

**POSTAL SERVICE**

**39 CFR Part 20**

**Global Package Link Rate Adjustments and Introduction of Service to Argentina**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Interim rule and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service is adjusting the rates for Global Package Link and introducing a new structure for volume discounts. In addition, service to Argentina is being initiated.

**DATES:** The interim rule is effective 12:01 a.m., December 27, 1998. Comments must be received on or before December 31, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed or delivered to the Manager, Pricing, Costing, and Classification, Room 370-IBU, International Business Unit, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, DC 20260-6500. Copies of all written comments will be available for public inspection between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the International Business Unit, 10th Floor, 901 D Street SW, Washington DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Michelson, (202) 268-5731.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Global Package Link (GPL) is an international mail service designed for companies sending merchandise packages to other countries. To use GPL, a customer is required to mail at least 10,000 packages per year using the service and agree to link its information systems with the Postal Service so that certain information about the contents of the customer's packages can be extracted for customs clearance and other purposes.

The Postal Service is announcing new rates and a new discount structure for GPL. The increased rates are the result of declining economic conditions in Japan and other countries and rising costs, including implementation of harmonization for all items to Japan. Overall, the base rates are increased approximately 9 percent. See Appendix 1 for specific rates to each GPL country.

Currently, GPL provides a volume discount within each country beginning at 100,000 packages. The new discount structure is based on a mailer's worldwide volume and discounts are available when volume reaches more than 25,000 packages per postal fiscal year. Discounts will increase with volume based on the following schedule:

Number of packages	Discount (percent)
25,001 to 50,000 .....	1
50,001 to 75,000 .....	2
75,001 to 100,000 .....	3
100,001 and over .....	4

Each year's discounts will be calculated on the previous postal fiscal year's volume and will apply to mailings made during the next calendar year. For example, a mailer who mails 55,000 packages during postal fiscal year 1998 (September 13, 1997 through September 11, 1998) will receive a discount from the base rate for all GPL mailings made during calendar year 1999 (January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999). Postal fiscal year 1998 will be used for discounts applied in calendar year 1999.

The Postal Service is also introducing GPL service to Argentina. Two levels of service, Premium and Standard, will be offered. The maximum weight of parcels to Argentina is 44 pounds with a maximum size of 42 inches in length and a maximum length and girth combined of 79 inches. Rates are shown in Appendix 1. Packages sent in Premium service are insured at no additional charge subject to the provisions of Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) S010 and S500. No insurance is available for packages sent to Argentina as Standard service.

Although the Postal Service is exempted by 39 U.S.C. 410(a) from the advance notice requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act regarding proposed rulemaking (5 U.S.C. 553), the Postal Service invites public comment at the above address.

The Postal Service is amending Subchapter 620, Global Package Link, and the appropriate Individual Country Listings, International Mail Manual, which are incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR 20.1.

**List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20**

Foreign relations, incorporation by reference, international postal services.

**PART 20—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR Part 20 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 401, 404, 407, 408.

2. The International Mail Manual is amended to incorporate program changes to Subchapter 620 Global Package Link as follows:

620 Global Package Link  
621 Description

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621.3 Availability

Global Package Link service is available only to Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.

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623 General

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623.3 Size and Weight Limits

623.31 Weight

The weight limits for Global Package Link service are 70 pounds for Chile, China, and Germany; 66 pounds for Brazil, Canada, France, Singapore, and the United Kingdom; 64 pounds for Mexico; 44 pounds for Argentina and Hong Kong; and 44 pounds for Japan with Premium service. \* \* \*

623.32 Size

The maximum length of GPL packages is 60 inches. The maximum length and girth combined is 108 inches.

Exceptions: Maximum size for Germany is length 47 inches, height 23 inches, width 23 inches; for Japan Standard packages weighing less than 1 pound, the maximum length is 24 inches with a combined maximum length, depth, and height of 36 inches. The maximum size for packages to Argentina is 42 inches in length and 79 inches length and girth combined.

