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## Cover Story

## Publicity Kit: The Best Holiday Ever!

To assist postmasters when promoting the 2012 holiday shipping and mailing season, Corporate Communications has crafted the following materials to educate and enlighten you in preparation for this busy time of year. The package contains holiday information that will be useful when interacting with customers and employees. Postmasters are encouraged to review the materials and use the contents to communicate "It's the holidays and it's our best time of year."

In the package you will find:

- Holiday Overview 2012.
- Mail-By Dates.
- From Desktop to Doorstep - Tips to Make Your Holidays Easier.
- 2012 Holiday Stamps.
- 50 Years of Holiday Stamps - Overview and List.
- Holiday Postmarks and Re-Mailing.
- Letters to Santa Program Overview.
- Letters to Santa Retail Products.
- 2012 Holiday Gift Ideas.
- 2012 Holiday Advertising Campaign.
- Easy Promotional Ideas.
- Media Advisory for Busiest Mailing Day.
- Holiday Press Release Schedule.
- Contacts.


## Holiday Overview 2012

The U.S. Postal Service ${ }^{\circledR}$ offers simple and convenient solutions to save customers time and money this holiday season. Along with all the usual shipping and shopping solutions our customers have come to expect from the most trusted government agency, this year we plan to deliver a few surprises to help customers manage their holidays with a smile. We are offering more choices on when, where, and how to use the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$. Our team of more than 530,000 postal elves are excited to help customers send cards and mail gifts, so we are reminding them of the mail-by dates - and encouraging them to mail early.

We are also educating customers on the best postal products and services to meet their needs. We're sending a direct mail piece to nearly 140 million homes, highlighting our core products like Express Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Priority Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$, international mailing products, the convenience of alternate access and, of course, stamps. On the direct mail mailer, door decals, and take-ones, we've incorporated a holiday

QR code that takes the "e-holiday" shopper to www.usps.com/cheer. This "landing page" is designed to assist shippers and shoppers with all their holiday needs by offering simpler ways to ship gifts at USPS.com ${ }^{\circledR}$. There, mailers can pay, print, and ship with nothing but ease; when they use USPS.com they find it's a breeze.

Santa is coming to town. Children of all ages will delight in the 2012 contemporary holiday stamp design featuring Santa in his sleigh pulled by eight tiny reindeer, guiding us through the most wonderful time of year. The Santa and Sleigh stamp art was inspired by the 1823 poem by Clement C. Moore, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," also known as "The Night Before Christmas" or "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Besides Santa's appearance on this year's holiday stamp, Santa is also featured on an entire line of retail products that celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Letters to Santa program, such as a Letters to Santa children's book, a letter-writing kit, a milk and cookies set, gift bags, gift tags, package stickers, and much more. Look for Letters to Santa holiday gift centers at select Post Offices ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ nationwide and for featured products on USPS.com in the Postal Store (www.usps.com/shop).

Tis the season to offer value - celebrate when you use our Flat Rate Priority Mail products, where Priority Mail boxes and Package Pickup are always free. Unlike other shipping companies, the U.S. Postal Service ${ }^{\circledR}$ does not charge extra for Saturday delivery or add a fuel surcharge. The price you see is the price you pay. Perhaps the greatest bargain of all is the price of a First-Class Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$ postage stamp. At just 45 cents, sending holiday greetings from Washington, DC, to Washington state and every neighborhood in between is a bargain. Three cheers for Forever stamps - good forever - for the price of a First-Class Mail stamp. Last year's stamp design on this yuletide's holiday greetings is a gift for the sender and truly a reason to rejoice.

Nobody, except maybe Santa, delivers the holidays like the U.S. Postal Service - and we have a 237-year track record to prove it. This year will be no exception. We're expecting nearly 15.2 billion cards, letters, and packages between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve, and on average we will process 562 million pieces of mail every day this holiday season. And when the busiest day to mail holiday cards, letters, and packages rolls around on December 17, we will be ready to accept with a smile the 658 million pieces of mail expected to be processed on that day. Then
we'll deliver it all with a jingle bell in our step and a ho, ho, ho in our hearts on the busiest delivery days, which fall on December 19, for cards and letters and December 20, for packages, all in plenty of time to be home for the holidays.

- Peak Mailing Day: Monday, December 17, for cards, letters and packages. On that day we expect to process 658 million pieces of mail, the busiest mailing day of the holidays.
- Busiest Delivery Day for Holiday Letters and Cards: Wednesday, December 19.
- Busiest Delivery Day for Holiday Packages: Thursday, December 20

Those planning to share the joys of the holiday by sending cards and mailing gifts should not miss these recommended mail-by dates to ensure their gifts arrive by December 25.

## Mail-By Dates

## 2012 Holiday Shipping Cut-Off Dates

| Domestic Mail Class/Product | Cut Off Date |
| :--- | :--- |
| First-Class Maii $^{\circledR}$ | Dec. 20 |
| Priority Mail $^{\circledR}$ | Dec. 21 |
| Express Mai $^{\circledR *}$ | Dec. 22 |
| Parcel Post $^{\circledR}$ | Dec. 14 |
| DNDC Drop Ship | Dec. 19 |
| DDU Drop Ship | Dec. 21 |

* Express Mail postage refund eligibility is adjusted for shipments mailed between December 22-25. See additional information below.

| Military Mail Addressed To | Express Mail Military <br> Service (EMMS) ${ }^{1}$ | First-Class Mail Letters and Cards | Priority Mail | Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) ${ }^{2}$ | Space Available Mail (SAM) ${ }^{3}$ | Parcel Post |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-092 | Dec. 17 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 3 | Nov. 26 | Nov. 13 |
| APO/FPO AE ZIP 093 | N/A | Dec. 3 | Dec. 3 | Nov. 30 | Nov. 26 | Nov. 13 |
| APO/FPO AE ZIPs 094-098 | Dec. 17 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 3 | Nov. 26 | Nov. 13 |
| APO/FPO AA ZIP 340 | Dec. 17 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 3 | Nov. 26 | Nov. 13 |
| APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966 | Dec. 17 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 3 | Nov. 26 | Nov. 13 |

1. EMMS is available to selected military and diplomatic Post Offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO/DPO address.
2. PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Parcel Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface price for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.
3. SAM parcels are paid at Parcel Post prices with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.

| International Mail Addressed To | Global Express Guaranteed ${ }^{\circledR}$ ( $\left.\mathbf{G X G}^{\circledR}\right)^{\text {* }}$ | Express Mail International ${ }^{\circledR}$ (EMS ${ }^{\circledR}$ ) | Priority Mail International ${ }^{\circledR}$ (PMI) | First-Class Mail |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Africa | Dec. 19 | Dec. 11 | Dec. 3 | Dec. 3 |
| Asia/Pacific Rim | Dec. 18 | Dec. 15 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 10 |
| Australia/New Zealand | Dec. 18 | Dec. 15 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 10 |
| Canada | Dec. 20 | Dec. 17 | Dec. 13 | Dec. 10 |
| Caribbean | Dec. 19 | Dec. 15 | Dec. 13 | Dec. 10 |
| Central and South America | Dec. 19 | Dec. 11 | Dec. 3 | Dec. 3 |
| Mexico | Dec. 20 | Dec. 15 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 10 |
| Europe | Dec. 19 | Dec. 15 | Dec. 13 | Dec. 10 |
| Middle East | Dec. 19 | Dec. 15 | Dec. 13 | Dec. 10 |

* GXG Notes: Cut-off date does not take into account time needed for customs clearance. Mailers should allocate extra transit day(s) for delivery outside major cities. The last day to ship to Afghanistan is December 18, and the last day to ship to Iraq is December 17.


## 2012 Holiday Season Important Dates*

| SURFACE |  | AIR |  | EMS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LC/AO | CP | LC/AO | CP |  |
| Dec. 10 | Dec. 4 | Dec. 17 | Dec. 15 | Dec. 18 |

* The dates as outlined provide mailing guidelines for foreign postal partners in order to meet the December 25 delivery. Average number of days may vary based upon origin and destination.


## 2012 Holiday Season Import Dates

Dec. 4: Last day to send Parcel Post packages via surface transportation.
Dec. 10: Last day to send letters, flats, and small packages via surface transportation.
Dec. 15: Last day to send Priority packages via air transportation.
Dec. 17: Last day to send letters, flats, and small packages via air transportation.
Dec. 18: Last day to send Express Mail Service items (any shape).

## Mail class by code:

LC = Letters, aerogramme's (USPS no longer offers outbound aerogramme's), cards, and letter package
$A O=$ Newspapers, magazines, matter for the blind, printed matter, and small package
CP = Packages - Parcel Post (Surface), Priority (Air)

## From Desktop to Doorstep - Tips to Make Your Holidays Easier

Whether customers choose to manage their holiday shipping and mailing from one of our Approved Postal Provider locations, self-service kiosks, a smart phone, online at USPS.com, or at a Post Office, our goal is to make doing business with us easier and more convenient.

Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes - Take the guesswork out of shipping with Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelopes and Boxes. "If it fits, it ships" - it's as simple as that. Whatever fits in the box or envelope ships for one low price anywhere in the United States. No weighing or calculating is needed if what you're sending weighs less than 70 pounds. Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes and envelopes are fast and affordable. Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes can be picked up at any Post Office or can be delivered right to your door and are always free to order online from USPS.com. Go to www.usps.com/ ship/priority-mail-flat.htm.

Other features:

- Delivery within 2 days in most cases.
- Free Package Pickup.
- Free Delivery Confirmation ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ service when you ship online.
- Saturday delivery and residential delivery at no extra cost.
- The only 2-day service that delivers to mailboxes, mail slots, and PO Boxes ${ }^{\top}{ }^{\top \mathrm{M}}$.
Free Package Pickup - No time for the Post Office? Schedule a free Package Pickup ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ online at USPS.com or by phone at 800-ASK-USPS, and we'll come get your shipment during regular delivery. To schedule one or multiple pickups, sign in to your USPS.com account. The Postal Service will pick up packages from homes and offices
across the country. The service is free, regardless of the number of packages being sent. A letter carrier will pick up the packages during regular mail delivery. It is so easy to schedule - just go to https://tools.usps.com/go/ ScheduleAPickupAction!input.action.

Click-N-Ship ${ }^{\circledR}$ - Skip the trip to the Post Office by printing mailing labels with postage right from the convenience of your home or office. Click-N-Ship makes your online shipping experience faster and easier. Print labels quickly and get your shipments on their way. Customers get a discount on postage for domestic packages: Express Mail - 5 percent savings; Priority Mail - up to 14 percent savings; simply visit https://www.usps.com/ship/get-to-know-click-n-ship.htm.

Click-N-Ship's streamlined features:

- Has a clean, open display, eliminating clutter for a simple transaction.
- Has a new progress bar, so you'll always know where you are in the shipping process.
- Allows you to pay via credit card or PayPal for added convenience.
- Allows you to create Flat Rate labels faster:
- Flat Rate shipping is a breeze with our built-in fast path to checkout.
- Choose the Priority Mail Flat Rate Box or Envelope you're using, add your destination address, pay, and print.
- No measuring and no weighing are needed (up to 70 lbs .).
Save Time with "Ship Again." If you send recurring shipments with the same weight, service, and delivery address, you'll be able to create the same label quickly - without reentering information. Just choose a label from your "Ship-
ping History" and select "Ship Again" from the Actions menu. The label is added to your cart for checkout with the new shipping date.

USPS.com - All things holiday can be found at our award-winning website, Shop, Ship and Mail. This onestop "holiday solutions center," which was recently enhanced, allows customers to navigate and purchase products and services with more ease than ever before. At USPS.com, customers can manage their mail online, place their mail on hold if they will be traveling during the holidays, or sign up for Premium Forwarding Service ${ }^{\circledR}$ if they will be packing up for the whole season. Visit www.usps.com for more information.

One of the most frequently visited federal websites, USPS.com receives more than 1 million visits each day throughout the year and more than 1.2 million visits each day during the holidays. The five most popular areas (in order of popularity) on the site are the following:

1. Quick Tools.
2. Search.
3. Customer Service.
4. "Ship A Package" landing page accessed from the homepage navigation (www.usps.com/ship/ship-apackage.htm).
5. "Managing Your Mail" landing page accessed from the homepage navigation (www.usps.com/manage/ manage-your-mail.htm).
Go to USPS.com for information about ZIP Codes ${ }^{\text {™ }}$, postage rates, mailing requirements, Post Office hours, locations, and more

The Postal Store ${ }^{\circledR}$ - The Postal Store is an online retail Post Office that allows customers to shop for stamps, stationery, philatelic collectibles, and gift items; order free shipping supplies; customize postage; print mailing labels; and personalize envelopes, design cards, and letters without leaving their computer. A few of the popular products and services available on the website include:

- Stamps, personalized envelopes, and coil holders.
- Free shipping supplies such as Priority Mail boxes and envelopes.
- ReadyPost ${ }^{\circledR}$ boxes, bubble wrap, and tape.
- Philatelic products, including stamp yearbooks, firstday covers, and ceremony programs.
- U.S Postal Service branded products, including this year's Letters to Santa product line.
To visit The Postal Store, go to https://www.usps.com/ shop and at the top of the page, click Shop.

Self-Service Kiosks - Skip the line to save time this year. Self-service kiosks allow customers to manage shipping and mailing needs on their own. Using self-service kiosks, customers can buy postage and mail packages on their own time. Many of the 2,492 automated machines are available to use 24/7. New kiosks offer a print-on-demand feature where customers can purchase as many as 100 postage stamps instead of sheets of 18.

Expanded Access - Our retail partners are open all around town. Customers can use www.usps.com/locater to find Approved Postal Provider locations where they can purchase stamps, mail letters, and ship packages close to home or work at times that are convenient for them. If you don't have access to a computer, the USPS ${ }^{\circledR}$ smartphone app provides another way to access important services like package tracking, finding a Post Office, and calculating postage prices. Use the app when you are out shopping to locate the more than 1,000 Office Depot stores across the country that offer Postal Service shipping and mailing services. You can also find one of the 63,000 banks, grocery stores, pharmacies, ATMs, and retail stores that offer Postal Service products and services.

Stamps - In addition to buying stamps at the Post Office, you can get your stamps this holiday season by ordering them from The Postal Store at www.usps.com/ shop, by calling 800-STAMP24, or by purchasing them at more than 63,000 convenient alternate locations including:

- 7,450 Walgreens locations.
- 3,830 Wal-Mart locations.
- 1,632 Staples locations.
- 1,200 Office Depot locations.
- 847 Safeway locations.
- 609 Sam's Club locations.
- 426 Costco locations.


## 2012 Holiday Stamps - Celebrate the Holidays Forever



Note: There is no reprint or new printing of the Eid, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa stamps. We will use existing inventory from 2011.

## Support the Troops this Holiday Season

Since Priority Mail supplies are the packaging of choice for families preparing care packages for service members overseas, the Postal Service created a "military care-kit" based on the items most frequently requested by military families. The kit is free, and each box is emblazoned with "America Supports You," which is sure to comfort those who are away from home.

The kit contains:

- Two Priority Mail APO/FPO Flat Rate Boxes.
- Two Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate Boxes.
- Priority Mail tape.
- Priority Mail address labels.
- Appropriate customs forms.

To order the kit, call 800-610-8734. Guidelines for packing, addressing, and shipping items to U.S. troops can be found at www.usps.com/supportingourtroops.

## 50 Years of Holiday Stamps: Overview and List

The U.S. Post Office Department issued its first Christmas stamp in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on November 1, 1962. Customers had requested such a stamp for years. During the stamp dedication ceremony, Postmaster General J. Edward Day said that the stamp would be the first in a series of Christmas stamps.

Anticipating a huge demand for the new Christmas stamp, the department had 350 million printed - the largest number produced for a special stamp until that time. The red and green 4-cent stamps featured a wreath, two candles, and the words "Christmas 1962." The initial sup-
ply sold out quickly and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began working around-the-clock to print more. By the end of 1962, 1 billion stamps had been printed and distributed.

The decision to print a Christmas stamp generated some controversy, especially from groups concerned about maintaining the separation of church and state. Legal actions to bar the stamps were not successful.

Each year, the Postal Service receives thousands of suggestions for new postage stamps. The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee was established in 1957 to review the suggestions and recommend new stamp designs to the postmaster general. In choosing new stamp subjects, the committee established specific criteria, such as national appeal and historical perspective. The ultimate goal is to create an annual stamp program that reflects America from the events and people that bind the nation together to the diversity of cultures that forms its foundation.

The Postal Service is proud of a stamp program that celebrates the rich diversity of American culture, and recognizes that some individuals may disagree with its selections on occasion. However, a wide variety of stamps are available so that postal customers always have options.

Each year, the Postal Service issues a Holiday Contemporary and Holiday Traditional postage stamp. This year, the Holiday Contemporary is the Santa and Sleigh Forever stamp, which features a "classic" image of Santa and his reindeer circling around snow-covered rooftops, and the Holiday Traditional Stamp is the Holy Family Forever stamp. The Holy Family stamp celebrates Christmas with a scene from the Nativity story that reminds us of the joys of the season: family, togetherness, and the birth of Jesus.

In 1996, the Postal Service paid tribute to Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, by issuing the first Hanukkah stamp, which featured a stylized illustration of a menorah. A design featuring an ornate dreidel followed in 2004. This season, the Postal Service will continue selling the 2009 Hanukkah stamp, the third U.S. stamp to commemorate the holiday.

In 1997, the Postal Service paid tribute to Kwanzaa, the celebration of family, community, and culture, by issuing the first Kwanzaa stamp, which featured a colorful portrait
of an African-American family, a "symbol of family and togetherness." A design featuring seven figures in colorful robes followed in 2004. This season, the Postal Service will continue selling the 2009 Kwanzaa stamp, the third U.S. stamp to commemorate the holiday.

In 2001, the Postal Service paid tribute to Eid, by issuing the Eid stamp, which features the phrase "Eid Mubarak" meaning "blessed festival" - in gold Arabic script on a blue background. The stamp commemorates the two most important festivals on the Islamic calendar: Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. The stamp has been reissued in the original design to reflect current stamp prices.

2012 marks the $50^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of the Christmas stamps being issued by the Postal Service, making this year a perfect time to celebrate the Santa and Sleigh stamp with a local stamp ceremony or event. Here is an easy way to promote the stamp.

Santa in School - Invite a local elementary school teacher to have the class write to Santa using the Letters to Santa children's book or writing kits offered at Post Offices and at www.usps.com/shop as a guide. This adorable book offers everything kids will need to write a letter to St. Nick and teaches them how their mail travels to the North Pole. Once the children finish writing to Santa, make a special visit to pick up the letters and deliver a little history about holiday U.S. postage stamps. Share the following list of holiday stamps with the children to start the conversation. Show photos of some of the stamps - one from each decade should do it. The stamp images can easily be printed right from the any of the sites referenced below.

In the list of U.S. Christmas holiday stamps that follows, the numbers in parentheses indicate postage on nondenominated stamps. Information is taken from the Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps, postal philatelic press releases, the National Gallery of Art website at www.nga.gov, Scott 1999 Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps, and Scott Stamp Monthly.

The Holiday stamp images can be viewed at these links http://beyondtheperf.com/content/holiday-celebration-holiday-series and http://beyondtheperf.com/content/ holiday-celebration-christmas-series.

## Holiday Stamp List

| Subject and Scott Catalog Number | Date Issued | Denomination | Designer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Christmas Wreath and Candles. Scott \#1205. | Nov. 1, 1962 | 4¢ | Jim Crawford |
| National Christmas Tree and White House. Scott \#1240. | Nov. 1, 1963 | 5¢ | Lily Spandorf; modified by Norman Todhunte |
| Holly, Mistletoe, Poinsettia, Sprig of Conifer, 4 designs. Scott \#1254-1257. | Nov. 9, 1964 | 5¢ | Thomas F. Naegele |
| Angel with Trumpet, 1840 Weather Vane. After watercolor by Lucille Gloria Chabot of the 1840 weather vane from the People's Methodist Church, Newburyport, MA. National Gallery of Art. Scott \#1276. | Nov. 2, 1965 | 5¢ | Robert Jones |
| Madonna and Child, by Hans Memling. Modeled after Madonna and Child with Angels, by Flemish artist Hans Memling (c. 1430-1494). Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#1321. | Nov. 1, 1966 | 5¢ | Howard C. Mildner |
| Madonna and Child, by Hans Memling. Modeled after Madonna and Child with Angels, by Flemish artist Hans Memling (c. 1430-1494). Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Larger version of same painting in 1966 stamp. Scott \#1336. | Nov. 6, 1967 | 5¢ | Howard C. Mildner |
| Angel Gabriel, from The Annunciation by Jan van Eyck. From a painting c. 1431/1436 by Flemish painter Jan van Eyck (c. 1930-1441). Andrew W. Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#1363. | Nov. 1, 1968 | 6¢ | Robert J. Jones |
| Madonna and Child, by Hans Memling. Modeled after Madonna and Child with Angels, by Flemish artist Hans Memling (c. 1430-1494). Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#1321. | Nov. 1, 1966 | 5¢ | Howard C. Mildner |
| Madonna and Child, by Hans Memling. Modeled after Madonna and Child with Angels, by Flemish artist Hans Memling (c. 1430-1494). Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Larger version of same painting in 1966 stamp. Scott \#1336. | Nov. 6, 1967 | 5¢ | Howard C. Mildner |
| Angel Gabriel, from The Annunciation by Jan van Eyck. From a painting c. 1431/1436 by Flemish painter Jan van Eyck (c. 1930-1441). Andrew W. Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#1363. | Nov. 1, 1968 | 6¢ | Robert J. Jones |
| Winter Sunday in Norway, Maine. Painted about 1870 by an unknown artist. N.Y. State Historical Association, Cooperstown, NY Scott \#1384. | Nov. 3, 1969 | 6¢ | Stevan Dohanos |
| Nativity, by Lorenzo Lotto. From a 1523 painting by Venetian artist Lorenzo Lotto (c.1480-1556). Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#1414. | Nov. 5, 1970 | 6¢ | Howard C. Mildner |
| Tin and Cast-iron Locomotive, Toy Horse on Wheels, Mechanical Tricycle, Doll Carriage, 4 designs. From a drawing (locomotive) by Charles Hemming in "Index of American Design Collection" National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC., and from "Golden Age of Toys" by Fondin and Remise. Scott \#1415-1418. | Nov. 5, 1970 | 6¢ | Stevan Dohanos |
| Adoration of the Shepherds, by Giorgione. From a 1505/1510 painting by Venetian painter Giorgione (1477/1478-1510). Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#1444. | Nov. 10, 1971 | 8\$ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Partridge in a Pear Tree. Scott \#1445. | Nov. 10, 1971 | 8¢ | Jamie Wyeth |
| Angels from Mary, Queen of Heaven. Detail from a 1485/1500 painting by the Master of the St. Lucy legend, active in Bruges c. 1480-c. 1510. The artist's name is unknown; he is called the Master of the St. Lucy legend for an altarpiece in the church of Saint James, Bruges, dated 1480, that depicts three scenes from the life of Saint Lucy. Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#1471. | Nov. 9, 1972 | 8¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Santa Claus. Scott \#1472. | Nov. 9, 1972 | 8¢ | Stevan Dohanos |
| Small Cowper Madonna, by Raphael. From a c. 1505 painting by the Italian painter Raphael (1483-1520) named after a previous owner. Widener Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#1507. | Nov. 7, 1973 | 8\$ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Christmas Tree in Needlepoint. Scott \#1508. | Nov. 7, 1973 | 8¢ | Dolli Tingle |
| Angel from the Pérussis altarpiece. Detail from the Pérussis altarpiece by anonymous French artist, 1480. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. Scott \#1550. | Oct. 23, 1974 | 10¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| The Road—Winter, by Currier and Ives. Currier and Ives print from drawing by Otto Knirsch. Scott \#1551. | Oct. 23, 1974 | 10¢ | Stevan Dohanos |
| Dove Weather Vane atop Mount Vernon. Based on weathervane made in Philadelphia by Joseph Rakestraw, according to specifications by George Washington. Scott \#1552. | Nov. 15, 1974 | 10¢ | Don Hedin and Robert Geissman |
| Madonna and Child, by Domenico Ghirlandaio. From a c. 1470 painting by Florentine painter Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449-1494). Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#1579. | Oct. 14, 1975 | (10¢) | Bradbury Thompson |
| Christmas Card, by Louis Prang, 1878. Collection of Museum of the City of New York. Scott \#1580. | Oct. 14, 1975 | (10¢) | Stevan Dohanos |


| Subject and Scott Catalog Number | Date Issued | Denomination | Designer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nativity, by John Singleton Copley. After c. 1776 painting by American painter John Singleton Copley (1738-1815). Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Scott \#1701. | Oct. 27, 1976 | 13¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Winter Pastime, by Nathaniel Currier. After 1855 lithograph. Museum of the City of New York. Scott \#1702, 1703. | Oct. 27, 1976 | 13¢ | Stevan Dohanos |
| Washington at Valley Forge. After painting by J.C. Leyendecker as Saturday Evening Post cover, 1935. Scott \#1729. | Oct. 21, 1977 | 136 | Stevan Dohanos |
| Rural Mailbox. Scott \#1730. | Oct. 21, 1977 | 136 | Dolli Tingle |
| Madonna and Child with Cherubim, by Andrea della Robbia. After c. 1485 glazed terra cotta sculpture by Florentine artist Andrea della Robia (14351525). Andrew W. Mellon Collection, National Gallery, Washington, DC. Scott \#1768. | Oct. 18, 1978 | 15¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Child on Hobby Horse and Christmas Tree. Scott \#1769. | Oct. 18, 1978 | 15¢ | Dolli Tingle |
| Virgin and Child, by Gerard David. After c. 1510 painting The Rest on the Flight into Egypt by Flemish painter Gerard David, c. 1460-1523. Andrew W. Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#1799. | Oct. 18, 1979 | 15¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Santa Claus Christmas Tree Ornament. Scott \#1800. | Oct. 18, 1979 | $15 ¢$ | Eskil Ohlsson |
| Madonna and Child. After Epiphany Window by British glass artist Walter Tower, Bethlehem Chapel, Washington [National] Cathedral, Washington, DC. Scott \#1842. | Oct. 31, 1980 | 15¢ | Esther Porter |
| Wreath and Toys. Based on antique toys in artist Bob Timberlake's collection. Scott \#1843. | Oct. 31, 1980 | 15¢ | Bob Timberlake |
| Madonna and Child, Botticelli. After painting by Florentine painter, Sandro Botticelli (1445-1510). Art Institute of Chicago. Scott \#1939. | Oct. 28, 1981 | 20¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Felt Bear on Sleigh. Scott \#1940. | Oct. 28, 1981 | 20¢ | Nalad Einsel |
| Puppy and Kitten. Scott \#2025. | Nov. 3, 1982 | 136 | Chuck Ripper |
| Madonna and Child, by Tiepolo. After c. 1767/1770 painting Madonna of the Goldfinch by Venetian painter, Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, 1696-1770. Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#2026. | Oct. 28, 1982 | 20¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Season's Greetings (Children Sledding, Children Building a Snowman, Children Skating, Children Trimming a Tree), 4 designs. Scott \#2027-2030. | Oct. 28, 1982 | 20¢ | Dolli Tingle |
| Niccolini-Cowper Madonna, by Raphael. After a 1508 painting by Italian painter Raphael (1483-1520). The painting is named after two former owners. Andrew W. Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#2063. | Oct. 28, 1983 | 20¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Santa Claus. Scott \#2064. | Oct. 28, 1983 | $20 ¢$ | John Berkey |
| Madonna and Child, by Fra Filippo Lippi. After 1440/1445 painting by Florentine painter Fra Filippo Lippi (c. 1406-1469). Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#2107. | Oct. 30, 1984 | 20¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Santa Claus. Drawing by Queens, NY, second-grade student, Danny LaBoccetta, winner of first nationwide student stamp design contest sponsored by United States Postal Service. Scott \#2108. | Oct. 30, 1984 | 20¢ | Danny LaBoccetta |
| Genoa Madonna, by Luca Della Robbia. After c. 1450 enameled terra cotta by Florentine sculptor, Luca Della Robbia (1400-1482). Detroit Institute of Arts. | Oct. 30, 1985 | 22¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Poinsettia Plants. Scott \#2166. | Oct. 30, 1985 | 22¢ | James Dean |
| Madonna and Child, by Perugino. After post-1500 painting by Umbrian painter, Pietro Perugino (c. 1450-1523). Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#2244. | Oct. 24, 1986 | 22¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Village Scene. Scott \#2245. | Oct. 24, 1986 | 22¢ | Dolli Tingle |
| Madonna and Child, by Moroni. After c. 1560 painting A Gentleman in Adoration before the Madonna, by Bergamo painter, Giovanni Battista Moroni (c. 1525-1578). Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#2367. | Oct. 23, 1987 | 22¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Christmas Ornaments. Scott \#2368. | Oct. 23, 1987 | 22¢ | Jim Dean |
| Madonna and Child, by Botticelli. After c. 1470 painting by Florentine painter, Sandro Botticelli (1446-1510). Andrew W. Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#2399. | Oct. 20, 1988 | 25¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| One-Horse Open Sleigh and Village Scene. Scott \#2400. | Oct. 20, 1988 | 25¢ | Joan Landis |
| Madonna and Child, by Carracci. After c. 1593 painting The Dream of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, by Bolognese painter Lodovico Carracci (15551619). Samuel H. Kress Foundation, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#2427. | Oct. 19, 1989 | 25¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Sleigh Full of Presents. Based on antique toy sleigh from New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, NY. Scott \#2428. | Oct. 19, 1989 | 25¢ | Steven Dohanos |


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| Madonna and Child, by Antonello. After c. 1475 painting by Sicilian painter, Antonello da Messina (c. 1430-1479). Andrew W. Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#2514. | Oct. 18, 1990 | 25¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Greetings (Christmas Tree). Scott \#2515. | Oct. 18, 1990 | 25¢ | Libby Thiel |
| Madonna and Child, by Antoniazzo Romano. After c. 1480 painting Madonna and Child with Donor by Roman painter, Antoniazzo Romano, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX. Scott \#2578. | Oct. 17, 1991 | (29¢) | Bradbury Thompson |
| Santa Claus in Chimney. Scott \#2579, 2580, 2581. | Oct. 17, 1991 | (29¢) | John Berkey |
| Santa Checking List, Santa with Present, Santa at Fireplace, Santa and Sleigh, 4 designs. Scott \#2582-2585. | Oct. 17, 1991 | (29¢) | John Berkey |
| Madonna and Child, by Giovanni Bellini. After c. 1490 painting Madonna and Child with Saints by Venetian painter Giovanni Bellini (c. 1430/14351516). National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#2710. | Oct. 22, 1992 | 29¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Greetings (Horse and Rider, Toy Train, Toy Steamer, Toy Ship), 4 designs. Scott \#2711-2714, 2715-2718. | Oct. 22, 1992 | 29¢ | Lou Nolan |
| Greetings (Toy Train). Scott \#2719. | Oct. 22, 1992 | 29¢ | Lou Nolan |
| Madonna and Child, by Giovanni Battista Cima. After c. 1496-99 painting Madonna and Child in a Landscape, by Italian painter, Giovanni Battista Cima da Conegliano (c. 1459/60-c. 1517/18). North Carolina Museum of Art. Scott \#2789, 2790. | Oct. 21, 1993 | 29¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Greetings (Jack-in-the-Box, Red-Nosed Reindeer, Snowman, Toy Soldier Blowing Horn), 4 designs. Scott \#2791-2794, 2795-2798, 2799-2802. | Oct. 21, 1993, Oct. 28, 1993 | 29¢ | Peter Good |
| Greetings (Snowman). Scott \#2803. | Oct. 28, 1993 | 29¢ | Peter Good |
| Madonna and Child, by Elisabetta Sirani. After 1663 painting Virgin and Child by Bolognese painter Elisabetta Sirani (1638-1665). National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC. Scott \#2871. | Oct. 20, 1994 | 29¢ | Bradbury Thompson |
| Stocking. Scott \#2872. | Oct. 20, 1994 | 29¢ | Lou Nolan |
| Santa Claus. Scott \#2873. | Oct. 20, 1994 | 29¢ | Harry Zelenko |
| Cardinal in Snow. Scott \#2874. | Oct. 20, 1994 | 29¢ | Peter Good |
| Madonna and Child, by Giotto di Bondone. After c. 1320/1330 painting by Florentine painter Giotto di Bondone (probably 1266-1337). Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#3003. | Oct. 19, 1995 | 32¢ | Robert Sheaff |
| Santa Claus Entering Chimney, Child Holding Jumping Jack, Child Holding Tree, Santa Claus Working on Sled, 4 designs. Based on antique writing tablet cover, postcard published by James Campbell \& Son c. 1880-1890, postcard published in German by HWB c. 1910, postcard published by Stecher Lithographic Co., Rochester, NY, postmarked 1915. Scott \#30043007, 3008-3011, 3014-3017. | Sep. 30, 1995 | 32¢ | John Grossman and Laura Alders |
| Midnight Angel. Based on greeting card c. 1910, probably by American artist Ellen H. Clapsaddle (1865-1934). Scott \#3012, 3018. | Oct. 19, 1995 | 32¢ | John Grossman and Laura Alders |
| Children Sledding. Based on postcard published by Raphael Tuck\& Sons, Ltd., London, postmarked 1911. Scott \#3013. | Oct. 19, 1995 | 32¢ | John Grossman and Laura Alders |
| Madonna and Child, by Paolo de Matteis. After 1712 painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Neapolitan painter Paolo de Matteis (1662-1728). Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA. Scott \#3107, 3112. | Nov. 1, 1996 | 32¢ | Richard D. Sheaff |
| Madonna and Child, by Sano di Pietro. After c. 1471 painting Madonna and Child with Saints and Angels by Sienese painter Sano di Pietro (14051481). Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#3176. | Oct. 27, 1997 | 32¢ | Richard D. Sheaff |
| American Holly. Scott \#3177. | Oct. 30, 1997 | 32¢ | Howard Paine |
| Florentine Madonna and Child. After c. 1425 painted and gilded terra cotta statue by unknown sculptor, Florence, 15th century. Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#3244. | Oct. 15, 1998 | 32¢ | Richard D. Sheaff |
| Evergreen Wreath, Victorian Wreath, Chili Pepper Wreath, Tropical Wreath, 4 designs. Scott \#3245-3248, 3249-3252. | Oct. 15, 1998 | 32¢ | Lillian Dinihanian, George deBruin, Chris Crinklaw, Michaele Thunin |
| Madonna and Child, by Bartolomeo Vivarini. After c. 1475 painting by Venetian painter, Bartolomeo Vivarini, c. 1430/1432-c. 1491 or c. 1499. Samuel H. Kress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Scott \#3355. | Oct. 20, 1999 | 33¢ | Richard D. Sheaff |
| Greetings (Red, Blue, Purple, and Green Deer), 4 designs. Scott \#33563359, 3360-3363, 3364-3367. | Oct. 20, 1999 | 33¢ | Tim Nikosey |
| None issued | 2000 |  |  |
| Virgin and Child, by Lorenzo Costa. After about 1490 painting by Ferrarese painter Lorenzo Costa (about 1460-1535). John G. Johnson Collection, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA. Scott \#3536. | Oct. 10, 2001 | 34¢ | Richard Sheaff |


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| Santa wearing tan hood, Santa wearing blue hat, Santa wearing red hat, <br> Santa wearing gold hood, 4 designs. After chromolithograph images, ca. | Oct. 10, 2001 | $34 ¢$ |  |
| 180 and ca. 1915-2. Scott \#3537-3540, 3541-3544. | Richard Sheaff |  |  |
| Madonna and Child, by Jan Gossaert. After c. 1520 painting by Jan <br> Gossaert (c. 1478 to 1532), the Netherlands. Charles H. and Mary F.S. <br> Worcester Collection, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Scott | Oct. 10, 2002 | $37 ¢$ | Richard Sheaff |
| \#3675. |  |  |  |

## Postmarking the Holiday Way

Children of all ages can request a North Pole Postmark for placement on their letter from Santa or on holiday greeting cards.


