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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 13, 2022, the United States Postal Service filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Remove USPS Retail Ground from the Competitive Product List* pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642. Documents pertinent to this request are available at <https://www.prc.gov>, Docket No. MC2022–81.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Change in Classes of General Applicability for Competitive Products

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice of a change in classifications of general applicability for competitive products.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth changes in classifications of general applicability for competitive products.

DATES: January 8, 2023.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 22, 2022, pursuant to their authority under 39 U.S.C. 3632, the Governors of the Postal Service established classification changes for competitive products. The Governors' Decision and the record of proceedings in connection

with such decision are reprinted below in accordance with section 3632(b)(2).

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Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Classifications of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors' Decision No. 22–2)

June 22, 2022

Statement of Explanation and Justification

Pursuant to authority under section 3632 of title 39, as amended by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 (“PAEA”), we establish changes in classifications of general applicability for certain of the Postal Service's competitive products. The changes are described generally below, with a detailed description of the changes in the attachment. The attachment includes the draft Mail Classification Schedule sections with classification changes in legislative format.

The classification changes established herein are designed to simplify and streamline the Postal Service's ground competitive package offerings under one product. Beginning in January 2023, the existing First-Class Package Service product will be expanded to packages up to 70 pounds to establish an enhanced ground package product. The Retail and Commercial price categories within First-Class Package Service will still be maintained, and the Retail price category will retain its seal against inspection. The enhanced First-Class Package Service product will also include up to \$100 of insurance as well as cubic pricing tiers up to one cubic foot (1 cu. ft.).

In accordance with these enhancements and to avoid redundant offerings, the USPS Retail Ground

product will be removed from the competitive product list and the Parcel Select Ground price category will no longer be available within the Parcel Select product. Both offerings would be subsumed under the newly-enhanced First-Class Package Service product. The Postal Service expects that its retail and commercial customers will all benefit from this simplified and streamlined ground package offering, and from the overall enhanced First-Class Package Service product.

Order

The changes in classes set forth herein shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. on January 8, 2023. We direct the Secretary to have this decision published in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(2) and direct management to file with the Postal Regulatory Commission appropriate notice of these changes.

By The Governors:
/s/

Roman Martinez IV,
Chairman, Board of Governors

United States Postal Service Office of the Board of Governors

Certification of Governors' Vote on Governors' Decision No. 22–2

Consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632(a), I hereby certify that, on June 22, 2022 the Governors voted on adopting Governors' Decision No. 22–2, and that a majority of the Governors then holding office voted in favor of that Decision.

Date: June 22, 2022

/s/

Michael J. Elston,
Secretary of the Board of Governors

Part B—Competitive Products

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2000 COMPETITIVE PRODUCT LIST

DOMESTIC PRODUCTS

Priority Mail Express
Priority Mail
Parcel Select
Parcel Return Service
First-Class Package Service
USPS Retail Ground

2125 First-Class Package Service

2125.1 Description

- a. Any mailable matter may be mailed as First-Class Package Service Commercial mail, except matter that meets the definition of "letter" in 39 C.F.R. § 310.1 and does not fit within any of the exceptions or suspensions to the Private Express Statutes in 39 C.F.R. Parts 310 and 320.
- b. First-Class Package Service Commercial mail is not sealed against postal inspection. Mailing of matter as such constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents, regardless of the physical closure.
- c. Any mailable matter may be mailed as First-Class Package Service Retail mail.
- d. First-Class Package Service Retail mail is sealed against postal inspection and shall not be opened except as authorized by law.
- e. First-Class Package Service pieces that are undeliverable-as-addressed are entitled to be forwarded or returned to the sender without additional charge.
- f. Postage for First-Class Package Service Commercial mail must be paid for by one of the following methods:
 - Registered end-users of USPS-approved PC Postage products when using a qualifying shipping label managed by PC Postage system.
 - USPS-approved IBI postage meters that electronically transmit transactional data to the USPS.
 - Permit imprint.
- g. Return parcels may be sent without prepayment of postage if authorized by the returns customer, who agrees to pay the postage.
- h. Up to \$100.00 of General Insurance coverage is included at no additional cost in the price of First-Class Package Service pieces that bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode or retail tracking barcode, or for First-Class Package Service pieces that bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode and for which the mailer pays Commercial Plus prices or uses ePostage, Electronic Verification System, Hardcopy Manifest, or an approved Manifest Mailing System.

Attachments and Enclosures

- a. First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail pieces may be attached to or enclosed in First-Class Package Service mail. Additional postage may be required.

2125.2 Size and Weight Limitations¹*Commercial*

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	3.5 inches	3.0 inches	0.05 inch	none
Maximum	48 inches	15 inches	22 inch	16 ounces

Retail

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	108 inches in combined length and girth			13 ounces

	<u>Length</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Thickness</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Minimum	<u>large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side</u>			<u>none</u>
Maximum	<u>Various, not to exceed 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, or 1.0 cubic feet</u>			<u>20 pounds</u>
<u>Cubic</u>				<u>130 inches in combined length and girth</u>
<u>All Others</u>	<u>130 inches in combined length and girth</u>			<u>70 pounds</u>

Notes

1. A charge of \$100.00 applies to pieces found in the postal network that exceed the 70-pound maximum weight limitation or the 130-inch length plus girth maximum dimensional limit for Postal Service products. Such items are nonmailable and will not be delivered. As described in the Domestic Mail Manual, this charge is payable before release of the item, unless the item is picked up at the same facility where it was entered.

