For mail in trays or sacks, list these required elements:***

[Delete item c(7) in its entirety:]

- d. For bundles on pallets, list these required elements:***

[Delete item d(7) in its entirety; renumber d(8) as d(7):]

[Revise item (e) to read as follows:]

- e. At the end of the documentation, a summary report of the number of pieces mailed at each price for each mailing by postage payment method and the number of pieces in each mailing. This information must match the information reported on the postage statement(s). For Periodicals mailings, documentation also must provide a summary of the number of copies for each entry price.

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3.6 Detailed Entry Listing for Periodicals

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3.6.3 Entry Abbreviations

Use the price name or the authorized entry abbreviation in the listings
in [3.0](#) and [207.17.4.2](#):

[Revise the table in 3.6.3 to read as follows:]

ENTRY ABBREVIATION	RATE EQUIVALENT
ICD	In-County, DDU
IC	In-County, All Others
DDU/S&DC	Outside-County, DDU
SCF/LPC (letters/flats)	Outside-County, DSCF
SCF/RPDC (parcels)	Outside-County, DSCF
OC	Outside-County, All Others

3.7 Bundle and Container Reports for Outside-County Periodicals Mail

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3.7.1 Outside-County Bundle Report

The bundle report must contain, at a minimum, the following elements:***

[Delete item (h) in its entirety:]

3.7.2 Outside-County Container Report

The container report must contain, at a minimum, the following elements:***

[Revise item (d) to read as follows:]

- d. Container entry level (origin, destination delivery unit/sorting and delivery center [DDU/S&DC], or destination sectional center facility/local processing center [DSCF/LPC] (letters/flats), destination sectional center facility/regional processing and distribution center [DSCF/RPDC] (parcels).

[Delete item (e) in its entirety:]

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2.0 Price Application and Computation

2.1 Price Application

2.1.1 Price Elements

[Revise 2.1.1 to read as follows:]

Postage for Periodicals mail includes a pound price charge and a piece price charge for Outside-County mail, and any discounts for which the mail qualifies under the corresponding standards.

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[Revise 2.1.8 to read as follows:]

2.1.8 SCF Pallet Discount Eligibility

Periodicals flat-shaped pieces are eligible for the SCF Pallet discount when palletized as follows:

- a. 5-digit eligible pieces that are palletized under [705.8.10.2f](#), [705.8.10.2g](#), and [705.8.10.2h](#) and entered at Origin (None) or DSCF/LPC entry.
- b. 3-digit eligible pieces that are palletized under [705.8.10.2g](#) and [705.8.10.2h](#) and entered at Origin (None) or DSCF/LPC entry.
- c. Basic Carrier Route eligible pieces that are palletized under [705.8.10.2f](#), [705.8.10.2g](#), and [705.8.10.2h](#) and entered at Origin (None) or DSCF/LPC entry.

- d. High Density eligible pieces of 125 or more for each carrier route that are palletized under [705.8.10.2f](#), [705.8.10.2g](#), and [705.8.10.2h](#) and entered at Origin (None) or DSCF/LPC entry.
- e. Saturation eligible pieces to at least 90 percent or more of the total number of active residential addresses, or 75 percent or more of the total number of active possible delivery addresses, on each carrier route that are palletized under [705.8.10.2f](#), [705.8.10.2g](#), and [705.8.10.2h](#) and entered at Origin (None) or DSCF/LPC entry.
- f. Firm bundles that are palletized under [705.8.10.2f](#), [705.8.10.2g](#), and [705.8.10.2h](#) and entered at Origin (None) or DSCF/LPC entry.