Letter from Santa with a North Pole Station Postmark: You write a letter to your child and sign it from Santa. Place this letter in an envelope addressed to your child with
the return address from SANTA, NORTH POLE. Make sure you have a First-Class Mail stamp affixed to the envelope. Place that envelope in a larger envelope, with appropriate postage, and address the larger envelope as indicated below.

Holiday greeting cards: You write your greeting cards like you normally would. Place the cards into their envelopes. Address the envelopes to the people you want to receive them. Place First-Class Mail stamps on the envelopes and either have the return address from the NORTH POLE or from you and your address. Then place the greeting cards into a larger envelope or box, with appropriate postage, and address it to:
North Pole Postmark
Postmaster
4141 Postmark Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99530-9998
The letters that are "coming" from Santa and any holiday greeting cards must be received in Anchorage, Alaska, no later than December 10, 2012.

Customers who wish to obtain a postmark from Post Offices with holiday-related or themed names - to keep or to share with friends - can write to the Post Offices directly. Enclose a stamped card or letter addressed to yourself or another person and put it into another envelope or box labeled to:

## "Christmas Re-Mailing"

City, State ZIP Code (choose one of the cities below)

| Angels Camp, CA 95222 | Berry, AL 35546 | Bethlehem, CT 06751 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bethlehem, KY 4000 | Bethlehem, MD 21609 | Bethlehem, NH 03574 |
| Bethlehem, PA 18016 | Deer Park, AL 36529 | Evergreen, AL 36401 |
| Faith, SD 57626 | Garland, NE 68360 | Garland, NC 28441 |
| Garland, PA 16416 | Garland, TX 75040 | Garland, UT 84312 |
| Holly, CO 81047 | Holly, MI 48442 | Hope, AK 99605 |
| Hope, AR 71801 | Hope, ID 83836 | Hope, KS 67451 |
| Hope, MN 56046 | Hope, NM 88250 | Hope, ND 58046 |
| Joseph, OR 97846 | Joseph City, AZ 86032 | Joy, IL 61260 |
| Nazareth, KY 40048 | Nazareth, PA 18064 | Nazareth, TX 79063 |
| Nazareth MI 49074 | Noel, MO 64854 | Partridge, KS 67566 |
| Partridge, KY 40862 | Pine Hill, AL 36769 | Saint Joseph, IL 61873 |
| Saint Joseph, MI 49085 | Saint Joseph, TN 38481 | Saint Mary, KY 40063 |
| Saint Mary's, KS 66536 | Santa, ID 83866 | Santa Claus, IN 47579 |
| Shepherd, MT 59079 | Spruce Pine, AL 35546 | Snowflake, AZ 85937 |
| Snowville, UT 84336 | Spruce, MI 48762 | Star, TX 76880 |

## Pictorial Postmarks

As a community service, the Postal Service offers pictorial postmarks at temporary Post Office stations set up for special events. Pictorial postmarks are initiated by postmasters, sponsors, or organizers of the special events and may feature wording and/or graphics relating to the events. The pictorial postmark pictured below was offered at the Star Station of the Star, North Carolina, Post Office in December 2007. Lists of upcoming pictorial postmarks and instructions for obtaining them are published in the Philately section of the Postal Bulletin, at www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/ pb.htm.

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Customers wishing to obtain a pictorial postmark should affix a stamp to any envelope or postcard of their choice, address the envelope or postcard to themselves or others, insert a card of postcard thickness in envelopes for sturdiness, and tuck in the flap. Place the envelope or postcard in a larger envelope and address it to: Pictorial Postmarks, followed by the name of the station, address, city, state, and ZIP $+4^{\circledR}$ Code, as listed.

Customers also can also send stamped envelopes and postcards without addresses for postmark, as long as they supply a larger envelope with adequate postage and their return address. After applying the pictorial postmark, the Postal Service returns the items (with or without addresses) under addressed protective cover.

## Digital Postmarks

The Postal Service offers collectible digital color postmarks for each new commemorative stamp offered throughout the year. A digital color postmark is beautiful artwork focusing on the subject of the stamp. Digital Color Postmarks are not available for mail-use, but may be purchased as a collectible piece by visiting www.usps.com/shop or by calling 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724). An example of the 2011 Holiday Baubles DCP set is pictured below.


## National Holiday Cancellation

Unless otherwise specified, all letters sorted on automation equipment will be cancelled with this postmark during the holiday season (December 1 through January 1, 2013).


## Celebrate 100 Years of the Letters to Santa Program and the U.S. Postal Service

Background - As much as history reveals, the Postal Service began to receive letters to Santa Claus more than 100 years ago. However, our involvement was made official when in 1912 Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock authorized local postmasters to allow postal employees and citizens to respond to the letters in the program that became known as Operation Santa.

In the 1940s, mail volume for Santa increased so much that the Postal Service invited charitable organizations and corporations to provide written responses and small gifts to the children who wrote letters.

During the past 60 years, the program has taken on a life of its own. Today, cities around the country have hugely successful programs working with recognized charitable organizations, major corporations, local businesses, and postal employees to make a difference in the lives of children from coast to coast.

100th Anniversary -This year, the Postal Service is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Letters to Santa program as it continues to fulfill the dreams of children nationwide. A number of local Post Offices assist Santa by responding to letters. Others work with groups to collect gifts. Still others invite the public to help Santa answer the letters from children and their families. Letters to Santa is an annual holiday tradition embraced by the U.S. Postal Service and the public alike. One hundred years later, postal employees, volunteers, and organizations remain committed to making children's Christmas wishes come true.

What We Do - The Postal Service has Letters to Santa programs around the country that vary as much as the locations themselves. Some cities and towns work with their local schools to write letters back to the children as if they were Santa, some work with established groups and assist with the collection of gifts, and others invite the public to adopt Santa letters.

New York City's "Operation Santa" program is the largest in the country, receiving more than a half million letters a season. The city kicks off its program with a celebration that usually takes place the first week of December. Every year, the iconic James A. Farley Building on Eighth Avenue is visited by tens of thousands of people who come in person to adopt letters. In New York City, the program has changed very little since the 1940s and continues to thrive
much to the delight of both the readers and writers of letters to Santa.

## Letters to Santa

- Hundreds of thousands of children of all ages send letters to "Santa Claus, North Pole, Alaska" every year.
- Unless these letters contain a complete Alaska address, they remain in the area they were mailed.
- Postal "elves" go through the letters and separate those that wish Santa a happy birthday from those that express serious need.
Guidelines - In 2006, national policy guidelines were created regarding the handling and adoption of letters addressed to Santa. These guidelines were designed to protect the children who wrote to Santa and mandated that individuals wishing to adopt letters must do so in person, present valid photo identification and fill out a form that includes the list of letters being adopted.

In 2009, the Postal Service changed the letter adoption process by blacking out all reference to the child's address and assigning the letter a number. Individuals interested in adopting letters go to the Post Office, select the letter(s), and sign the form. When the individual is set to fulfill the
child's wishes, he or she returns with the letter and/or item to be mailed and brings it to a postal employee. The postal employee matches the number on the letter with the child's address and weighs the package. The individual pays for the postage. A Postal Service employee prints and applies a label to the package without the customer seeing the child's address.

Local Programs - Historically, Post Offices around the country have partnered with various groups and organizations for charitable purposes and on community projects that have a positive impact on the community at large and on the residents specifically - our intent is to continue to do so now and in the future.

People, Community, and Social Responsibility - The Postal Service and its employees play important roles in communities around the nation. Postal employees live in the communities where they work. Their children attend school there. They shop in the local stores. They eat in the restaurants. They actively participate in the community. It makes sense for postal employees to want to help their fellow citizens, especially during the holiday season. Through the Letters to Santa program, the Postal Service also helps to promote literacy. A letter to Santa is often a child's first written correspondence.

## Sample Response for Use when Preparing a Written Response from Santa



Dear Child,

Ho, Ho, Ho and Happy Holidays! What a wonderful surprise it was to receive your letter in my mailbox! Nothing makes me happier than getting letters from boys and girls like you who are on my nice list.

It's already snowing here at the North Pole, and I'm working extra hard this winter to get everyone's special gifts ready.
Luckily, I always get lots of great help from Mrs. Claus, the elves, and my reindeer!

Do you want to help us, too? We would love it if you can spread some more holiday cheer and do your best to stay on the nice list!

1 can't wait to visit your house on Christmas Eve (and eat some yummy cookies)! Until then, I hope you have a very happy holiday season with your family and friends!

Dear Child,
Santa Claus
Santa's Workshop 1 Rudolph Road, North Pole

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sincerely,


## Santa Claus



Santa Makes Stops in Retail - To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Letters to Santa program, the Postal Service will offer a variety of products reasonably priced and simply adorable. Look for them at select Post Offices featuring the Letters to Santa holiday gift center containing ten Letters to Santa products. The products will also be available at $w w w . u s p s . c o m / s h o p . ~$

## In the Mailbox ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Milk and Cookies Set: $\mathbf{\$ 1 9 . 9 9}$

The ready-to-ship In the Mailbox Milk and Cookies Set includes everything you need to leave Santa a snack on Christmas Eve: a melamine cup, a melamine plate, and two cookie cutters - all featuring artwork derived from the 2012 Santa and Sleigh Forever stamps.


Find it in select retail locations and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## Letters to Santa Holiday Ornament: \$14.99

This metal ornament features the 2012 Santa and Sleigh Forever stamps and celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Postal Service Letters to Santa program. It's the perfect addition to any tree.


Find it in select retail locations, in the USA Philatelic Catalog, and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

In the Mailbox Holiday Bear: \$11.99
The ready-to-ship In the Mailbox Holiday Bear holds a red gift tied with a green ribbon to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Letters to Santa program. The right paw of this adorable brown bear also features the 2012 Santa and Sleigh Forever stamp.


Find it in select retail locations and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## Letters to Santa Children's Book: \$9.99

The Letters to Santa Children's Book tells how Santa makes children's dreams come true with help from the Postal Service. The book celebrates the 100th anniversary of the USPS Letters to Santa program and includes four pieces of stationery, four sticker sheets, and two envelopes, so kids can write to Santa. All artwork is derived from the 2012 Santa and Sleigh Forever stamps.


Find it in select retail locations, in the USA Philatelic Catalog, and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## Naughty or Nice Magnetic Pad: \$4.99

Keep track of who has been naughty and who has been nice with this 9.5 -inch high $\times 2.75$-inch wide, 70 -page magnetic note pad and candy cane pen. The note pad celebrates the 100th anniversary of the USPS Letters to Santa program with artwork derived from the 2012 Santa and Sleigh Forever stamps.


Find it in select retail locations and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## Letters to Santa Pocket Notes: \$3.99

The Letters to Santa Pocket Notes are great for making lists of holiday errands and presents that still must be bought. Each pocket note is a 75 -sheet pad of pocketable paper with a magnetic clasp to secure the note pad. Letters to Santa pocket notes are perfect stocking stuffers. The pocket notes features artwork derived from the 2012 Santa and Sleigh Forever stamps.


Find them in select retail locations and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## Letters to Santa Writing Kit: \$3.99

The Letters to Santa Writing Kit is a great way for children to write their gift wish list for Santa's consideration. The kit includes everything a child needs to write to Santa, including 2 letters ( 1 blank and 1 fill-in-the-blank), 2 envelopes, 2 coloring sheets, 4-pack Crayola crayons, and a sheet of stickers. The writing kit features artwork derived from the 2012 Santa and Sleigh Forever stamps.


Find it in select retail locations and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## Letters to Santa Small Gift Bags: \$2.99

The three Letters to Santa small gift bags are perfect for stocking stuffers and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the USPS Letters to Santa program with artwork derived from the 2012 Santa and Sleigh Forever stamps.


Find them in select retail locations and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## Letters to Santa Gift Tags: \$1.99

The Letters to Santa gift tags add beauty to any gift and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the USPS Letters to Santa program with artwork derived from the 2012 Santa and Sleigh Forever.


Find them in select retail locations and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## Letters to Santa Package Stickers: \$1.49

The Letters to Santa package stickers add beauty to any gift and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the USPS Letters to Santa program with artwork derived from the Santa and Sleigh Forever stamps.


Find them in select retail locations and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## Letters to Santa Tote Bags: \$2.00

The Letters to Santa Tote Bag is great for gifts or for carrying holiday cards to the Post Office. The tote bags feature artwork derived from the 2012 Santa and Sleigh Forever stamps.


Find it in select retail locations and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## 2012 Holiday Promotional Products Offer Gifting Solutions The U.S. Postal Service Way

Shop, ship, and send all from one convenient location, or shop at home right from your desktop. When shopping, look for the "winter gift center" display for greeting cards and gift cards and other simple, easy, and fun gift ideas from the Postal Service.

## It's Time To Send Greetings

Greeting cards are always popular during the holidays, and this year 28 different individual card designs, 12 boxed holiday card choices, and one holiday stationery pattern are available in approximately 2,000 Post Offices. Individual holiday cards: \$2.50-\$3.95, boxed holiday cards: \$9.95-\$14.95, holiday stationery: \$4.95.
Note: Holiday boxed cards and stationery will only be sold in 750 of the 2,000 offices.


## Make It Simple - Make It A Gift Card

American Express ${ }^{\circledR}$ gift cards are available at over 5,000 Post Offices nationwide. These decorative gift cards come in $\$ 25$ and $\$ 50$ denominations as well as any even dollar amount between $\$ 25$ and $\$ 100$.


Holiday Ornaments: A Nice Greeting to Send, Display, and Save

## 2012 White House Holiday Ornament: \$24.99

The 2012 White House Holiday Ornament honors President William Howard Taft, who introduced the automobile to the White House in 1909. The ornament depicts President and Mrs. Taft driving in the White Motor Company's Model M car, en route to deliver Christmas presents. The ornament is made in the United States of highly polished brass with a coating of nickel finished in 24-karat gold.


Find it in select retail locations, in the USA Philatelic Catalog and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## 2011 White House Holiday Ornament: \$24.99

The 2011 White House Holiday Ornament honors the administration of Theodore Roosevelt and reflects the excitement that President Roosevelt, his wife Edith, and their lively young family brought to life at the White House. The front features a color illustration derived from a political cartoon drawn by William A. Rogers in 1901. Made in the United States.


Find it at select retail locations, in the USA Philatelic Catalog, and at The Postal Store on USPS.com.

## Wrap It Up In ReadyPost

ReadyPost bubble mailers, mailing cartons and tape. Add a bow to ReadyPost holiday mailing boxes and bubble mailers and use them under the tree instead of giftwrap. 2012 holiday designs include festive red and white stripes, and the whimsical Snoopy and Woodstock make an appearance on a variety of boxes and envelopes. Cute as is - wrap your holidays in ReadyPost and make you holidays easier. Prices range from: \$1.89-\$4.59. They are giftgiving ready.

## Holiday Stripes Bubble Mailers:

■ Small: $6.375^{\prime \prime} \times 8.75^{\prime \prime}-\$ 1.89$
■ Large: $10.75^{\prime \prime} \times 14.25^{\prime \prime}-\$ 2.79$


## Snoopy Bubble Mailers:

■ Small: $6.375^{\prime \prime} \times 8.75{ }^{\prime \prime}-\$ 1.99$

- Large: $10.75^{\prime \prime} \times 14.25$ " $-\$ 2.89$



## Holiday Stripes Mailing Cartons:

■ Medium: $8.8125^{\prime \prime} \times 5.5^{\prime \prime} \times 12.25^{\prime \prime}-\$ 3.75$
■ Large: 12.25 " x $3^{\prime \prime} \times 17.625^{\prime \prime}-\$ 4.29$


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■ Medium: $8.8125^{\prime \prime} \times 5.5^{\prime \prime} \times 12.25^{\prime \prime}-\$ 3.99$
■ Large: 12.25 " x $3^{\prime \prime} \times 17.625^{\prime \prime}-\$ 4.59$


Clear Tape: \$3.49


Find it at select retail locations.

## Perfect Gifts for the Stamp Enthusiast

The holidays are the ideal time to start the little ones on their stamp collection and who knows - the hobby could last a lifetime. Stamp collecting has often been called "the hobby of kings and the king of hobbies." Linn's Stamp News estimates that more than 5 million individuals in the United States collect the small pieces of paper that indicate payment of postage. New products recently released are available now and are perfect for gift giving, holiday time, or anytime.

## The 2012 Stamp Yearbook - \$64.95, \#991200



This 76-page hardcover book includes:

- 94 stamps from the 2012 collectible program, plus mounts.
- Fascinating information about each stamp subject.
- Placeholders to preserve the complete stamp program, including a new section for high-value stamps.
- Access to digital extras showcasing multimedia content.


## The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps, 39th Edition - \$21.95, \#891200

This guide, in an easy-to-use, oversize format, is a "must-have" for collectors. This fully illustrated, four-color guide to U.S. stamps is the official publication providing the most comprehensive information available about the U.S. stamp program. Beginning with the first stamps issued in 1847, the guide covers more than 4,000 stamps issued up to the present.


The guide includes:

- An updated stamp series section that lists the stamps issued in each series, such as American Treasures, Black Heritage, and Scenic American Landscapes.
- Detailed listings for each stamp, with color illustrations, Scott catalog numbers, dates of issue, used and unused prices, quantities issued (when known), and separate listings for design variations.
- Advice on how to start your own stamp collection.
- A resource section, a glossary of terms, and much more.

Both publications, the 2012 Stamp Yearbook and The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps, $39^{\text {th }}$ Edition, can be previewed at www.stampproducts.com/2012yearbook.

There is a philatelic product for just about everyone. For baseball fans and stamp enthusiasts, "Play Ball! Great Moments in Major League Baseball History" is the perfect keepsake. The $8-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 11 ", 40$-page softbound book is filled with the vivid paintings of artist Graig Kreindler, whose extraordinary work captures our national pastimes' biggest icons in action. The issuances included in this book
are: The 2001 Legendary Playing Fields, 2010 Negro Leagues Baseball, and the 2012 Major League Baseball AllStars stamps. Item \#469672 (Play Ball Book \$24.95)

Historians and students of the Civil War will want to add the Civil War: 1862 Commemorative Folio to their collection. This extraordinary commemorative product captures a piece of Civil War history and features the second stamp issuance in the 5 -year Civil War Sesquicentennial series. The product consists of a handsome tri-fold folio containing the Civil War: 1862 souvenir sheet of 12 stamps and a collectible card showcasing two affixed stamps and two
official first-day-of-issue postmarks. Item \#577071 (The Civil War: 1862 Commemorative Folio - \$15.95)

Mother Earth never looked so captivating - and collectible - than on a 500-piece puzzle featuring 15 breathtaking images of America's landscapes as seen from high above the planet's surface. Sure to provide hours of entertainment for all ages, the $18 \times 24$-inch puzzle also makes a spectacular piece of art to frame or display once completed. It comes with a sheet of 15 Earthscapes Forever stamps. Item \#470177 (Earthscapes Puzzle - \$17.95)

Other Philatelic Products to Promote this Holiday

| Item \# | Product Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| 470099 | Mail a Smile DCP Cancellation Keepsake \$10.95 |
| 470066 | Mail a Smile Premium Postcard Set \$15.95 |
| 468894 | Twentieth-Century Poets Notecard Set \$14.95 |
| 468799 | Heart Health DCP Cancellation Keepsake \$10.95 |
| 468294 | Cherry Blossoms Centennial Notecard Set \$13.95 |
| 231794 | Purple Martin Stamped Envelopes (10-pack) \$7.95 |
| 991204 | Mail Use Stamp Packet \$31.95 (available via www.usps.com/shop, 800-STAMP24, or USA Philatelic Catalog) |
| 991206 | High Value Stamp Packet \$45.95 (available via www.usps.com/shop, 800-STAMP24, or USA Philatelic Catalog) |
| 991207 | Yearbook, Mail Use Stamp Packet, and High Value Stamp Packet \$135.95 (available via www.usps.com/shop, <br> 800-STAMP24, or USA Philatelic Catalog) |

## Holiday Advertising and In-Store Point of Purchase (POP)

Promoting U.S. Postal Service products and services is the best way to help make holiday mailing and shipping simpler and easier than ever before. That's why this year the holiday advertising campaign is all about improving the pre-holiday customer experience and reminding customers to share the joys of the holiday by sending cards and mailing gifts. Each element promotes Postal Service products and services as the best way to help make holiday mailing and shipping simpler and easier than ever before.

Holiday advertising will be up in all 32,000 Post Office locations and has been up in high revenue generating CPUs since October 15.

Communication priorities are as follows:

- Buy stamps now; mail physical holiday cards by December 20.
- Take home Priory Mail Flat Rate Boxes now, go online to USPS.com, print and pay for a shipping label, schedule a home pickup, or find a drop-off location by December 21.
This year's campaign highlights U.S. Postal Service solutions for convenient mailing and shipping products and services and leverages the illustrations from the 2012 holiday, Santa and Sleigh stamps including:
- Order free boxes and envelopes by December 3 for holiday shipping.
- Pay and print postage using Click-N-Ship service.
- Schedule Free Package Pickup service.
- Track your packages.
- Find Approved Postal Provider locations.


## In-Store Point of Purchase Elements

## 2012 Holiday Stamps Poster


order stamps online anytime at USPS.com

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## Menu Board




## Self-Service Shipping and Mailing Stanchion Sign



Door Decal


## In-Home Date: November 7, 2012

Holiday Direct Mail Piece mailed to 139,599,126 households. This count includes the 48 contiguous states, Alaska and Hawaii, and residential Post Office Box and street delivery. A portion of ZIP Codes will be segmented to receive a bilingual version.

Promotes many convenient products and services including Express Mail Flat Rate, Priority Mail Flat Rate, GXG, Express Mail International Flat Rate, and Priority Mail International Flat Rate.

Also new for this year, the holiday landing page, www.usps.com/cheer (also accessible via QR code), where you can:

- Order free boxes and envelopes by December 3 for holiday shipping.
- Pay and print postage using Click-N-Ship service.
- Schedule Free Package Pickup service.
- Track your packages.
- Buy holiday stamps.
- Find Approved Postal Provider locations.
- Download the free USPS mobile app.
- Find Post Office locations with convenient options including:
- Self-service kiosks.
- Free boxes and envelopes.
- Extended hours.
- Holiday-themed supplies, cards, and gifts.
- Holiday stamps to dress up your holiday cards and letters.


## Promotional Ideas 2012

Promoting the holidays and our products and services can be done in any Post Office lobby, and it's a great way to show our customers and the community it's the best time of year for the Postal Service. Here are a few promotional ideas that you could easily deliver:

Post-it Party - Host a holiday promotional event in the lobby or other postal facility to demonstrate packing and mailing tips and invite local media to attend. Let your backdrop consist of a display of shipping products, including Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes, ReadyPost holiday products, and gift items for retail sale. Demonstrate just how much can fit into a Priority Mail Flat Rate Box by packing one with some Letters to Santa gift items to create a great photo opportunity. Be sure to have the holiday fact sheets on hand, which can be viewed at and printed from www.usps.com/holidaynews.

Demo Display - Deliver holiday solutions to the community by hosting a "How to Holiday the U.S. Postal Service Way" free seminar at a local library, community center, or senior center. Walk attendees through some mailing and shipping best practices, targeting all the ways to Flat Rate. Display the new Santa and Sleigh Forever stamps and the other holiday stamps available to celebrate the season and be sure to have them available for sale. Demonstrate how to send military mail and promote Express Mail service for last-minute gifts. Always hand out a folder with the holiday news releases, shipping products, holiday mailing tips, international products, holiday fact sheets, 2012 Postal Facts, and, for a personal touch, a Hallmark greeting card signed by the local postmaster. Contact your communications program specialist to maximize local media attention.

Stage Theatrics - Never underestimate the media draw of the costumed characters. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and a team of postal elves can host a lobby event and give information on holiday mailing deadlines and packaging tips, show customers how to use the Self-Service Shipping and Mailing Center for their holiday mailings, and if an Internet connection and computer are available, show customers how to wrap up the holidays from home by creating shipping labels with postage using Click-N-Ship service on USPS.com. Serve hot chocolate and holiday cookies for an added warm and fuzzy touch.

Reality Shipping - Here is a story that's sure to get some news media coverage: "the great package race." Here is how it works: Invite a consumer reporter to fit as much as he or she can into two Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes and address both boxes to the same address. Have the reporter mail one package at a Post Office and the other using the convenience of Click-N-Ship and free Package Pickup on USPS.com. Be sure to point out to the reporter how much time and money was saved by going online to USPS.com. The reporter can then do a news story on when the packages arrive.

Salute the Military - Postmasters can send letters promoting a $\$ 2$ military discount for Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes being sent to APO/FPO addresses, Military Care Kits, and military shipping dates to editors of military association newsletters/public affairs officials at local military bases, media (focus on consumer reporters), veterans associations, United Services Organization, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, U.S. Navy League, Marine Corps League, U.S. Marines, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, National Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, local military installations/bases, Federal Executive Boards, etc.

More for Military - Order Military Care Kits to use as display samples for lobby demonstrations. Demonstrate how many holiday gifts can fit in a Priority Mail Flat Rate Box. Promote "If it fits, it ships," the care kits, and the $\$ 2$ military discount.

Holiday Writing Party - Invite elementary/junior high students, high school ROTC, Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts, and other community groups to create cards and letters to ship to service men and women overseas. Create a media event; be sure to ask your communications program specialist for assistance. The students or other participants stuff all items into individual Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes in the lobby and ship as a group at the retail counter.

In-Person Interview - Wherever possible, have reporters interview APO/FPO military personnel who can share how important it is to receive mail when stationed overseas and away from home, particularly during the holiday season. Create a "goody box" of promotional materials in a Priority Mail Flat Rate Box to give to each reporter. The box could include all news releases relative to shipping military mail, holiday mailing tips, international products, holiday fact sheets, 2012 Postal Facts, and a holiday card addressed to the media thanking them for all the positive coverage throughout the year. Corporate Communications can help supply the informational materials.

Eye Candy - Visuals attract attention. Stack Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes into the shape of a holiday tree or on a table in the lobby for a photo opportunity. If possible, have several students carry the boxes to a designated sales and service associate for mailing. Invite representatives from local veterans associations and ask them to talk about the importance of receiving mail when stationed overseas during the holidays. Local cable television stations will usually come out for an in-lobby demo and interview such as this.

Easy to Do - Ensure you have plenty of Priority Mail boxes available and that your retail product line is configured as outlined in the Planogram. Light refreshments are appreciated at all times and you can always raffle off a sheet of holiday stamps, or one of the numerous retail products we are offering this holiday season. Be in the lobby to meet and greet - what better time of year to let your customers know you care.