2125.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Commercial	none
Retail	none
<u>Cubic</u>	<u>none</u>
<u>Limited Overland Routes</u>	<u>none</u>

2125.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

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- Commercial
 - Zone/Weight – Prices are based on weight and zone
 - Oversized
 - Dimensional Weight

 - Retail
 - Zone/Weight – Prices are based on weight and zone
 - Oversized
 - Dimensional Weight

 - Cubic
 - Zone/Cube – Prices are based on cubic size and zone

 - Limited Overland Routes
 - Zone/Weight – Prices are based on weight and zone

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2125.6 Prices

Commercial

Maximum Weight (ounces) (oz/lb)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
<u>1oz</u>	3.37	3.39	3.42	3.48	3.58	3.72	3.86
<u>2oz</u>	3.37	3.39	3.42	3.48	3.58	3.72	3.86
<u>3oz</u>	3.37	3.39	3.42	3.48	3.58	3.72	3.86
<u>4oz</u>	3.37	3.39	3.42	3.48	3.58	3.72	3.86
<u>5oz</u>	3.76	3.79	3.81	3.87	3.88	3.99	4.15
<u>6oz</u>	3.76	3.79	3.81	3.87	3.88	3.99	4.15
<u>7oz</u>	3.76	3.79	3.81	3.87	3.88	3.99	4.15
<u>8oz</u>	3.76	3.79	3.81	3.87	3.88	3.99	4.15
<u>9oz</u>	4.34	4.39	4.42	4.50	4.68	4.83	4.98
<u>10oz</u>	4.34	4.39	4.42	4.50	4.68	4.83	4.98
<u>11oz</u>	4.34	4.39	4.42	4.50	4.68	4.83	4.98
<u>12oz</u>	4.34	4.39	4.42	4.50	4.68	4.83	4.98
<u>13oz</u>	5.49	5.53	5.57	5.72	5.96	6.11	6.28
<u>14oz</u>	5.49	5.53	5.57	5.72	5.96	6.11	6.28
<u>15oz</u>	5.49	5.53	5.57	5.72	5.96	6.11	6.28
15.999	5.49	5.53	5.57	5.72	5.96	6.11	6.28
<u>1lb – 70lbs *</u>							

* New prices for these weight steps will be established at a later date

Retail¹

Maximum Weight (ounces) (oz/lb)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
<u>1oz</u>	4.50	4.60	4.65	4.70	4.75	4.80	5.00
<u>2oz</u>	4.50	4.60	4.65	4.70	4.75	4.80	5.00
<u>3oz</u>	4.50	4.60	4.65	4.70	4.75	4.80	5.00
<u>4oz</u>	4.50	4.60	4.65	4.70	4.75	4.80	5.00
<u>5oz</u>	5.10	5.15	5.20	5.25	5.30	5.40	5.50
<u>6oz</u>	5.10	5.15	5.20	5.25	5.30	5.40	5.50
<u>7oz</u>	5.10	5.15	5.20	5.25	5.30	5.40	5.50
<u>8oz</u>	5.10	5.15	5.20	5.25	5.30	5.40	5.50
<u>9oz</u>	5.80	5.85	5.90	5.95	6.00	6.15	6.25
<u>10oz</u>	5.80	5.85	5.90	5.95	6.00	6.15	6.25
<u>11oz</u>	5.80	5.85	5.90	5.95	6.00	6.15	6.25
<u>12oz</u>	5.80	5.85	5.90	5.95	6.00	6.15	6.25
<u>13oz</u>	7.05	7.10	7.25	7.30	7.40	7.55	7.65
<u>14oz</u> *							
<u>15oz</u> *							
<u>1lb – 70lbs</u> *							

* New prices for these weight steps will be established at a later date

Notes

1. A handling charge of \$0.01 per piece applies to foreign-origin, inbound direct entry mail tendered by foreign postal operators, subject to the terms of an authorization arrangement.

Cubic

<u>Maximum Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 3 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 4 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 5 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 6 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 7 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 8 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 9 (\$)</u>
<u>0.10</u>	<u>6.86</u>	<u>7.11</u>	<u>7.29</u>	<u>7.42</u>	<u>7.64</u>	<u>8.09</u>	<u>8.45</u>	<u>8.45</u>
<u>0.20</u>	<u>7.26</u>	<u>7.60</u>	<u>7.87</u>	<u>8.08</u>	<u>8.98</u>	<u>9.57</u>	<u>10.12</u>	<u>10.12</u>
<u>0.30</u>	<u>7.31</u>	<u>7.70</u>	<u>8.06</u>	<u>8.55</u>	<u>10.48</u>	<u>11.01</u>	<u>11.64</u>	<u>11.64</u>
<u>0.40</u>	<u>7.40</u>	<u>7.87</u>	<u>8.42</u>	<u>9.53</u>	<u>11.47</u>	<u>12.14</u>	<u>12.76</u>	<u>12.76</u>
<u>0.50</u>	<u>7.51</u>	<u>8.08</u>	<u>8.81</u>	<u>10.23</u>	<u>12.16</u>	<u>12.93</u>	<u>13.66</u>	<u>13.66</u>
<u>0.60</u>	<u>7.63</u>	<u>8.40</u>	<u>9.26</u>	<u>11.72</u>	<u>12.68</u>	<u>13.45</u>	<u>14.15</u>	<u>14.15</u>
<u>0.70</u>	<u>7.99</u>	<u>9.09</u>	<u>9.73</u>	<u>12.56</u>	<u>13.01</u>	<u>13.91</u>	<u>14.84</u>	<u>14.84</u>
<u>0.80</u>	<u>8.21</u>	<u>9.73</u>	<u>10.93</u>	<u>12.91</u>	<u>13.48</u>	<u>14.40</u>	<u>15.50</u>	<u>15.50</u>
<u>0.90</u>	<u>8.87</u>	<u>10.21</u>	<u>11.68</u>	<u>13.14</u>	<u>13.90</u>	<u>15.09</u>	<u>16.42</u>	<u>16.42</u>
<u>1.00</u>	<u>9.39</u>	<u>10.74</u>	<u>11.92</u>	<u>13.54</u>	<u>14.33</u>	<u>16.10</u>	<u>17.68</u>	<u>17.68</u>

Limited Overland Routes

Pieces delivered to or from designated intra-Alaska ZIP Codes not connected by overland routes are eligible for the following prices.