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623.4 Postage

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623.44 Base Rates

The Postal Service will charge the base rates, in 1-pound increments, unless the mailer qualifies for the discounts in 623.441 by mailing more than 25,000 packages in a postal fiscal year. The discounts apply to mailings made during the following calendar year.

623.441 Discounts

Number of packages	Discount (percent)
25,001 to 50,000 .....	1
50,001 to 75,000 .....	2
75,001 to 100,000 .....	3
100,001 and over .....	4

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626 Services Available

626.1 Delivery Options

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626.12 Standard Service

Standard service is available to Argentina, Canada, France, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom. \* \* \*

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626.4 Customs

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626.43 Payment of Customs Duty

626.431 All Countries Except China, Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore

For all countries except China, Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore, the Postal Service will arrange payment of customs duty on behalf of the recipient at the time the merchandise enters the country of destination. Any banking costs or foreign exchange fees applicable to the customs payments will be charged back to the mailer. The Postal Service will notify the mailer electronically of the

amount of duty and fees paid, and the mailer will reimburse the Postal Service in a manner and within a time agreed between the mailer and the Postal Service. Because of the need to have funds available for customers at the time of clearance in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Mexico, mailers must make an advance deposit prior to the first mailing to cover anticipated duties and taxes in addition to postage. \* \* \*

Appendix 1.—Global Package Link Rates

STANDARD SERVICE RATES—CANADA

Weight not to exceed (pounds)	US origin zone A: Buffalo, New York, Chicago Canadian entry: Toronto*				US origin zone B: Miami, Dallas Canadian Entry: Toronto*		
	Premium	Local	Regional	National	Local	Regional	National
1	\$10.00	\$5.50	\$7.25	\$7.50	\$6.25	\$7.75	\$8.00
2	11.00	6.00	8.25	8.75	7.25	9.50	10.00
3	12.50	6.50	9.25	10.00	8.25	11.00	11.75
4	14.25	7.00	10.00	11.25	9.25	12.25	13.50
5	15.75	7.50	10.75	12.50	10.25	13.75	15.50
6	17.50	8.00	11.75	13.75	11.50	15.25	17.25
7	19.00	8.50	12.50	15.00	12.50	16.50	19.25
8	20.75	9.00	13.25	16.25	13.50	18.00	21.00
9	22.25	9.50	14.25	17.50	14.75	19.50	22.75
10	24.00	10.00	15.00	18.75	15.75	20.75	24.75
11	25.50	10.50	15.50	19.25	16.75	21.75	25.75
12	27.00	11.00	16.25	20.50	17.75	23.25	27.50
13	28.75	11.50	17.25	21.75	19.00	24.75	29.25
14	30.25	12.00	18.00	23.00	20.00	26.00	31.25
15	32.00	12.50	18.75	24.25	21.25	27.50	33.00
16	33.50	13.00	19.75	25.50	22.25	29.00	34.75
17	35.25	13.50	20.50	26.75	23.25	30.25	36.75
18	36.75	14.00	21.25	28.00	24.50	31.75	38.50
19	38.50	14.50	22.25	29.50	25.50	33.25	40.25
20	40.00	15.00	23.00	30.75	26.50	34.50	42.25
21	41.50	15.50	24.00	32.00	27.75	36.00	44.00
22	43.00	16.00	24.25	32.25	28.75	37.00	45.00
23	44.75	16.50	25.25	33.50	29.75	38.50	46.75
24	46.25	17.00	26.00	34.75	30.75	39.75	48.75
25	48.00	17.50	26.75	36.00	32.00	41.25	50.50
26	49.50	18.00	27.75	37.25	33.00	42.75	52.25
27	50.75	18.50	28.50	38.50	34.00	44.00	54.25
28	52.75	19.00	29.25	40.00	35.25	45.50	56.00
29	54.50	19.50	30.25	41.25	36.25	47.00	57.75
30	56.00	20.00	31.00	42.50	37.50	48.25	59.75
31	57.25	20.50	31.75	43.75	38.50	49.75	61.50
32	58.75	21.25	32.75	45.00	39.50	51.25	63.25
33	60.50	21.50	33.00	45.25	40.50	52.25	64.25
34	62.00	22.00	34.00	46.50	41.75	53.50	66.25
35	63.75	22.50	34.75	47.75	42.75	55.00	68.00
36	65.25	23.00	35.75	49.00	43.75	56.50	69.75
37	67.00	23.50	36.50	50.50	45.00	57.75	71.75
38	68.50	24.00	37.25	51.75	46.00	59.25	73.50
39	70.00	24.75	38.25	53.00	47.00	60.75	75.25
40	71.75	25.25	39.00	54.25	48.25	62.00	77.25
41	72.75	25.75	39.75	55.50	49.25	63.50	79.00
42	74.50	26.25	40.75	56.75	50.25	65.00	80.75
43	76.00	26.75	41.50	58.00	51.50	66.25	82.75
44	77.50	27.00	42.00	58.25	52.50	67.25	83.75
45	79.25	27.50	42.75	59.50	53.50	68.75	85.50
46	80.25	28.25	43.75	61.00	54.75	70.00	87.50
47	81.75	28.75	44.50	62.25	55.75	71.50	89.25
48	83.25	29.25	45.25	63.50	56.75	73.00	91.00
49	84.75	29.75	46.25	64.75	58.00	74.25	93.00
50	86.50	30.25	47.00	66.00	59.00	75.75	94.75
51	88.00	30.75	47.75	67.25	60.00	77.25	96.50