# It's the Busiest Mailing Day for Holiday Cards and Packages 

U.S. Postal Service Ready for Last-Minute Rush

| WHAT: | Join (Insert Postal Officials Name) on the busiest day for mailing holiday cards let- <br> ter and packages and a behind-the-scenes look at how mail is processed and <br> sorted for delivery. Hear from U.S. Postal Service mailing and shipping experts <br> how to properly pack and ship holiday gifts to ensure on-time arrival. Learn time- <br> saving tips and discover the best bargains in shipping this holiday season. <br>  <br> WHO: <br> (Insert Name(s) of Postal Official - Arial, 10 pt.) |
| :--- | :--- |
| WHEN: | Monday, Dec. 17 |
| WHERE: | (Insert Facility Address) |
| BACKGROUND: | Americans will entrust more than 15.2 billion pieces of mail with the U.S. Postal <br>  <br> Service from Thanksgiving to Christmas. This Monday, Dec. 17, is anticipated to <br> be the busiest mailing day for holiday packages, cards and letters with volumes to <br> reach an estimated 658 million pieces on that day. |

As the U.S. Postal Service prepares for its busiest mailing day of the year, shoppers are scrambling to send their holiday gifts and cards in time for Christmas. Here are the recommended mail-by dates:

- Dec. 14 - Parcel Post.
- Dec. 20 - First-Class Mail.
- Dec. 21 - Priority Mail.
- Dec. 22 - Express Mail.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.
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#### Abstract

Note: For broadcast quality video and audio, photo stills and other media resources, visit the USPS Newsroom at http://about.usps.com/news/welcome.htm. For reporters interested in speaking with a regional Postal Service public relations professional, go to http:/ /about.usps.com/news/media-contacts/usps-local-media-contacts.pdf. A self-supporting government enterprise, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation - 151 million residences, businesses and Post Office Boxes. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. With 32,000 retail locations and the most frequently visited website in the federal government, USPS.com, the Postal Service has annual revenue of more than $\$ 65$ billion and delivers nearly 40 percent of the world's mail. If it were a private sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank $35^{\text {th }}$ in the 2011 Fortune 500. In 2011, Oxford Strategic Consulting ranked the U.S. Postal Service number one in overall service performance of the posts in the top 20 wealthiest nations in the world. Black Enterprise and Hispanic Business magazines ranked the Postal Service as a leader in workforce diversity. The Postal Service has been named the most trusted government agency for six years and the sixth-most-trusted business in the nation by the Ponemon Institute. Follow the Postal Service at www.twitter.com/USPSstamps and www.facebook.com/USPSSTAMPS.


## Schedule for National Press Releases

| Only 100 Shipping Days Left | Sep. 25 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Holy Family Forever (stamp release) | Oct. 10 |
| Santa and Sleigh | Oct. 13 |
| Military Mailing Date | Oct. 24 |
| 2012 Holiday White House Ornament | Oct. 25 |
| Wrap Your Holidays in ReadyPost | Oct. 30 |
| Holiday Boxes on usps.com | Nov. 1 |
| Holiday Gift Ideas | Nov. 5 |
| Holiday Tips (in conjunction with DC press event) | Nov. 8 |
| Postal Store and Custom stamps for the Holiday | Nov. 13 |
| USPS Guide to Holiday Mailing | Nov. 14 |
| Letters From Santa | Nov. 16 |
| The USPS is Everywhere this Holiday Season-Time to Celebrate | Nov. 21 |
| Black Friday Shipping | Nov. 12 |
| Cyber Monday online with the US Postal Service with 2011 results | Nov. 26 |
| Going away this holiday? PFS | Nov. 27 |
| How to Ship Tips | Dec. 3 |
| Press Release Operation Santa | Dec. 4 |
| Season's Greening from the USPS | Dec. 10 |
| American Express Gift Cards Last Minute Gifts | Dec. 13 |
| Busiest Mailing and Delivery Dates | Dec. 17 |
| Holiday Shipping and Mailing Deadline Reminders | Dec. 19 |
| Christmas Eve and New Years Eve Closing Early | Dec. 20 |
| USPS Offers Stress Free Returns | Dec 26 |

*News release dates subject to change

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| California | Jim Cari | 6029 |
| Connecticut | Darrell Donnelly | 6748 |
| Colorado | David Coleman | 3745 |
| Delaware | Darrell Donnelly | 6748 |
| District of Columbia | Darrell Donnelly | 6748 |
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| Idaho | David Coleman | 3745 |
| Illinois | Jeremy Simmons | 7839 |
| Indiana | Shaun Chang | 7626 |
| Iowa | Chatika Copeland | 7505 |
| Kansas | Chatika Copeland | 7505 |
| Kentucky | Shaun Chang | 7626 |
| Louisiana | Mike Porter | 7217 |
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| Maryland | Darrell Donnelly | 6748 |
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| Michigan | Jeremy Simmons | 7839 |
| Minnesota | Chatika Copeland | 7505 |
| Mississippi | David Coleman | 3745 |
| Missouri | Shaun Chang | 7626 |
| Montana | David Coleman | 3745 |
| Nebraska | Chatika Copeland | 7505 |
| Nevada | David Coleman | 3745 |
| New Hampshire | Ekaterina Silina | 6027 |
| New Jersey | Darrell Donnelly | 6748 |
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| Ohio | Tim Grilo | 4387 |
| Oklahoma | Mike Porter | 7217 |
| Oregon | David Coleman | 3745 |
| Pennsylvania | Tim Grilo | 4387 |
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| Rhode Island | Darrell Donnelly | 6748 |
| South Carolina | Jason Lamote | 3743 |
| South Dakota | Chatika Copeland | 7505 |
| Tennessee | Shaun Chang | 7626 |
| Texas | Mike Porter | 7217 |
| Utah | David Coleman | 3745 |
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| Wisconsin | Jeremy Simmons | 7839 |
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## Employee Tipping and Gift-Receiving Policy

All postal employees, including carriers, must comply with the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch. Under these federal regulations, carriers are permitted to accept a gift worth $\$ 20$ or less from a customer per occasion, such as Christmas. However, cash and cash equivalents, such as checks or gift cards that can be exchanged for cash, must never be accepted in any amount. Furthermore, no employee may accept more than $\$ 50$ worth of gifts from any one customer in any one calendar year period.

## Policies, Procedures, and Forms Updates

## Manuals

## ASM Revision: Personnel Security Clearances

Effective November 1, 2012, the Administrative Support Manual (ASM) 272 is revised. The July 1999 edition has been updated to reflect changes in personnel security clearances.

The Personnel Security Policy of the U.S. Postal Service ${ }^{\circledR}$ has been updated to assign levels of background investigations consistent with Office of Personnel Management (OPM) standards. The purpose of this personnel security update is to protect our brand, reputation, assets, and corporate and personnel data.

The ASM is now available on the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ PolicyNet website:

- Go to http://blue.usps.gov.
- Under "Essential Links" in the left-hand column, click PolicyNet.
- On the PolicyNet page, click Manuals.
(The direct URL for the Postal Service PolicyNet website is http://blue.usps.gov/cpim.)
- Security and Crime Prevention Group,

Postal Inspection Service, 11-1-12

## DMM Revision: New Option for Pallets of Periodicals Bearing Intelligent Mail Container Placards

Effective January 27, 2013, the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ will revise Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual ( $\mathrm{DMM}^{\circledR}$ ) 708.6.6.5 to provide another new option to Periodicals mailers preparing pallets or other approved containers bearing Intelligent Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$ container placards.

Currently for pallets of Periodicals, mailing standards require that pink designator labels, used in conjunction with white Intelligent Mail container placards, be printed in landscape orientation and not include any print or graphics other than the USPS ${ }^{\circledR}$-required markings. With this change, when designator labels are used in conjunction with Intelligent Mail container placards, the Postal Service will define the mailer-use area as the bottom 3 inches of designator labels measuring at least 8 inches by 11 inches, and as the bottom 1 inch of designator labels measuring less than 8 inches by 11 inches. For mailers using this option, the Postal Service will allow the placement of extraneous information, meeting the criteria provided in DMM 705.8.6.8, in the mailer-use area of pink designator labels.

This mailer-use area on designator labels is an option being provided in response to requests from mailers. However, the Postal Service recommends that mailers instead make use of the available mailer/acceptance unit area provided on Intelligent Mail container placards, if possible, when adding mailer-use information on pallets of Periodicals.

The use of pink designator labels is permitted only with pallets bearing Intelligent Mail container placards.

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

Special Services

708 Technical Specifications
6.0 Standards for Barcoded Tray Labels, Sack Labels, and Container Placards
6.6 Intelligent Mail Container Placards (Labels)

### 6.6.5 Placard Requirements

Mailers may use placards bearing Intelligent Mail container barcodes only under the following conditions:
e. Placards containing Periodicals may be all white when used in conjunction with a pink designator label meeting the following criteria:

## [Revise 6.6.5e1as follows:]

1. Designator labels must be printed in landscape orientation and, except for the defined mailer-use area, must not include any print or graphics, other
than the required markings in 6.6 .5 e 2 and 5 e 3 . Mailers may place extraneous information, meeting the criteria in 705.8.6.8, only in the mailer-use area of the label.
[Renumber the current 5e2 through 5e4 as the new 5e3 through 5e5 and add a new 5e2 as follows:]
2. The mailer-use area consists of the bottom 3 inches of designator labels measuring at least 8 inches by 11 inches, and the bottom 1 inch of designator labels measuring less than 8 inches by 11 inches. Mailers must define the mailer-use area by placing a horizontal black line of at least 0.10 inch in thickness, extending the width of the label, and
must include "MAILER-USE ONLY" text printed in all uppercase letters centered and embedded within the horizontal black line. This text must be printed using boldface sans-serif font and must be in at least 14-point type.

We will incorporate these revisions into the next monthly update of the online DMM, which is available via Postal Explorer ${ }^{\circledR}$ at $h t t p: / / p e . u s p s . c o m$.

- Product Classification,

Pricing, 11-1-12

## DMM Revision: Periodicals - Sacking Requirements

Effective immediately, the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ will revise the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM ${ }^{\circledR}$ ) 707 to require sack preparation when 72 copies of a Periodicals publication are prepared for a presort level. Sacking when 24 pieces are prepared for a presort level will become optional. This modification will make it possible for Periodicals mailers to reduce the number of required sacks they prepare and will contribute to improved efficiencies for the Postal Service.

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

## 700 Special Standards

707 Periodicals
23.0 Preparing Carrier Route Periodicals
23.4 Preparation-Flat-Size Pieces and Irregular Parcels

### 23.4.1 Sacking and Labeling

Preparation sequence, sack size, and labeling:
[Revise the introductory text of 23.4.1a as follows:]
a. Carrier route, required at 72 pieces, optional at 24 pieces, fewer pieces not permitted.


## [Revise the introductory text of 25.4d as follows:]

d. SCF, required at 72 pieces, optional at 24 pieces; fewer pieces not permitted; labeling:
[Revise the introductory text of 25.4 f as follows:]
f. $A D C$, required at 72 pieces, optional at 24 pieces; fewer pieces not permitted; labeling:

### 25.5 Optional Tray Preparation-Flat-Size Barcoded Pieces

***Tray preparation, sequence, and labeling:
[Revise the introductory text of 25.5 a as follows:]
a. 5-digit scheme (required), 72-piece minimum, optional at 24 pieces, fewer pieces not permitted; labeling:

*     *         *             *                 * 

[Revise the introductory text of 25.5 b as follows:]
b. 5-digit (required), 72-piece minimum, optional at 24 pieces, fewer pieces not permitted; labeling:
[Revise the introductory text of 25.5c as follows:]
c. 3-digit (required), 72-piece minimum, optional at 24 pieces, fewer pieces not permitted; labeling:
[Revise the introductory text of $25.5 d$ as follows:]
d. SCF (required), 72-piece minimum, optional at 24 pieces, fewer pieces not permitted; labeling:
[Revise the introductory text of $25.5 f$ as follows:]
f. $A D C$ (required), 72-piece minimum, optional at 24 pieces, fewer pieces not permitted, no overflow tray allowed; labeling:

We will incorporate these revisions into the next monthly update of the online DMM, which is available via Postal Explorer ${ }^{\circledR}$ at $h t t p: / / p e . u s p s . c o m$.

- Product Classification,

Pricing, 11-1-12

## IMM Revision: Special Drawing Right Values and Indemnity Limits for Ordinary Priority Mail International Parcels and Registered Mail Service

Effective January 1, 2013, the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ will revise the following sections in Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual $\left(\mathrm{IMM}^{\circledR}\right)$ to reflect a change in the conversion rate between special drawing right (SDR) values and U.S. dollars, and to reflect changes to the indemnity limits for ordinary Priority Mail International ${ }^{\circledR}$ parcels and Registered Mail ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ items (which are affected by the SDR values):

- Exhibit 232.83.
- Section 323.62.
- Exhibit 323.62.
- Section 333.2.
- Section 934.2.
- The Individual Country Listing for each country that offers Registered Mail service.
Postal Service retail employees use the weight and indemnity limits in Exhibit 232.83 when a customer presents an ordinary parcel for mailing. Postal Service retail employees use the dollars-to-SDR conversion table in Exhibit 323.62 when a customer presents an insured parcel for mailing, subject to availability in the destination country. For insured parcels, employees must write the insured amount, stated in terms of both dollars and SDR values, in
the designated blocks on PS Form 2976-A, Customs Declaration and Dispatch Note - CP 72.


## Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM)

## 2 Conditions for Mailing

Eligibility

### 232.8 Priority Mail International Insurance and Indemnity

### 232.83 Ordinary Priority Mail International Weight and Indemnity Limits



## Exhibit 232.83 Ordinary Priority Mail International Weight and Indemnity Limits

[Revise Exhibit 232.83 to read as follows:]

| Weight Not Over (Ibs.) | Indemnity | Weight Not Over (Ibs.) | Indemnity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | \$64.66 | 36 | 174.56 |
| 2 | 67.80 | 37 | 177.70 |
| 3 | 70.94 | 38 | 180.84 |
| 4 | 74.08 | 39 | 183.98 |
| 5 | 77.22 | 40 | 187.12 |
| 6 | 80.36 | 41 | 190.26 |
| 7 | 83.50 | 42 | 193.40 |
| 8 | 86.64 | 43 | 196.54 |
| 9 | 89.78 | 44 | 199.68 |
| 10 | 92.92 | 45 | 202.82 |
| 11 | 96.06 | 46 | 205.96 |
| 12 | 99.20 | 47 | 209.10 |
| 13 | 102.34 | 48 | 212.24 |
| 14 | 105.48 | 49 | 215.38 |
| 15 | 108.62 | 50 | 218.52 |
| 16 | 111.76 | 51 | 221.66 |
| 17 | 114.90 | 52 | 224.80 |
| 18 | 118.04 | 53 | 227.94 |
| 19 | 121.18 | 54 | 231.08 |
| 20 | 124.32 | 55 | 234.22 |
| 21 | 127.46 | 56 | 237.36 |
| 22 | 130.60 | 57 | 240.50 |
| 23 | 133.74 | 58 | 243.64 |
| 24 | 136.88 | 59 | 246.78 |
| 25 | 140.02 | 60 | 249.92 |
| 26 | 143.16 | 61 | 253.06 |
| 27 | 146.30 | 62 | 256.20 |
| 28 | 149.44 | 63 | 259.34 |
| 29 | 152.58 | 64 | 262.48 |
| 30 | 155.72 | 65 | 265.62 |
| 31 | 158.86 | 66 | 268.76 |
| 32 | 162.00 | 67 | 271.90 |
| 33 | 165.14 | 68 | 275.04 |
| 34 | 168.28 | 69 | 278.18 |
| 35 | 171.42 | 70 | 281.32 |
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## 3 Extra Services

Insurance

Priority Mail International Insurance
323.6

Preparation of Insured Priority Mail International Parcels

### 323.62 Accepting Clerk's Responsibility

The accepting clerk must do the following:
[In item b, revise the SDR amount to be 65.02, to read as follows:]
b. *** For example:

INSURED VALUE
$\$ 100.00$ (US)
65.02 SDR
[Revise item c to read as follows:]
c. See Exhibit 323.62 for a table showing the conversion of U.S. dollar values up to $\$ 600$ to SDR equivalents. To determine SDR equivalents above \$600, multiply the insured amount, rounded up to the next full dollar, by the conversion factor of 0.6502 .
Note: Use the following rates when converting between U.S. dollars and SDR values:
1 U.S. \$ = 0.6502 SDR
1 SDR = \$1.54 (\$1.5379 U.S.)
[Revise Exhibit 323.62 to read as shown in the table below:]

## Exhibit 323.62 Conversion Table: U.S. Dollars to Special Drawing Right (SDR)

1 U.S. $\$=0.6502$ SDR1 SDR = \$1.54 (\$1.5379 U.S.)

| US\$ | SDR | US\$ | SDR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0.6502 | 301 | 195.7102 |
| 2 | 1.3004 | 302 | 196.3604 |
| 3 | 1.9506 | 303 | 197.0106 |
| 4 | 2.6008 | 304 | 197.6608 |
| 5 | 3.2510 | 305 | 198.3110 |
| 6 | 3.9012 | 306 | 198.9612 |
| 7 | 4.5514 | 307 | 199.6114 |
| 8 | 5.2016 | 308 | 200.2616 |
| 9 | 5.8518 | 309 | 200.9118 |
| 10 | 6.5020 | 310 | 201.5620 |
| 11 | 7.1522 | 311 | 202.2122 |
| 12 | 7.8024 | 312 | 202.8624 |
| 13 | 8.4526 | 313 | 203.5126 |
| 14 | 9.1028 | 314 | 204.1628 |
| 15 | 9.7530 | 315 | 204.8130 |
| 16 | 10.4032 | 316 | 205.4632 |
| 17 | 11.0534 | 317 | 206.1134 |
| 18 | 11.7036 | 318 | 206.7636 |
| 19 | 12.3538 | 319 | 207.4138 |
| 20 | 13.0040 | 320 | 208.0640 |
| 21 | 13.6542 | 321 | 208.7142 |
| 22 | 14.3044 | 322 | 209.3644 |
| 23 | 14.9546 | 323 | 210.0146 |


| US\$ | SDR | US\$ | SDR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 | 15.6048 | 324 | 210.6648 |
| 25 | 16.2550 | 325 | 211.3150 |
| 26 | 16.9052 | 326 | 211.9652 |
| 27 | 17.5554 | 327 | 212.6154 |
| 28 | 18.2056 | 328 | 213.2656 |
| 29 | 18.8558 | 329 | 213.9158 |
| 30 | 19.5060 | 330 | 214.5660 |
| 31 | 20.1562 | 331 | 215.2162 |
| 32 | 20.8064 | 332 | 215.8664 |
| 33 | 21.4566 | 333 | 216.5166 |
| 34 | 22.1068 | 334 | 217.1668 |
| 35 | 22.7570 | 335 | 217.8170 |
| 36 | 23.4072 | 336 | 218.4672 |
| 37 | 24.0574 | 337 | 219.1174 |
| 38 | 24.7076 | 338 | 219.7676 |
| 39 | 25.3578 | 339 | 220.4178 |
| 40 | 26.0080 | 340 | 221.0680 |
| 41 | 26.6582 | 341 | 221.7182 |
| 42 | 27.3084 | 342 | 222.3684 |
| 43 | 27.9586 | 343 | 223.0186 |
| 44 | 28.6088 | 344 | 223.6688 |
| 45 | 29.2590 | 345 | 224.3190 |
| 46 | 29.9092 | 346 | 224.9692 |
| 47 | 30.5594 | 347 | 225.6194 |
| 48 | 31.2096 | 348 | 226.2696 |
| 49 | 31.8598 | 349 | 226.9198 |
| 50 | 32.5100 | 350 | 227.5700 |
| 51 | 33.1602 | 351 | 228.2202 |
| 52 | 33.8104 | 352 | 228.8704 |
| 53 | 34.4606 | 353 | 229.5206 |
| 54 | 35.1108 | 354 | 230.1708 |
| 55 | 35.7610 | 355 | 230.8210 |
| 56 | 36.4112 | 356 | 231.4712 |
| 57 | 37.0614 | 357 | 232.1214 |
| 58 | 37.7116 | 358 | 232.7716 |
| 59 | 38.3618 | 359 | 233.4218 |
| 60 | 39.0120 | 360 | 234.0720 |
| 61 | 39.6622 | 361 | 234.7222 |
| 62 | 40.3124 | 362 | 235.3724 |
| 63 | 40.9626 | 363 | 236.0226 |
| 64 | 41.6128 | 364 | 236.6728 |
| 65 | 42.2630 | 365 | 237.3230 |
| 66 | 42.9132 | 366 | 237.9732 |
| 67 | 43.5634 | 367 | 238.6234 |
| 68 | 44.2136 | 368 | 239.2736 |
| 69 | 44.8638 | 369 | 239.9238 |
| 70 | 45.5140 | 370 | 240.5740 |
| 71 | 46.1642 | 371 | 241.2242 |
| 72 | 46.8144 | 372 | 241.8744 |
| 73 | 47.4646 | 373 | 242.5246 |
| 74 | 48.1148 | 374 | 243.1748 |
| 75 | 48.7650 | 375 | 243.8250 |
| 76 | 49.4152 | 376 | 244.4752 |
| 77 | 50.0654 | 377 | 245.1254 |
| 78 | 50.7156 | 378 | 245.7756 |
| 79 | 51.3658 | 379 | 246.4258 |
| 80 | 52.0160 | 380 | 247.0760 |
| 81 | 52.6662 | 381 | 247.7262 |
| 82 | 53.3164 | 382 | 248.3764 |
| 83 | 53.9666 | 383 | 249.0266 |
| 84 | 54.6168 | 384 | 249.6768 |
| 85 | 55.2670 | 385 | 250.3270 |
| 86 | 55.9172 | 386 | 250.9772 |


| US\$ | SDR | US\$ | SDR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 87 | 56.5674 | 387 | 251.6274 |
| 88 | 57.2176 | 388 | 252.2776 |
| 89 | 57.8678 | 389 | 252.9278 |
| 90 | 58.5180 | 390 | 253.5780 |
| 91 | 59.1682 | 391 | 254.2282 |
| 92 | 59.8184 | 392 | 254.8784 |
| 93 | 60.4686 | 393 | 255.5286 |
| 94 | 61.1188 | 394 | 256.1788 |
| 95 | 61.7690 | 395 | 256.8290 |
| 96 | 62.4192 | 396 | 257.4792 |
| 97 | 63.0694 | 397 | 258.1294 |
| 98 | 63.7196 | 398 | 258.7796 |
| 99 | 64.3698 | 399 | 259.4298 |
| 100 | 65.0200 | 400 | 260.0800 |
| 101 | 65.6702 | 401 | 260.7302 |
| 102 | 66.3204 | 402 | 261.3804 |
| 103 | 66.9706 | 403 | 262.0306 |
| 104 | 67.6208 | 404 | 262.6808 |
| 105 | 68.2710 | 405 | 263.3310 |
| 106 | 68.9212 | 406 | 263.9812 |
| 107 | 69.5714 | 407 | 264.6314 |
| 108 | 70.2216 | 408 | 265.2816 |
| 109 | 70.8718 | 409 | 265.9318 |
| 110 | 71.5220 | 410 | 266.5820 |
| 111 | 72.1722 | 411 | 267.2322 |
| 112 | 72.8224 | 412 | 267.8824 |
| 113 | 73.4726 | 413 | 268.5326 |
| 114 | 74.1228 | 414 | 269.1828 |
| 115 | 74.7730 | 415 | 269.8330 |
| 116 | 75.4232 | 416 | 270.4832 |
| 117 | 76.0734 | 417 | 271.1334 |
| 118 | 76.7236 | 418 | 271.7836 |
| 119 | 77.3738 | 419 | 272.4338 |
| 120 | 78.0240 | 420 | 273.0840 |
| 121 | 78.6742 | 421 | 273.7342 |
| 122 | 79.3244 | 422 | 274.3844 |
| 123 | 79.9746 | 423 | 275.0346 |
| 124 | 80.6248 | 424 | 275.6848 |
| 125 | 81.2750 | 425 | 276.3350 |
| 126 | 81.9252 | 426 | 276.9852 |
| 127 | 82.5754 | 427 | 277.6354 |
| 128 | 83.2256 | 428 | 278.2856 |
| 129 | 83.8758 | 429 | 278.9358 |
| 130 | 84.5260 | 430 | 279.5860 |
| 131 | 85.1762 | 431 | 280.2362 |
| 132 | 85.8264 | 432 | 280.8864 |
| 133 | 86.4766 | 433 | 281.5366 |
| 134 | 87.1268 | 434 | 282.1868 |
| 135 | 87.7770 | 435 | 282.8370 |
| 136 | 88.4272 | 436 | 283.4872 |
| 137 | 89.0774 | 437 | 284.1374 |
| 138 | 89.7276 | 438 | 284.7876 |
| 139 | 90.3778 | 439 | 285.4378 |
| 140 | 91.0280 | 440 | 286.0880 |
| 141 | 91.6782 | 441 | 286.7382 |
| 142 | 92.3284 | 442 | 287.3884 |
| 143 | 92.9786 | 443 | 288.0386 |
| 144 | 93.6288 | 444 | 288.6888 |
| 145 | 94.2790 | 445 | 289.3390 |
| 146 | 94.9292 | 446 | 289.9892 |
| 147 | 95.5794 | 447 | 290.6394 |
| 148 | 96.2296 | 448 | 291.2896 |
| 149 | 96.8798 | 449 | 291.9398 |


| US\$ | SDR | US\$ | SDR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 150 | 97.5300 | 450 | 292.5900 |
| 151 | 98.1802 | 451 | 293.2402 |
| 152 | 98.8304 | 452 | 293.8904 |
| 153 | 99.4806 | 453 | 294.5406 |
| 154 | 100.1308 | 454 | 295.1908 |
| 155 | 100.7810 | 455 | 295.8410 |
| 156 | 101.4312 | 456 | 296.4912 |
| 157 | 102.0814 | 457 | 297.1414 |
| 158 | 102.7316 | 458 | 297.7916 |
| 159 | 103.3818 | 459 | 298.4418 |
| 160 | 104.0320 | 460 | 299.0920 |
| 161 | 104.6822 | 461 | 299.7422 |
| 162 | 105.3324 | 462 | 300.3924 |
| 163 | 105.9826 | 463 | 301.0426 |
| 164 | 106.6328 | 464 | 301.6928 |
| 165 | 107.2830 | 465 | 302.3430 |
| 166 | 107.9332 | 466 | 302.9932 |
| 167 | 108.5834 | 467 | 303.6434 |
| 168 | 109.2336 | 468 | 304.2936 |
| 169 | 109.8838 | 469 | 304.9438 |
| 170 | 110.5340 | 470 | 305.5940 |
| 171 | 111.1842 | 471 | 306.2442 |
| 172 | 111.8344 | 472 | 306.8944 |
| 173 | 112.4846 | 473 | 307.5446 |
| 174 | 113.1348 | 474 | 308.1948 |
| 175 | 113.7850 | 475 | 308.8450 |
| 176 | 114.4352 | 476 | 309.4952 |
| 177 | 115.0854 | 477 | 310.1454 |
| 178 | 115.7356 | 478 | 310.7956 |
| 179 | 116.3858 | 479 | 311.4458 |
| 180 | 117.0360 | 480 | 312.0960 |
| 181 | 117.6862 | 481 | 312.7462 |
| 182 | 118.3364 | 482 | 313.3964 |
| 183 | 118.9866 | 483 | 314.0466 |
| 184 | 119.6368 | 484 | 314.6968 |
| 185 | 120.2870 | 485 | 315.3470 |
| 186 | 120.9372 | 486 | 315.9972 |
| 187 | 121.5874 | 487 | 316.6474 |
| 188 | 122.2376 | 488 | 317.2976 |
| 189 | 122.8878 | 489 | 317.9478 |
| 190 | 123.5380 | 490 | 318.5980 |
| 191 | 124.1882 | 491 | 319.2482 |
| 192 | 124.8384 | 492 | 319.8984 |
| 193 | 125.4886 | 493 | 320.5486 |
| 194 | 126.1388 | 494 | 321.1988 |
| 195 | 126.7890 | 495 | 321.8490 |
| 196 | 127.4392 | 496 | 322.4992 |
| 197 | 128.0894 | 497 | 323.1494 |
| 198 | 128.7396 | 498 | 323.7996 |
| 199 | 129.3898 | 499 | 324.4498 |
| 200 | 130.0400 | 500 | 325.1000 |
| 201 | 130.6902 | 501 | 325.7502 |
| 202 | 131.3404 | 502 | 326.4004 |
| 203 | 131.9906 | 503 | 327.0506 |
| 204 | 132.6408 | 504 | 327.7008 |
| 205 | 133.2910 | 505 | 328.3510 |
| 206 | 133.9412 | 506 | 329.0012 |
| 207 | 134.5914 | 507 | 329.6514 |
| 208 | 135.2416 | 508 | 330.3016 |
| 209 | 135.8918 | 509 | 330.9518 |
| 210 | 136.5420 | 510 | 331.6020 |
| 211 | 137.1922 | 511 | 332.2522 |
| 212 | 137.8424 | 512 | 332.9024 |


| US\$ | SDR | US\$ | SDR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 213 | 138.4926 | 513 | 333.5526 |
| 214 | 139.1428 | 514 | 334.2028 |
| 215 | 139.7930 | 515 | 334.8530 |
| 216 | 140.4432 | 516 | 335.5032 |
| 217 | 141.0934 | 517 | 336.1534 |
| 218 | 141.7436 | 518 | 336.8036 |
| 219 | 142.3938 | 519 | 337.4538 |
| 220 | 143.0440 | 520 | 338.1040 |
| 221 | 143.6942 | 521 | 338.7542 |
| 222 | 144.3444 | 522 | 339.4044 |
| 223 | 144.9946 | 523 | 340.0546 |
| 224 | 145.6448 | 524 | 340.7048 |
| 225 | 146.2950 | 525 | 341.3550 |
| 226 | 146.9452 | 526 | 342.0052 |
| 227 | 147.5954 | 527 | 342.6554 |
| 228 | 148.2456 | 528 | 343.3056 |
| 229 | 148.8958 | 529 | 343.9558 |
| 230 | 149.5460 | 530 | 344.6060 |
| 231 | 150.1962 | 531 | 345.2562 |
| 232 | 150.8464 | 532 | 345.9064 |
| 233 | 151.4966 | 533 | 346.5566 |
| 234 | 152.1468 | 534 | 347.2068 |
| 235 | 152.7970 | 535 | 347.8570 |
| 236 | 153.4472 | 536 | 348.5072 |
| 237 | 154.0974 | 537 | 349.1574 |
| 238 | 154.7476 | 538 | 349.8076 |
| 239 | 155.3978 | 539 | 350.4578 |
| 240 | 156.0480 | 540 | 351.1080 |
| 241 | 156.6982 | 541 | 351.7582 |
| 242 | 157.3484 | 542 | 352.4084 |
| 243 | 157.9986 | 543 | 353.0586 |
| 244 | 158.6488 | 544 | 353.7088 |
| 245 | 159.2990 | 545 | 354.3590 |
| 246 | 159.9492 | 546 | 355.0092 |
| 247 | 160.5994 | 547 | 355.6594 |
| 248 | 161.2496 | 548 | 356.3096 |
| 249 | 161.8998 | 549 | 356.9598 |
| 250 | 162.5500 | 550 | 357.6100 |
| 251 | 163.2002 | 551 | 358.2602 |
| 252 | 163.8504 | 552 | 358.9104 |
| 253 | 164.5006 | 553 | 359.5606 |
| 254 | 165.1508 | 554 | 360.2108 |
| 255 | 165.8010 | 555 | 360.8610 |
| 256 | 166.4512 | 556 | 361.5112 |
| 257 | 167.1014 | 557 | 362.1614 |
| 258 | 167.7516 | 558 | 362.8116 |
| 259 | 168.4018 | 559 | 363.4618 |
| 260 | 169.0520 | 560 | 364.1120 |
| 261 | 169.7022 | 561 | 364.7622 |
| 262 | 170.3524 | 562 | 365.4124 |
| 263 | 171.0026 | 563 | 366.0626 |
| 264 | 171.6528 | 564 | 366.7128 |
| 265 | 172.3030 | 565 | 367.3630 |
| 266 | 172.9532 | 566 | 368.0132 |
| 267 | 173.6034 | 567 | 368.6634 |
| 268 | 174.2536 | 568 | 369.3136 |
| 269 | 174.9038 | 569 | 369.9638 |
| 270 | 175.5540 | 570 | 370.6140 |
| 271 | 176.2042 | 571 | 371.2642 |
| 272 | 176.8544 | 572 | 371.9144 |
| 273 | 177.5046 | 573 | 372.5646 |
| 274 | 178.1548 | 574 | 373.2148 |
| 275 | 178.8050 | 575 | 373.8650 |


| US\$ | SDR | US\$ | SDR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 276 | 179.4552 | 576 | 374.5152 |
| 277 | 180.1054 | 577 | 375.1654 |
| 278 | 180.7556 | 578 | 375.8156 |
| 279 | 181.4058 | 579 | 376.4658 |
| 280 | 182.0560 | 580 | 377.1160 |
| 281 | 182.7062 | 581 | 377.7662 |
| 282 | 183.3564 | 582 | 378.4164 |
| 283 | 184.0066 | 583 | 379.0666 |
| 284 | 184.6568 | 584 | 379.7168 |
| 285 | 185.3070 | 585 | 380.3670 |
| 286 | 185.9572 | 586 | 381.0172 |
| 287 | 186.6074 | 587 | 381.6674 |
| 288 | 187.2576 | 588 | 382.3176 |
| 289 | 187.9078 | 589 | 382.9678 |
| 290 | 188.5580 | 590 | 383.6180 |
| 291 | 189.2082 | 591 | 384.2682 |
| 292 | 189.8584 | 592 | 384.9184 |
| 293 | 190.5086 | 593 | 385.5686 |
| 294 | 191.1588 | 594 | 386.2188 |
| 295 | 191.8090 | 595 | 386.8690 |
| 296 | 192.4592 | 596 | 387.5192 |
| 297 | 193.1094 | 597 | 388.1694 |
| 298 | 193.7596 | 598 | 388.8196 |
| 299 | 194.4098 | 599 | 389.4698 |
| 300 | 195.0600 | 600 | 390.1200 |
| $*$ |  |  |  |
| $*$ |  |  |  |

## Fees and Indemnity Limits

### 333.2 Indemnity Limit

[Revise 333.2 to read as follows, reflecting a change in the indemnity limit to \$46.14:]

Regardless of the declared value of a registered item, the maximum amount of indemnity payable for loss, damage, or missing contents is $\$ 46.14$.