<u>Maximum Weight (pounds)</u>	<u>Zones 1 & 2 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 3 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 4 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 5 (\$)</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>7.80</u>	<u>8.10</u>	<u>8.70</u>	<u>9.40</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>8.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>	<u>9.10</u>	<u>9.50</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>8.30</u>	<u>9.70</u>	<u>10.25</u>	<u>10.75</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>8.75</u>	<u>10.20</u>	<u>11.30</u>	<u>11.95</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>9.40</u>	<u>10.25</u>	<u>11.55</u>	<u>12.30</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>9.50</u>	<u>10.45</u>	<u>11.85</u>	<u>12.45</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>9.55</u>	<u>10.55</u>	<u>11.90</u>	<u>12.50</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>9.60</u>	<u>10.65</u>	<u>11.95</u>	<u>12.55</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>9.70</u>	<u>10.70</u>	<u>12.05</u>	<u>12.60</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>10.30</u>	<u>10.80</u>	<u>12.15</u>	<u>13.50</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>10.35</u>	<u>10.85</u>	<u>12.25</u>	<u>13.75</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>10.40</u>	<u>10.90</u>	<u>12.50</u>	<u>13.90</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>10.45</u>	<u>10.95</u>	<u>12.75</u>	<u>14.10</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>10.50</u>	<u>11.00</u>	<u>12.80</u>	<u>14.70</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>10.80</u>	<u>11.15</u>	<u>12.90</u>	<u>15.45</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>10.90</u>	<u>11.35</u>	<u>13.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>11.15</u>	<u>11.90</u>	<u>13.10</u>	<u>16.70</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>12.10</u>	<u>12.50</u>	<u>13.50</u>	<u>16.90</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>12.60</u>	<u>13.20</u>	<u>14.30</u>	<u>17.50</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>13.00</u>	<u>14.10</u>	<u>15.20</u>	<u>18.20</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>13.30</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>16.60</u>	<u>20.10</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>13.80</u>	<u>15.80</u>	<u>18.00</u>	<u>21.90</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>14.30</u>	<u>16.80</u>	<u>19.60</u>	<u>23.50</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>14.80</u>	<u>17.15</u>	<u>21.20</u>	<u>26.50</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>15.50</u>	<u>18.70</u>	<u>22.60</u>	<u>28.80</u>

Limited Overland Routes (Continued)

<u>Maximum Weight (pounds)</u>	<u>Zones 1 & 2 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 3 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 4 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 5 (\$)</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>15.70</u>	<u>19.80</u>	<u>24.20</u>	<u>31.60</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>16.50</u>	<u>20.80</u>	<u>24.60</u>	<u>31.90</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>16.90</u>	<u>21.30</u>	<u>25.30</u>	<u>32.25</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>17.40</u>	<u>21.80</u>	<u>26.10</u>	<u>33.70</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>17.80</u>	<u>22.30</u>	<u>26.80</u>	<u>34.10</u>
<u>31</u>	<u>18.40</u>	<u>22.70</u>	<u>28.40</u>	<u>35.10</u>
<u>32</u>	<u>18.70</u>	<u>23.10</u>	<u>29.20</u>	<u>37.80</u>
<u>33</u>	<u>19.10</u>	<u>23.60</u>	<u>29.90</u>	<u>38.80</u>
<u>34</u>	<u>19.60</u>	<u>24.10</u>	<u>30.50</u>	<u>39.60</u>
<u>35</u>	<u>20.10</u>	<u>24.60</u>	<u>31.20</u>	<u>40.30</u>
<u>36</u>	<u>20.40</u>	<u>25.10</u>	<u>31.70</u>	<u>40.65</u>
<u>37</u>	<u>20.80</u>	<u>25.60</u>	<u>32.30</u>	<u>41.60</u>
<u>38</u>	<u>21.30</u>	<u>26.00</u>	<u>32.90</u>	<u>42.30</u>
<u>39</u>	<u>21.80</u>	<u>26.50</u>	<u>33.50</u>	<u>43.10</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>22.20</u>	<u>27.00</u>	<u>34.00</u>	<u>43.80</u>
<u>41</u>	<u>22.70</u>	<u>27.50</u>	<u>34.80</u>	<u>44.30</u>
<u>42</u>	<u>23.00</u>	<u>28.00</u>	<u>35.50</u>	<u>45.10</u>
<u>43</u>	<u>23.40</u>	<u>28.50</u>	<u>36.00</u>	<u>46.00</u>
<u>44</u>	<u>23.80</u>	<u>29.00</u>	<u>36.60</u>	<u>46.25</u>
<u>45</u>	<u>24.10</u>	<u>29.40</u>	<u>37.20</u>	<u>46.60</u>
<u>46</u>	<u>24.50</u>	<u>29.80</u>	<u>37.80</u>	<u>46.90</u>
<u>47</u>	<u>24.80</u>	<u>30.30</u>	<u>38.40</u>	<u>47.00</u>
<u>48</u>	<u>25.10</u>	<u>30.80</u>	<u>39.00</u>	<u>47.10</u>
<u>49</u>	<u>25.60</u>	<u>31.20</u>	<u>39.60</u>	<u>47.20</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>25.90</u>	<u>31.60</u>	<u>40.10</u>	<u>47.60</u>

Limited Overland Routes (Continued)