STANDARD SERVICE RATES—CANADA—Continued

Weight not to exceed (pounds)	US origin zone A: Buffalo, New York, Chicago Canadian entry: Toronto*				US origin zone B: Miami, Dallas Canadian Entry: Toronto*		
	Premium	Local	Regional	National	Local	Regional	National
52	89.75	31.25	48.75	68.50	61.25	78.50	98.50
53	91.25	31.75	49.50	69.75	62.25	80.00	100.25
54	92.75	32.25	50.00	70.25	63.25	81.00	101.25
55	94.50	32.75	50.75	71.50	64.25	82.50	103.00
56	95.25	33.25	51.50	72.75	65.50	83.75	105.00
57	97.00	33.75	52.50	74.00	66.50	85.25	106.75
58	98.50	34.25	53.25	75.25	67.50	86.75	108.50
59	100.00	34.75	54.25	76.50	68.75	88.00	110.50
60	101.75	35.25	55.00	77.75	69.75	89.50	112.25
61	103.25	35.75	55.75	79.00	71.00	91.00	114.00
62	104.75	36.25	56.75	80.25	72.00	92.25	116.00
63	105.50	36.75	57.50	81.50	73.00	93.75	117.75
64	107.25	37.25	58.25	82.75	74.25	95.25	119.50
65	108.75	37.75	58.75	83.25	75.25	96.25	120.50
66	110.25	38.25	59.50	84.50	76.25	97.50	122.50

\*By special arrangement, Dallas origin mail may be entered in Vancouver. This mail will be charged Origin Zone C rates.