[Revise 2.1.9 to read as follows:]

2.1.9 Delivery Sort Container Discount Eligibility

The following Periodicals flat-shaped pieces in bundles are eligible for the Delivery Sort Container discount when meeting the basic standards under [13.2.1b](#) and palletized under [705.8.0](#), [705.10.0](#), [705.12.0](#), or [705.13.0](#) on a 5-digit scheme carrier routes, 5-digit (scheme) merged, 5-digit carrier route(s), or 5-digit merged pallet entered at an Origin, DSCF, or DDU entry or in a carrier route sack or flat tray under [207.23.4.1](#) and entered at the DDU:

- a. Carrier Route;
- b. High Density;
- c. Saturation; and
- d. Firm.

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2.2 Computing Postage

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[Delete 2.2.7 in its entirety; renumber 2.2.8 as 2.27:]

[Renumbered 2.2.7]

2.2.7 Total Postage

[Revise renumbered 2.2.7 to read as follows:]

Total Outside-County postage is the sum of the per pound and per piece charges and any Ride-Along charges; minus all discounts, rounded off to the nearest whole cent.

Total In-County postage is the sum of the per pound and per piece charges, and any Ride-Along charges, less all discounts, rounded off to the nearest whole cent.

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11.0 Basic Eligibility

11.1 Outside-County Prices

11.1.1 General

Outside-County prices apply to copies of an authorized Periodicals publication that a publisher or news agent mails and that are not eligible for In-County prices under [11.3](#).

Outside-County prices consist of:***

[Revise items (b) and (c) to read as follows:]

- b. An entry-level charge for the weight of the advertising portion of the publication;
and
- c. An entry-level charge for the weight of the nonadvertising portion.

[Delete item (d) in its entirety:]

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12.0 Nonbarcoded (Presorted) Eligibility

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12.2 Prices—Outside-County

[Revise the text of 12.2 to read as follows:]

Outside-County nonbarcoded (Presorted) piece prices are based on shape, machinability, barcoding, and presort level. The presort level of the piece is based primarily on the bundle level of the piece, except the presort level of pieces loose in trays, which is based on the tray level.

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14.0 Barcoded (Automation) Eligibility

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14.3 Prices—Outside-County

[Revise the text of 14.3 to read as follows:]

Outside-County barcoded (automation) piece prices are based on mailpiece shape (letter, flat, or parcel), machinability, barcoding, and presort level. The presort level of the piece is based on the bundle level of the piece, except the presort level of pieces loose in trays is based on the tray level.

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16.0 Postage Payment

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16.4 Payment Method

[Delete the last sentence of 16.4 in its entirety:]

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17.0 Documentation

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17.4 Detailed Entry Listing for Periodicals

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17.4.3 Entry Abbreviations

Use the price name or the authorized entry abbreviation in the listings in [17.3](#) and [17.4.2](#).

[Revise the table in 17.4.3 to read as follows:]

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OC	Outside-County, All Others

17.5 Additional Standards for Documentation

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[Delete 17.5.2 in its entirety:]

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18.0 General Mail Preparation

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18.4 Mail-Preparation Terms

For purposes of preparing mail:***

[Revise item (e) to read as follows:]

- e. A full sack (parcels only) is defined in the standards for the class claimed.

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22.0 Preparing Nonbarcoded (Presorted) Periodicals

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22.7 Tray Preparation—Flat-Size Nonbarcoded Pieces

[Revise the introductory text of 22.7 to read as follows:]

Mailers must place machinable and nonmachinable ([26.0](#)) flat-sized pieces in flat trays ([203.5.6](#)) instead of sacks, unless prepared as the following: Direct carrier route; 5-digit scheme carrier route; 5-digit carrier route ([23.4.1](#), [705.9.0](#) and [705.10.0](#)); Nonpalletized residual 5-digit entered at a DDU along with carrier-route flats; Nonpalletized 5-digit flats entered at the DSCF (origin); or nonpalletized 3-digit/SCF entered at the DSCF (origin). Bundling in flat trays is optional when no mail in that tray would have been more finely sorted, if bundled. Bundles must be trayed and labeled separately from loose flats prepared in flat trays. Tray preparation, sequence, and labeling:***