<u>Maximum Weight (pounds)</u>	<u>Zones 1 & 2 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 3 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 4 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 5 (\$)</u>
<u>51</u>	<u>26.30</u>	<u>32.10</u>	<u>40.70</u>	<u>48.00</u>
<u>52</u>	<u>26.60</u>	<u>32.60</u>	<u>41.30</u>	<u>48.80</u>
<u>53</u>	<u>27.00</u>	<u>33.00</u>	<u>41.90</u>	<u>49.30</u>
<u>54</u>	<u>27.30</u>	<u>33.50</u>	<u>42.50</u>	<u>49.90</u>
<u>55</u>	<u>27.70</u>	<u>33.90</u>	<u>43.00</u>	<u>50.30</u>
<u>56</u>	<u>28.10</u>	<u>34.40</u>	<u>43.70</u>	<u>50.80</u>
<u>57</u>	<u>28.50</u>	<u>34.80</u>	<u>44.20</u>	<u>51.30</u>
<u>58</u>	<u>28.80</u>	<u>35.20</u>	<u>44.80</u>	<u>51.60</u>
<u>59</u>	<u>29.20</u>	<u>35.70</u>	<u>45.30</u>	<u>52.10</u>
<u>60</u>	<u>29.50</u>	<u>36.20</u>	<u>46.00</u>	<u>52.60</u>
<u>61</u>	<u>29.90</u>	<u>36.60</u>	<u>46.60</u>	<u>52.90</u>
<u>62</u>	<u>30.20</u>	<u>37.00</u>	<u>47.20</u>	<u>53.30</u>
<u>63</u>	<u>30.60</u>	<u>37.50</u>	<u>47.80</u>	<u>53.70</u>
<u>64</u>	<u>31.00</u>	<u>37.90</u>	<u>48.50</u>	<u>54.20</u>
<u>65</u>	<u>31.30</u>	<u>38.40</u>	<u>49.10</u>	<u>54.60</u>
<u>66</u>	<u>31.70</u>	<u>38.80</u>	<u>49.80</u>	<u>55.00</u>
<u>67</u>	<u>32.10</u>	<u>39.20</u>	<u>50.40</u>	<u>55.40</u>
<u>68</u>	<u>32.50</u>	<u>39.70</u>	<u>51.00</u>	<u>56.00</u>
<u>69</u>	<u>32.80</u>	<u>40.10</u>	<u>51.40</u>	<u>57.30</u>
<u>70</u>	<u>33.20</u>	<u>41.20</u>	<u>52.70</u>	<u>61.00</u>
<u>Oversized</u>	<u>49.10</u>	<u>67.30</u>	<u>74.20</u>	<u>90.10</u>

Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price. As stated in the Domestic Mail Manual, any piece that is found to be over the 70 pound maximum weight limitation is nonmailable, will not be delivered, and may be subject to the \$100.00 overweight item charge.

Dimensional Weight

In Zones 1-8, parcels exceeding one cubic foot are priced at the actual weight or the dimensional weight, whichever is greater.

For box-shaped parcels, the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) of the parcel, and dividing by 166.

For irregular-shaped parcels (parcels not appearing box-shaped), the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) at the associated maximum cross-sections of the parcel, dividing by 166, and multiplying by an adjustment factor of 0.785.

These dimensional weight rules do not apply to the Limited Overland Routes price category.

Nonstandard Fees

Add the following fees to parcels that exceed certain dimensions, as specified below:

<u>Entry:</u>	<u>Full Network</u>	<u>DSCF/DNDC</u>	<u>DDU</u>
<u>Length > 22"</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Length > 30"</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Cube > 2 cu. ft.</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

Irregular Parcel Surcharge

Add \$0.25 for each irregularly shaped parcel (such as rolls, tubes, and triangles).

IMpb Noncompliance Fee

Add \$0.25 for each IMpb-noncompliant parcel paying commercial prices, unless the eVS Unmanifested Fee was already assessed on that parcel.

eVS Unmanifested Fee

Add \$0.25 for each unmanifested parcel paying commercial prices, unless the IMpb Noncompliance Fee was already assessed on that parcel.

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$25.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

2135 — USPS Retail Ground

2135.1 — Description

- a. ~~USPS Retail Ground provides reliable and economical ground package delivery service for less than urgent deliveries and oversized packages up to 130 inches in combined length and girth.~~
- b. ~~Any mailable matter may be mailed as USPS Retail Ground, except matter required to be mailed: (1) by First-Class Mail service; (2) as Customized MarketMail pieces; or (3) copies of a publication that are required to be entered as Periodicals mail.~~
- c. ~~USPS Retail Ground pieces are not sealed against postal inspection. Mailing of matter as USPS Retail Ground mail constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents, regardless of the physical closure.~~
- d. ~~USPS Retail Ground mail may receive deferred service.~~
- e. ~~USPS Retail Ground pieces that are undeliverable as addressed will be forwarded on request of the addressee, or forwarded and returned on request of the mailer, subject to the applicable single-piece Retail Ground when forwarded or returned from one post office to another. Pieces which combine domestic USPS Retail Ground mail with First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail pieces will be forwarded if undeliverable as addressed, and returned if undeliverable.~~
- f. ~~Return parcels may be sent without prepayment of postage if authorized by the returns customer, who agrees to pay the postage.~~

Attachments and enclosures

- a. ~~First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail pieces may be attached to or enclosed in USPS Retail Ground mail. Additional postage may be required.~~
- b. ~~USPS Retail Ground mail may have limited written additions placed on the wrapper, on a tag or label attached to the outside of the package, or inside the package, either loose or attached to the article.~~

2135.2 ~~Size and Weight Limitations¹~~

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	130 inches in combined length and girth			70 pounds ¹

Notes

- ~~1. A charge of \$100.00 applies to pieces found in the postal network that exceed the 70-pound maximum weight limitation or the 130-inch length plus girth maximum dimensional limit for Postal Service products. Such items are nonmailable and will not be delivered. As described in the Domestic Mail Manual, this charge is payable before release of the item, unless the item is picked up at the same facility where it was entered.~~