Weight not to exceed (pounds)	Schedule C, US origins: Seattle, Canadian entry: Vancouver			Schedule D, US Origins: San Francisco, Canadian entry: Van- couver			Returns
	Local	Regional	National	Local	Regional	National	
1	\$7.50	\$9.00	\$11.50	\$8.00	\$9.50	\$12.00	\$7.00
2	8.00	9.25	11.75	9.00	10.50	13.00	7.75
3	8.25	9.75	12.25	10.00	11.50	14.00	8.50
4	8.75	10.25	12.75	11.00	12.50	15.00	9.25
5	9.25	10.50	13.00	12.00	13.50	16.00	10.00
6	9.50	11.00	13.50	13.00	14.50	17.00	10.75
7	10.00	11.25	13.75	14.00	15.50	18.00	11.50
8	10.25	11.75	14.25	15.00	16.50	19.00	12.25
9	10.75	12.25	14.75	16.00	17.25	19.75	13.00
10	11.25	12.50	15.00	17.00	18.25	20.75	13.50
11	11.75	13.00	15.50	18.00	19.50	22.00	14.25
12	12.25	13.75	16.25	19.00	20.50	23.00	15.00
13	12.75	14.25	16.75	20.25	21.75	24.25	15.75
14	13.00	14.75	17.25	21.25	22.75	25.25	16.50
15	13.50	15.25	17.75	22.25	24.00	26.50	17.25
16	14.00	16.00	18.25	23.25	25.00	27.50	18.00
17	14.50	16.50	19.00	24.50	26.25	28.75	18.75
18	15.00	17.00	19.50	25.50	27.25	29.75	19.50
19	15.50	17.50	20.00	26.50	28.50	31.00	20.25
20	16.00	18.00	20.50	27.50	29.75	32.25	21.00
21	16.50	18.75	21.25	28.75	30.75	33.25	21.50
22	17.00	19.25	21.75	29.75	32.00	34.50	22.25
23	17.50	19.75	22.25	30.75	33.00	35.50	23.00
24	18.00	20.25	22.75	31.75	34.25	36.75	23.75
25	18.50	20.75	23.25	33.00	35.25	37.75	24.50
26	19.00	21.50	24.00	34.00	36.50	39.00	25.25
27	19.50	22.00	24.50	35.00	37.50	40.00	26.00
28	20.00	22.50	25.00	36.00	38.75	41.25	26.75
29	20.50	23.00	25.50	37.25	39.75	42.25	27.50
30	21.00	23.50	26.00	38.25	41.00	43.50	28.25
31	21.50	24.25	26.75	39.25	42.00	44.50	29.00
32	22.00	24.75	27.25	40.25	43.25	45.75	29.50
33	22.25	25.25	27.75	41.50	44.25	46.75	30.25
34	22.75	25.75	28.25	42.50	45.50	48.00	31.00
35	23.25	26.25	28.75	43.50	46.50	49.00	31.75
36	23.75	27.00	29.50	44.50	47.75	50.25	32.50
37	24.25	27.50	30.00	45.75	48.75	51.25	33.25
38	24.75	28.00	30.50	46.75	50.00	52.50	34.00
39	25.25	28.50	31.00	47.75	51.00	53.50	34.75
40	25.75	29.00	31.50	49.00	52.25	54.75	35.50
41	26.25	29.75	32.25	50.00	53.25	55.75	36.25
42	26.75	30.25	32.75	51.00	54.50	57.00	37.00
43	27.25	30.75	33.25	52.00	55.50	58.00	37.75
44	27.75	31.25	33.75	53.25	56.75	59.25	38.25
45	28.25	31.75	34.25	54.25	57.75	60.25	39.00
46	28.75	32.50	35.00	55.25	59.00	61.50	39.75