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23.0 Preparing Carrier-Route Periodicals

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23.4 Preparation—Flat-Size Pieces and Nonstandard Parcels

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23.4.2 Exception to Flat Traying and Sacking

[Revise the introductory text of 23.4.2 to read as follows:]

Sacking or traying is not required for carrier route bundles entered at a DDU when the mailer unloads bundles under [29.4.5](#). Mailers must prepare unsacked, untrayed bundles as follows:***

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25.0 Preparing Flat-Size Barcoded (Automation) Periodicals

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25.5 Tray Preparation—Flat-Size Barcoded Pieces

[Delete the fifth sentence of the introductory text in its entirety:]

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27.0 Combining Multiple Editions or Publications

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27.5 Documentation

Each mailing must be accompanied by documentation meeting the standards in [17.0](#), as well as any additional mailing information requested by the USPS to support the postage claimed (such as advertising percentage and weight per copy). The following additional standards apply:

[Revise item (a) to read as follows:]

- a. Presort documentation required under [203.3.0](#) must show the total number of addressed pieces and total number of copies for each publication and each edition in the combined mailing claimed at the carrier route, 5-digit, 3-digit, and mixed prices. The mailer also must provide a list, by 3-digit ZIP Code prefix, of the number of addressed pieces for each publication and each edition claimed at any destination entry discount.

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27.7 Postage Statements

Mailers must prepare postage statements for a combined mailing as follows:***

[Revise item (b) to read as follows:]

- b. For a combined mailing prepared under [27.1a](#) mailers must prepare a separate postage statement that claims all per piece and per pound charges (if apportioned) for each publication or edition. The mailer must annotate on, or attach to, each postage statement, the title and issue date of each publication or edition and indicate that the pieces are part of a combined mailing under [27.1a](#).

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29.0 Destination Entry

29.1 Basic Standards

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[Revise item 29.1(c) to read as follows:]

- c. The advertising and nonadvertising portions may be eligible for DSCF or DDU pound prices based on the entry facility and the address on the piece.

[Delete 29.2 in its entirety; renumber 29.3 and 29.4 as 29.2 and 29.3 respectively:]

[Renumbered 29.2]

29.2 Destination Sectional Center Facility/Local Processing Center

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29.2.2 Price Eligibility

The following apply:***

[Delete item (b) in its entirety; renumber item (c) as (b):]

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[Renumbered 29.3]

29.3 Destination Delivery Unit/Sorting and Delivery Center

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29.3.2 Price Eligibility

Determine price eligibility as follows:***

[Delete item (c) in its entirety; renumber item (d) as (c):]

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

9.1 Periodicals

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9.1.5 Flat Tray Preparation — Flat-size Machinable Pieces

[Delete the fifth sentence in its entirety:]

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15.0 Combining USPS Marketing Mail Flats, Bound Printed Matter Flats, and Periodicals Flats

15.1 Basic Standards

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[Delete 15.1.8 through 15.1.10 in its entirety; renumber 15.1.11 as 15.1.8:]

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

18.1 Prices and Fees

18.1.1 Basis of Price

The basis of price for Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail Open and Distribute is as follows:

[Revise item (a) to read as follows:]

- a. Priority Mail Express postage is based on the zone and weight of the contents of the Open and Distribute shipment. Do not include the tare weight of the external container. Do not apply Priority Mail Express dimensional weight pricing to the external container. The maximum weight for each container is 70 pounds.

[Revise item (c) to read as follows:]

- c. Except as provided in item b, Priority Mail postage is based on the zone and weight of the contents of the Open and Distribute shipment. Do not include the tare weight of the external container. Do not apply Priority Mail dimensional weight pricing to the external container. The minimum weight requirement for Open and Distribute sacks is 5 pounds, except for Open and Distribute sacks that contain qualified trays (trays prepared under the standards for the applicable class of mail). The maximum weight for each container is 70 pounds.

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