9 Inquiries, Indemnities, and Refunds

930 Indemnity Payments

## 934 <br> Payments for Registered Mail

### 934.2 Special Provisions

[Revise 934.2 to read as follows, reflecting a change in the indemnity limit to \$46.14:]

Regardless of the declared value of a registered item, the maximum amount of indemnity payable for loss, damage, or missing contents is $\$ 46.14$.

## Individual Country Listings

[For every country that offers Registered Mail service in the "Extra Services" section, revise the maximum indemnity limit to $\$ 46.14$, to read as follows in the generic example:]

## Extra Services

Registered Mail (330) Fee: \$11.75
Maximum Indemnity: \$46.14

We will incorporate these revisions into the next update of the online IMM, which is available via Postal Explorer ${ }^{\circledR}$ at http://pe.usps.com.

- Product Classification,

Pricing, 11-1-12

## Handbooks

## Handbook F-101 Revision: Emergency Travel Advances

Effective November 1, 2012, emergency travel advances are issued from a postal retail unit (PRU) to a bargaining unit employee who has not been issued a government travel card and is notified of business travel requirements less than 2 weeks from the beginning of the travel period. The emergency travel advance is not to exceed \$1,000.

Handbook F-101, Field Accounting Procedures, is revised to increase the emergency travel advances issued from the PRU from $\$ 500$ to $\$ 1,000$.

Handbook F-101, Field Accounting Procedures

22 Travel
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 22-1 } & \text { Travel Advances for Bargaining Unit } \\ & \text { Employees }\end{array}$

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## 22-1.2 Emergency Travel Advances

[Revise the first "Note" as follows]

Note: The emergency travel advance is not to exceed \$1,000.

We will incorporate this revision into the next online update of Handbook F-101, available on the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ PolicyNet website:

- Go to http://blue.usps.gov.
- Under "Essential Links" in the left-hand column, click PolicyNet.
- On the PolicyNet page, click Handbooks.
(The direct URL for the Postal Service PolicyNet website is http://blue.usps.gov/cpim.)
- Revenue and Field Accounting, Controller, 11-1-12


## Handbook F-101 Revision: One-Time Emergency Payment Raised to \$1,000

Effective November 1, 2012, Handbook F-101, Field Accounting Procedures, is revised to increase the emergency one-time expense payment from $\$ 500$ to $\$ 1,000$. Such payment must be issued using a no-fee postal money order.

Post Offices ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ and postal retail units must follow the hierarchy for preferred payment methods as outlined in Handbook F-101, eBuy2, SmartPay, and PS Form 8230, Authorization for Payment. As a last payment option, categorized as an emergency one-time payment, a no-fee postal money order may be issued.

For subsequent payments, if a vendor is not in eBuy2 and does not accept the SmartPay purchase card, submit the invoice with PS Form 8230 to the Scanning and Imaging Center (SIC).

## Handbook F-101, Field Accounting Procedures

19 Payments

## 19-1 Preferred Payment Methods

## 19-1.1 Hierarchy

[Revise 19-1.1 by deleting the third paragraph to read as follows:]
The preferred method for paying recurring Postal Service expenses is through electronic funds transfer (EFT).
If EFT payment is not available or practical, field units should use the payment methods listed below in order of priority.
The preferred methods for payment of local purchases are, in preferred order, as follows:
a. eBuy2 - On catalog (EFT).
b. SmartPay purchase card.
c. Invoice payments: PS Form 8230, Authorization for Payment, or PS Form 8232, Payment for Personal Services Contracts, submitted to the Scanning and Imaging Center (SIC), and processed through the Accounts Payable System.
d. Local Payments.

- Cash for an emergency one-time expense, not to exceed $\$ 25$.
- No-fee money order for an emergency one-time expense, not to exceed $\$ 1,000$. (POS and eMOVES units use Reason Code 029, One-time Local Purchase.)
Note: Use only one of the above methods to prevent duplication.


## 19-1.5 Local Payments

[Revise 19-1.5 to read as follows:]
Local payments are limited to invoices of $\$ 1,000$ or less for a one-time emergency payment to a vendor. For subsequent payments, if a vendor is not in eBuy2 and does not accept the SmartPay purchase card, submit the invoice with PS Form 8230, Authorization for Payment, to the Scanning and Imaging Center (SIC).
Follow these steps for all local payments:
a. Record cash or no-fee money order payments on PS Form 1412. Use the AIC Crosswalk in Appendix A to identify the correct AIC.

- Cash payments may not exceed \$25.
- No-fee money orders may not exceed \$1,000. Ensure the fee for the no-fee money order is reported in AIC 586; POS and eMOVES units use Reason Code 29.
b. To ensure consistency in the invoice certification process, use the following certification stamp format:

c. File the invoice, approved eBuy2 requisition, or PS Form 7381 (if eBuy2 is not available), and proof of payment locally as supporting documentation for the PS Form 1412 entries.

See part 2-4.7 for the separation of duties guidelines.
Payments for services (or a combination of services and supplies), regardless of amount, are 1099-reportable. If 1099-reportable, do the following:
a. Complete PS Form 8231, Vendor Payment 1099 Reporting Form, describing the services, and submit it to the SIC the day that the payment is made.
b. Keep a copy of PS Form 8231 and supporting documentation for 120 days from the end of the month in which the form was submitted to the SIC.

See subchapter 19-6 for additional information.

## 19-2 Payment Requirements

## 19-2.3 Manual Invoice Processing

[Revise 19-2.3 to read as follows:]
The preferred methods for purchases and payments are eBuy2 and the SmartPay purchase card.

If the required goods or services are not available through eBuy2, and if the vendor does not accept the SmartPay purchase card, process the invoice manually according to the following table:

| If the contract invoice amount is... | Follow the procedures specified in the contract or purchase order and... |
| :---: | :---: |
| Greater than \$10,000 (utilities services only) | Complete PS Form 8230 and forward it, with the invoice attached, to the SIC. |
| Less than \$10,000 (not to exceed delegated authority) |  |
| $\$ 1,000$ or less for a one-time emergency payment to a vendor. For subsequent payments, if a vendor is not in eBuy2 and does not accept the SmartPay purchase card, submit the invoice with PS Form 8230, <br> Authorization for Payment, to the Scanning and Imaging Center (SIC). | Issue a no-fee money order (not to exceed $\$ 1,000$ ) or Issue cash disbursement (not to exceed \$25). |
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## 19-3 Documenting Payments

[Revise title and introductory text of 19-3.1 to read as follows:]

## 19-3.1 Invoices for \$1,000 or Less for One-Time Emergency Payments

PRUs may make one-time emergency payments with cash (not to exceed \$25) or a no-fee money order (not to exceed $\$ 1,000$ ). The procedure for reporting such payments is as follows:

## 19-6 1099-Reportable Vendor Payments

[Revise 19-6 to read as follows:]
Federal law requires reporting of payments that are made locally for services. Field unit employees must report local payments for services as follows:
a. Complete PS Form 8231 whenever a payment is made for a service that is 1099-reportable.
b. Forward the completed PS Form 8231 immediately to the SIC.
In emergency situations, PRUs may issue disbursements with a no-fee money order or cash, but are limited as follows:
a. The maximum limit for a no-fee money order is \$1,000 for a one-time emergency payment. Ensure the fee for the no-fee money order is reported in AIC 586; POS and eMOVES units use Reason Code 29.
b. The maximum limit for a cash disbursement is \$25.

The following table identifies the types of payments that field units must report and do not report.

| Report payments for... | Do not report payments for... |
| :---: | :---: |
| Services provided by: | - Utility expenses. |
| - Individuals. | - Purchases paid via credit card |
| - Corporations. | - Purchases paid via eBuy2. |
| Services are paid locally with | - Supplies or parts. |
| cash or money order. | - Invoices submitted to the SIC. |

If an invoice contains an itemization for services and supplies, report only the services.

The total invoice is reportable if the services and supplies are not itemized.

| Example of IRS 1099-Reportable Services |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Copier and printing <br> services | Janitorial services |  |  |  |
| Overprinting of forms | Garbage removal |  |  |  |
| Mop head cleaning | Equipment repairs (labor) |  |  |  |
| Window cleaning | Vehicle repairs (labor) |  |  |  |
| Medical services | Vehicle washing |  |  |  |
| Pest control | Instructor services |  |  |  |
| Sign language <br> interpreter | Lawn mowing, weed control, or <br> landscaping |  |  |  |
| Equipment rental or <br> lease | Snow removal services |  |  |  |
| $* * *$ |  |  |  |  |

## 19-7 Quick Reference Payment Tables

## 19-7.1 Payment Process Table

The following table describes how to process different types of payments:
[Revise the table in 19-7.1 to read as follows:]

| Type of Payment | Form | Process |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Contractual payments | None | a. Certify contract invoices using the certification stamp. <br> b.Submit contract invoices to Accounting Services, <br> Contractual Payables Branch. <br> Credit invoices (if originally paid using PS Form 8230) |
| PS Form 8230 |  |  |
| Local payments (invoices of \$1,000 or less for one-time <br> emergency payments) to vendors. For subsequent <br> payments, if a vendor is not in eBuy2 and does not <br> accept the SmartPay purchase card, submit the invoice <br> with PS Form 8230, Authorization for Payment, to the | None <br> Scanning and Imaging Center (SIC). | b. Submit PS Form 8230 and credit invoice to the SIC. <br> Note: Do not submit credit invoices for recurring utility <br> payments; these credits offset on future invoices. |


| Type of Payment | Form | Process |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tort claims | PS Form 8230 | Claims less than \$5,000 <br> a. Ensure the expense is applied to GLA 55216000. (Refer to ASM, subchapter 25.) <br> b. Submit PS Form 8230 to the SIC. |
|  | PS Form 2198, Accident Report Tort Claim | Claims between $\$ 5,000$ and $\$ 50,000$ and denials for claims under $\$ 5,000$ <br> a. Submit PS Form 2198 and the General Counsel Authorization Letter (If the amount is greater than $\$ 5,000$ ) to the following address: <br> Tort Claim Processing <br> Accounting Services <br> PO Box 80471 <br> St. Louis, MO 63180-9471 <br> b. File all supporting documentation locally. |
|  | None | Claims greater than \$50,000 <br> Continue submitting claims to the National Tort Claim Center through the district tort claims coordinator. |
| Utilities | PS Form 8230 (if eBuy2 or SmartPay purchase card is not available) | a. Record the invoice number for a utility invoice using the utility-assigned account number, followed by the invoice month and year (e.g., 123456789DEC06). <br> b. Submit PS Form 8230 and the original invoice to the SIC. <br> c. File a copy of PS Form 8230 and the invoice locally for 120 days. |

For questions about processing payments, call the Accounting Help Desk (AHD) at 866-974-2733.
For more information on where to send forms, go to http://blue.usps.gov/accounting/_doc/Forms_for_Payment.doc.

## 19-7.2 Commonly Used General Ledger Account Numbers for PS Form 8230

The following table lists the commonly used GLA numbers appearing on PS Form 8230.
[Revise the table in 19-7.1 to read as follows:]

| Description | GLA |
| :--- | :--- |
| ADP Equipment Rental | 54401 |
| ADP Equipment Repair/Maintenance | 54511 |
| ADP Services - Commercial | 52331 |
| ADP Supplies | 52171 |
| Clean Air Act - Employee Incentives | 56503 |
| Clean Air Act - Fees | 56501 |
| Commercial Banking Fees | 52424 |
| Contract Station Services | 52176 |
| Custodial and Building Supplies | 52313 |
| Custodial and Building Services | 56701 |
| Customer Service Meetings | 54911 |
| Damages to Property Other than Vehicle | 54545 |
| Electric Power for Motor Vehicles | 54151 |
| Electricity - Utilities | 52415 |
| Energy Projects | 54411 |
| Equipment Rental | 54153 |
| Garbage and Sewage - Utilities | 54143 |
| Gas (Heating) - Utilities | 52313 |
| Interim Contract - Cleaning Services | 52313 |
| Lawn Service | 52453 |
| Local Transportation | 52427 |
| Medical Expenses - On-the-Job Injury or Illness | 52428 |
| Medical Expenses - Routine Examinations | 52325 |
| Miscellaneous Advertising Expense | 52419 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 54135 |
| Moving Expenses |  |


| Description | GLA |
| :--- | :--- |
| Official Telephone Private Residence | 54146 |
| Oil (Heating) | 54142 |
| Operating or Training Meeting Expense | 56605 |
| Other (Heating) | 54144 |
| Outside Printing and Reproduction | 52435 |
| Postal Supplies and Expendable Equipment | 52101 |
| Purchase of Compressed Natural Gas | 52153 |
| Rents Nonrecurring | 54121 |
| Safety Projects Expense <br> Snow Removal | 52417 |
| Special Occasion Expenses - Post Office <br> Dedication | 52313 |
| Telecommunications Equipment Rental | 56703 |
| Telecommunications Equipment Repair/ <br> Maintenance | 54406 |
| Waste Disposal Costs for Recyclable Materials |  |
| * * | 56607 |

We will incorporate this revision into the next online update of Handbook F-101, available on the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ PolicyNet website:

- Go to http://blue.usps.gov.
- Under "Essential Links" in the left-hand column, click PolicyNet.
- On the PolicyNet page, click Handbooks.
(The direct URL for the Postal Service PolicyNet website is http://blue.usps.gov/cpim.)


## Publications

## Publication 431 Revision: Changes to Post Office Box Service and Caller Service Fee Groups

Effective November 1, 2012, Publication 431, Post Office Box Service and Caller Service Fee Groups, is revised to include the following changes.

## Publication 431, Post Office Box Service and Caller Service Fee Groups

[Add the following entries:]

| ZIP Code | Fee Group |  |  |
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| 22626 | 4 |  |  |
| 78135 | 3 |  |  |
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[Revise the following entries:]

| ZIP Code | Fee Group | ZIP Code | Fee Group |
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| 00937 | 4 | 75301 | 33 |
| 75209 | 39 | 75303 | 33 |
| 75235 | 33 | 75312 | 32 |
| 75262 | 33 | 75320 | 33 |
| 75263 | 33 | 75326 | 33 |
| 75264 | 33 | 75342 | 33 |
| 75265 | 33 | 75368 | 33 |
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| 75284 | 33 | 75395 | 33 |
| 75285 | 33 | 75397 | 33 |
|  | $*$ | $*$ |  | Publication 431 is currently available on the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ PolicyNet website (http://blue.usps.gov/cpim):

- Go to http://blue.usps.gov.
- Under "Essential Links" in the left-hand column, click PolicyNet.
- Click PUBs.

Offices with WebBATS access can view current Publication 431 information by generating a WebBATS Facility Information Report as follows:

1. Go to the WebBATS main menu, and select Reports. The reports page opens.
2. Under the Clients/System column, System category, click Facility Information.
3. View the Fee Group field in the report.

- Retail Services,

Channel Access, 11-1-12

## Pull－Out Information

## Fraud

## Invalid Express Mail Corporate Account Numbers

This listing should be provided to Contract Postal Units and used by acceptance clerks in non－POS locations with－ out intranet access to validate an Express Mail Corporate Account（EMCA）number online．For all other locations， online EMCA validation is preferred．The online validation process is outlined in the EMCA Validation SOP on the Retail webpage．This list supersedes all previous notices，
which must be recycled．Acceptance clerks must not accept Express Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$ shipments bearing an invalid EMCA number in the＂Payment by Account＂or＂Agreement Num－ ber＂section of the Express Mail label or form．
Note：The first 6 digits of a 9－digit Custom Designed Ser－ vice and Next Day Pickup Agreement make up the Corporate Account Number．

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## Missing, Lost, or Stolen U.S. Money Order Forms

## Do Not Cash - Upon Receipt, Notify Local Postal Inspectors

This listing will be provided to all Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ employees responsible for accepting and cashing postal money orders. Destroy all interim notices when the num-
bers listed appear in the Postal Bulletin. The actual serial numbers consist of the first 10 digits on the money orders. Check for altered dollar amounts by holding money orders to the light.
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## Missing, Lost, or Stolen Canadian Money Order Forms

## Do Not Cash - Upon Receipt, Notify Local Postal Inspectors

This listing will be provided to all Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ employees responsible for accepting and cashing postal money orders. Destroy all interim notices when the numbers listed appear in the Postal Bulletin. The new money
order serial numbers consist of the first 9 digits. The 10th digit is a check digit only.

Do not cash outdated money orders 104151601 to 692600 000. Advise holders to send invalid money orders to: Canada Post Corporation, Ottawa, Canada K1A OB1. Check for altered dollar amounts by holding money orders to the light.

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| 798055891 | to |
| 5950 |  |

798326371 to 6520
$\begin{array}{ll}798339167 & \text { to } \\ 798562411 & \text { to } 240 \\ 7\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}798632461 & \text { to } \\ 798807151 & \text { to } \\ 7510\end{array}$
798944761 to 5030
$\begin{array}{ll}799118616 & \text { to } 8640 \\ 799133191 & \text { to } 3220\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}799177626 & \text { to } 7650 \\ 799854751 & \text { to } 5200\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}800044320 & \text { to } 4410 \\ 800211901 & \text { to } \\ 2440\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}800211901 & \text { to } 2440 \\ 800427530 & \text { to } 7540\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}819127054 & \text { to } & 7080 \\ 819278540 & \text { to } 8670\end{array}$

| Pull-Out Information |
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## Verifying U.S. Postal Service Money Orders

Follow these steps to cash a Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ money order:

1. Check that the amount does not exceed the legal limit: $\$ 1,000$ for domestic, and $\$ 700$ for international postal money orders.
2. Check that the proper security features are present:

- When held to the light, a watermark of Benjamin Franklin is repeated from top to bottom on the left side.
- When held to the light, a dark line (security thread) runs from top to bottom with the word "USPS" repeated.
- There should be no discoloration around the dollar amounts, which might indicate the amounts were changes.
These appear in Postal Service Notice 299, U.S. Postal Money Order Reference Card, or online at https:// www.usps.com/shop/accepting-money-orders.htm.

3. If the money order seems suspicious, call the U.S. Postal Service Money Order Verification System at 866-459-7822.

Please provide this information to local banks and retailers, as they also receive Postal Service money orders for cashing.

## Counterfeit Canadian Money Order Forms

## Do Not Cash

To be posted and used by retail window employees. As directed, destroy previous notices. Destroy all interim notices when the numbers listed appear in the Postal Bulletin.

| $671,819,086$ | $686,794,382$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $676,612,640$ | $686,794,426$ |
| $677,891,039$ | $686,794,427$ |
| $678,282,493$ | $686,794,431$ |
| $678,916,031$ | $687,262,502$ |
| $679,552,215$ | $687,262,503$ |
| $679,694,334$ | $687,262,525$ |
| $679,751,983$ | $687,262,526$ |
| $679,800,207$ | $687,287,578$ |
| $681,130,536$ | $687,287,581$ |
| $681,844,376$ | $687,287,582$ |
| $683,594,542$ | $694,063,898$ |
| $684,683,610$ | $694,063,899$ |
| $686,619,878$ | $694,063,980$ |
| $686,619,886$ | $701,321,725$ |
| $686,619,887$ |  |

- Criminal Investigations Group, Postal Inspection Service, 11-1-12


## Toll-Free Number Available to Verify Canadian Money Orders

The Canada Post Corporation is now providing a tollfree number that cashing agents can call to verify the validity of Canadian Postal Money Orders. The number is 800-563-0444.

This toll-free number is printed on the back of the Canadian Postal Money Orders.

## Other Information

## Overseas Military/Diplomatic Mail

Mail addressed to military and diplomatic post offices overseas is subject to certain conditions or restrictions of mailing regarding content, preparation, and handling. The APO/FPO/DPO table below outlines these conditions by APO/FPO/DPO ZIP Codes ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ through the use of footnoted mailing restrictions codes (see the Restrictions page following the table).

Acceptance clerks should use the table with the integrated retail terminal (IRT) or POS ONE terminal to deter-
mine which APO/FPO/DPO ZIP Codes are active and which conditions of mailing apply. Acceptance clerks may contact the Military Postal Service Agency with any questions regarding APO/FPO/DPO ZIP Codes, toll free, at 800-810-6098, Monday-Friday, 0730-1600 ET.

For Express Mail Military Service (EMMS) availability, all acceptance clerks must refer to the local hardcopy EMMS directory.

## Changes

| APO/FPO/DPO | Action | Effective Date | See Restrictions |
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| APO AP 96262 | Close | $11 / 01 / 2012$ |  |

We have eliminated "Not Active" entries from the table below to save space and paper.

## APO/FPO/DPO Table

| APO/ FPO/ DPO | See Restrictions | APO/ FPO/ DPO | See Restrictions |  | See <br> Restrictions | APO/ FPO/ DPO | See <br> Restrictions |
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| 002 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09063 | A1-A2-B-C-D | 09142 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09304 | A-A1-A2-C-C1 |
| 09003 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-P-R- |  | U | 09143 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  | R1-T-V-71 |
|  |  | 09067 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09154 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  |  |
| 09004 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09068 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-U-Z1 | 09172 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09306 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-F1- |
| 09005 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-P. | 09069 | A-A1-A2-B-C-D-H-U-V | 09173 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09307 | A1-A2-B-N-V-Z1 |
|  |  | 09075 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09177 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09308 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2- |
| 09006 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09079 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09180 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  | H1-I-M-N-R-V-Z-Z1 |
| 09008 | A-A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-P | 0908 | A2-B-C-D-D-H | 09186 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09309 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- |
| 09009 | R-U | 09090 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-P-R- | 09213 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-L-M-R- | 09310 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- H1-M-R-V-Z1 |
| 0901 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09092 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  |  | 09311 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2- |
| 09012 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09094 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-P-R | 09214 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  | $\mathrm{H} 1-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z} 1$ |
| 09013 | A1-A2-B-C-D-F-F1-H-M-R-U-Z1 | 0909 | $1-A 2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U$ | 0922 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09312 | -A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-F1- |
|  |  | 09096 | $1-\mathrm{A} 2-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{U}$ | 09227 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  | H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1 |
| 09014 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09099 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09229 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09313 | -A1-A2-B |
| 09020 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09 | -A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09237 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U- |  | H1-M |
| 09021 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 0910 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  |  | 09314 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2- |
| 09028 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09103 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-U | 09245 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  |  |
| 09033 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09104 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09250 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09320 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- |
| 09034 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09107 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09261 | A1-A2- | 09323 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- |
| 09038 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09112 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  | R-U-V | 09323 | $\mathrm{H} 1-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 1-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z} 1$ |
| 09046 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09114 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 0926 | 1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09327 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-F1- |
| 09049 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09126 | -R | 09265 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-N-R- | 09328 |  |
| 09053 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09128 | 1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  |  |  | $\mathrm{H} 1-\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 1-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z} 1$ |
| 09054 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09131 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09330 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-F1- |
| 09055 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-C-D-F-H-M-R- } \\ & \text { R1-U-V } \end{aligned}$ | 09136 | A1-A2-B-C-D-F1-H-M- | 09301 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-H1-I-M-N-R-R1-V-Z-Z1 | 09337 | $\mathrm{H} 1-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 1-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z} 1$ |
| 09058 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 0913 | 1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U | 09302 | C1-F-F1- |  | H1-M-R-R1-V-Z |
| 09059 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |  |  |  |  | 09339 | -A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- |
| 09060 | A1-A2-B-C-D-F1-H-M-R-U |  | - -M |  |  |  | -M-R-R1-V-Z1 |


| APO/ |  |
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| FPO/ | See |
| DPO | Restrictions |
| 09343 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-F-M-N- |
|  | V-Z1 |
| 09347 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- |
|  | H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1 |
| 09348 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- |
|  | H1-I-M-N-R-R1-V-Z-Z1 |
| 09352 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- |
|  | H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1 |
| 09353 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- |
|  | H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1 |
| 09354 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- |
|  | H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1 |
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09356 A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1
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09370 A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1
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09378 A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-H1-I-M-N-R-R1-V-Z-Z1
09380 A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1
09382 A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-H1-M-N-R-R1-V-Z1
09383 A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1
09387 A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-H1-M-R-V
09393 A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-H1-I-M-N-R-R1-V-Z-Z1
09394 A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-F1-H1-M-N-R-R1-V-Z1
09397 A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-F1 H1-M-N-R-R1-S-T-V-ZZ1
09403 A1-A2-B-C-C1-M-R-U 09421 A1-A2-B-C-C1-M-R-U 09447 A1-A2-B-C-C1-R-U-V

| APO/ FPO/ DPO | See Restrictions | APO/ FPO/ DPO | See Restrictions | APO/ FPO/ DPO | See Restrictions |
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| 09454 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-M-R-U-V | 09590 | A1-A2-B-V | 09714 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-F1-M-R- |
| 09459 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-M-R-U | 09591 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |  | R1-U |
| 09461 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-M-P-R-U | 09593 | A1-A2-B-V | 09715 | A1-A2-B-F1-M-R |
| 09463 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-R-U | 09594 | A1-A2-B-V | 09716 | A1-A2-B-C-M-N-R-V |
| 09464 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-R-U | 09599 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09717 | A-A1-A2-B-M-R-V-W |
| 09468 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-M-R-U | 09602 | A1-A2-B-C-F-F1-N-R- | 09718 | A1-A2-B-F-M-N-R-U-V |
| 09469 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-R-U |  | U-V | 09719 | A1-A2-B-C-D-M-R-U-V |
| 09470 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-M-R-U | 09603 | A1-A2-B-C-F-F1-R-U-V | 09720 | A1-A2-B-M-R-U-V |
| 09494 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-M-R-U | 09604 | A1-A2-B-C-F-F1-P-R-U- | 09722 | -A1-A2-B-F-H-N-Q-V- |
| 09496 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-R-U-V |  |  |  |  |
| 09498 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-F-F1-F2- | 09605 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U- | 09723 | A1-A2-B-M-N-R-U-V-Z1 |
| 09501 | J-L-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 A1-A2-B-V | 09606 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U- | 09724 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-C-C1-F1-M-R- } \\ & \text { R1-U } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09502 | A1-A2-B-V |  |  | 09725 | A-A1-A2-B-F-H-N-Q-V- |
| 09503 | A1-A2-B-V | 09607 | A-A1-A2-B-C-F-F1-M- R-R1-U-U3-V-W | 09726 | Z-Z1 |
| 09504 | A1-A2-B-V | 09608 | A1-A2-B-C-F-N-U-V | 09727 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-C-C |
| 09505 | A1-A2-B-V | 09609 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U |  | F-J-L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 |
| 09506 | A1-A2-B-V | 09610 | A1-A2-B-C-F-F1-M- | 09728 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-C-C1-F- |
| 09507 | A1-A2-B-V |  | U-V |  | J-L-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 |
| 09508 | A1-A2-B-V | 09613 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U-V | 09729 | -N-R-R1- |
| 09509 | A1-A2-B-V | 0961 | -A2-B-C-F-U |  | U-V |
| 09510 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- } \\ & \text { H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09618 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U | 09730 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A2-B-B2-C-C1-F-J-L- } \\ & \text { M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09511 | A1-A2-B-V | 09621 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U | 09731 | A-A2-B-B2-C-C1-F-J-L- |
| 09513 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09622 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U |  | M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 |
| 09517 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 0962 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U | 09732 | A1-A2-B-N-V-Z1 |
| 09520 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09624 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U | 09733 | A1-A2-B-N-V |
| 09524 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09625 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U | 09734 | -A1-A2-B-C-C1-F-J-L- |
| 09532 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09626 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U | 09735 | A1-A2-B-N-V-Z1 |
| 09534 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09627 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U | 09736 | -A1-A2-B-B2-C-C1-D- |
| 09543 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09630 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U-V |  | F-J-L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 |
| 0954 | A1-A2-B-V | 09631 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U | 09737 | A1-A2-B-B2-C-C1-F- |
| 09549 | A1-A2-B-V | 09633 | A1-A2-B-B2-C-D-F-F1- |  | I-L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-W-Y- |
| 09 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |  | M-R-U-U1-U2-U3 |  | Z-Z1 |
| 09556 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09636 | A1-A2-B-C-F-U | 09738 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-C-C1-D- |
| 09557 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09642 | A1-A2-B-M-N-R-U |  | F-J-L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 |
| 09564 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09643 | A1-A2-B-M-R-U-V | 09739 | -B-B2-C-C1-D- |
| 09565 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09645 | A1-A2-B-C-F-F1-U |  | F-J-L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 |
| 09566 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09647 | A1-A2-B-N-R-U | 09741 | -B-C1-E2-F-F1- |
| 09567 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09648 | A1-A2-B-N-U-V-Z1 |  | W-Y-Z1 |
| 09568 | A1-A2-B-V | 09649 | A1-A2-B-N-U-Z1 | 09742 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-F-F1-J- |
| 09569 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09701 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-C-C1-D- |  | L-M-N-R-T-V-Z1 |
| 09570 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |  | F-J-L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 | 09743 | -1-A2-B-F-H-N-Q-V- |
| 09573 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09702 | A1-A2-B-C-C1-F1-M-R- |  | Z-Z1 |
| 09574 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |  | R | 09744 | A-A2-B-B2-C-C1-F |
| 09575 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09703 | A1-A2-B-C-F1-H-U |  | M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 |
| 09576 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09704 | A1-A2-B-C-V-V1 | 09745 | A-A1-A2-B-F-F1-M-N |
| 09577 | A1-A2-B-V | 09 | A1-A2-B-U |  |  |
| 09578 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09706 | A1-A2-B-C-N-R-U-V | 09747 | A1-A2-B-F-J-N-U-V-Z1 |
| 09579 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09707 | A1-A2-B-C-J-M-N-R-UV | 09748 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-C-C1-D- <br> F-J-L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 |
| 09581 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09708 | A1-A2-B | 09749 | A-A1-A2-B-F-H-N-V-Z1 |
| 09582 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09709 | A1-A2-B-F1-H | 09750 | A-A2-B-B2-C-C1-F-J-L- |
| 09586 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09710 |  |  | M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 |
| 09587 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 09710 | R-R1-U | 09751 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-M-R-U |
| 09588 | A1-A2-B-V | 09711 | A1-A2-B-F1-N-R-Z1 | 09752 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-U |
| 09589 | A1-A2-B-V | 09713 | A1-A2-B-C-F1-R |  |  |