2135.3 ~~Minimum Volume Requirements~~

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Single Piece	none

2135.4 ~~Price Categories~~

- ~~● USPS Retail Ground

 - ~~○ Zones 1-8~~
 - ~~○ Limited Overland Routes~~
 - ~~○ Oversized~~
 - ~~○ Dimensional Weight — Applies to parcels in zones 1-4 that exceed one cubic foot~~~~

~~2135.5~~ ~~Optional Features~~

~~The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:~~

- ~~• Pickup On Demand Service~~
- ~~• Ancillary Services (1505)~~
 - ~~○ Address Correction Service (1505.1)~~
 - ~~○ Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)~~
 - ~~○ Collect on Delivery (1505.7)~~
 - ~~○ USPS Tracking (1505.8)~~
 - ~~○ Insurance (1505.9)~~
 - ~~○ Return Receipt (1505.13)~~
 - ~~○ Signature Confirmation (1505.17)~~
 - ~~○ Special Handling (1505.18)~~
- ~~• Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)~~
 - ~~○ Package Intercept Service (2645.2)~~

2135.6 — Prices

USPS Retail Ground

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
1	8.50	8.90	9.25	9.80	10.00	10.15	10.25
2	9.05	9.70	10.50	10.85	10.95	12.00	13.95
3	9.70	10.45	11.55	11.90	12.00	13.85	17.90
4	10.35	11.20	12.25	12.55	14.95	16.40	19.75
5	11.05	12.00	12.95	13.25	16.65	18.75	22.80
6	11.45	12.40	13.70	13.80	18.55	20.90	25.70
7	11.95	12.85	14.55	14.90	19.60	23.10	28.65
8	12.45	13.50	14.90	15.70	21.00	26.25	32.65
9	12.70	13.90	15.30	16.80	22.55	28.00	34.95
10	13.90	14.85	16.55	19.00	24.35	30.40	38.95
11	14.90	15.65	17.60	19.50	26.30	33.10	41.30
12	15.55	16.35	18.20	20.50	27.85	36.05	44.95
13	16.15	17.05	18.85	21.00	29.25	39.37	48.97
14	16.85	17.80	19.55	22.15	31.25	43.05	53.35
15	17.55	18.55	20.20	24.25	32.00	43.65	54.40
16	18.30	19.55	21.25	25.25	33.55	46.05	57.45
17	19.10	20.60	22.35	26.25	35.45	48.55	60.50
18	19.95	21.65	23.50	26.60	36.95	50.95	63.65
19	20.85	22.80	24.65	27.65	37.85	51.75	64.60
20	21.75	24.00	25.95	28.55	39.50	53.40	65.00
21	22.55	25.25	28.00	31.00	41.95	54.45	65.50
22	23.35	26.55	30.20	33.65	44.60	55.60	70.75
23	24.15	27.90	32.60	36.65	47.35	56.80	71.50
24	25.00	29.30	35.15	39.95	50.35	58.00	72.75
25	25.90	30.80	37.95	43.50	53.50	59.30	77.00

USPS Retail Ground (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
26	26.80	32.40	40.95	50.15	60.00	69.95	79.90
27	28.45	33.90	42.35	52.70	62.70	72.75	82.80
28	29.35	34.35	43.50	54.10	64.70	75.35	86.00
29	30.25	34.70	44.55	54.90	66.00	77.25	88.36
30	31.15	35.25	45.80	55.65	67.15	78.70	90.20
31	32.10	35.60	48.20	56.50	68.40	80.35	92.25
32	32.45	36.35	49.35	57.00	69.30	81.60	93.85
33	33.00	37.30	50.60	57.80	70.45	83.05	95.75
34	33.30	38.30	51.85	58.95	71.85	84.75	97.60
35	33.65	39.25	52.50	60.20	73.20	86.15	99.05
36	34.00	40.40	53.25	61.65	74.75	87.80	100.80
37	34.30	41.05	54.05	62.70	76.00	89.25	102.50
38	34.70	42.15	54.70	63.90	77.35	90.70	104.15
39	35.10	43.10	55.40	65.25	78.75	92.25	105.75
40	35.50	44.00	56.15	66.65	80.10	93.65	107.20
41	35.80	44.85	56.80	67.30	81.15	95.05	108.90
42	36.05	45.65	57.40	68.65	82.50	96.35	110.25
43	36.55	46.40	57.90	70.15	83.90	97.65	111.40
44	36.80	47.20	58.65	71.60	85.35	99.10	113.00
45	37.05	47.70	59.05	73.30	86.95	100.65	114.35
46	37.30	48.00	59.70	74.60	88.25	102.00	115.65
47	37.65	48.45	60.25	76.40	89.90	103.50	117.00
48	38.00	48.90	60.85	77.80	91.25	104.70	118.20
49	38.20	49.20	61.30	79.20	92.60	105.95	119.35
50	38.35	49.50	61.75	80.80	94.05	107.30	120.60

USPS Retail Ground (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
51	38.55	50.00	62.30	82.10	95.40	108.50	121.75
52	39.05	50.30	62.75	82.75	96.25	109.65	123.10
53	39.70	50.65	63.10	83.40	97.15	110.90	124.70
54	40.20	50.85	63.55	84.05	98.25	112.30	126.45
55	40.90	51.20	63.90	84.70	99.15	113.60	128.10
56	41.45	51.55	64.30	85.25	100.00	114.65	129.40
57	42.10	51.70	64.65	85.70	100.60	115.40	130.30
58	42.75	51.95	65.10	86.35	101.45	116.45	131.40
59	43.40	52.20	65.40	86.85	102.00	117.20	132.35
60	44.00	52.40	66.05	87.25	102.60	117.90	133.20
61	44.65	52.70	67.20	87.75	103.55	119.30	135.05
62	45.10	52.80	68.05	88.25	104.60	120.90	137.25
63	46.00	53.05	69.20	88.65	105.60	122.50	139.45
64	46.45	54.70	70.20	89.10	106.65	124.05	141.60
65	47.10	54.85	71.15	89.30	107.45	125.60	143.70
66	47.70	55.05	72.30	89.80	108.60	127.20	145.95
67	48.45	55.15	73.55	90.15	109.40	128.65	147.80
68	49.05	55.25	74.40	90.30	110.05	129.70	149.35
69	49.65	55.30	75.35	90.55	110.65	130.85	150.95
70	50.25	55.50	76.60	90.85	111.40	132.05	152.60
Oversized	84.00	106.80	129.60	152.15	174.95	197.65	220.50

Limited Overland Routes

Pieces delivered to or from designated intra-Alaska ZIP Codes not connected by overland routes are eligible for the following prices.