Weight not to exceed (pounds)	Schedule C, US origins: Seattle, Canadian entry: Vancouver			Schedule D, US Origins: San Francisco, Canadian entry: Vancouver			Returns
	Local	Regional	National	Local	Regional	National	
47	29.25	33.00	35.50	56.25	60.00	62.50	40.50
48	29.75	33.50	36.00	57.50	61.25	63.75	41.25
49	30.25	34.00	36.50	58.50	62.25	64.75	42.00
50	30.75	34.50	37.00	59.50	63.50	66.00	42.75
51	31.25	35.25	37.75	60.50	64.50	67.00	43.50
52	31.50	35.75	38.25	61.75	65.75	68.25	44.25
53	32.00	36.25	38.75	62.75	66.75	69.25	45.00
54	32.50	36.75	39.25	63.75	68.00	70.50	45.75
55	33.00	37.25	39.75	64.75	69.00	71.50	46.25
56	33.50	38.00	40.50	66.00	70.25	72.75	47.00
57	34.00	38.50	41.00	67.00	71.25	73.75	47.75
58	34.50	39.00	41.50	68.00	72.50	75.00	48.50
59	35.00	39.50	42.00	69.00	73.50	76.00	49.25
60	35.50	40.00	42.50	70.25	74.75	77.25	50.00
61	36.00	40.75	43.25	71.25	75.75	78.25	50.75
62	36.50	41.25	43.75	72.25	77.00	79.50	51.50
63	37.00	41.75	44.25	73.25	78.00	80.50	52.25
64	37.50	42.25	44.75	74.50	79.25	81.75	53.00
65	38.00	42.75	45.25	75.50	80.50	83.00	53.75
66	38.50	43.50	46.00	76.50	81.50	84.00	54.25

STANDARD SERVICE RATES

Weight not over (lb.)	Argentina	France	Japan	Singapore	Mexico	UK	UK economy rate
1	\$8.50	\$7.25	\$6.00	\$11.50	\$5.50	\$12.2	\$10.75
2	11.25	9.50	9.25	15.25	6.50	13.50	12.25
3	13.50	11.75	14.25	18.50	7.75	15.00	13.50
4	15.50	14.00	18.00	22.25	8.75	16.50	15.00
5	17.75	16.00	24.00	26.75	9.75	17.75	16.25
6	19.75	18.25	27.25	30.50	11.50	19.25	17.50
7	22.50	20.50	.....	34.25	12.50	20.50	19.00
8	24.75	22.50	.....	38.25	13.75	22.00	20.25
9	26.75	24.75	.....	42.00	14.75	23.50	21.75
10	29.00	27.00	.....	45.75	15.75	24.75	23.00
11	32.25	29.25	.....	49.50	17.00	26.25	24.25
12	34.50	31.25	.....	53.50	18.00	27.50	25.75
13	36.50	33.50	.....	57.25	19.00	29.00	27.00
14	38.75	35.75	.....	61.50	20.25	30.50	28.50
15	41.75	38.00	.....	65.50	21.25	31.75	29.75
16	44.00	40.00	.....	69.25	22.25	33.25	31.00
17	46.25	42.25	.....	73.00	23.50	34.75	32.50
18	48.75	44.50	.....	76.75	24.50	36.00	33.75
19	51.00	46.50	.....	80.75	25.50	37.50	35.25
20	53.75	48.75	.....	85.00	26.75	38.75	36.50
21	56.00	51.00	.....	88.25	27.25	40.25	37.75
22	59.00	53.25	.....	92.00	28.25	41.75	39.25
23	61.50	55.25	.....	98.75	29.50	43.00	40.50
24	63.75	57.50	.....	102.50	30.50	44.50	42.00
25	66.25	59.75	.....	105.75	31.50	45.75	43.25
26	68.50	61.75	.....	109.50	32.75	47.25	44.50
27	71.00	64.00	.....	113.25	33.75	48.75	46.00
28	73.25	66.25	.....	117.25	35.00	50.00	47.25
29	75.75	68.50	.....	120.50	35.50	51.50	48.75
30	78.25	70.50	.....	124.25	36.50	52.75	50.00
31	80.50	72.75	.....	128.00	37.50	54.25	51.50
32	83.00	75.00	.....	132.00	38.75	55.75	52.75
33	85.25	77.00	.....	135.25	39.75	57.00	54.00
34	87.75	79.25	.....	141.75	40.25	58.50	55.50
35	91.25	81.50	.....	145.50	41.50	60.00	56.75
36	93.50	83.75	.....	149.25	42.50	61.25	58.25
37	96.00	85.75	.....	152.50	43.50	62.75	59.50
38	98.50	88.00	.....	156.50	44.25	64.00	60.75
39	100.75	90.25	.....	160.25	45.25	65.50	62.25
40	103.25	92.50	.....	164.00	46.25	67.00	63.50
41	105.50	94.50	.....	167.25	47.50	68.25	65.00
42	108.00	96.75	.....	171.25	48.00	69.75	66.25
43	110.50	99.00	.....	175.00	49.00	71.00	67.50
44	112.75	101.00	.....	178.25	50.25	72.50	69.00