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| 09759 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-B2-C-C1- } \\ & \text { E2-F-F1-F2-J-L-N-R- } \\ & \text { R1-T-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 09832 \\ & 09833 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A}-\mathrm{A} 1-\mathrm{A} 2-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{U} 1-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z} 1 \\ & \mathrm{~A} 1-\mathrm{A} 2-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{U} 1-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z} 1 \end{aligned}$ | 34007 34008 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C1-F-F1-M- } \\ & \text { N-R-R1-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 96207 \\ & 96209 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-V } \\ & \text { A-A1-A2-B-J-L-N-T-U } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09762 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-E3-F-F1-J-L-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 |  | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V- <br> Z1 | 3400 | H1-J-L-M-N-R-R1-T-VZ1 | 96213 | $\begin{aligned} & A-A 1-A 2-B-U \\ & A-A 1-A 2-B-U \end{aligned}$ |
| 09769 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-C-C1-D-F-J-L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 | 09836 | A-A1-A2-B-C-F-M-V-Z1 | 34011 | A1-A2-B-B2-C1-E2-F-J- <br> L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 | 9622 | A-A1-A2-B-U |
| 09777 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C-E1-L-M- } \\ & \text { N-R } \end{aligned}$ | 09837 | A1-A2-B-V-Z1 | 34020 | ```A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-U-V- Z1``` | 96257 | $A-A 1-A 2-B-U$ $A-A 1-A 2-B-U$ |
| 09780 | A-A1-A2-B-F-H-N-R-V | 09839 | A-A1-A2-B-U-V-Z | 34021 | A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-U-V- | 96260 | A-A1-A2-B-U |
| 09798 | A1-A2-B-C-D-H-L-U-V | 09840 | A-A1-A2-B-V-Z1 |  | Z1 | 96264 | A-A1-A2-B-U |
| 09801 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- } \\ & \text { H1-M-N-R-R1-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09841 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-N-R-U-Z1 } \\ & \text { A-A1-A2-B-M-N-R-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 34022 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-D-F-J-L-M-N- } \\ & \text { U-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 96266 96267 | $\begin{aligned} & A-A 1-A 2-B-U \\ & A-A 1-A 2-B-U-V \end{aligned}$ |
| 09803 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-E2-E3-F-H1-N- } \\ & \text { R-R1-U1-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09844 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C-F-N-U-V- } \\ & \mathrm{Z} 1 \end{aligned}$ | 34023 | ```A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-U-V- Z1``` | 96269 | $A-A 1-A 2-B-U$ $A-A 1-A 2-B-U$ |
| 09804 | A-A1-A2-B-F-F1-N-R-VZ1 | 09845 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-B2-E3-F-F1- } \\ & \text { L-M-N-T-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 34024 34025 | A1-A2-B-L-M-N-U-V-Z1 A1-A2-B-F-J-L-M-N-U- | 96275 | A-A1-A2-B-V |
| 09805 | A-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V-Z1 | 09846 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-C1-F-J- |  | V-Z1 | 96278 |  |
| 09806 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- } \\ & \text { H1-L-M-N-R-R1-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09848 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { L-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 } \\ & \text { A-A1-A2-B-F-M-R-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 34030 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-U-V- } \\ & \text { Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 96283 | A-A1-A2-B-U |
| 09807 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- } \\ & \text { H1-M-N-R-R1-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09852 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-E2-E3-F-H1-N- } \\ & \text { R-R1-U1-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 34031 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-U-V- } \\ & \text { Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 96284 96303 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-U-V } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-H-J-L-M-N-T- } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09809 | A1-A2-B-V-Z1 | 09853 | A1-A2-B-E2-F-H1-R- R1-U2-V-71 | 3403 | A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-T-U-V-Z1 |  | A1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-H-M- |
| 09810 | A-A1-A2-B-F-F1-N-R-VZ1 | 09855 | R1-U2-V-Z1 <br> A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-F1- <br> H1-R-R1-U2-V-Z1 | 34033 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-C-F-J-L-M-N- } \\ & \text { V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 96306 96309 | W A1-A2-B-M-V-W |
|  | R-R1-U1-V-Z1 | 09858 | A1-A2-B-E2-E3-F-H1-N- | 3403 | A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-V-Z1 | 96310 | A1-A2-B-M-W |
| 09812 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-E2-E3-F-F1-I- } \\ & \text { N-R-U-V-Z-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09859 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R-R1-U1-V-Z1 } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-C1-F-F1-H1- } \end{aligned}$ | 34035 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-H-J-L-M-N-U- } \\ & \text { V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 96319 96321 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-M-W } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-H-M- } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09813 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-B2-C1-E2- } \\ & \text { E3-F-J-L-N-R-R1-T-V- } \\ & \text { Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09865 | $\begin{aligned} & A-A 1-A 2-B-V-Z 1 \\ & A-A 1-A 2-B-N-U-V-Z 1 \end{aligned}$ | 34036 34037 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-U-V- } \\ & \text { Z1 } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-C-F-H-I-L-M- } \end{aligned}$ | 96322 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { W } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-H-M- } \\ & \text { W } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09814 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-E2-E3-F-F1-I- } \\ & \text { N-R-U-V-Z-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09870 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- } \\ & \text { H1-I-M-N-R-R1-T-U-U4- } \end{aligned}$ | 3403 | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z}-\mathrm{Z} 1$ $\mathrm{~A} 1-\mathrm{A} 2-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{L}-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{U}-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z} 1$ | 96323 96326 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-M-V-W } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-M-W } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09815 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-F1- } \\ & \text { H1-M-R-R1-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09871 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { V-Z-Z1 } \\ & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- } \end{aligned}$ | 34039 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-U-V- } \\ & \text { Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 96328 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-M-W } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-M-W } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09816 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-B2-C-C1- } \\ & \text { E2-E3-F-J-L-N-R-R1-T- } \\ & \text { V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09873 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H} 1-\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{L}-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 1-\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{U}- \\ & \mathrm{U} 4-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z}-\mathrm{Z} 1 \end{aligned}$ | 34041 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-T-U- } \\ & \text { V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 96336 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-M-V-W } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-M-W } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09817 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-C1-E2- <br> E3-F-F1-H-H1-J-L-M-N- | 09873 | H1-I-L-M-N-R-R1-T-U-U4-V-Z-Z1 | $3405$ | 1-A2-B-V | 96338 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-M-W } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-M-V-W } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | 09874 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F | 34055 | ```A1-A2-B-J-L-M-N-U-V- Z1``` | 96343 | A1-A2-B-M-W |
| 09818 | A-A1-A2-B-C-F-M-V-Z1 |  | H1-I-L-M-N-R-R1-T-U-U4-V-Z-Z1 | 34058 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V- | 96346 | 1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-H-M- |
| 09820 09821 | A-A1-A2-B-B2-F-H-H1-J-L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 <br> A-A1-A2-B-F-N-R-V-Z1 | 09875 | U4-V-Z-Z1 <br> A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- <br> H1-I-L-M-N-R-R1-T-U- | 34060 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Z} 1 \\ & \mathrm{~A} 1-\mathrm{A} 2-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{B} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{E} 2-\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{J}- \\ & \mathrm{L}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 1-\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z} 1 \end{aligned}$ | 96347 | V-W A1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-H-M- W |
| 09822 | A-A1-A2-B-F-R-V-Z1 | 09876 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- | 3407 | A1-A2-B-F1-N-V-Z1 | 96348 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-H-MW |
| 09823 | $A-A 1-A 2-B-F-R-V-Z 1$ | 09876 | H1-I-M-N-P-R-R1-T-U- | 3409 | 1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |  | W |
| 09824 | A-A1-A2-B-F-R-V-Z1 |  | U4-V-Z-Z1 | 3409 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 96349 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-H-M- <br> W |
| 09825 | A-A1-A2-B-C-C1-D-F-J- <br> L-M-N-R-R1-T-V-Z1 | 09880 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F-F1-H1-R-R1-U-V-Z1 | 3409 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V <br> A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 96350 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-H-M- } \\ & \text { W } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09826 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-B2-C1-E1- } \\ & \text { E2-E3-F-L-M-N-R-R1-T- } \\ & \text { V-W-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 09890 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-E2-F-H1-N-R- } \\ & \text { R1-U2-V-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 3409 | $\begin{aligned} & A 1-A 2-B-V \\ & A 1-A 2-B-V \end{aligned}$ | 96351 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-H-M- } \\ & \text { W } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09827 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-F-F1-N-R-V- } \\ & \text { Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 0 | $\mathrm{R} 1-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z} 1$ | 3409 | $A 1-A 2-B-V$ $A-A 1-A 2-B$ | 96362 96365 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-M-W } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-M-V-W } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09828 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-J-L-N-T-V- } \\ & \mathrm{Z} 1 \end{aligned}$ | 09898 34002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1-U2-V-Z1 } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-J-L-N-U-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 96202 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A}-\mathrm{A} 1-\mathrm{A} 2-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{U} \\ & \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{A} 1-\mathrm{A} 2-\mathrm{B} \end{aligned}$ | 96367 96368 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-L-M-W } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-M-W } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09829 | A1-A2-B-C-N-R-V-Z1 | 34004 | A1-A2-B-J-L-N-T-U-V | 9620 | A-A1-A2-B | 96370 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-F2-H-M- |
| 09830 | A1-A2-B-C-M-N-R-V-Z1 | 34006 |  | 9620 | A1-A2-B-U |  | W |
| 09831 | A1-A2-B-F-N-U-V-Z1 |  |  | 96206 | A-A1-A2-B-U | 96372 | A1-A2-B-M-W |


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| 96373 | A1-A2-B-M-W | 96531 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-F-F1-H-M- } \\ & \text { N-U-V } \end{aligned}$ | 96595 | A1-A2-B-V | 96650 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96374 | A1-A2-B-M-W |  |  | 96598 | A1-A2-B-N-O-V-V1 | 96657 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96375 | A1-A2-B-M-W | 96532 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-H-J-L-M-N- } \\ & \text { T-U-V } \end{aligned}$ | 96599 | A1-A2-B-N-V | 96660 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96376 | A1-A2-B-M-W |  |  | 96601 | A1-A2-B-V | 96661 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96377 | A1-A2-B-M-W | 96534 | A-A1-A2-B-F-U | 96602 | A1-A2-B-V | 96662 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96378 | A1-A2-B-M-W | 96535 | A-A1-A2-B-F-V | 96603 | $A 1-A 2-B-V$ | 96663 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96379 | A1-A2-B-M-W | 96537 | A1-A2-B-V | 96604 | A1-A2-B-V | 96664 | A1-A2-B-V |
| 96384 | A1-A2-B-M-W | 96538 | A1-A2-B-V | 96605 | $A 1-A 2-B-V$ | 96665 | A1-A2-B-V |
| 96386 | A1-A2-B-M-W | 96540 | A1-A2-B-V | 96606 | A1-A2-B-V | 96666 | A1-A2-B-V |
| 96387 | A1-A2-B-M-W | 96541 | A1-A2-B-V | 96607 | A1-A2-B-V | 96667 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96388 | A1-A2-B-M-W | 96542 | A1-A2-B-V | 96608 | A1-A2-B-V | 96668 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96401 | A1-A2-B-F-N-V-Z1 | 96543 | A1-A2-B-P-V | 96609 | A1-A2-B-V | 96669 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96427 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- | 96544 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-F-N-U3-V } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-F-U3 } \end{aligned}$ | 96610 | A1-A2-B-V | 96670 | A1-A2-B-V |
|  | H1-M-R-R1-V | $\begin{aligned} & 96546 \\ & 96548 \end{aligned}$ |  | 96611 | A1-A2-B-V | 96671 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96447 | A1-A2-B-F-N-U3-V-V1 | $96548$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-F-U3 } \\ & \text { A-A1-A2-B-H-M-U } \end{aligned}$ | 96613 | A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- | 96672 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96501 | A-A1-A2-B-N-V | 96549 A-A1-A2-B-H-M-U |  |  | H1-I-M-R-R1-U2-V-Z-Z1 | 96673 | A1-A2-B-V |
| 96502 | A1-A2-B-F-N-U3-V | 96550 | A-A1-A2-B-H-M-U-V | 96614 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-C1-E2-F- } \\ & \text { H1-I-M-R-R1-U2-V-Z-Z1 } \end{aligned}$ | 96674 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96503 | A1-A2-B-F-N-U3-V | 96551 | A-A1-A2-B-H-M-N-UA1-A2-B |  |  | 96675 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96507 | A-A1-A2-B-F-V | 96552 |  | 96615 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 96677 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96510 | A1-A2-B-I-N-V | 96553 A-A1-A2-B-F-F1-H-M-U | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B } \\ & \text { A-A1-A2-B-F-F1-H-M-U } \end{aligned}$ | 96616 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 96678 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96511 | A1-A2-B-I-N-V | 96554 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-H-M-U } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-F-M-V } \end{aligned}$ | 96617 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 96679 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |
| 96515 | A1-A2-B-D-F-U3 | 96555 |  | 96619 | A1-A2-B-V | 96681 | A1-A2-B-V |
| 96516 | A1-A2-B-D-F | $\begin{aligned} & 96557 \\ & 96562 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1-A2-B-F-M-V } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-F-M-V } \end{aligned}$ | 96620 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 96682 | A1-A2-B-V |
| 96517 | A1-A2-B-F-U3-V |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A-A1-A2-B-B2-C-C1-D- } \\ & \text { E2-E3-F-F1-H-H1-I-L- } \\ & \text { M-N-R-T-V-Z-Z1 } \\ & \text { A-A1-A2-B-F-H-M-N-U } \\ & \text { A1-A2-B-B2-F1-H-J-N- } \\ & \text { R } \end{aligned}$ | 96621 | A1-A2-B-V | 96683 | A1-A2-B-V |
| 96520 | A1-A2-B-F-N-U3-V |  |  | 96622 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 96686 | A1-A2-B-V |
| 96521 | A1-A2-B-F-N-U3 | $\begin{aligned} & 96577 \\ & 96578 \end{aligned}$ |  | 96624 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 96687 | A1-A2-B-V |
| 96522 | A1-A2-B-F-N-U |  |  | 96628 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V | 96698 | A1-A2-B-V |
| 96530 | A-A1-A2-B-F-F1-H-H1- |  |  | 96629 | A1-A2-B-F-F1-R-R1-V |  |  |
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# RESTRICTIONS 

## LEGEND

PS Form 2976, Customs - CN 22 (Old C 1) and Sender's Declaration (green label)

PS Form 2976-A, Customs Declaration and Dispatch Note
AAFES = Army and Air Force Exchange Service
APO = Army/Air Force Post Office
Box R = Retired military personnel
DMM = Domestic Mail Manual
DPO = Diplomatic Post Office
FPO = Fleet Post Office
MOM = Military Ordinary Mail
MPO = Military Post Office
PAL = Parcel Airlift
PSC = Postal Service Center
SAM = Space Available Mail
USDA = United States Department of Agriculture
Note: Mail order catalogs are prohibited as SAM or PAL mail.
A. Securities, currency, or precious metals in their raw, unmanufactured state are prohibited. Official shipments are exempt from this restriction.

A1. Mail addressed to "Any Servicemember," or similar wording such as "Any Soldier," "Sailor," "Airman," or "Marine"; "Military Mail"; etc., is prohibited. Mail must be addressed to an individual or job title such as "Commander," "Commanding Officer," etc.

A2. APO/FPO/DPO addresses shall not include a city and/or country name.
B. Regardless of mail class, a customs declaration form is required for all items weighing 16 ounces or more, or any item (regardless of weight) containing potentially dutiable mail contents (e.g., merchandise) addressed to an APO, FPO, or DPO ZIP Code. PS Form 2976 is required for items weighing less than 16 ounces, and PS Form 2976-A is required for items weighing 16 ounces or more. No customs form is required for items weighing less than 16 ounces when the contents are not potentially dutiable (e.g., documents). When the surface area of the address side of the mailpiece is not large enough to contain a PS Form 2976-A, the smaller PS Form 2976 may be substituted (e.g., the Priority Mail Small Flat Rate Box). The following exceptions apply:

- Known mailers are exempt from providing customs documentation on non-dutiable letters or printed matter. (A known mailer is a business mailer who enters volume mailings through a business mail entry unit (BMEU) or other bulk mail acceptance location, pays postage through an advance deposit account, uses a permit imprint for postage payment, and submits a completed postage statement at the time of entry that certifies that the mailpieces contain no dangerous materials that are prohibited by postal regulations.)
- All federal, state, and local government agencies whose mailings are regarded as "Official Mail" are exempt from providing customs documentation on any item addressed to an APO, FPO, or DPO except for those APOs/FPOs/DPOs to which restriction "B2" applies.
- Prepaid mail from military contractors is exempt, providing the mailpiece is endorsed "Contents for Official Use - Exempt from Customs Requirements."
B2. All federal, state, and local government agencies must complete customs documentation when sending potentially dutiable mail addressed to or from this APO, FPO, or DPO.
C. Cigarettes and other tobacco products are prohibited.

C1. Obscene articles, prints, paintings, cards, films, videotapes, etc., and horror comics and matrices are prohibited.

## D. Coffee is prohibited.

E. Medicines (prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, and supplements) are prohibited when mailed to individuals for human or animal use. This prohibition does not apply when medicines are sent as official mail only between specifically designated agencies such as pharmaceutical distributors, hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies.

E1. Medicines or vaccines not conforming to French laws are prohibited.
E2. Any matter depicting nude or seminude persons, pornographic or sexual items, or nonauthorized political materials is prohibited. Although religious materials contrary to the Islamic faith are prohibited in bulk quantities, items for the personal use of the addressee are permissible.

E3. Radio transceivers, cordless telephones, global positioning systems, scanners, base stations, and handheld transmitters are prohibited.
F. Firearms of any type are prohibited in all classes of mail. See definitions of firearms in DMM 601.12.1.1. This restriction does not apply to firearms mailed to or by official U.S. government agencies. The restriction for mail to this APO/FPO/DPO ZIP Code does not apply to firearms mailed from this APO/FPO/DPO ZIP Code, provided ATF and USPS regulations are met. Antique firearms are a separate category defined in DMM 601.12.1.1 h and ATF regulations; they do not require an ATF form.

F1. Privately owned weapons addressed to an individual are prohibited in any class of mail.

F2. Importation of firearms is restricted to one shotgun and one single shot. 22 caliber rifle per individual.
G. Only letters, flats, and Periodicals are authorized. Parcels of any class are prohibited.
H. Meats, including preserved meats, whether hermetically sealed or not, are prohibited.

H1. Pork or pork by-products are prohibited.
I. Mail of all classes must fit in a mail sack. Mail may not exceed the following dimensions:

- Maximum length 20 inches.
- Maximum width 12 inches.
- Maximum height 12 inches.

The maximum length and girth combined may not exceed 68 inches.
This restriction does not apply to registered mail and official government mail marked MOM.
11. This restriction does not apply to registered mail.
12. This restriction does not apply to official government mail marked MOM.
J. Parcels may not exceed 108 inches in length and girth combined.
K. Mail that includes in the address the words, "Dependent Mail Section," may consist only of letter mail, newspapers, magazines, and books. No parcel of any class containing any other matter may be mailed to the Dependent Mail section. This restriction does not apply if the address does not include the words "Dependent Mail Section."
L. All official mail is prohibited.
M. Fruits, vegetables, animals, and living plants are prohibited.
N. Registered mail is prohibited.
O. Delivery status information for Extra Services is not available on USPS.com.
P. APO is used for the receipt and dispatch of official mail only.
Q. Mail may not exceed 66 pounds, and size is limited to 42 inches maximum length and 72 inches maximum length and girth combined.
R. All alcoholic beverages, including those mailable under DMM 601.12.7, are prohibited.

R1. Materials used in the production of alcoholic beverages (i.e., distilling material, hops, malts, yeast, etc.) are prohibited.
S. Mail of all classes must fit in a mail sack. Mail may not exceed the following dimensions and weight:

- Maximum length 12 inches.
- Maximum width 12 inches.
- Maximum height $51 / 2$ inches.
- Maximum weight 25 pounds. The maximum length and girth combined may not exceed 47 inches.
T. Mailings of case lots of food and supplemental household shipments must be approved by the sender's parent agency prior to mailing.
U. Parcels must weigh less than 16 ounces when addressed to Box R. This restriction does not apply to mail endorsed "Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped."

U1. Mail is limited to First-Class Mail weighing 13 ounces or less when addressed to Box R. This restriction does not apply to mail endorsed "Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped." Videotapes are prohibited when addressed to Box R, regardless of weight.

U2. Mail is limited to First-Class Mail letters only when addressed to Box R.

U3. Mail is limited to First-Class Mail correspondence (including voice and video cassettes), newspapers, magazines, photographs, not exceeding 16 ounces, when addressed to Box R.

U4. Mail addressed to Box C is limited to 2 pounds, regardless of class.
V. Express Mail Military Service (EMMS) not available from any origin.

V1. Delivery Confirmation service is not available.
W. Meat products, such as dried beef, salami, and sausage, may be mailed, provided they remain in their original, hermetically sealed packages and bear USDA certification. Other meats, bones, skin, hair, feathers, horns or hoofs of hoofed animals, wool samples, tobacco leaves, including chewing and pipe tobacco, snuff, cigars, and cigarettes, or obscene material, including obscene drawings, photographs, films, and carvings, are prohibited. Exception: 200 grams of tobacco per parcel are permitted duty free.
X. Personal mail is limited to First-Class Mail items (to include audio cassettes and voice tapes) weighing 13 ounces or less. This limitation does not apply to official mail.
Y. Mail is limited to First-Class and Priority Mail items only. All Periodicals, Standard Mail items, and Package Services items (including SAM and PAL) are not authorized. This restriction also applies to official mail.
Z. No outside pieces (OSPs).

Z1. The following restriction is applicable only to International Service Centers (ISC)/Exchange Offices. An Anti-Pilferage Seal (Item No O817E or O818A) is required on all pouches and sacks.

- International Network Operations,

Global Business, 11-1-12

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Name: Mario Collins
Born: 8-18-99
Date Missing: 10-13-12
Missing From: Memphis, TN


Name: Marlon Collins
Born: 10-14-00
Date Missing: 10-13-12
Missing From: Memphis, TN


Name: Selena Crespo
Born: 8-5-95
Date Missing: 9-27-12
Missing From: Tampa, FL


Name: Alexander Domenech
Born: 7-1-09
Date Missing: 4-15-12
Date Missing: 7-15-12
Missing From: Overland Park, KS Missing From: Denver, CO

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Name: Paul Gonzales
Born: 6-21-05
Date Missing: 8-28-12
Missing From: Los Angeles, CA


Name: Ruben Gonzales
Born: 6-21-07
Date Missing: 8-25-12
Missing From: Los Angeles, CA


Name: Jenna Leblanc
Born: 8-19-95
Date Missing: 7-12-12
Missing From: Lancaster, MA


Name: Rachel Lesserson
Born: 4-14-00
Date Missing: 8-20-12
Missing From: Calabasas, CA


Name: Rivka Lesserson
Born: 10-28-01
Date Missing: 8-20-12
Missing From: Calabasas, CA

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Born: 10-11-03
Date Missing: 8-20-12
Missing From: Calabasas, CA


Name: Yekusiel Lesserson
Born: 9-25-05
Date Missing: 8-20-12
Missing From: Calabasas, CA


Name: John Liendo
Born: 5-24-03
Date Missing: 6-5-11
Missing From: Waco, TX


Name: Raiden Lynn
Born: 1-21-12
Date Missing: 8-4-12
Missing From: Deland, FL


Name: Sakari Lynn
Born: 5-6-10
Date Missing: 8-4-12
Missing From: Deland, FL

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Born: 6-13-96
Date Missing: 3-11-12
Missing From: Chico, CA


Name: NaCoyia Owens Harris
Born: 5-10-98
Date Missing: 5-24-12
Missing From: Garden City, GA


Name: Ashden Sharpe
Born: 7-13-09
Date Missing: 12-23-11
Missing From: Honolulu, HI


Name: Kimberly Thorpe
Born: 1-20-97
Date Missing: 7-30-12
Missing From: Las Vegas, NV


Name: Yaritza Valencia
Born: 11-10-97
Date Missing: 6-3-12
Missing From: Los Angeles, CA

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# Flexible Spending Accounts 2012 Open Season 

Enrollment for 2013 FSAs begins: November 12, 2012<br>Enrollment ends: December 23, 2012 (5:00 P.M. CT)<br>Enrollments are effective: January 1, 2013

## Who Can Enroll

Only career employees are eligible to enroll in flexible spending accounts (FSAs) for 2013.

## How to Enroll

Don't wait until the last minute to enroll.
To use the Web - the easiest way to use PostalEASE - access the system in any of these ways:

- On the Internet at https:///liteblue.usps.gov. Under "Employee Self Service," select PostalEASE.
- At an employee self-service kiosk.
- On the intranet at http://blue.usps.gov. Under "Essential Links," select PostaIEASE.

To use the telephone, call the Employee Service Line at 877-477-3273, option 1.
If you cannot successfully complete your transaction using PostalEASE because of a medical condition or other reason, contact the Human Resources Shared Services Center (HRSSC) at 877-477-3273, option 5, for assistance.

## How to Get Your USPS ${ }^{\circledR}$ Personal Identification Number (PIN)

To use PostalEASE, you must enter your Employee Identification number (EIN) and USPS PIN. If you don't know your USPS PIN, you can get it any one of these ways:

- Go to https:///iteblue.usps.gov and click Forget Your PIN? Enter your eight-digit EIN (printed at the top of your earnings statement). Choose a new PIN immediately with Self-Service PIN Reset - just follow the instructions.
- Go to the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Intranet (Blue) page: under "Essential Links," click PostalEASE, and follow the instructions.
- Go to an employee self-service kiosk and follow the instructions.
- Dial 877-477-3273 and press 1. When prompted, enter your EIN. When prompted for your PIN, pause, then press 2. Your USPS PIN will be mailed to your address of record the next business day.


## Details Are in the Mail

A leaflet and a brochure, FSA BK1, Flexible Spending Accounts, with a PostalEASE FSA worksheet included, are being mailed to all career employees. If you do not receive yours by November 26, 2012, find them posted online at http://liteblue.usps.gov, or contact the HRSSC.

## Change in Health Care Maximum Contribution

Effective with the 2013 FSA plan year, which begins January 1, 2013, the Health Care FSA maximum contribution is being reduced from $\$ 5,000$ to $\$ 2,500$. This is an individual limit, not a family limit; an employee and a spouse may each contribute up to $\$ 2,500$ to a Health Care FSA. The reduction is required to comply with provisions of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Program materials and the PostalEASE employee self-service enrollment system will reflect the lower maximum contribution.

## Questions

Hotline for FSA questions: 800-842-2026.
Employees who are deaf or hard of hearing may call via 711, the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS).

Please post on all bulletin boards through December 23, 2012.

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## Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season

## November 12, 2012, to December 11, 2012

The Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Open Season will be held from November 12 to December 11, 2012, closing at 5:00 P.M. CT. Employees should complete the PostalEASE FEHB worksheet included in the mailing to their homes, and enter enrollment information directly into PostalEASE via the Web at https://liteblue.usps.gov, kiosk, or telephone at 877-477-3273, option 1.

During this open season, eligible employees may make any one, or a combination, of the following changes using PostalEASE:

- Enroll if not enrolled.
- Cancel enrollment.
- Change from one plan to another plan.
- Change from one option to another option.
- Change from Self Only to Self and Family.
- Change from Self and Family to Self Only.

Enrollment changes and new enrollments made during the 2012 FEHB Open Season will be effective January 12, 2013 (Pay Period 03-13). New premium payments will be reflected in paychecks dated February 1, 2013.
Note: If you are enrolling or changing your enrollment, be sure to include all eligible children up to age 26 when completing your PostalEASE FEHB Worksheet or using PostalEASE. See the 2013 Guide to Benefits for eligibility requirements.

Employees may go to https://liteblue.usps.gov and download all of the 2013 Guides to Benefits:

- Guide for Non-APWU, Non-NRLCA Career USPS Employees.
- Guide for APWU and NRLCA Career Employees.
- Guide for Postal Career Executive Service Employees.
- Guide for Postal Inspectors and OIG Employees.
- Guide for Information Technology/Accounting Services Employees.
- Guide for Certain Temporary (Non-career) Employees.

Note: Plan brochures that include benefits, cost, and other major features of each health plan are available at www.opm.gov/ insure/health.

## Spend Your Health Care Dollars Wisely

Go to www.opm.gov/insure/health/search/plansearch.aspx.

1. Find health plans available in your ZIP Code ${ }^{\text {TM }}$.
2. Choose plans to compare.
3. See a simple summary of benefits.
4. See the biweekly premium cost that applies to you in the 2013 Guide to Benefits that you receive in the mail.

Note: Rates displayed on the Web may not apply to you.
5. Choose the best value plan for your needs.
6. If you want to make a change, enroll during open season using PostalEASE.

Please post on all bulletin boards through December 11, 2012.

## DID YOU ?

The USPS iPhone application repeatedly ranks among the top 10 free business apps.


## Annual Leave Exchange Option

## November 15, 2012, to December 15, 2012

The Annual Leave Exchange Program provides an option for eligible career employees to receive a lump sum payment in exchange for a portion of the annual leave that would otherwise be advanced at the beginning of the 2013 leave year. American Postal Workers Union (APWU)-represented part-time flexible employees may exchange a portion of the leave they are expected to earn during the 2013 leave year. Annual leave that has been earned and accumulated during the 2012 leave year, which ends January 11, 2013, cannot be exchanged for cash. Exchanging next year's annual leave for cash is strictly a voluntary action. The exchange option is not intended to discourage an employee's use of annual leave. Any leave exchanged will not be available for use in leave year 2013.

## Eligible Employees

Employees eligible for the Annual Leave Exchange Program include the following:

- Career nonbargaining unit employees from rate schedule codes (RSCs) D (levels 1-8), E, F, S, U, V, and Z (levels 1-11) who have an annual leave balance of at least 160 hours at the end of the 2012 leave year.
- Career bargaining unit employees - full-time employees, part-time regular employees, and APWU-represented parttime flexible employees - from the following RSCs who have an annual leave balance of at least 440 hours at the end of the 2012 leave year and have used less than 75 hours of sick leave during the 2012 leave year:
- American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO - Rate Schedule Code (RSC) P.
- Operating Services Division, Headquarters and Facility Services Section, Merrifield VA /APWU - RSC K.
- Mail Equipment Shops and Material Distribution Centers/APWU - RSC C.
- Eligibility exists only as provided for in pending successor agreements to current agreements for employees represented by the following:
- The National Postal Mail Handlers Union - RSC M.
- National Postal Professional Nurses/APWU - RSC G.
- Information Technology/Accounting Service Centers/APWU - RSC N.
- The International Association of Machinists, Tool \& Die - RSC T.
- Postal Police Officers' Association - RSC Y.