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)
1	7.80	8.10	8.70	9.40
2	8.00	9.00	9.10	9.50
3	8.30	9.70	10.25	10.75
4	8.75	10.20	11.30	11.95
5	9.40	10.25	11.55	12.30
6	9.50	10.45	11.85	12.45
7	9.55	10.55	11.90	12.50
8	9.60	10.65	11.95	12.55
9	9.70	10.70	12.05	12.60
10	10.30	10.80	12.15	13.50
11	10.35	10.85	12.25	13.75
12	10.40	10.90	12.50	13.90
13	10.45	10.95	12.75	14.10
14	10.50	11.00	12.80	14.70
15	10.80	11.15	12.90	15.45
16	10.90	11.35	13.00	16.00
17	11.15	11.90	13.10	16.70
18	12.10	12.50	13.50	16.90
19	12.60	13.20	14.30	17.50
20	13.00	14.10	15.20	18.20
21	13.30	15.00	16.60	20.10
22	13.80	15.80	18.00	21.90
23	14.30	16.80	19.60	23.50
24	14.80	17.15	21.20	26.50
25	15.50	18.70	22.60	28.80

Limited Overland Routes (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)
26	15.70	19.80	24.20	31.60
27	16.50	20.80	24.60	31.90
28	16.90	21.30	25.30	32.25
29	17.40	21.80	26.10	33.70
30	17.80	22.30	26.80	34.10
31	18.40	22.70	28.40	35.10
32	18.70	23.10	29.20	37.80
33	19.10	23.60	29.90	38.80
34	19.60	24.10	30.50	39.60
35	20.10	24.60	31.20	40.30
36	20.40	25.10	31.70	40.65
37	20.80	25.60	32.30	41.60
38	21.30	26.00	32.90	42.30
39	21.80	26.50	33.50	43.10
40	22.20	27.00	34.00	43.80
41	22.70	27.50	34.80	44.30
42	23.00	28.00	35.50	45.10
43	23.40	28.50	36.00	46.00
44	23.80	29.00	36.60	46.25
45	24.10	29.40	37.20	46.60
46	24.50	29.80	37.80	46.90
47	24.80	30.30	38.40	47.00
48	25.10	30.80	39.00	47.10
49	25.60	31.20	39.60	47.20
50	25.90	31.60	40.10	47.60

Limited Overland Routes (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)
51	26.30	32.10	40.70	48.00
52	26.60	32.60	41.30	48.80
53	27.00	33.00	41.90	49.30
54	27.30	33.50	42.50	49.90
55	27.70	33.90	43.00	50.30
56	28.10	34.40	43.70	50.80
57	28.50	34.80	44.20	51.30
58	28.80	35.20	44.80	51.60
59	29.20	35.70	45.30	52.10
60	29.50	36.20	46.00	52.60
61	29.90	36.60	46.60	52.90
62	30.20	37.00	47.20	53.30
63	30.60	37.50	47.80	53.70
64	31.00	37.90	48.50	54.20
65	31.30	38.40	49.10	54.60
66	31.70	38.80	49.80	55.00
67	32.10	39.20	50.40	55.40
68	32.50	39.70	51.00	56.00
69	32.80	40.10	51.40	57.30
70	33.20	41.20	52.70	61.00
Oversized	49.10	67.30	74.20	90.10

Balloon Price

Limited Overland Routes pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined (but not more than 108 inches) and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

Oversized Pieces

~~Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price. As stated in the Domestic Mail Manual, any piece that is found to be over the 70 pound maximum weight limitation is nonmailable, will not be delivered, and may be subject to the \$100.00 overweight item charge.~~

Pickup On Demand Service

~~Add \$25.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.~~

Dimensional Weight

~~In Zones 1-8, parcels exceeding one cubic foot are priced at the actual weight or the dimensional weight, whichever is greater.~~

~~For box shaped parcels, the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) of the parcel, and dividing by 166.~~

~~For irregular shaped parcels (parcels not appearing box shaped), the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) at the associated maximum cross sections of the parcel, dividing by 166, and multiplying by an adjustment factor of 0.785.~~

~~These dimensional weight rules do not apply to the Limited Overland Routes price category.~~

IMpb Noncompliance Fee

~~Add \$0.25 for each IMpb noncompliant parcel paying commercial prices.~~

2115 Parcel Select

2115.1 Description

- a. Any mailable matter may be mailed as Parcel Select mail, except matter required to be mailed by First-Class Mail or Priority Mail services; and publications required to be entered as Periodicals mail.
- b. Parcel Select mail is not sealed against postal inspection. Mailing of matter as such constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents, regardless of the physical closure.
- c. Undeliverable-as-addressed Parcel Select pieces will be forwarded on request of the addressee or forwarded or returned on request of the mailer, subject to the applicable ~~Parcel Select Ground~~First-Class Package Service-Commercial price, plus an applicable fee, when forwarded or returned. Pieces which combine Parcel Select matter with First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail matter will be forwarded or returned if undeliverable-as-addressed, as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.

Attachments and enclosures

- a. First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail pieces may be attached to or enclosed in Parcel Select mail. Postage at the applicable First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail price may be required.