## STANDARD SERVICE RATES—Continued

Weight not over (lb.)	Argentina	France	Japan	Singapore	Mexico	UK	UK economy rate
45		103.25		184.75	50.75	74.00	70.25
46		105.50		188.50	51.75	75.25	71.75
47		107.75		192.50	52.75	76.75	73.00
48		109.75		195.75	53.50	78.25	74.25
49		112.00		199.50	54.50	79.50	75.75
50		114.25		203.25	55.00	81.00	77.00
51		116.25		207.00	56.25	82.25	78.50
52		118.50		210.25	57.25	83.75	79.75
53		120.75		214.25	57.75	85.25	81.00
54		123.00		218.00	58.75	86.50	82.50
55		125.00		221.75	59.50	88.00	83.75
56				227.75	60.50	89.25	85.25
57				231.75	61.00	90.75	86.50
58				235.50	62.25	92.25	87.75
59				239.25	62.75	93.50	89.25
60				242.50	63.75	95.00	90.50
61				246.25	64.25	96.25	92.00
62				250.25	65.50	97.75	93.25
63				254.00	66.00	99.25	94.50
64				257.25	67.00	100.50	96.00
65				261.00		102.00	97.25
66				264.75		103.50	98.75

## PREMIUM SERVICE RATES

Weight not over (lbs.)	Argentina	Brazil	Canada	Chile	China
1	\$11.00	\$13.50	\$10.00	\$10.50	\$14.00
2	14.50	15.50	11.00	12.75	17.00
3	17.50	18.50	12.50	15.25	20.00
4	20.25	20.50	14.25	17.50	23.00
5	23.25	23.50	15.75	20.00	29.25
6	26.00	25.50	17.50	22.00	32.25
7	29.25	28.50	19.00	24.50	35.25
8	32.00	30.50	20.75	26.75	38.25
9	34.75	33.50	22.25	29.25	41.50
10	37.25	35.50	24.00	31.50	44.50
11	41.25	37.50	25.50	33.75	47.50
12	43.50	40.50	27.00	36.00	50.50
13	46.50	42.50	28.75	38.25	53.50
14	49.50	45.50	30.25	40.75	56.50
15	52.50	47.50	32.00	43.00	59.75
16	55.25	50.50	33.50	45.50	62.75
17	58.25	52.50	35.25	47.75	65.75
18	61.25	54.75	36.75	50.00	68.75
19	64.25	56.75	38.50	52.25	72.00
20	67.25	59.50	40.00	54.75	75.00
21	70.25	61.50	41.50	57.00	78.00
22	73.75	63.75	43.00	59.25	81.00
23	76.25	66.50	44.75	61.50	84.00
24	78.75	68.50	46.25	63.75	87.00
25	81.75	71.50	48.00	66.25	90.25
26	84.50	73.50	49.50	68.50	93.25
27	87.50	76.50	50.75	71.00	96.25
28	90.50	78.50	52.75	73.25	99.25
29	93.25	81.25	54.50	75.50	102.25
30	96.25	83.25	56.00	77.75	105.25
31	99.25	86.25	57.25	80.25	108.50
32	102.25	88.25	58.75	82.50	111.50
33	105.00	90.25	60.50	84.75	114.50
34	108.00	93.25	62.00	87.25	117.50
35	112.00	95.25	63.75	89.25	120.50
36	114.50	98.00	65.25	91.75	123.50
37	117.00	100.25	67.00	94.00	126.75
38	120.00	103.00	68.50	96.50	129.75
39	122.75	105.00	70.00	98.75	132.75
40	125.75	108.00	71.75	101.00	135.75
41	128.75	110.00	72.75	103.25	138.75
42	131.50	113.00	74.50	105.75	141.75

