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COVID-19 CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS UPDATE Effects on Requalification Efforts for Periodicals

The Postal Service understands that the Periodicals industry will have a difficult time renewing requester and subscriber/paid publications during this COVID-19 outbreak. Therefore, we will temporarily extend expirations of all legitimate requests and legitimate subscribers six (6) months, effective from January 15, 2020.

This would allow publishers whose requests or subscriptions, that have or would have expired in this timeframe (expirations until July 15, 2020), to continue to count those requesters/subscribers as eligible or qualified requesters or subscribers. This includes renewals related to membership renewals.

This is a temporary allowance to the mailing standards that will be reevaluated at a future date depending on the course of events and when our nation resumes normal business activity.

This does not exempt publishers from submitting and publishing (if required) their PS Form 3526, *Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation*, in October 2020.

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