## PostalEASE Elections

Employees who meet the eligibility criteria and want to exercise this option must use PostalEASE to make elections. For the election to be considered timely, employees must complete their entries in PostalEASE by 11:59 P.M. Central Time, December 15, 2012.

An employee may contact the Human Resources Shared Services Center (HRSSC) for assistance if any of the following conditions apply:

- The employee is deaf or hard of hearing.
- The employee cannot use the telephone, Internet, employee self-service kiosk, or intranet for a medical reason.
- The employee receives a message in PostaIEASE directing him or her to contact the HRSSC when attempting to make an election.

To contact the HRSSC, do the following:

- Call the Employee Service line at 877-477-3273.
- When prompted, select 5 for the HRSSC.
- Select "Benefits" to speak with a representative who will assist you.

Please post on all bulletin boards through December 15, 2012.

## Dip You ? KNOW <br> $\qquad$

New posters in plants and Post Offices explain how to conserve Mail Transport Equipment.


# Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program Open Season 

## November 12, 2012, to December 10, 2012

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The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) Open Season will be held from November 12 to December 10, 2012, closing at 11:59 P.M. ET. Employees will receive a mailing to their addresses of record with complete program information about this pretax group insurance offering. Employees may also go to https://liteblue.usps.gov and download the 2013 Guide to FEDVIP.

During this open season, eligible employees may elect dental insurance, vision insurance, or both via the portal at www.benefeds.com. Employees without access to a computer may call 877-888-FEDS (877-888-3337). Employees who are deaf or hard of hearing may place a TTY call to 877-889-5680.

New enrollments made during the 2012 FEDVIP Open Season will be effective January 1, 2013.
Note: The 2010 Affordable Care Act health care law does not change the age or unmarried requirement for dependents in FEDVIP.

## DID YOU kNOW <br> 

The Mail Transport Equipment hotline number and email address are printed on new flat tubs to make it easier to report misuse.


## Publication 223 Revision: Directives and Forms Update

Effective immediately, Publication 223, Directives and Forms Catalog, is revised to include current information for the items noted in this article. See Publication 223 for complete information.

Information on how to order directives and forms is available in chapter 1 of Publication 223.

Publication 223 is available on the Internet at http:// about.usps.com/publications/pub223.pdf.

## New

- HBK MS-271-VOL-A, Dual Pass Rough Cull-Control Modification (DPRC-CM), System/Maintenance Information.
- KIT 55, Fuel Conservation Kit.
- MI AS-730-2012-1, Management of Printed Materials Inventory.
- MI FM-310-2012-3, Transfer of Management Official at Post Offices, Stations, and Branches.
- MI PO-530-2012-3, Highway Contract Route Late Slip Reconciliation and Payment.
- MOP FI-09-01-2012, Policy Memo - Statistical Programs Letter \#1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2013.
- PS 3210, Receipt for Stamp Stock Submitted for Redemption.
- PS 4004-C, Customized Packaging Business Case.
- PS 4004-SP, Specialized Packaging Order Form.
- PS 4830-AIF, BRM Hold Placard - Insufficient Funds.
- PS 4830-C, BRM Hold Placard - Mail Invoiced.
- PS 4830-D, BRM Hold Placard - Mail Not Invoiced.
- PS 6001, Application for CAPS Account.
- PS 6002, Accounts and Services to Be Paid Through CAPS.
- PS 6003, CAPS Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Agreement.
- PS 8676-APP, Approved Shipper Rights and Permissions Application.
- PS 8677-EDDM, Every Door Direct Mail Rights and Permissions Application.


## Revised

- HBK AS-805, Information Security.
- HBK MS-174-VOL-A, Identification Code Sort (ICS) System, Background Information.
- HBK MS-174-VOL-B, Identification Code Sort (ICS) System, Maintenance Information.
- HBK MS-179, Automated Airline Assignment (AAA), System/Maintenance Information.
- HBK MS-192-VOL-A, Robotic Containerization System (RCS), System Information.
- HBK MS-192-VOL-B, Robotic Containerization System (RCS), Maintenance Information.
- HBK MS-192-VOL-C, Robotic Containerization System (RCS), Reference Information.
- HBK MS-193-VOL-AP1, Robotic Tray Handling System (RTHS), Maintenance Information.
- HBK MS-223, Automatic Flats Tray Lidder (AFTL).
- HBK MS-227-VOL-A, High-Speed Label Applicator (HSLA) System, Background Information.
- HBK MS-227-VOL-B, High-Speed Label Applicator (HSLA) System, Maintenance Information.
- HBK MS-240-VOL-A, Automatic Tray Sleever II (ATS II), System Maintenance Information.
- HBK MS-242, Enhanced Airline Assignment (EAA).
- HBK MS-244, Tag Blaster (Dedicated and Universal Configurations).
- HBK MS-272-VOL-A, Automated Parcel Bundle Sorter (APBS), Maintenance Information.
- HBK MS-295, Automatic Tray Sleever Upgraded (ATSU).
- HBK PO-508, Intra-Alaska Mail Service by Air: Instructions for Certificated Air Carriers and Bypass Mail.
- LAB 100, Nonstandard Size Surcharge.
- MAN ELM, Employee and Labor Relations Manual.
- NOT 107, Let's Keep the Mail Safe.
- NOT 128, The Safety of the Mail Is Everyone's Responsibility.
- POS 37, Is Your Package Safe to Mail?
- PUB 133, What You Need to Know About EEO.
- PUB 296, CPU Marketing Brochure ("There's a Business Hiding Inside Your Business").
- PUB 308, Know Your Rights: A Guide for Victims and Witnesses of Crime.
- PUB 613, Shipping International Packages: A step-by-step guide to customs documentation and shipping internationally.
- PS 1260, Non-Electronic Badge Reader Card.
- PS 1412, Daily Financial Report.
- PS 2570, EEO Dispute Resolution Specialist's (DRS) Inquiry Report.
- PS 3606, Certificate of Bulk Mailing.
- PS 3959, Stamp Stock Transactions and Daily Recap.
- PS 4241, Rural Delivery Statistics Report.
- PS 4241-M, Rural Route Evaluation Worksheet.
- PS 4830-A, BRM Hold Placard - Fees Not Paid.
- PS 4983, Postal Key and Lock Requisition.
- PS 5544, Pickup Services Escalation Form.
- PS 5630, Shipment Confirmation Acceptance Notice.
- PS 6831, Request for Headquarters Identification Badge.
- PS 8162, Capital Property Record.


## Obsolete

| PSIN | Edition <br> Date | Title | Replaced By |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MI AS-730-2009-4 | $7 / 09$ | Management of Printed Materials Inventory | MI AS-730-2012-1 |
| MI FM-310-2007-1 | $12 / 07$ | Transfer of Accountability for Post Offices, Stations, and Branches | MI FM-310-2012-3 |
| MI PO-530-2012-1 | $5 / 12$ | Highway Contract Route Late Slip Reconciliation and Payment | MI PO-530-2012-3 |
| PUB 8B | $5 / 09$ | OneCode ACS Technical Guide | N/A |
| PUB 80 | $1 / 08$ | Bulk Proof of Delivery Program | N/A |
| PS 3572 | $3 / 06$ | Address Change Service Application - Traditional | N/A |
| PS 3573 | $6 / 09$ | Address Change Service Application - OneCode ACS | N/A |
| PS 4004-A | $8 / 07$ | Specialized Business Case | PS 4004-SP |
| PS 4004-B | $8 / 07$ | Customized Packaging Business Case | PS 4004-C |
| PS 4004-O | $8 / 07$ | Reorder/New Specialized Order Form | PS 4004-SP |

## Forms

## PS Form 8170 Reminder: Reporting Procedures for Freedom of Information Act Requests

Postmasters, district managers, vice presidents, and other records custodians (see Handbook AS-353, Guide to Privacy, the Freedom of Information Act, and Records Management, 4-8) must complete PS Form 8170, Freedom of Information Act Request Report, for each request processed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The collection and reporting of this information are required by the FOIA statute.

## When must PS Form 8170 be submitted?

Any outstanding reports for requests processed during fiscal year 2012 should be completed and submitted by November 7, 2012.

## Exceptions

Do not complete PS Form 8170 for any of the following:

- Requests for change of address or PO Box ${ }^{\top M}$ information from process servers or government agencies under Handbook AS-353 5-2d.
- Requests from federal agencies for any type of information.
- Requests from a union, unless the request cites the FOIA.


## Where to send PS Form 8170

- Field offices submit reports to the area or district consumer and industry contact managers (C\&IC), who serve as FOIA coordinators.
- Headquarters and Headquarters field units custodians submit reports to the manager, Records Office at Headquarters (reports may be sent via facsimile to 202-268-5353 or via email to FOIA-PA@usps.gov).
- FOIA coordinators submit reports to the manager, Records Office at Headquarters (reports may be sent via facsimile to 202-268-5353 or via email to FOIAPA@usps.gov). Coordinators are responsible for verifying the forms for accuracy of completion before submitting them to the Records Office.


## PS Form 8170 Availability

The hardcopy PS Form 8170 can be found on the Forms Management, Policies and Procedures Information page at http://blue.usps.gov/formmgmt/forms/ps8170.pdf, and the form fill version can be found at http:// blue.usps.gov/formflow/xft/psform8170.xft.

## Questions?

If you have questions concerning this requirement, contact the C\&IC in your district or area, or the Records Office staff at 202-268-2608.

## Organization Information

## Finance

## Christmas Pay Procedures for Rural Carriers

The 2012 Christmas period for rural carriers begins Saturday, December 1, 2012 (Week 1, Pay Period (PP) 26-12), and ends Friday, December 21, 2012, Week 1 of Pay Period 01-13. During this period, certain timekeeping and pay rules apply. Timekeepers, including postmasters, supervisors, and other employees responsible for rural carrier time and attendance recording, should become familiar with Article 9.2.K., Christmas Allowances and Procedures, of the 2010-2015 USPS/National Rural Letter Carriers' Association (NRLCA) Agreement.

This article describes the types of compensation to which rural carriers are entitled during the Christmas period. It also describes related timekeeping procedures and regulations for the Christmas period, as well as special rules which begin with the start of the Rural Guarantee Year (October 20, 2012) and continue through the end of the Christmas period.

Exhibits are included to assist in completing PS Form 1314, Regular Rural Carrier Time Certificate, and PS Form 1314-A, Auxiliary Rural Carrier Time Certificate, during the Christmas period.

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## Overtime During the Christmas Period

Regular Carriers (DES 71) - FLSA B

## Types of Overtime

During the Christmas period, regular rural carriers are eligible for two types of overtime - FLSA overtime and Christmas overtime:

## FLSA Overtime

FLSA overtime is paid at all times of the year, not just during the Christmas period. Regular rural carriers are paid FLSA overtime under two circumstances:
a. Hours worked in excess of 12 hours in a day. If a carrier works more than 12 hours in a day, the amount over 12 is entered in the Daily Overtime block on PS Form 1314.
b. Hours worked in excess of 56 in a week. These hours are calculated automatically when the total weekly work hours are greater than 56 , so no separate entries are required.

## Christmas Overtime

Christmas Overtime is paid only during the designated Christmas period. Regular rural carriers are paid Christmas overtime under two circumstances:
a. Christmas Assistance - This is assistance provided by the regular carrier on her or his relief day. Christmas assistance work hours are entered in the Xmas Assist Work Hours block on PS Form 1314, however they are not included in the "Actual Weekly Hours" block on PS Form 1314.
b. Hours worked in excess of the route's evaluation This is based on the total actual work hours for the week, not on individual days. For example, if a route has a daily evaluation of 9 hours and the regular carrier works 10 hours on 2 days, and 8 hours on the other 3 days, no overtime would be paid. Even though the carrier exceeded the daily evaluation on 2 days of the week, he did not exceed the weekly evaluation. The weekly evaluation is 45 hours; the carrier worked 44 hours. (See Handbook F-21, Section 567, for overtime calculation when leave days are taken during the week and for routes with an evaluation of less than 40 hours.) These hours are calculated automatically, so no separate entries or calculations are required.

## Overtime Rate

The overtime rate paid to regular (FLSA Code B) carriers is 150 percent of the carrier's regular rate. The regular rate is determined by dividing the total compensation received for hours actually worked by the carrier since the beginning of the Rural Guarantee Year (not including overtime), by the total number of hours worked since the beginning of the Rural Guarantee Year (not including overtime). This overtime rate is used for both FLSA overtime and Christmas overtime.

## Replacement Carriers

Replacement Carriers (Designations 70, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, and 79) are only entitled to FLSA overtime. For these employees, FLSA overtime is paid for hours worked in excess of 40 in a week.

## Regular Carriers (DES 71) - FLSA A

Regular carriers whose FLSA code is A are paid for actual hours worked, not evaluated hours. They are paid overtime for hours in excess of 8 in a day, or 40 in a week. For FLSA Code A carriers, enter hours in excess of 8 in a day to the Daily Overtime block on PS Form 1314. Hours in excess of 40 in a week are calculated automatically by the system.

## Auxiliary Route Replacement Carriers

Replacement carriers serving any auxiliary route are compensated at the hourly rate for actual hours worked during PP 26-12 and week 1 of PP 01-13. During this period, carriers are not paid the evaluation of the route. Overtime is paid only when the carrier exceeds 40 hours for the week.

## Christmas Assistance

Christmas assistance is additional service provided on a rural route during the Christmas period. For regular carri-
ers, Christmas assistance applies only to assistance given by the carrier, on his/her relief day, while a replacement carrier carries the full route. For replacement carriers, it applies to any assistance provided on a regular or auxiliary route during the Christmas period. Christmas assistance is reported in the Xmas Assist Work Hours block on PS Form 1314 (for regular carriers) or PS Form 1314-A (for replacement carriers).

Regular carriers can perform Christmas assistance only on their relief day. Therefore, only regular carriers assigned to J or K routes may report Christmas assistance. Regular carriers assigned to route types H or M cannot perform Christmas assistance because these route types do not have a relief day. Note: There are no provisions for paying a regular carrier for performing service on a Sunday, on an actual holiday, or other than on the assigned route. These situations should be avoided.

## Examples of Christmas assistance:

- A regular carrier comes in on his/her relief day and helps the replacement carrier case the route.
- A regular carrier comes in on his/her relief day and carries part of his/her regular route. (Replacement carrier is listed on PS Form 1314.)
- A replacement carrier carries part of a regular route due to heavy Christmas volume.
These are not examples of Christmas assistance:
- A regular carrier comes in on his/her relief day and carries his/her regular route.
- A regular carrier works 2 hours beyond the daily evaluation of his/her regular route.
- A regular carrier performs any work while assigned to an H or M route.


## Time Card Blocks Used During the Christmas Period

PS Form 1314 - FLSA Code B Regular Carriers


1. Daily Overtime - For FLSA B carriers, this block is used only to record when the carrier works more than 12.00 hours in a single day. (See Exhibit 5 for use of this block for FLSA Code A regular carriers. This block is not used for FLSA Code P.) Record the total amount of work hours in excess of 12 per day in this box. Include the amount of daily overtime in the Actual Weekly Hours block. For example, if the carrier works 10.00 hours each day, Monday through Wednesday, and works 12.50 on Thursday and 13.00 on Friday, the amount entered to the Daily Overtime block is 1.50 and the amount entered to the Actual Weekly Hours is 55.50.

The Daily Overtime block is not used to record:

- Hours worked in excess of 56 in a week.
- Hours worked in excess of the route's evaluation.
- Hours worked when the carrier works his/her relief day.
- Additional hours worked by the carrier after completing his/her route (except for those that are over 12 hours for the day).

2. Xmas Assist Work Hours - For FLSA Code B regular carriers, this block is used only when the carrier comes in on his/her relief day to provide assistance, not to carry his/her full route. A relief carrier must be listed on PS Form 1314 as the replacement carrier for that day. Do not include the amount of Xmas Assist Work Hours in the Actual Weekly Hours block.
The Xmas Assist Work Hours block is not used to record:

- Hours worked in excess of 56 in a week.
- Hours worked in excess of the route's evaluation.
- Hours worked when the carrier works his/her relief day and DACA Code R, 3, or 5 is entered on the PS Form 1314.
- Additional hours worked by the carrier after completing his/her route.

PS Form 1314-A - Replacement Carriers/Auxiliary Routes


1. Rt. No. - Use the chart below to determine which route number to enter on the PS Form 1314-A when reporting Christmas assistance by replacement carriers or on auxiliary routes.

| Christmas Assistance Provided on: | Route \#on PS Form 1314-A |
| :--- | :--- |
| Regular route | Actual route \#(e.g., K001, J014) |
| One or more auxiliary routes | A998 - Combine all Christmas assistance on auxiliary routes on one PS Form <br> $1314-A ~(e x c e p t ~ f o r ~ D e s ~ 79 ~ p r o v i d i n g ~ a s s i s t a n c e ~ o n ~ a s s i s t a n c e ~ o n ~ h i s / h e r ~ a u x i l i a r y ~$ <br> route) |
| Auxiliary route - assistance provided by Des 79 | Use PS Form 1314-A for assigned route, and enter time in Xmas Assist Work Hours <br> block on their assigned route |

2. Xmas Assist Work Hours - This block is used whenever a replacement carrier provides Christmas assistance. Do not include the amount of Xmas Assist Work Hours in the Actual Weekly Hours block.

## Work on Relief Days and Use of X Days

During the period from the beginning of the Rural Guarantee Year (October 20, 2012), through the last day of the Christmas period (December 21, 2012) - which includes pay periods 23-12, 24-12, 25-12, 26-12, and 01-13 (Week 1) - record relief days worked by regular rural carriers on PS Form 1314, as described below.

1. Carriers who work a relief day during this period and who are entitled to a future day off (X day) must be given that $X$ day in the same pay period. Record DACA Code R or 3 on PS Form 1314 for the relief day that is worked, and DACA Code $X$ on the day that is taken off. The Rural Time and Attendance Collection System (RTACS) will not accept any PS Form 1314 that contains a DACA Code 3 or DACA Code $R$ without a corresponding DACA Code X.
2. Record DACA Code 5 on PS Form 1314 for the relief day that is worked if an $X$ day is not taken in the same pay period that the relief day is worked, or if the carrier is on the relief day work list and selects the option
for 150 percent compensation. When DACA Code 5 is entered, the carrier does not receive an $X$ day.
3. Carriers may not use any $X$ days that were earned in previous pay periods during this period. RTACS will not accept any PS Form 1314 that contains a DACA Code X without a corresponding DACA Code 3 or DACA Code R.
4. Carriers must have a sufficient balance of $X$ days available in order to use an $X$ day. Carriers with a negative $X$ day balance cannot use any $X$ days until the negative balance is erased.

## Christmas Period Timekeeping Instructions

A. FLSA B Regular Rural Carriers

1. Work on Relief Day - Only regular carriers on J or K routes have an assigned relief day. Any work performed by a regular on his/her relief day must be reported in one of the following ways:
a. Regular carries entire route - If the carrier reports on the relief day and cases and carries the assigned route (as is done on a scheduled
day), enter DACA Code R, 3, or 5 (as appropriate) on PS Form 1314 for that day. If the carrier is due an X day for working the relief day (i.e., DACA Code $R$ or 3 is entered), this $X$ day must be granted in the same pay period. If the $X$ day is not granted within the same pay period, DACA Code 5 must be entered on PS Form 1314.
b. Christmas assistance - If a relief carrier carries the assigned route and the regular carrier provides assistance on the relief day, record the hours worked by the regular as Xmas Assist Work Hours. If additional Equipment Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is due for work performed on the relief day, enter the mileage traveled in whole miles in the Route Deviation block for the appropriate week.

## B. FLSA Code A Regular Carriers

Regular carriers (FLSA Code A) are paid at the regular rate for all hours worked up to 8 per day and 40 per week, and at the overtime rate for all hours worked in excess of 8 per day or 40 hours per week. FLSA Code $A$ employees are not entitled to any $X$ days, as they are paid for working the relief day.

1. Report total hours worked for the week in Actual Weekly Hours.
2. If the carrier worked more than 8.00 hours in a day, enter total hours worked in excess of 8 for that day in the Daily Overtime block.
3. If the carrier worked on a scheduled relief day, enter R on the day the carrier worked the relief day and include the hours worked in Actual Weekly Hours. The employee is not entitled to a future $X$ Day.
C. Auxiliary Route Carriers

Carriers serving any auxiliary route are compensated at the hourly rate for actual hours worked during PP 26-12 and week 1 of PP 01-13. During this period, carriers are not paid the evaluation of the route (this includes newly hired RCAs in the first five pay periods of training). The only changes to standard timekeeping procedures for auxiliary routes are when a Designation (Des) 79 provides Christmas assistance on the assigned auxiliary route. (See section E.2).
D. Replacement Carriers Assigned to Vacant Regular Routes (Designations 72/74)

1. Designation 72
a. FLSA B - Procedures are the same as for Des 71 (Regular Carrier), FLSA B.
b. FLSA A - Procedures are the same as for Des 71 (Regular Carrier), FLSA A.

## 2. Designation 74

Work on relief day
a. Carrier worked scheduled relief day:
(1) Enter R on the day the carrier worked the relief day.
(2) Include the hours worked in the Actual Weekly Hours. The employee is not entitled to a future X Day.
b. Carrier provided Christmas assistance on relief day:
(1) Enter the Christmas auxiliary assistance time on PS Form 1314 in the Xmas Assist Work Hours block.
(2) Do not include these hours in the Actual Weekly Hours block.
(3) Enter J or K in the appropriate block on PS Form 1314 if the replacement carrier worked a full day on the route.

## E. Replacement Rural Carriers Serving as Christmas Auxiliary Assistants

All replacement carriers serving as Christmas auxiliary assistants are compensated at their regular rate for actual hours worked up to 40 per week, and at the FLSA overtime rate for actual hours worked in excess of 40 .

1. Christmas assistance on a regular route:
a. Manually prepare PS Form 1314-A for each carrier that provides Christmas assistance.
b. Do not enter more than one carrier on each PS Form 1314-A.
c. Submit a separate certificate for each regular route on which the carrier provides assistance.
d. Report the Christmas assistance hours in the appropriate Week 1 and/or Week 2 Xmas Assist Work Hours block.
e. Enter EMA hours, trips, and miles in the appropriate Week 1 and/or Week 2 EMA blocks.
2. Christmas assistance on an auxiliary route:
a. Assigned carrier (Des 79) provided Christmas assistance on assigned auxiliary route:
(1) Enter N in the appropriate block in the No Service section of the carrier's PS Form 1314-A for the assigned route.
(2) Record hours worked in the Xmas Assist Work Hours block. Only enter Christmas assistance when the 79-0 assists the replacement carrier working the N day.
(3) Include EMA hours and miles (not trips) in the total for the appropriate week. Trips may
not exceed the number of days worked in the No Service blocks.
(4) A replacement carrier is required to crossfoot the card.
b. Replacement carrier (Designations 70, 73, 74, 75, 76, and 78) provided Christmas assistance on auxiliary route:
(1) Manually prepare PS Form 1314-A. Enter route number A998. Use this route type and number for overburdened service or Christmas assistance on auxiliary routes only.
(2) Report the Christmas assistance hours in the appropriate Week 1 and/or Week 2 Xmas Assist Work Hours block.
(3) Enter EMA hours, trips, and miles (if applicable) in the appropriate Week 1 and/or Week 2 EMA blocks.
(4) If Christmas assistance is performed on two or more auxiliary routes in the same pay period, combine all work hours and EMA data on one manually prepared PS Form 1314-A.
F. Postal Employees (Other Than Rural) Serving as Christmas Auxiliary Assistants
Postal employees (other than Des 7 X ) who provide Christmas assistance on rural routes are compensated at their regular rate of pay for actual time worked. Include all work hours using their normal Time and Attendance System (Manual Timecards or TACS).
Nonrural employees are entitled to EMA payment if a personal vehicle is used. Prepare PS Form 1314-A as follows: (Do not prepare PS Form 1314-A if a government vehicle is provided.)
3. Report the hours worked on the rural routes on PS Form 1230-C, Time Card.
4. Manually prepare PS Form 1314-A for EMA compensation.
5. Complete indicative data at the top of the certificate. Use Des 99/0, actual route type and number, FLSA code P, and correct employee and pay period information.
6. Enter EMA hours, trips, and miles in the appropriate Week 1 and/or Week 2 EMA blocks.

## Important Items to Remember: Rural Carrier Christmas Pay Procedures

- Hours entered in the Daily Overtime block are always included in Actual Weekly Hours.
- Hours entered in the Xmas Assist Work Hours block are not included in Actual Weekly Hours.
- Carriers on auxiliary routes are paid for actual hours worked, not the route's evaluation, during the Christmas period.
- A DACA Code $X$ day cannot be entered on a time card unless there is a corresponding DACA Code $R$ or 3 day in the same pay period and the carrier's $X$ day balance is zero or greater.
- If Actual Weekly Hours exceed 56 hours in a week, a DACA Code 5 must be used. DACA Code 3 or R is not allowed.
- If a regular carrier works his/her relief day and carries his/her assigned route, this is not reported as Christmas assistance.
- Regular carriers may only work on their assigned route.
- Second Trip is not allowed during the Christmas period.
- Regular carriers may not work on Tuesday, December $25^{\text {th }}$ or Tuesday, January $1^{\text {st }}$.


## Exhibit 1. Regular Carrier Works in Excess of Route's Evaluation



1. A regular carrier is assigned to a $45-$ hour evaluated route (Daily evaluation $=9.00$ hours).
2. The carrier works 45.08 hours in Week 1, and 38.08 hours in Week 2 as follows:

|  | Week 1 (Hours) | Week 2 (Hours) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Mon | 09.00 | 10.08 |
| Tue | 07.90 | 08.75 |
| Wed | 10.28 | 09.50 |
| Thu | 08.90 | 09.75 |
| Fri | 09.00 | Annual Leave |

3. The carrier will be paid Christmas overtime for 0.08 hours in Week 1 and 2.08 hours in Week 2, based on hours worked over the route's evaluated hours.
4. No manual computation for Christmas overtime is necessary. This is automatically computed. No entries are made to the Daily Overtime block.

Exhibit 2. Regular Carrier Not on Relief Day Work List Works Relief Day (Week 2) and Does Not Receive an X Day in the Same Pay Period


1. A regular carrier is required to work the second relief day of Pay Period 26. The carrier initially selects the option to receive a future $X$ day (DACA 3). However, the carrier does not get an $X$ day in the same pay period.
2. Enter DACA Code 5 on the relief day (Saturday) of Week 2.
3. The carrier is paid 150 percent of a day's evaluation for working the relief day and does not receive a future $X$ day.

Exhibit 3. Regular Carrier Works Designated Holiday


1. A regular carrier's relief day is Tuesday. The carrier works the designated holiday on Monday, December $24^{\text {th }}$.
2. Enter V on Monday of Week 2.
3. Include hours worked on the designated holiday in Actual Weekly Hours.
4. The carrier is not entitled to an $X$ day for working the holiday.
5. Do not enter Holiday work hours in the Daily Overtime block.
6. The carrier will receive 150 percent of one day's evaluation for working the designated Christmas holiday. Note: Regular rural carriers cannot work on Tuesday, December $25^{\text {th }}$.

## Exhibit 4. Regular Carrier Provides Christmas Assistance



1. A carrier works 7.25 hours of Christmas assistance on the relief day Wednesday, Week 2 and uses a personal vehicle for 25 miles.
2. Enter 7.25 hours in Xmas Assist Work Hours. Do not include in the total work hours for the week on PS Form 1314.
3. Enter the 25 miles traveled on the relief day in whole miles in the Route Deviation block.
4. No manual computation for Christmas overtime is necessary. This is automatically computed. Do not enter Christmas overtime in the Daily Overtime block.

## Exhibit 5. FLSA Code A Regular Carrier



1. A regular carrier whose FLSA code is $A$ is paid by the hour. Overtime is paid for all hours over 8 in a day or 40 in a week.
2. The carrier works 8.32 hours on Tuesday of Week 1. Enter 0.32 hours in the Daily Overtime block.
3. The carrier works relief day (Saturday) in Week 1 (Enter DACA Code R). Include these hours in Actual Weekly Hours. The carrier is paid for these hours, so no $\mathbf{X}$ day is due.
4. The carrier works 39.88 total hours in Week 1.
5. The carrier works Christmas assistance ( 6 hrs ) on the relief day on the second Saturday. Record the Christmas assistance time in the Xmas Assist Work Hours block. Do not add to the Actual Weekly Hours. Overtime will only be paid if the carrier exceeds 40 hours for the week.
6. No manual computation for Christmas overtime is necessary. This is automatically computed. The carrier will receive 0.32 hours of overtime in Week 1 and 0.08 hours of overtime $(34.08+06.00=40.08$ hours $)$ in Week 2.

Exhibit 6. Designation 74 Works Designated Holiday


1. A rural carrier associate (RCA) is assigned to a vacant regular J route, with a relief day on Tuesday of Week 2.
2. The carrier works the designated Christmas holiday on Monday, December 24th.
3. Do not enter V or H for working the Christmas holiday. Designation 74 s are not entitled to holiday leave pay. Monday is a regular workday.
4. Include hours worked on Monday of Week 2 in Actual Weekly Hours.
5. A replacement carrier is not needed to crossfoot the card for the second week.

## Exhibit 7. Designation 74 Provides Christmas Assistance on Relief Day



1. The RCA is assigned to a vacant regular K route, with a relief day of Monday.
2. On the first Monday, the Des. 74 carrier provides Christmas assistance for 7 hours. The replacement carrier works the route the entire day.
3. Enter K for the first Monday.
4. Enter 7.00 hours in the Xmas Assist Work Hours block. Do not include these hours in the Actual Weekly Hours block.
5. The carrier will be paid 3.52 hours overtime $(36.52+7.00=43.52)$.
6. Enter appropriate information for the relief carrier in the bottom section of the time certificate.

Exhibit 8. Replacement Carrier Provides Christmas Assistance on a Regular Route


1. A regular carrier on Route K001 carries his/her route on regularly scheduled day.
2. A replacement carrier provides Christmas assistance on Route K001 for 3.25 hours on Tuesday, Week 1; 6.75 hours on Friday, Week 1; and 4.50 hours on Saturday, Week 2.
3. On each of these days, the replacement carrier spends 3 hours on the street and travels 40 miles each day (in his/her own vehicle).
4. Prepare PS Form 1314-A using the actual route number (K001) on which service was performed.
5. Enter 10.00 hours in the Xmas Assist Work Hours block for Week 1, and 4.50 hours for Week 2. Do not include these hours in Actual Weekly Hours.
6. Enter EMA data in the appropriate Equipment Allowance blocks.
7. Do not enter any information on the bottom (relief carrier) section of the card.
8. If the replacement carrier provides Christmas assistance on more than one regular route, complete a separate PS Form 1314-A for each route on which Christmas assistance is provided.

## Exhibit 9. Replacement Carrier Provides Christmas Assistance on an Auxiliary Route



1. A replacement carrier provides 3.00 hours Christmas assistance on Route A003 on Monday, Week $1 ; 1.25$ hours Christmas assistance on Route A009 on Wednesday, Week 1; and 2.50 hours Christmas assistance on Route A003 on Saturday, Week 2. All hours are worked in the office, except 1 hour on the street on Saturday, Week 2 ( 10 miles).
2. Prepare one PS Form 1314-A using route number A998 for all Christmas assistance hours on auxiliary routes.
3. Enter hours worked in the Xmas Assist Work Hours block. Do not include in Actual Weekly Hours.
4. Enter EMA data in the appropriate Equipment Allowance blocks.