PREMIUM SERVICE RATES—Continued

Weight not over (lbs.)	Argentina	Brazil	Canada	Chile	China
43	134.50	115.00	76.00	108.00	145.00
44	137.50	117.00	77.50	110.25	148.00
45		119.75	79.25	112.75	151.00
46		121.75	80.25	114.75	154.00
47		124.75	81.75	117.25	157.00
48		126.75	83.25	119.50	160.00
49		129.75	84.75	122.00	163.25
50		131.75	86.50	124.25	166.25
51		134.50	88.00	126.50	169.25
52		136.75	89.75	128.75	172.25
53		139.50	91.25	131.25	175.25
54		141.50	92.75	133.50	178.50
55		143.50	94.50	135.75	181.50
56		146.50	95.25	138.25	184.50
57		148.50	97.00	140.50	187.50
58		151.50	98.50	142.75	190.50
59		153.50	100.00	145.00	193.50
60		156.25	101.75	147.50	196.75
61		158.25	103.25	149.75	199.75
62		161.25	104.75	152.25	202.75
63		163.25	105.50	154.25	205.75
64		166.25	107.25	156.75	208.75
65		168.25	108.75	159.00	211.75
66		170.25	110.25	161.25	215.00
67				163.75	218.00
68				166.00	221.00
69				168.25	224.00
70				170.50	227.00

Weight not over (lbs.)	Germany	Hong Kong	Japan	Mexico	Singapore	UK
1	\$11.75	\$17.00	\$15.75	\$8.25	\$14.75	\$15.00
2	13.50	20.50	18.00	9.75	18.50	16.50
3	15.25	24.00	20.75	11.50	22.25	18.00
4	17.00	27.50	23.50	13.00	26.25	19.50
5	18.75	31.00	26.25	14.75	31.00	21.00
6	20.50	34.50	29.50	16.25	35.00	22.50
7	22.25	38.00	32.25	17.50	39.25	23.75
8	24.00	41.50	35.00	19.00	43.00	25.75
9	25.75	45.00	37.50	20.75	48.00	27.25
10	27.50	48.50	40.25	22.25	51.75	29.00
11	29.25	52.00	43.00	24.00	55.50	30.50
12	31.00	55.50	45.75	25.00	60.00	32.00
13	32.75	59.25	48.50	26.75	64.25	33.75
14	34.50	62.50	51.25	28.25	68.75	35.25
15	36.25	66.25	54.00	29.50	72.50	37.00
16	38.00	69.75	56.75	31.00	76.75	38.50
17	39.75	73.25	59.50	32.75	81.25	40.25
18	41.50	76.75	62.25	33.75	85.50	42.25
19	43.25	80.25	64.75	35.50	89.50	44.25
20	45.00	83.75	67.50	36.50	93.75	45.75
21	46.75	87.25	70.25	38.25	98.00	47.50
22	48.50	90.75	73.00	39.25	102.00	49.00
23	50.25	94.25	75.75	41.00	110.75	50.50
24	52.00	97.75	78.50	42.00	115.00	52.00
25	53.75	101.25	81.25	43.50	118.75	53.50
26	55.75	104.75	84.00	44.75	122.75	55.25
27	57.50	108.25	86.75	46.25	127.00	58.25
28	59.25	111.75	89.50	47.50	130.75	59.75
29	61.00	115.25	92.00	48.50	134.50	61.50
30	62.75	118.75	94.75	50.25	138.50	63.00
31	64.50	122.25	97.50	51.25	142.75	64.75
32	66.25	126.00	100.25	52.25	146.50	66.25
33	68.00	129.50	103.00	53.50	150.50	67.75
34	69.75	133.00	105.75	55.00	159.75	69.50
35	71.50	136.50	108.50	56.25	163.50	71.00
36	73.25	140.00	111.25	57.25	167.25	72.75