2115.2 Size and Weight Limitations¹*Parcel Select*

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	130 inches in combined length and girth			70 pounds ¹

Parcel Select Ground

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	Various, not to exceed 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, or 1.0 cubic feet			20 pounds
— Cubic				
— All Others	130 inches in combined length and girth			70 pounds ⁴

Lightweight

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	108 inches in combined length and girth			< 16 ounces

Notes

1. A charge of \$100.00 applies to pieces found in the postal network that exceed the 70-pound maximum weight limitation or the 130-inch length plus girth maximum dimensional limit for Postal Service products. Such items are nonmailable and will not be delivered. As described in the Domestic Mail Manual, this charge is payable before release of the item, unless the item is picked up at the same facility where it was entered.

2115.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Parcel Select Ground	50 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing
Lightweight	200 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing
USPS Connect Local	No volume minimum
All Other Parcel Select	50 pieces per mailing

2115.4 Price Categories

Non-Destination Entered

- ~~Parcel Select Ground~~
 - ~~Parcel Select Ground~~
 - ~~Cubic~~
 - ~~Dimensional Weight~~
 - ~~Oversized~~
 - ~~Forwarding and Returns~~

2115.6 Prices

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*Non-Destination Entered — Parcel Select Ground*a. *Parcel Select Ground*

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
1	7.22	7.53	7.75	7.87	8.09	8.61	9.03
2	7.28	7.64	7.95	8.22	9.58	10.21	10.85
3	7.34	7.74	8.14	8.80	11.19	11.63	12.25
4	7.44	7.98	8.65	10.11	11.70	12.54	13.17
5	7.55	8.14	8.91	10.31	12.46	13.19	13.98
6	7.66	8.50	9.40	12.27	12.77	13.55	14.22
7	8.10	9.27	9.84	12.65	13.09	14.02	15.03
8	8.24	9.84	11.20	12.97	13.58	14.50	15.62
9	8.99	10.28	11.77	13.17	13.96	15.20	16.57
10	9.44	10.80	11.94	13.59	14.38	16.22	17.83
11	11.08	11.79	12.97	14.05	15.06	17.86	19.27
12	11.64	12.39	13.21	14.33	15.70	18.66	20.26
13	11.92	12.81	13.55	14.82	16.26	20.05	21.69
14	12.30	13.10	13.62	15.08	17.29	21.41	23.21
15	12.49	13.58	14.06	15.85	18.33	22.19	24.75
16	12.80	13.91	14.20	16.03	19.01	23.19	25.50
17	13.11	14.41	14.64	16.74	19.91	24.68	26.34
18	13.18	14.52	14.80	17.46	20.84	25.25	27.97
19	13.53	15.22	15.45	18.65	21.52	26.19	29.17
20	13.76	15.54	15.85	19.16	22.33	27.23	30.58
21	14.80	16.86	17.67	21.56	25.79	31.31	35.17
22	15.90	18.29	19.70	24.26	29.79	36.01	40.44
23	17.10	19.85	21.97	27.29	34.41	41.41	46.51
24	18.38	21.53	24.49	30.70	39.74	47.62	53.48
25	19.76	23.36	27.31	34.54	45.90	54.76	61.51

a. Parcel Select Ground (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
26	22.59	27.79	35.48	45.76	57.74	67.83	77.39
27	23.96	29.07	37.67	49.93	58.54	69.55	80.27
28	24.71	29.46	38.76	51.25	59.36	71.22	83.48
29	25.48	29.77	39.82	51.94	60.38	72.90	85.84
30	26.25	30.21	40.76	52.66	62.11	74.55	87.68
31	27.01	30.51	41.41	53.34	63.03	76.24	89.72
32	27.32	31.17	42.11	53.97	63.87	77.93	91.35
33	27.75	32.05	43.17	54.69	65.14	79.58	93.24
34	28.01	32.90	44.28	55.89	66.73	81.26	95.08
35	28.33	33.68	44.92	57.09	68.55	82.93	96.55
36	28.69	34.68	45.52	58.34	70.32	84.08	98.28
37	28.99	35.33	46.18	59.39	72.20	85.19	99.96
38	29.28	36.20	46.77	60.59	74.25	86.18	101.64
39	29.57	37.07	47.31	61.86	76.04	88.52	103.22
40	29.88	37.85	47.93	63.16	77.28	90.54	104.69
41	30.21	38.49	48.45	63.72	78.61	92.52	106.37
42	30.44	38.79	48.88	64.81	80.02	93.81	107.73
43	30.80	39.08	49.32	65.89	81.97	95.00	108.89
44	31.02	39.36	49.75	66.96	83.30	96.16	110.46
45	31.22	39.65	50.20	68.05	84.24	97.22	111.83
46	31.50	39.94	50.64	69.13	85.20	98.29	113.14
47	31.73	40.23	51.07	70.21	86.10	99.44	114.50
48	32.00	40.52	51.51	71.28	87.22	100.41	115.66
49	32.26	40.79	51.95	72.37	88.44	101.48	116.81
50	32.39	41.08	52.40	73.46	89.70	102.80	118.07