## Exhibit 10. Nonrural Employee Provides Christmas Assistance on Rural Route (EMA Only)



1. A clerk works as a Christmas auxiliary assistant on Route J 029 and provides her or his own vehicle.
2. Complete PS Form 1314-A, using Des 99 and the route number of the regular route. (Use A998 if assistance is provided on an auxiliary route.)
3. Enter the hours, trips, and miles in the Equipment Allowance blocks.
4. Do not enter any Actual Weekly Hours or Xmas Assist Work Hours. Work hours for nonrural employees are paid using their regular timekeeping system (e.g., manual timecards, TACS).
5. If Christmas assistance is provided on more than one regular route, complete a separate PS Form 1314-A for each employee and for each route on which they provide Christmas assistance.
6. If Christmas assistance is provided on more than one auxiliary route, combine the EMA data and enter the totals on one PS Form 1314-A using route number A998.

## Exhibit 11. Designation 79 Provides Christmas Assistance on Assigned Auxiliary Route



1. A Des 79 assigned to route A005 carried a regular route on Saturday, Week 2 while another replacement carrier was assigned to A005 on Saturday. Enter an N in the DACA block.
2. The Des 79 provided 1.5 hours Christmas Assistance on route A005 on Saturday, Week 2.
3. The Des 79 took 4 hours of annual leave on Monday, Week 2.
4. Enter hours worked (1.5) in the Xmas Assist Work Hours block. Do not include in Actual Weekly Hours.
5. Enter the replacement carrier that carried route A005 on Saturday and Monday on the bottom of PS Form 1314-A.

## 2013 Pay Dates and Leave Year

The following chart lists the pay periods for 2013. For the convenience of timekeepers, each biweekly pay period appears as 2 separate weeks, with the beginning and ending dates indicated for each week.

The leave year always begins the first day of the first full pay period in the calendar year. The 2013 leave year begins January 12, 2013 (Pay Period 03-13), and extends for 26 full pay periods, ending January 11, 2014 (Pay Period 02-14).

## 2013 Pay Period Inclusive Dates

| Pay Period | Week One | Week Two | Pay Date | Holidays |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 | 12-15 to 12-21 | 12-22 to 12-28 | 01-04 | 12-25 |
| 02 | 12-29 to 01-04 | 01-05 to 01-11 | 01-18 | 01-01 |
| 03 | 01-12 to 01-18 | 01-19 to 01-25 | 02-01 | 01-21 |
| 04 | 01-26 to 02-01 | 02-02 to 02-08 | 02-15 |  |
| 05 | 02-09 to 02-15 | 02-16 to 02-22 | 03-01 | 02-18 |
| 06 | 02-23 to 03-01 | 03-02 to 03-08 | 03-15 |  |
| 07 | 03-09 to 03-15 | 03-16 to 03-22 | 03-29 |  |
| 08 | 03-23 to 03-29 | 03-30 to 04-05 | 04-12 |  |
| 09 | 04-06 to 04-12 | 04-13 to 04-19 | 04-26 |  |
| 10 | 04-20 to 04-26 | 04-27 to 05-03 | 05-10 |  |
| 11 | 05-04 to 05-10 | 05-11 to 05-17 | 05-24 |  |
| 12 | 05-18 to 05-24 | 05-25 to 05-31 | 06-07 | 05-27 |
| 13 | 06-01 to 06-07 | 06-08 to 06-14 | 06-21 |  |
| 14 | 06-15 to 06-21 | 06-22 to 06-28 | 07-05 |  |
| 15 | 06-29 to 07-05 | 07-06 to 07-12 | 07-19 | 07-04 |
| 16 | 07-13 to 07-19 | 07-20 to 07-26 | 08-02 |  |
| 17 | 07-27 to 08-02 | 08-03 to 08-09 | 08-16 |  |
| 18 | 08-10 to 08-16 | 08-17 to 08-23 | 08-30 |  |
| 19 | 08-24 to 08-30 | 08-31 to 09-06 | 09-13 | 09-02 |
| 20 | 09-07 to 09-13 | 09-14 to 09-20 | 09-27 |  |
| 21 | 09-21 to 09-27 | 09-28 to 10-04 | 10-11 |  |
| 22 | 10-05 to 10-11 | 10-12 to 10-18 | 10-25 | 10-14 |
| 23 | 10-19 to 10-25 | 10-26 to 11-01 | 11-08 |  |
| 24 | 11-02 to 11-08 | 11-09 to 11-15 | 11-22 | 11-11 |
| 25 | 11-16 to 11-22 | 11-23 to 11-29 | 12-06 | 11-28 |
| 26 | 11-30 to 12-06 | 12-07 to 12-13 | 12-20 |  |

## 2014 Pay Periods Begin

| Pay Period | Week One | Week Two | Pay Date | Holidays |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 01 | $12-14$ to $12-20$ | $12-21$ to $12-27$ | $01-03$ | $12-25$ |
| 02 | $12-28$ to $01-03$ | $01-04$ to $01-10$ | $01-17$ | $01-01$ |

## Labor Relations

## Health Benefits Open Season

The 2012 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Open Season is scheduled for November 12 through December 11, 2012, 5 P.M. Central Time (CT). Many open season changes may be made via self-service on
PostalEASE. During this open season, eligible employees may make any one, or a combination of, the following changes:

- Enroll if not enrolled.
- Change from one plan to another plan.
- Change from one option to another option.
- Change from Self Only to Self and Family.
- Change from Self and Family to Self Only.
- Cancel enrollment.
- Change from pre-tax to post-tax payment of health insurance premiums, or vice versa.

Enrollment changes and new enrollments made during the 2012 Open Season will be effective January 12, 2013 (Pay Period 3-13).

## Distribution of Open Season Materials

## Employees

The 2013 Guide to Benefits for (1) Non-APWU, NonNRLCA Career employees (RI 70-2); (2) APWU and NRLCA Career employees (RI 70-2A); (3) Postal Career Executive Service employees (RI 70-2EX); (4) Postal Inspection Service and Office of Inspector General (OIG) employees (RI 70-2IN); (5) Information Technology/Accounting Services Career employees; and (6) Certain temporary (noncareer) employees (RI 70-8PS) will be mailed from the national level to each employee's address of record. Each 2013 Guide to Benefits includes:

- An overview of FEHB Program eligibility requirements and election choices during open season.
- Overviews of the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP), Flexible Spending Accounts Program (FSA), Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program (FEGLI), and Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP).
- A comparison of biweekly premium costs of participating plans.
- An explanation of the pre-tax payment feature, including a current listing of qualifying life events.
- FEHB member survey results provided by the individual health plans.
- Information about plans that are committed to the use of health information technology and healthcare quality and price/cost information.
- PostalEASE FEHB Worksheet and PostalEASE Health Savings Account (HSA) Worksheet for employees enrolled in High Deductible Health Plans (HDHP) who wish to make pre-tax payroll contributions to their HSAs.
Employees will also receive the 2013 Guide to Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program for USPS Emplyees (FEDVIP BK-1).


## Installations

To assist in publicizing this FEHB Open Season, all installations are asked to post on bulletin boards the open season notice provided on page 71 of this Postal Bulletin and leave it posted through December 11, 2012.

The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) open season notice provided on page $\underline{75}$ of this Postal Bulletin should be posted on bulletin boards through December 11, 2012.

The Material Distribution Center (MDC) will make an automatic distribution of most fee-for-service brochures to all customer service district offices, processing and distribution centers, airport mail centers, and bulk mail centers, the Office of Inspector General, selected Postal Inspection Service divisions, and selected Headquarters field units.

The Rural Carrier Benefit Plan brochure will be distributed automatically only to district and area Human Resources offices. Additional copies may also be requisitioned from the MDC.

The following items may be requisitioned from the MDC:

- RI 70-2, 2013 Guide to Benefits for Non-APWU, NonNRLCA Career USPS Employees - PSN 7690-03-000-3774.
- RI 70-2A, 2013 Guide to Benefits for APWU and NRLCA Career USPS Employees - PSN 7690-15-000-0575.
- RI 70-2EX, 2013 Guide to Benefits for Postal Career Executive Service Employees - PSN 7690-15-0000576.
- RI 70-2IN, 2013 Guide to Benefits for USPS Inspectors and Office of Inspector General Employees PSN 7690-09-000-9077.
- RI 70-2IT, 2013 Guide to Benefits for USPS Information Technology/Accounting Services Career USPS Employees - PSN 7690-16-000-8959
- RI 70-5, 2013 Guide to Federal Benefits for Temporary Continuation of Coverage and Former Spouse Enrollees - PSN 7690-03-000-3772.
- RI 70-8 PS, 2013 Guide to Benefits for Certain Temporary (Non-career) USPS Employees - PSN 7690-03-000-3754.
- FEDVIP BK-1, 2013 Guide to Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program for USPS Employees (including law enforcement) - PSN 7610-09-000-9112.
Order these items directly from plan sponsors:
- Brochures for health maintenance organizations (HMOs), point-of-service (POS) plans, and high deductible and consumer-driven health plans.
These two forms are available on the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ PolicyNet website:
- PS Form 8201, Pre-Tax Health Insurance Premium Waiver/Restoration Form for Career Employees.
- PS Form 8202, Pre-Tax Health Insurance Premium Election/Waiver Form for Noncareer Employees.
To find these forms, go to http://blue.usps.gov; under "Essential Links," click Forms, or contact the Human Resources Shared Service Center at 877-477-3273, option 5; TTY 866-260-7507.


## Additional Information

Publication 12, Health Benefits Open Season Administrative and Processing Information (November 2012), addresses FEHB Open Season administrative issues. The publication contains the following information:

- Open season materials, including details of when and how to requisition a residual supply of materials.
- Eligibility requirements for coverage.
- A list of FEHB health plan withdrawals and other significant plan changes.
- Comprehensive medical plan (HMO) contact information.
- Personnel processing information.
- Open Season publicity materials.

Publication 12 will be available on the Postal Service PolicyNet website:

- Go to http://blue.usps.gov.
- Under "Essential Links" in the left-hand column, click PolicyNet.
- On the PolicyNet page, click PUBs.
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## Penalty Overtime Exclusion

As referenced in Article 8, Sections 4 and 5, of the USPS-NALC and USPS-APWU national agreements, the December period (during which penalty overtime regulations are not applicable) consists of 4 consecutive service weeks. This year, the December period begins Pay Period

26-12, Week 1 (December 1, 2012), and ends Pay Period 01-13, Week 2 (December 28, 2012).

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## Flexible Spending Accounts 2012 Open Season: November 12-December 23, 2012

The 2012 Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) Open Season is scheduled for November 12 through December 23, 2012, 5:00 P.m. Central Time (CT). Eligible career employees who elect to participate in the FSA program must enroll via PostalEASE during this time. Enrollments made during this FSA Open Season are effective for the 2013 plan year - January 1 through December 31, 2013 plus a grace period that extends until March 15, 2014, for all employees who are still participating as of December 31, 2013. FSA participation ends sooner for participants who separate or have extended leave without pay.

FSAs allow employees to set aside a portion of their pretax earnings for certain types of out-of-pocket health care and dependent care expenses. The money withheld for FSAs is not subject to income, Medicare, or Social Security
taxes. United Healthcare administers the FSA program for the Postal Service ${ }^{T M}$.

The booklet FSA BK1, Flexible Spending Accounts (November 2012), which is being mailed to all employees, provides an overview of FSAs.

## Grace Period Still in Effect

Employees with FSAs - for Health Care, Dependent Care, or both - are able to use any balance remaining in an FSA at the end of the plan year to cover expenses incurred during the $21 / 2$ months following that plan year. For the 2012 plan year, the grace period extends until March 15, 2013. For the 2013 plan year, the grace period will extend until March 15, 2014. With the grace period, employees do not have to schedule services or procure items in an end-of-year rush to avoid losing money in the
account. Of course, participants have to spend the previous year's balance by March 15 or forfeit the money under the use-it-or-lose-it rule.

The grace period is available only to FSA participants who are still enrolled on December 31 of the plan year. Most FSA participants remain enrolled through December 31, but an employee who exceeds eight consecutive pay periods of leave without pay or separates from employment before that date (on December 30, for example) is not eligible for the grace period.

The deadline for filing claims has not changed - the FSA Customer Service Center must receive all claims by September 30 of the year after the plan year.

For full details, refer to FSA BK1, Flexible Spending Accounts (November 2012).

## Using PostalEASE to Enroll

To enroll in FSA during open season, employees have four options:

1. Go to https:///iteblue.usps.gov and click PostalEASE.
2. Use an employee self-service kiosk and click PostalEASE.
3. Go to http://blue.usps.gov, under "Essential Links," click PostalEASE.
4. Call the Employee Service Line toll-free at 877-4773273 and press 1 for PostalEASE.

## Publicity

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To publicize FSA Open Season, all offices must post the open season notice on bulletin boards through December 25, 2012. See page 69.

## Direct Mailings to Employees

Headquarters Compensation is coordinating FSA Open Season mailings to career employees at their mailing addresses of record. Employees receive a leaflet, postcards, and an enrollment kit consisting of an FSA brochure, a PostalEASE FSA worksheet, and a withdrawal request form. See details in this article on page 99 "Open Season Materials, Direct Mailings to Career Employees."

Undeliverable mailed kits are returned to the employing office of record. When an office receives a returned kit, the office should encourage the employee to update his or her address. Employees with access to Employee Change of Address at https://liteblue.usps.gov, on the Postal Service Intranet (Blue) page, or at an employee self-service kiosk should use those entry methods.

Employees who cannot use the Internet, intranet, or a kiosk should submit an updated PS Form 1216, Employee's Current Mailing Address, to the Human Resources Shared Services Center (HRSSC). See ordering
information in this article on page $\underline{99}$ under "Additional Supplies of Materials."

## Review of Basic FSA Provisions

## Eligibility to Participate

Participation in the FSA program is limited to career employees. To enroll, a career employee must have completed at least 26 full pay periods of Postal Service career service during the current appointment by the end of Pay Period (PP) 26-12 (December 14, 2012). A career employee who is in a leave without pay (LWOP) status that has lasted for eight consecutive full pay periods as of December 14, 2012, is not eligible to participate in the FSA program, unless he or she is returning from uniformed military service.

## Election Opportunities - Health Care and Dependent Care FSAs

Eligible career employees may elect to participate in one, or both, of two FSAs - the Health Care FSA and the Dependent Care FSA. Each FSA covers eligible expenses for services that are received during the employee's period of participation during the 2013 plan year (for most employees this will be January 1, 2013, through March 15, 2014). Annual contributions to the Health Care FSA are limited to $\$ 2,500$. Annual contributions to the Dependent Care FSA are limited to \$5,000 for a family and \$2,500 for a married employee filing a separate income tax return. FSA BK1, Flexible Spending Accounts, describes eligible and ineligible expenses and provides guidelines for estimating 2013 expenses.

Reminder: Health care expenses for dependents must be included in the Health Care FSA contribution amount and not in the Dependent Care FSA.

## Change in Health Care Maximum Contribution

Effective with the 2013 FSA plan year, which begins January 1, 2013, the Health Care FSA maximum contribution is being reduced from $\$ 5,000$ to $\$ 2,500$. This is an individual limit, not a family limit; an employee and a spouse may each contribute up to $\$ 2,500$ to a Health Care FSA. The reduction is required to comply with provisions of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Program materials and the PostalEASE employee self-service enrollment system will reflect the lower maximum contribution.

## Withholding of FSA Contributions

Contributions for each FSA are withheld in equal amounts through payroll deductions covering 26 pay periods (PP 01-13 through PP 26-13). The minimum annual contribution employees may make to either FSA is \$130 (\$5 per pay period).

## Qualifying Life Event Enrollment and Elections

Participants may neither cancel enrollments nor change contribution levels during the plan year except following qualifying life events, as explained in FSA BK1, Flexible Spending Accounts. In those cases, HRSSC specialists determine a participant's eligibility to enroll or to change contribution levels during the plan year and respond to employee inquiries about that eligibility.

## Address and Fax Numbers for FSA Claims

Participants should mail or fax Form FSA1, Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Withdrawal Request, directly to the FSA Customer Service Center as explained on Form FSA1.

## Use of 711 for Employees Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Employees who are deaf or hard of hearing may call the FSA Customer Service Center number, 800-842-2026, via 711, the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS).

## Open Season Materials

## Direct Mailings to Career Employees

The following items are mailed to each career employee at his or her mailing address of record during the FSA Open Season:

- Publicity postcards, as follows:
- A postcard with instructions on how to obtain a USPS ${ }^{\circledR}$ personal identification number (PIN).
- Postcards on other topics.
- A postcard with a reminder of the closing date.
- FSA LF1, Flexible Spending Accounts Overview (October 2012). This leaflet provides an overview of the advantages of the FSA program.
- An enrollment kit that includes the following items:
- FSA BK1, Flexible Spending Accounts (November 2012), a brochure that explains plan policies and provisions.
- The FSA PostalEASE worksheet.
- FSA1, Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Withdrawal Request (November 2012), a form used to request withdrawal of funds from an FSA for payment of eligible expenses for services received during the period of participation.


## Additional Supplies of Materials

Residual materials will not be distributed to field offices.
PS Form 1216 is available from the Material Distribution Center (MDC). Order by using touch-tone order entry (TTOE): Call 800-273-1509.
Note: You must be registered to use TTOE. To register, call 800-332-0317, option 1, extension 2925, and follow the prompts to leave a message. (Wait 48 hours after registering before placing your first order.)

Use the following information to order PS Form 1216:

| PSIN: | PS1216 |
| :--- | :--- |
| PSN: | $7530-02-000-7354$ |
| Unit of Measure: | SE |
| Quick Pick Number: | 118 |
| Bulk Pack Quantity: | 100 |
| Minimum Order Quantity: | 1 |
| Price: | $\$ 0.0196$ |
| Edition Date: | $11 / 08$ |

## Further Information

FSA Customer Service Center Toll-Free Hotline
Employees with questions should call the FSA Customer Service Center's toll-free hotline at 800-842-2026. After enrolling, participants may use the hotline to do the following:

- Make account inquiries.
- Discuss expenses that are eligible for payment through the FSA program.
- Obtain other plan information.

Employees who are deaf or hard of hearing may call the FSA Customer Service Center number, 800-842-2026, via 711, the TRS.

## Tax Advice

FSA BK1, Flexible Spending Accounts, provides some tax information. Participants with tax questions not addressed in FSA BK1 should contact their tax advisors or call the IRS toll-free information line at 800-TAX-1040 (800-829-1040).

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## 2012 Open Season and Other Benefits and Payroll Election Opportunities

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) expire at the end of each year, but they can be renewed during FSA Open Season.
Annual Leave Exchange (ALE) for next year's leave requires an election during this ALE Open Season.
Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Catch-Up Contributions expire at the end of each year, but elections can be made at any time.

| Benefit Program | Note the deadlines . . . | Find out about eligibility and options . . | Prepare for and make your elections... | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program | Opens: 11/12 <br> Closes: 12/11 <br> 5:00 Р.м. CT <br> or <br> Qualifying Life Event (through HRSSC) | Guides to Benefits Updates coming soon. <br> - APWU, NRLCA Career Employees <br> - Non-APWU, NonNRLCA Career Employees <br> - PCES Employees <br> - Postal Inspectors and OIG Employees <br> - IT/ASC Employees <br> - Non-career Employees | Prepare PostalEASE FEHB Worksheet. Use PostalEASE. | - You must enter dependents if electing a new Self and Family plan. <br> - Individual plan brochures are available at www.opm.gov/insure <br> Coming to you in the mail: Guide to Benefits (program summary) with PostalEASE FEHB Worksheet. |
| Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) | Opens: 11/12 <br> Closes: 12/10 <br> 11:59 P.м. ET <br> or <br> Qualifying Life Event (through <br> BENEFEDS, not HRSSC) | Guide to Dental and Vision Insurance Program Update coming soon <br> - All Employees | Use www.benefeds.com. 877-888-3337 <br> TTY: 877-889-5680 | - If you are eligible to participate in FEHB, you are eligible to enroll in FEDVIP, even if you are not enrolled in FEHB. <br> - USPS ${ }^{\circledR}$ does not contribute. <br> - You pay full cost of premiums on a pretax basis. <br> - You may enroll in a dental plan, a vision plan, or both. <br> - You may enroll in a plan for Self Only, Self Plus One, or Self and Family coverage. <br> Coming to you in the mail: FEDVIP Guide. |
| Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) | Opens: 11/12 <br> Closes: 12/23 <br> 5:00 Р.м. CT <br> or <br> Qualifying Life Event (through HRSSC) | FSA Brochure Update coming soon | Prepare PostalEASE FSA Worksheet. <br> Use PostalEASE. <br> FSA Customer Service Center: 800-842-2026 Employees who are deaf/hard of hearing call via 711 (TRS). | - Health Care FSA maximum is changed to $\$ 2,500$. <br> - Dependent Care (day care) FSA maximum is $\$ 5,000$. <br> Coming to you in the mail: Post cards, leaflet, and brochure. |
| Annual Leave Exchange (ALE) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Opens: } 11 / 15 \\ & \text { Closes: } 12 / 15 \\ & \text { 11:59 p.м. CT } \end{aligned}$ | Letter mailed to eligible employees | Prepare PostalEASE ALE Worksheet (mailed to eligible employees). Use PostalEASE. | - Most career non-bargaining unit employees from Rate Schedule Codes (RSCs) D, E, F, S, U, V, and Z may exchange from 8 to 128 hours in wholehour increments if their annual leave balance is at least 160 hours as of close of business on January 11, 2013. <br> - Bargaining unit employees from RSCs $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{K}$, and P , and for employees from RSCs $\mathrm{G}, \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{T}$, and Y only as provided for in pending successor agreements to current agreements, may exchange from 8 to 40 hours in wholehour increments if their annual leave balance is at least 440 hours and if they have used less than 75 hours of sick leave for the leave year as of close of business on January 11, 2013. <br> - For non-bargaining unit and bargaining unit employees, the lump sum is calculated on salary as of January 12, 2013, and included in the February 1, 2013, paycheck. <br> - These lump sum payments are taxable in 2013. <br> Coming only to eligible employees in the mail: Letter about annual leave exchange. |


| Allotments/ <br> Net-to-Bank <br> (Direct Deposit) | Any time Processed at 3:00 P.M. CT, second Wednesday of pay period |  | Prepare PostalEASE Net-to-Bank Worksheet. Use PostalEASE. | - You must provide your financial institution's routing number and your account number. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thrift Savings Plan Regular Contributions | Any time Processed at 3:00 P.M. CT, second Wednesday of pay period | https://www.tsp.gov/ PDF/formspubs/ tspbk08.pdf | Prepare PostalEASE TSP Worksheet. Use PostalEASE. | - The IRS annual limit on elective deferrals for 2013 is increasing to $\$ 17,500$. FERS employees who want to maximize contributions while avoiding the loss of USPS matching contributions should make a whole dollar contribution per pay period equal to the announced maximum divided by 26. <br> - Contribution elections for 2013 will be accepted beginning at 3:30 P.M. CT on December 12, 2012. <br> Coming to you in the mail: TSP enrollment information letter and PostalEASE TSP Worksheet. |
| TSP 50+ Catch-Up Contributions | Any time Processed at 3:00 P.M. CT, second Wednesday of pay period | https://www.tsp.gov/ PDF/formspubs/ tspbk08.pdf | Prepare PostalEASE TSP 50+ Catch Up Worksheet. Use PostalEASE. | - The IRS annual limit remains $\$ 5,500$ for those age 50 or older during 2013. <br> - Catch-up contribution elections for 2013 will be accepted beginning at 3:30 P.M. CT on December 12, 2012. You must certify that your regular TSP contributions will reach the IRS maximum. <br> Coming only to eligible employees in the mail: TSP enrollment information catchup letter and PostalEASE TSP Catch-Up Worksheet. |
| TSP Investment Choices | Any time | https://www.tsp.gov/ PDF/formspubs/ tspbk08.pdf | Use www.tsp.gov. Have TSP acct. no. or Custom User ID. Have Web password. 877-968-3778 <br> TDD: 877-847-4385 <br> Have TSP acct. no. <br> Have TSP PIN. <br> Mail Form TSP-50 <br> (available from HRSSC) to TSP. | - Via the ThriftLine you may request: <br> - A new TSP PIN. <br> - A new 8-character Web password. <br> - A copy of your TSP account number. <br> - Quarterly participant statements. <br> - Via www.tsp.gov, you may request: <br> - A new 8 -character Web password. <br> - A copy of your TSP account number. <br> - Create a Custom User ID <br> - Printable views of quarterly participant statements. <br> - Cancellation of request to have quarterly participant statements mailed. |
| Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) | You may apply any time - underwriting required | www.ltcfeds.com/ usps <br> Find category of eligibility. <br> Click Information Kit. | Use www.ltcfeds.com/ usps. <br> Find category of eligibility Click Application. | - New and newly eligible employees may enroll with the abbreviated application within the first 60 days of becoming eligible. <br> - You may download the information kit and the application or have them mailed to you. |


| Commuter Program | Any time <br> Monthly election deadline for payroll deduction amount is 15th of the month, 11:59 Р.M. ET, 1 month ahead of payroll deduction month. Funds are added to your card or account each pay day. <br> Order Deadline Additional deadline if you have Transit Pass or Parking Plan. Cutoff for placing, changing, or canceling order is the 10th of the month, 11:59 P.M. ET, 1 month ahead of commuting month. (For Long Island Rail Road or Metro-North Railroad, the cutoff is the 4th.) | www.wageworks.com | Use <br> www.wageworks.com $877-924-3967$ <br> TTY: 866-361-8017 <br> M-F 8 A.M.-8 P.M. ET | - New career employees receive a brochure in the mail and must allow up to 30 days for information to be entered in the Wageworks system. <br> - Other employees can enroll at any time. <br> - Elections, changes, and cancellation for Commuter Program take effect 1 month after monthly election and/or order deadlines. <br> - 2013 IRS monthly limits are not confirmed but may remain at $\$ 125$ for mass transit, and $\$ 240$ for parking. |
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## Mailing and Shipping Services

## Mail Alert

The mailings below will be deposited in the near future. Offices should process this mail according to applicable service standards with the in-home dates in mind. Mailers wishing to participate in these alerts, for mailings of 1 million pieces or more, should contact Business Service Network Integration at 202-268-3258 at least 1 month preceding the requested delivery dates. The Postal Ser-
vice ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ also offers electronic Mail Alerts via ADVANCE. For more information, see the ADVANCE Notification \& Tracking System Technical Guide on the Internet at http:// ribbs.usps.gov/advance/documents/tech_guides/ advtech.pdf or contact the National Customer Support Center at 800-238-3150.

| Requested <br> Delivery Dates | Title of Mailing | Class and <br> Type of <br> Mail | Number <br> of Pieces <br> (Millions) | Distribution | Presort Level | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $11 / 05 / 12-11 / 07 / 12$ | jcp - Wk 41 November Home <br> Mailer | Standard <br> A/Flat | 4.0 | National | $3 / 5$ Digit | Harte-Hanks/RDD |
| $11 / 05 / 12-11 / 07 / 12$ | Nordstrom November Book | Standard <br> Flat | 2.076 | National | $3 / 5$ Digit | Arandell |
| $11 / 05 / 12-11 / 08 / 12$ | Midnight Velvet | Standard <br> Catalog | 1.6 | National | $3 / 5$ Digit | Quad Graphics |
| $11 / 05 / 12-11 / 08 / 12$ | The Swiss Colony | Standard <br> Catalog | 4.0 | National | $3 / 5$ Digit | Quad Graphics |
| $11 / 06 / 12-11 / 08 / 12$ | jcp - Wk 41 Sephora Holiday | Standard <br> A/Letter | 1.8 | National | $3 / 5$ Digit | Harte-Hanks/RDD |
| $11 / 13 / 12-11 / 15 / 12$ | Costco Com | Standard <br> Flat | 4.0 | National | $3 / 5$ Digit | Segerdahl Graphics |
| $11 / 13 / 12-11 / 15 / 12$ | jcp - Wk 42 November Jewelry | Standard <br> A/Flat | 4.0 | National | $3 / 5$ Digit | Harte-Hanks/RDD |
| $11 / 14 / 12-11 / 19 / 12$ | Montgomery Ward | Standard <br> Catalog | 1.0 | National | $3 / 5$ Digit | Quad Graphics |
| $11 / 14 / 12-11 / 19 / 12$ | The Swiss Colony | Standard <br> Catalog | 3.0 | National | $3 / 5$ Digit | Quad Graphics |

## Retail

## Stamps by Mail - Brochure Ordering Information

This article publishes the Stamps by Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$ (SBM) print run cutoff schedule for fiscal year (FY) 13. Each date has a designation whether it is for the year-round (YR) brochure or the holiday (HOL) brochure. The FY 13 print cycle cut-off dates are as follows:

- November 2, 2012 (YR).
- January 11, 2013 (YR).
- April 5, 2013 (YR).
- May 17, 2013 (YR).
- June 28, 2013 (YR).
- August 23, 2013 (HOL).

Starting with the June 25, 2010, print cycle, the Englishonly brochures have been replaced with bilingual (English and Spanish) brochures. All orders received from SBM sites by June 25 and thereafter will be provided bilingual brochures. There is no change in the price.

To order brochures, submit PS Form 3227-O, Stamps by Mail Brochure Order Form (April 2011), to Cyril-Scott Company:

Cyril Scott Company
PO Box 627
Lancaster, OH 43130-0627
Telephone: 800-466-0455
Fax: 740-689-0210
You can find this form at http://blue.usps.gov; click Forms, and then select the form by number. A copy of this form appears on page 104 in this Postal Bulletin.

The cost per unit of 500 is $\$ 12.00$. This cost includes overprinting the address of the fulfillment office placing the order. You may pay for orders (under $\$ 10,000$ ) with local IMPAC credit cards, checks, or money orders. However, Cyril-Scott Company cannot process the order until it
receives payment. Local eBuy procedures may also apply (refer to local procurement procedures). Cyril-Scott Company must receive orders placed by mail by close of business the day of the print run cut-off date listed here. Orders received after the cut-off date will be processed the next print run date.

All local Post Offices ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ and centralized sites should follow the ordering instructions contained within this article and utilize local funds.

## For Orders Exceeding \$10,000

Use eBuy to process both centralized and decentralized brochure orders that exceed $\$ 10,000.00$. In the Purchasing Method field, select "Route Req to Supply Mgmt," then in the After Approval Route field, select "Eastern Services CMC (Memphis, TN)." Include completed PS Form 3227-O with imprint information with the eBuy order.

Note: These approved eBuy orders must be received by Supply Management at least 10 days prior to a published run cut-off date to be included in that run.

Cyril-Scott Company will deliver orders within 35 calendar days after printing. Printing begins 1 week after the deadline date, and actual receipt of the order will depend on the ultimate destination and the corresponding delivery service standard. You should save copies of all orders placed at your local Post Office until the order has been received. Ensure procedures are in effect locally for proper verification of receipt.

- Retail Access Channels,

Channel Access, 11-1-12


## Stamp Services

Stamp Announcement 12-51: Lady Bird Johnson


On November 30, 2012, in Austin, Texas, the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ will issue a Lady Bird Johnson commemorative First-Class Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$ stamp (Forever ${ }^{\circledR}$ stamp priced at 45 cents) in six designs in a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) souvenir sheet of six stamps (Item 578500). The \$2.70 Lady Bird Johnson souvenir sheet may not be split, and the stamps may not be sold individually.