Weight not over (lbs.)	Germany	Hong Kong	Japan	Mexico	Singapore	UK
37	75.00	143.50	114.00	58.25	171.75	74.25
38	76.75	147.00	116.75	59.50	175.50	75.75
39	78.50	150.50	119.25	60.50	179.25	79.00
40	80.25	154.00	122.00	61.50	183.75	80.50
41	82.00	157.50	124.75	63.25	187.50	82.25
42	83.75	161.00	127.50	64.25	191.25	83.75
43	85.50	164.50	130.25	65.50	195.00	85.50
44	87.25	168.00	133.00	66.50	199.50	87.25
45	89.00	.....	.....	67.50	208.25	88.75
46	90.75	.....	.....	68.25	212.00	90.50
47	92.50	.....	.....	69.25	216.25	92.00
48	94.25	.....	.....	70.25	220.25	93.75
49	96.00	.....	.....	71.50	224.00	95.25
50	97.75	.....	.....	72.50	228.25	97.00
51	99.50	.....	.....	73.50	232.25	98.50
52	101.25	.....	.....	74.75	236.00	100.25
53	103.00	.....	.....	75.25	239.75	101.75
54	104.75	.....	.....	76.25	244.25	103.50
55	106.50	.....	.....	77.50	248.00	105.00
56	108.25	.....	.....	78.50	256.75	106.75
57	110.00	.....	.....	79.00	261.00	108.25
58	111.75	.....	.....	80.00	264.75	110.00
59	113.50	.....	.....	81.25	268.75	111.50
60	115.25	.....	.....	81.75	273.00	113.25
61	117.25	.....	.....	82.75	276.75	114.75
62	119.00	.....	.....	83.50	280.75	116.50
63	120.75	.....	.....	84.50	284.50	118.25
64	122.50	.....	.....	85.50	288.75	119.75
65	124.25	.....	.....	.....	292.75	121.50
66	126.00	.....	.....	.....	296.50	123.00
67	127.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
68	129.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	131.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
70	133.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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**Rules of Procedure Before the Judicial Officer**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service is amending the Rules of Procedure Before the Judicial Officer to reflect a new address for the Judicial Officer, Office of Administrative Law Judges, Office of the Board of Contract Appeals, and the Office of the Recorder, to correct titles and references, and to make other technical and grammatical changes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 1, 1998.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Judicial Officer, Office of

Administrative Law Judges, Office of the Board of Contract Appeals, and the Office of the Recorder were relocated effective October 1, 1998. The Rules of Practice are being updated to reflect the new address for these offices.

Additional amendment is needed to update and correct the titles of the Docket Clerk, Department Head, Law Librarian, and Law Library, to the Recorder, Vice President, Librarian, and Library, respectively. Also, several grammatical amendments reflecting gender neutrality are being made, and references to other regulations are corrected as necessary to reflect past revision or renumbering of those rules.

These revisions are changes in agency rules of procedure before the Judicial Officer and do not substantially affect any rights or obligations of private parties. Therefore, it is appropriate for their adoption by the Postal Service to become effective immediately.

**List of Subjects**

*39 CFR Part 952*

Administrative practice and procedure, Fraud, Lotteries, Postal Service.

*39 CFR Part 953*

Administrative practice and procedure, Mailability, Postal Service.

*39 CFR Part 954*

Administrative practice and procedure, Periodicals, Postal Service.

*39 CFR Part 955*

Administrative practice and procedure, Contract Disputes Act of 1978, Postal Service.

*39 CFR Part 956*

Administrative practice and procedure, employment, Postal Service.

*39 CFR Part 957*

Administrative practice and procedure, Debarment, Suspension, Postal Service.

*39 CFR Part 958*

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

*39 CFR Part 959*

Administrative practice and procedure, Private Express Statute, Privacy, Postal Service.