a. Parcel Select Ground (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
51	32.88	41.37	52.80	74.72	90.95	104.30	119.23
52	33.37	41.66	53.25	75.25	91.84	105.90	120.59
53	34.00	41.94	53.69	75.87	92.63	107.67	122.17
54	34.50	42.24	54.12	76.53	93.30	109.24	123.95
55	35.05	42.51	54.56	77.02	94.09	111.01	125.58
56	35.54	42.81	55.00	77.61	94.72	112.56	126.89
57	36.11	43.09	55.44	78.07	95.46	113.30	127.79
58	36.67	43.38	55.87	78.57	96.03	114.35	128.89
59	37.20	43.67	56.30	79.05	96.58	115.08	129.83
60	37.67	43.95	56.73	79.50	97.07	115.82	130.67
61	38.29	44.23	57.17	79.89	97.62	117.18	132.51
62	38.77	44.52	57.60	80.25	98.08	118.61	134.72
63	39.48	44.81	58.05	80.68	98.65	119.19	136.92
64	39.83	45.09	58.49	81.04	99.10	119.74	139.07
65	40.41	45.38	58.94	81.29	99.39	120.35	141.17
66	40.95	45.68	59.36	81.66	99.90	120.72	143.43
67	41.57	45.96	60.38	81.95	100.22	121.21	145.27
68	42.06	46.24	61.14	82.18	101.50	121.85	146.84
69	42.64	46.54	61.93	82.43	102.74	122.43	148.42
70	43.09	46.82	62.92	82.69	104.00	122.88	150.10
Oversized	84.00	106.79	129.62	152.15	174.93	197.66	220.50

b. Cubic

Maximum Cubic Feet	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
0.10	6.86	7.11	7.29	7.42	7.64	8.09	8.45	8.45
0.20	7.26	7.60	7.87	8.08	8.98	9.57	10.12	10.12
0.30	7.34	7.70	8.06	8.55	10.48	11.01	11.64	11.64
0.40	7.40	7.87	8.42	9.53	11.47	12.14	12.76	12.76
0.50	7.54	8.08	8.81	10.23	12.16	12.93	13.66	13.66
0.60	7.63	8.40	9.26	11.72	12.68	13.45	14.15	14.15
0.70	7.99	9.09	9.73	12.56	13.01	13.91	14.84	14.84
0.80	8.24	9.73	10.93	12.91	13.48	14.40	15.50	15.50
0.90	8.87	10.24	11.68	13.14	13.90	15.09	16.42	16.42
1.00	9.39	10.74	11.92	13.54	14.33	16.10	17.68	17.68

c. Dimensional Weight

Parcels exceeding one cubic foot are priced at the actual weight or the dimensional weight, whichever is greater.

For box-shaped parcels, the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) of the parcel, and dividing by 166.

For irregular-shaped parcels (parcels not appearing box-shaped), the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) at the associated maximum cross-sections of the parcel, dividing by 166, and multiplying by an adjustment factor of 0.785.

d. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price. As stated in the Domestic Mail Manual, any piece that is found to be over the 70 pound maximum weight limitation is nonmailable, will not be delivered, and may be subject to the \$100.00 overweight item charge.

e. ~~Forwarding and Returns~~

~~Parcel Select pieces that are forwarded on request of the addressee or forwarded or returned on request of the mailer will be subject to the applicable Parcel Select Ground price, plus \$3.00, when forwarded or returned. For customers using Address Correction Service with Shipper Paid Forwarding/Return, and also using an IMpb, the additional fee will be \$2.50.~~

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Expiration Date of the Temporary Amendments Set Forth in SR–FINRA–2020–015 and SR–FINRA–2020–027

July 14, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 8, 2022, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a “non-controversial” rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 under the Act,³ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing to extend the expiration date of the temporary amendments set forth in SR–FINRA–2020–015 and SR–FINRA–2020–027 from July 31, 2022 to October 31, 2022.⁴

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).

⁴ If FINRA seeks to provide additional temporary relief from the rule requirements identified in this proposed rule change beyond October 31, 2022, FINRA will submit a separate rule filing to further

The proposed rule change would not make any changes to the text of FINRA rules.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s website at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

In response to the COVID–19 global health crisis and the corresponding need to restrict in-person activities, FINRA filed proposed rule changes, SR–FINRA–2020–015 and SR–FINRA–2020–027, which respectively provide temporary relief from some timing, method of service and other procedural requirements in FINRA rules and allow FINRA’s Office of Hearing Officers (“OHO”) and the National Adjudicatory Council (“NAC”) to conduct hearings, on a temporary basis, by video conference, if warranted by the current COVID–19-related public health risks posed by an in-person hearing. In March 2022, FINRA filed a proposed rule change, SR–FINRA–2022–004, to extend the expiration date of the temporary amendments in both SR–FINRA–2020–

extend the temporary extension of time. The amended FINRA rules will revert to their original form at the conclusion of the temporary relief period and any extension thereof.

015 and SR–FINRA–2020–027 from March 31, 2022, to July 31, 2022.⁵

Even though it has been more than two years since the World Health Organization declared COVID–19 a pandemic, uncertainty still remains around this disease. The continued presence of COVID–19 variants including the quickly emerging Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, dissimilar vaccination rates throughout the United States, and the current medium to high COVID–19 community levels in many states indicate that COVID–19 remains an active and real public health concern.⁶ Due to the uncertainty and the lack of a clear timeframe for a sustained and widespread abatement of COVID–19-related health concerns and corresponding restrictions,⁷ FINRA believes there is a continued need for temporary relief beyond July 31, 2022. Accordingly, FINRA proposes to extend the expiration date of the temporary amendments in SR–FINRA–2020–015

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 94430 (March 16, 2022), 87 FR 16262 (March 22, 2022) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR–FINRA–2022–004).

⁶ For example, there has been a notable upward trend in the number of daily COVID–19 cases in the United States since April 1, 2022. See https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_dailycases. In addition, on June 9, 2022, the Biden Administration announced its operational plan for COVID–19 vaccinations for children under the age of five. See <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/09/fact-sheet-biden-administration-announces-operational-plan-for-covid-19-vaccinations-for-children-under-5/>.

⁷ For instance, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommends that people wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas with a high COVID–19 community level regardless of vaccination status or individual risk. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>. The CDC also recommends that people wear a mask in indoor areas of public transportation and transportation hubs to protect themselves and those around them and help keep travel and public transportation safer for everyone. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/masks-public-transportation.html>. Furthermore, numerous states currently have mask mandates in certain settings, such as healthcare and correctional facilities.