The stamp will go on sale nationwide November 30, 2012.
This new issuance by the U.S. Postal Service ${ }^{\circledR}$ honors Lady Bird Johnson and her efforts to beautify America. The souvenir sheet includes six stamps: a new stamp that reproduces the official White House portrait of the First Lady painted in 1968, and adaptations of five stamps issued in the 1960s that encouraged people to participate in the President and Mrs. Johnson's campaign "Plant for a More Beautiful America." The art from the five engraved stamps - originally issued in the 1960s - has been adapted for printing in offset lithography. There is a quote by Mrs. Johnson and an additional image of the First Lady on the selvage and text about Mrs. Johnson's accomplishments on the back of the stamp pane. The art director was Antonio Alcalá.

## Distribution: Item 578500, Lady Bird Johnson First-Class Mail (Forever stamp priced at 45 cents) PSA Souvenir Sheet of Six Stamps

Stamp distribution offices (SDOs) and stamp distribution centers (SDCs) will receive their standard automatic distribution quantity for a PSA souvenir sheet stamp. Distributions are rounded up to the nearest master carton size of 2,000 souvenir sheets ( 12,000 stamps).

## Initial Supply to Post Offices

For this specific stamp, SDCs will provide limited automatic distribution to offices in the state of Texas and all offices in the Capital and Northern Virginia districts. Distribution quantities for the automatic distribution will be posted, by finance number and unit ID, on the Asset Management SDC webpage at http://blue.usps.gov/purchase/ assetmgnt/am_sdchome.htm.

SDOs/SDCs will not make any automatic distribution to Post Offices. Post Offices requiring these items must requisition them from their designated SDO/SDC using PS Form 17, Stamp Requisition/Stamp Return. Post Offices may preorder these stamps through the eBuy2 SEAM Catalog or the Stamps Service System (SSS) beginning November 2, 2012. SDOs/SDCs must not distribute this stamp to Post Offices before November 16, 2012.

## Sales Policy

All Post Offices must acquire and maintain a supply of each new commemorative stamp for a minimum of 90 days from the first day of issue, and beyond that as long as cus-
tomer demand exists, until inventory is depleted, or until the stamp is officially withdrawn from sale. If supplies run low, Post Offices must reorder additional quantities using their normal ordering procedures.

## How to Order the First-Day-of-Issue Postmark

Customers have 60 days to obtain the first-day-of-issue postmark by mail. They may purchase new stamps at their local Post Office ${ }^{\text {TM }}$, at The Postal Store ${ }^{\circledR}$ website at www.usps.com/shop, or by calling 800-STAMP-24. They should affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes ( to themselves or others), and place them in a larger envelope addressed to:

## Lady Bird Johnson Stamp <br> Postmaster <br> 8225 Cross Park Drive <br> Austin, TX 78710-9998

After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked by January 30, 2013.

## How to Order First Day Covers

The Postal Service also offers first-day covers for new stamp issues and Postal Service stationery items postmarked with the official first-day-of-issue cancellation. Each item has an individual catalog number and is offered in the quarterly USA Philatelic Catalog, online at www.usps.com/shop, or by calling 800-782-6724. Customers may request a free catalog by calling 800-782-6724 or writing to:
U.S. Postal Service

Catalog Request
PO Box 219014
Kansas City, MO 64121-9014

## Philatelic Products

There are seven philatelic products available for this stamp issue:

- 578562*, First-Day Cover (Full Pane), \$5.20.
- $578563^{*}$, First-Day Cover Set of $6, \$ 5.34$.
- 578564*, First-Day Cancelled (Full Pane), \$5.20.
- 578568*, Digital Color Postmark Set of 6, \$9.60.
- 578584, Press Sheet (without die cut), \$43.20. (Print Quantity of 5,000 )
- 578591*, Ceremony Program (random single), \$6.95.
- 578599*, Keepsake Souvenir Sheet of 6 \& DCP Set of $6, \$ 12.95$.
Items with an asterisk (*) will use the 128 barcode from Stamp Fulfillment Services. All other philatelic products will continue to use barcode series A, with the exception of the Yearbook and the Guide Book.

| Issue: | Lady Bird Johnson |
| :---: | :---: |
| Item Number: | 578500 |
| Denomination \& Type of Issue: | First-Class Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$ Forever Commemorative |
| Format: | Souvenir Sheet of 6 (6 designs) |
| Series: | N/A |
| Issue Date \& City: | November 30, 2012, Austin, TX 78710 |
| Designer: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Art Director: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Typographer: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Modeler: | Joseph Sheeran |
| Manufacturing Process: | Offset/Microprint "USPS" |
| Engraver: | N/A |
| Printer: | Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd. (APU) |
| Printed at: | Williamsville, NY |
| Press Type: | Mueller Martini, A76 |
| Stamps per Pane: | 6 |
| Print Quantity: | 12 million stamps |
| Paper Type: | Nonphosphored, Type III |
| Adhesive Type: | Pressure-sensitive |
| Processed at: | Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd. (APU) |
| Stamp Orientation: | 5 Stamps Horizontal |
|  | 1 Stamp Vertical |
| Image Area (w $\times$ h): | $1.42 \times 0.84 \mathrm{in} . / 36.07 \times 21.34 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Overall Size (w $\times$ h): | $1.56 \times 0.98 \mathrm{in} . / 39.62 \times 24.89 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Full Pane Size ( $\mathrm{w} \times \mathrm{h}$ ): | $6.50 \times 5.5 \mathrm{in} . / 165.10 \times 139.70 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Colors: |  |
| Front: | Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, PMS 280 (C Blue), PMS 2727 (C Blue), PMS 363 (C Green), PMS 212 (C Pink), PMS 021 (C Orange), PMS 012 (C Yellow) |
| Plate Size: | 96 stamps per revolution |
| Plate Numbers: | N/A |
| Marginal Markings: |  |
| Front: | Header: "LADY BIRD JOHNSON 1912 CENTENNIAL 2012" • Verso text |
| Back: | © 2012 USPS • Header: "LADY BIRD JOHNSON 1912 CENTENNIAL 2012" <br> - Verso-text USPS logo • Plate <br> position diagram • Barcode (578500) at bottom left corner of pane <br> - Promotional text at bottom of pane |

- Stamp Services,

Marketing and Sales, 11-1-12

Stamp Announcement 12-52: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 Waves of Color


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On December 1, 2012, in Orlando, Florida, the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ will issue a $\$ 1, \$ 2$, $\$ 5$ and $\$ 10$ Waves of Color definitive stamp in one design each in a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) pane of ten stamps (Items 115500, 115600, 115700, and 115800).

The stamps will go on sale nationwide December 1, 2012.
In 2012, the U.S. Postal Service ${ }^{\circledR}$ offers Waves of Color panes of four similarly designed high-denomination stamps issued at the $\$ 1, \$ 2, \$ 5$, and $\$ 10$ rates. These elegant stamps were created to lend a contemporary appearance to packages, large envelopes, and other mailings. The \$1 Wave, \$2 Wave, \$5 Wave, and \$10 Wave each features a colorful, abstract pattern similar to an engraved currency banknote with its denomination spelled out and shown as a numeral. Designer Michael Dyer worked with art director Antonio Alcala to create the stamp art.


Distribution: Item 115500, 115600, 115700, and 115800, \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$10 Waves of Color PSA Pane of 10 Stamps

Stamp distribution offices (SDOs) and stamp distribution centers (SDCs) will receive a limited automatic distribution quantity of four Waves of Color stamps. Distributions are rounded up to the nearest master carton size of 20,000 stamps.

## Initial Supply to Post Offices

SDOs/SDCs will not make any automatic distribution to Post Offices. Post Offices requiring these items must requisition them from their designated SDO/SDC using PS Form 17, Stamp Requisition/Stamp Return. Post Offices may preorder these stamps through the eBuy2 SEAM Catalog or the Stamps Service System (SSS) beginning November 5, 2012. SDOs/SDCs must not distribute this stamp to Post Offices before November 16, 2012.

## How to Order the First-Day-of-Issue Postmark

Customers have 60 days to obtain the first-day-of-issue postmark by mail. They may purchase new stamps at their local Post Office ${ }^{\text {TM }}$, at The Postal Store ${ }^{\circledR}$ website at www.usps.com/shop, or by calling 800-STAMP-24. They should affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes (to themselves or others), and place them in a larger envelope addressed to:

Waves of Color Stamp Cancellation
Postmaster
PO Box 620045
Orlando, FL 32862-0045
After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked by February 1, 2013.

## How to Order First-Day Covers

The Postal Service also offers first-day covers for new stamp issues and Postal Service stationery items postmarked with the official first-day-of-issue cancellation. Each item has an individual catalog number and is offered in the quarterly USA Philatelic Catalog, online at www.usps.com/shop, or by calling 800-782-6724. Customers may request a free catalog by calling 800-782-6724 or writing to:
U.S. Postal Service

Catalog Request
PO Box 219014
Kansas City, MO 64121-9014

## Philatelic Products

There are three philatelic products available for each stamp issue:

- 115561*, \$1 First-Day Cover, \$1.44.
- 115565*, \$1 Digital Color Postmark, \$2.15.
- 115599*, $\$ 1$ Keepsake, $\$ 12.95$.
- 115661*, $\$ 2$ First-Day Cover, $\$ 2.44$.
- 115665*, \$2 Digital Color Postmark, \$3.15.
- 115699*, $\$ 2$ Keepsake, \$23.95.
- 115761*, \$5 First-Day Cover, \$5.44.
- 115765*, \$5 Digital Color Postmark, \$6.15.
- 115799*, \$5 Keepsake, \$56.95.
- 115861*, \$10 First-Day Cover, \$10.44.
- 115865*, \$10 Digital Color Postmark, \$11.15.
- 115899*, $\$ 10$ Keepsake, $\$ 111.95$.

Items with an asterisk (*) will use the 128 barcode from Stamp Fulfillment Services. All other philatelic products will continue to use barcode series A, with the exception of the Yearbook and the Guide Book.

| Issue: | Waves of Color: \$1 Wave |
| :---: | :---: |
| Item Number: | 115500 |
| Denomination \& Type of Issue: | \$1.00 Definitive |
| Format: | Pane of 10 (1 design) |
| Series: | N/A |
| Issue Date \& City: | December 1, 2012, Orlando, FL 32862 |
| Designer: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Art Director: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Typographer: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Artist: | Michael Dyer, Brooklyn, NY |
| Modeler: | Joseph Sheeran |
| Manufacturing Process: | Intaglio/Offset |
| Engraver: | N/A |
| Printer: | Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd. (APU) |
| Printed at: | Williamsville, NY |
| Press Type: | Stevens, Vari-Size Security |
| Stamps per Pane: | 10 |
| Print Quantity: | 10 million stamps |
| Paper Type: | Prephosphored, Stardust Adhesive Taggant |
| Adhesive Type: | Pressure-sensitive |
| Processed at: | Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd. (APU) |
| Stamp Orientation: | Horizontal |
| Image Area (w $\times$ h): | $1.05 \times 0.77 \mathrm{in} . / 26.67 \times 19.56 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Overall Size (w x h): | $1.19 \times 0.91 \mathrm{in} . / 30.23 \times 23.11 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Full Pane Size (w x h): | $3.52 \times 6.09 \mathrm{in} . / 89.41 \times 154.69 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Colors: <br> Front: <br> Back: <br> Intaglio Color: | PMS 2112 (C Dark Purple), PMS 2200 (C Blue), PMS 2073 (C Purple), PMS 672 (C Pink), PMS 304 (C Light Blue), PMS 7457 (C Light Purple) Black PMS 7682 (Purple) |
| Plate Size: | 150 stamps per revolution |
| Plate Numbers: | "P" followed by seven (7) single digits |
| Marginal Markings: |  |
| Front: | Plate block numbers in two positions |
| Back: | © 2012 USPS • USPS logo • Plate position diagram • Barcode (115500) in upper right and lower left hand corners of pane • Promotional text |
| Issue: | Waves of Color: \$2 Wave |
| Item Number: | 115600 |
| Denomination \& Type of Issue: | \$2.00 Definitive |
| Format: | Pane of 10 (1 design) |
| Series: | N/A |
| Issue Date \& City: | December 1, 2012, Orlando, FL 32862 |
| Designer: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Art Director: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Typographer: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Artist: | Michael Dyer, Brooklyn, NY |
| Modeler: | Joseph Sheeran |
| Manufacturing Process: | Intaglio/Offset |
| Engraver: | N/A |
| Printer: | Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd. (APU) |
| Printed at: | Williamsville, NY |
| Press Type: | Stevens, Vari-Size Security |
| Stamps per Pane: | 10 |
| Print Quantity: | 10 million stamps |
| Paper Type: | Prephosphored, Stardust Adhesive Taggant |
| Adhesive Type: | Pressure-sensitive |
| Processed at: | Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd. (APU) |
| Stamp Orientation: | Horizontal |


| Image Area ( $\mathrm{w} \times \mathrm{h}$ ): | $1.42 \times 0.84 \mathrm{in} . / 36.07 \times 21.34 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Overall Size ( $\mathrm{w} \times \mathrm{h}$ ): | $1.56 \times 0.98 \mathrm{in} . / 39.62 \times 24.89 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Full Pane Size ( $\mathrm{w} \times \mathrm{h}$ ): | $4.26 \times 6.48$ in. $/ 108.20 \times 164.59 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Colors: <br> Front: <br> Back: <br> Intaglio Color: | PMS 3302 (C Dark Green), PMS 338 (C Green), PMS 324 (C Light Blue), PMS 580 (C Light Green), PMS 587 (C Lime Green), PMS 607 (C Light Yellow) Black PMS 338 (Green) PMS 338 (Green) |
| Plate Size: | 120 stamps per revolution |
| Plate Numbers: | " P " followed by seven (7) single digits |
| Marginal Markings: |  |
| Front: | Plate block numbers in two positions |
| Back: | © 2012 USPS • USPS logo • Plate position diagram • Barcode (115600) in upper right and lower left hand corners of pane • Promotional text |
| Issue: | Waves of Color: \$5 Wave |
| Item Number: | 115700 |
| Denomination \& Type of Issue: | \$5.00 Definitive |
| Format: | Pane of 10 (1 design) |
| Series: | N/A |
| Issue Date \& City: | December 1, 2012, Orlando, FL 32862 |
| Art Director: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Designer: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Typographer: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Artist: | Michael Dyer, Brooklyn, NY |
| Modeler: | Donald Woo |
| Manufacturing Process: | Intaglio/Offset |
| Engraver: | N/A |
| Printer: | Banknote Corporation of America, Inc./ SSP |
| Printed at: | Browns Summit, NC |
| Press Type: | Alprinta/Epikos |
| Stamps per Pane: | 10 |
| Print Quantity: | 10 million stamps |
| Paper Type: | Prephosphored, Type I |
| Adhesive Type: | Pressure-sensitive |
| Processed at: | Banknote Corp. of America, Browns Summit, NC |
| Stamp Orientation: | Vertical |
| Image Area (w x h): | $1.406 \times 1.071 \mathrm{in} . / 35.71 \times 27.20 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Stamp Size ( $\mathrm{w} \times \mathrm{h}$ ): | $1.56 \times 1.225 \mathrm{in} . / 39.62 \times 31.11 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Pane Size ( $\mathrm{w} \times \mathrm{h}$ ): | $4.26 \times 7.68$ in. $/ 108.20 \times 195.07 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Colors: | PMS 7401 (Beige), PMS 100 (Yellow), PMS 157 (Orange), PMS 158 (Orange), PMS 197 (Pink), PMS 673 (Med. Pink), PMS 209 (Dark Red), Intaglio 158 (Orange) |
| Plate Size: | 120 stamps per revolution |
| Plate Numbers: | " S " followed by eight (8) single digits |
| Marginal Markings: |  |
| Front: | Plate numbers in four corners of pane |
| Back: | © 2012 USPS • USPS logo • Plate position diagram • Barcode (115700) in upper right and lower left hand corners of pane • Promotional text |


| Issue: | Waves of Color: \$10 Wave |
| :---: | :---: |
| Item Number: | 115800 |
| Denomination \& Type of Issue: | \$10.00 Definitive |
| Format: | Pane of 10 (1 design) |
| Series: | N/A |
| Issue Date \& City: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { December 1, 2012, Orlando, FL } \\ & 32862 \end{aligned}$ |
| Art Director: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Designer: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Typographer: | Antonio Alcalá, Alexandria, VA |
| Artist: | Michael Dyer, Brooklyn, NY |
| Modeler: | Donald Woo |
| Manufacturing Process: | Intaglio/Offset |
| Engraver: | N/A |
| Printer: | Banknote Corporation of America, Inc./SSP |
| Printed at: | Browns Summit, NC |
| Press Type: | Alprinta/Epikos |
| Stamps per Pane: | 10 |
| Print Quantity: | 10 million stamps |
| Paper Type: | Prephosphored, Type I |
| Adhesive Type: | Pressure-sensitive |
| Processed at: | Banknote Corp. of America, Browns Summit, NC |
| Stamp Orientation: | Horizontal |
| Image Area ( $\mathrm{w} \times \mathrm{h}$ ): | $1.806 \times 1.256$ in. $/ 45.87 \times 31.9 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Stamp Size ( $\mathrm{w} \times \mathrm{h}$ ): | $1.96 \times 1.41 \mathrm{in} . / 49.78 \times 35.81 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Pane Size (w $\times$ h): | $5.06 \times 8.61 \mathrm{in} . / 128.52 \times 218.69 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Colors: | PMS 434 (Taupe), PMS 679 (Light Purple), PMS 304 (Light Blue), PMS 630 (Blue), PMS 570 (Blue), PMS 877 (Gray), Black 6c, Itaglio 5415 (Blue) |
| Plate Size: | 120 stamps per revolution |
| Plate Numbers: | "S" followed by eight (8) single digits |
| Marginal Markings: |  |
| Front: | Plate numbers in four corners of pane |
| Back: | © 2012 USPS • USPS logo • Plate position diagram • Barcode (115800) in upper right and lower left hand corners of pane • Promotional text |

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} Marketing and Sales, 11-1-12


## 2012 Stamps and Postal Stationery

This schedule is subject to change.
Updated Announcement 12-E
This is a periodic announcement of new stamps and postal stationery items being issued during the calendar year. For additional information on stamps and stamp products, visit The Postal Store ${ }^{\circledR}$ website at www.usps.com/shop.

| NOTE | ISSUE | NATIONWIDE <br> FIRSTDAY <br> OF ISSUE | FIRST DAY <br> CITY/STATE | FORMAT |
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| NOTE | ISSUE | NATIONWIDE FIRSTDAY OF ISSUE | FIRST DAY CITY/STATE | FORMAT | DEADLINE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | \$5.15 Sunshine Skyway Bridge (Priority Mail) | Feb 28 | St. Petersburg, FL 33730 | PSA Pane of 20 (M) | Apr 28 |
| N | \$18.95 Carmel Mission (Express Mail) | Feb 28 | Carmel, CA 93923 | PSA Pane of 10 (M) | Apr 28 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Cherry Blossom Centennial (45¢ Forever) | Mar 24 | Washington, DC 20066 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) (2 designs) | May 23 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | William H. Johnson (American Treasures) (45\$ Forever) | Apr 11 | Baltimore, MD 21233 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Jun 10 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Twentieth-Century Poets (45¢ Forever) | Apr 21 | Los Angeles, CA 90052 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) (10 designs) | Jun 20 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | The Civil War: 1862 (45¢ Forever) | Apr 24 | New Orleans, LA 70113 | Souvenir Sheet of 12 (C) (2 designs) | Jun 23 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Jose Ferrer (45¢ Forever) | Apr 26 | New York, NY 10199 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Jun 25 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Louisiana Statehood (45¢ Forever) | Apr 30 | Baton Rouge, LA 70826 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Jun 29 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Great Film Directors (45¢ Forever) | May 23 | Silver Spring, MD 20910 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) (4 designs) | Jul 22 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Mail a Smile (45¢ Forever) | Jun 1 | Orlando, FL 32862 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) (5 designs) | Jul 31 |
| 0 | Four Flags (45¢ Forever) | Jun 1 | McLean, VA 22101 | PSA booklet of 10 (M) (4 designs) | Jul 31 |
| N | 1¢ Bobcat | Jun 1 | San Marcos, TX 78666 | PSA Coil of 3000 (M) | Jul 31 |
| N | 32¢ Aloha Shirts | Jun 2 | McLean, VA 22101 | PSA booklet of 10 (M) (5 designs) | Aug 1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Bicycling (45¢ Forever) | Jun 7 | Minneapolis, MN 55401 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) (4 designs) | Aug 6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Celebrate Scouting (45¢ Forever) | Jun 9 | Washington, DC 20066 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Aug 8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Miles Davis/Edith Piaf (45¢ Forever) | Jun 12 | New York, NY Paris, France | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Aug 11 |
| N | Sailboat (32¢ Forever) | Jun 22 | Lancaster, PA 17604 | Stamped Card 4-Up Pack of Ten (40 cards) | Aug 21 |
| N | Scenic American Landscapes (\$15.95) | Jun 23 | Lancaster, PA 17604 | Premium Stamped Card (Set of 20) | Aug 22 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Major League Baseball All-Stars (45¢ Forever) | Jul 20 | Cooperstown, NY 13326 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) <br> (4 designs) | Sep 18 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Major League Baseball All-Stars: Joe DiMaggio (45c Forever) | Jul 21 | New York, NY 10199 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Sep 19 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Major League Baseball All-Stars: Ted Williams (45¢ Forever) | Jul 21 | Boston, MA 02205 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Sep 19 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Major League Baseball All-Stars: Larry Doby (45¢ Forever) | Jul 21 | Cleveland, OH 44101 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Sep 19 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Major League Baseball All-Stars: Willie Stargell (45¢ Forever) | Jul 21 | Pittsburgh, PA 15290 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Sep 19 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Innovative Choreographers (45¢ Forever) | Jul 28 | Los Angeles, CA 90052 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) (4 designs) | Sep 26 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Flags of our Nation: Set 6 (45¢ Forever) | Aug 16 | Sacramento, CA 95813 (APS Stamp Show) | PSA Coil of 50 (M) (10 designs) | Oct 15 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Edgar Rice Burroughs (45¢ Forever) | Aug 17 | Tarzana, CA 91356 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Oct 16 |


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| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | The War of 1812: USS Constitution (45¢ Forever) | Aug 18 | Boston, MA 02205 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Oct 17 |
| 0 | Purple Heart (45¢ Forever) | Sep 4 | Washington, DC 20066 | PSA Pane of 20 (M) | Nov 3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | O. Henry (45¢ Forever) | Sep 11 | Greensboro, NC 27420 | PSA Pane of 20 (C) | Nov 10 |
| N | Four Flags (45¢ Forever) | Sep 22 | Humble, TX 77338 | ATM Booklet of 18 (M) (4 designs) | Nov 21 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Earthscapes (45¢ Forever) | Oct 1 | Greenbelt, MD 20770 | PSA Pane of 15 (C) <br> (15 designs) | Nov 30 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Holy Family (45¢ Forever) | Oct 10 | Washington, DC 20066 | PSA Double-sided Booklet of 20 (M) | Dec 9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Santa and Sleigh (45¢ Forever) | Oct 13 | New York, NY 10199 (Mega Stamp Show) | PSA Double-sided Booklet of 20 <br> (4 designs) | Dec 12 |
| N | Lady Bird Johnson (45¢ Forever) | Nov 30 | Austin, TX 78710 | Souvenir Sheet of 6 (C) (6 designs) | Jan 29 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{DC} \end{aligned}$ | Waves | Dec 1 | Orlando, FL 32862 | PSA Pane of 10 (M) (\$1) PSA Pane of 10 (M) (\$2) PSA Pane of 10 (M) (\$5) PSA Pane of $10(\mathrm{M})(\$ 10)$ | Jan 30 |

## Note Descriptions

C: Change in previously announced date, site, and/or rate
DC: Digital Color Postmark
N: New issue
P: Pictorial first day postmark
S: Special Dedication Postmark
(C): Collectible
(M): Mail use

1. Customers must affix additional postage to bring total postage to at least the minimum First-Class Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$ rate for an envelope or stamped card, depending on which is used. Also, the cost for a stamped envelope is the value of the postage plus 11 cents, and the cost for a stamped card is the value of the postage plus 3 cents.

## Pictorial Postmarks Announcement

As a community service, the Postal Service ${ }^{T M}$ offers pictorial postmarks to commemorate local events celebrated in communities throughout the nation. A list of events for which pictorial postmarks are authorized appears below. The sponsor of the pictorial postmark appears in italics under the date. Also provided are illustrations of these postmarks.

People attending these local events may obtain the postmark in person at the temporary Post Office ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ station established there. Those who cannot attend the event but who wish to obtain the postmark may submit a mail order request. Pictorial postmarks are available only for the dates indicated, and requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the requested pictorial postmark date.

All requests must include a stamped envelope or postcard bearing at least the minimum First-Class Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$ postage. Items submitted for postmark may not include
postage issued after the date of the requested postmark. Such items will be returned unserviced.

Customers wishing to obtain a postmark should affix stamps to any envelope or postcard of their choice, address the envelope or postcard to themselves or others, insert a card of postcard thickness in envelopes for sturdiness, and tuck in the flap. Place the envelope or postcard in a larger envelope and address it to: Pictorial Postmarks, followed by the Name of the Station, Address, City, State, ZIP $+4{ }^{\circledR}$ Code, as listed below.

Customers can also send stamped envelopes and postcards without addresses for postmark, as long as they supply a larger envelope with adequate postage and their return address. After applying the pictorial postmark, the Postal Service returns the items (with or without addresses) under addressed protective cover.

The following pictorial postmarks have been extended for 60 days:


The following pictorial postmarks have been extended for 30 days:


October 6-7, 2012
Tri City Stamp Collectors
Anniversary Station
Postmaster
3500 W. Court Street
Pasco, WA 99301-9998


October 11-13, 2012
Womelsdorf 250th Anniversary Committee
Womelsdorf Station
Postmaster
37 N. 3rd Street
Womelsdorf, PA 19567-9998

October 13-14, 2012
Catoctin Colorfest
Arts \& Craft Show Station
Postmaster
110 Water Street
Thurmont, MD 21788-9998
October 22, 2012
Daughters of the American Revolution
USS Constitution Cannon Station
Postmaster
6 W. Park Avenue
Lake Wales, FL 33853-9998
October 23, 2012
United States Postal Service
Specialist Michael E. Phillips Station
Postmaster
208 1st Avenue SW
Ardmore, OK 73401-9998


November 1, 2012-October 1, 2013

Nelson County Economic
Development Agency
Bardstown Station
Postmaster
PO Box 9998
Bardstown, KY 40004-9998


November 2, 2012
United States Postal Service
American Graffiti Station
Postmaster
1124 Pacific Street
Omaha, NE 68108-9998


November 3, 2012
Reading PA Stamp
Collectors Club
Titanic Anniversary Station
Postmaster
4 East Wall Street
Leesport, PA 19533-9998

November 3, 2012
Rochester Numismatic
Association RNA Coin Show Station Postmaster 1335 Jefferson Road Rochester, NY 14692-9998

November 3-4, 2012
Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh
Pittpex Station
Retail Specialist 1001 California Avenue, Room 2036
Pittsburgh, PA 15290-9681

November 6, 2012
City of Brewer
Bicentennial Station
Postmaster
22 Parkway South
Brewer, ME 04412-9998

November 7, 2012
Stephen Decatur Chapter \#4, Universal Ship Cancellation Society
$20^{\text {th }}$ Anniversary Station
Postmaster
PO Box 719
Norfolk, VA 23501-9998


November 10, 2012
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Walter Reed $1^{\text {st }}$ Anniversary Station
Postmaster
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20889-9998

November 10, 2012
Tri-State Stamp Club Tri-State Stamp Club Show Station
Postmaster PO Box 9998 Sinsinawa, WI 53824-9998

November 10, 2012
City of St. Louis
Soldiers Memorial Military Museum Station
Postmaster
1720 Market Street
St. Louis, MO 63155-9998


237th ANNIVERSARY STATION NOVEMBER 10, 2012 HALIFAX VA 24558


November 10-11, 2012
Mid-Cities Stamp Club
Expo Station
Postmaster 1251 William D. Tate Avenue Grapevine, TX 76051-9998


November 14, 2012


Oxford Town/Village Historian
Sesquicentennial Station Postmaster 5299 Street, Hwy. 41 Smithville Flats, NY 13841-9998

- Stamp Services, Marketing and Sales, 11-1-12


## How to Order the First-Day-of-Issue Digital Color or Traditional Postmarks

Customers have 60 days to obtain the first-day-of-issue postmarks by mail. They may purchase new stamps at their local Post Office ${ }^{\text {TM }}$, by telephone at 800-STAMP-24, or at The Postal Store ${ }^{\circledR}$ website at www.usps.com/shop.

## Traditional Postmarks

Customers should affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address them to themselves or others, or provide a self-addressed return envelope with sufficient postage large enough to accommodate the canceled item. Mail the request to the corresponding city of issuance. There is no charge for the first 50 postmarks. There is a 5 -cent charge for each additional postmark over 50. Customers should submit a check, money order, or credit card for payment. After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ will return the envelopes to the customer by U.S. Mail.

All postmark requests should go to the first-day-ofissue city. The first-day-of-issue city Post Office will then forward in bulk all postmark requests to Cancellation Services, Stamp Fulfillment Services, PO Box 449992, Kansas City, MO 64144-9992 by respective Post Offices.

## Digital Color Postmarks

Only select stamp issues offer a digital color postmark. Customers may submit \#6 or \#10 envelopes constructed of paper rated as "laser safe." The Postal Service recommends envelopes of 80 -pound Accent Opaque, acid-free, $9 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ side seams with no glue on the flap. The maximum
size of all digital color postmarks is 2 " high $\times 4$ " long. Allow sufficient space on the envelope to accommodate the postmark. Do not use self-adhesive labels for addresses on the envelope. Two test envelopes must be included. There is a minimum of 10 envelopes at 50 cents per postmark required at the time of servicing. Customers should submit a check, money order, or credit card for payment.

The Postal Service reserves the right to not accept hand-painted and other cachet envelopes that are not compatible with our digital color postmark equipment. The Postal Service also reserves the right to substitute traditional black rubber postmarks if use of nonspecified envelopes results in poor image quality or damage to equipment.

Customers should affix the stamps to the envelopes and address them to themselves or others for return through the mail. Or, they may include an additional self-addressed return envelope, large enough to accommodate their canceled items, with sufficient postage affixed for return of their postmarked items. Mail the request for a first-day-ofissue digital color postmark to the corresponding city of issuance. Post Offices will then forward all customer requests for digital color postmarks to Cancellation Services, Stamp Fulfillment Services, PO Box 449992, Kansas City, MO 64144-9992.

After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes to the customer by U.S. Mail.

## O. Henry Stamp

Greensboro Main Office
201 N. Murrow Blvd.
Greensboro, NC 27420-9998

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## Earthscapes Stamps

| Postmaster | December 2, 2012 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 7600 Ora Glen Drive |  |
| Greenbelt, MD 20770-9998 |  |

Digital Color Pictorial


Holy Family Stamp
Special Cancellations
PO Box 92282
December 10, 2012
Washington, DC 20090-2282


## Santa and Sleigh Stamp Booklet

Postmaster
421 Eighth Ave., Rm. 2029B
New York, NY 10199-9998
December 13, 2012

Digital Color Pictorial

## Lady Bird Johnson Stamp

Postmaster
8225 Cross Park Dr. January 30, 2013
Austin TX, 78710-9998

## Digital Color Pictorial



Waves of Color Stamp
Postmaster
PO Box 620045
February 1, 2013
Orlando, FL 32862-0045


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The Every Door Direct Mail ${ }^{\circledR}$ online mapping tool on USPS.com ${ }^{\circledR}$ will soon be updated. The enhanced tool will provide mailers with an improved activity history including the ability to view orders, repeat past orders, and complete saved orders - all quickly and easily. Mailers will also be able to request a refund online.

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