

## SUBCHAPTER C—POST OFFICE SERVICES [DOMESTIC MAIL]

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#### **§ 111.1 Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual; incorporated by reference of regulations governing domestic mail services.**

Section 552(a) of title 5, U.S.C., relating to the public information requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, provides in pertinent part that “\* \* \* matter reasonably available to the class of persons affected thereby is deemed published in the FEDERAL REGISTER when incorporated by reference therein with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register.” In conformity with that provision, and with 39 U.S.C. section 410(b)(1), and as provided in this part, the U.S. Postal Service hereby incorporates by reference in this part, the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual, a looseleaf document published and maintained by the Postal Service.

[62 FR 14827, Mar. 28, 1997, as amended at 69 FR 59139, Oct. 4, 2004; 70 FR 14535, Mar. 23, 2005]

#### **§ 111.2 Availability of the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual.**

(a) Copies of the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual, both current and previous issues, are available during regular business hours for reference and public inspection at the U.S. Postal Service Library, National Headquarters in Washington, DC. Copies of only the current issue are available during regular business hours for public inspection at area and district offices of the Postal Service and at all post offices, classified stations, and classified branches. The Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual is available for examination on the Internet at <http://pe.usps.gov>.

(b) A copy of the current Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual is on file at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/code\\_of\\_federal\\_regulations/ibr\\_locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html).

(c) Subscriptions to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual can be purchased by the public from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC 20402-9375.

[62 FR 14827, Mar. 28, 1997, as amended at 69 FR 18803, Apr. 9, 2004; 69 FR 59139, Oct. 4, 2004; 70 FR 14535, Mar. 23, 2005]

#### **§ 111.3 Amendments to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual.**

(a) Except for interim or final regulations published as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, only notices rather than complete text of changes made to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual are published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. These notices are published in the form of one summary

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transmittal letter for each issue of the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual. A complete issue of the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual, including the text of all changes published to date, will be filed with the Director, Office of the Federal Register. Subscribers to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual receive the latest issue of the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual from the Government Printing Office.

(b) When the Postal Service invites comments from the public on a proposed change to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual, the proposed change and, if adopted, the full text of the interim or the final regulation is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(c) The Postal Bulletin contains the full text of all interim and final regulations published as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, and the full text of all other changes to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual that are summarized in the notices published under paragraph (a) of this section, except for nonsubstantive changes and corrections of typographical errors. The Postal Bulletin is a biweekly document issued by the Postal Service to amend and revise policies and procedures. A 1-year subscription to the Postal Bulletin and certain back copies can be purchased by the public from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC 20402-9371.

(d) Interim regulations published in full text or referenced as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, are published, as appropriate, in the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual in full text or referenced at the place where they would appear if they become final regulations.

(e) Announcements of changes to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual not published in the FEDERAL REGISTER as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section and not published in the

Postal Bulletin as provided in paragraph (c) are not deemed final under the provisions of this part 111.

(f) For references to amendments to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual adopted under paragraph (b) of this section after issuance of the most recent transmittal letter (termed Summary of Changes in the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual) listed below, see § 111.3 in the List of CFR Sections affected at the end of this volume.

Transmittal letter for issue	Dated	Federal Register publication
1	July 30, 1979	44 FR 39742.
2	May 15, 1980	45 FR 42616.
3	July 30, 1980	45 FR 73925.
4	Oct. 1, 1980	46 FR 10154.
5	Mar. 1, 1981	46 FR 25446.
6	July 7, 1981	46 FR 58079.
7	Nov. 1, 1981	47 FR 8179.
8	Jan. 21, 1982	47 FR 8358.
9	May 1, 1982	47 FR 27266.
10	Aug. 1, 1982	47 FR 43952.
11	Jan. 20, 1983	48 FR 10649.
13	Dec. 29, 1983	49 FR 18304.
14	Apr. 12, 1984	49 FR 26228.
15	July 12, 1984	49 FR 33248.
16	Sept. 27, 1984	49 FR 47232.
17	Dec. 20, 1984	50 FR 5580.
18	Feb. 21, 1985	50 FR 12019.
19	June 7, 1985	50 FR 30834.
20	Nov. 14, 1985	51 FR 8495.
21	Sept. 4, 1986	51 FR 43910.
22	Jan. 22, 1987	52 FR 10750.
23	May 1, 1987	52 FR 23981.
24	Sept. 20, 1987	52 FR 34778.
25	Dec. 20, 1987	52 FR 48437.
26	April 3, 1988	53 FR 18557.
27	June 19, 1988	53 FR 21821.
28	Sept. 18, 1988	53 FR 35315.
29	Dec. 18, 1988	53 FR 49658.
30	Mar. 19, 1989	54 FR 9212.
31	June 18, 1989	54 FR 27880.
32	Sept. 17, 1989	54 FR 37795.
33	Dec. 17, 1989	54 FR 50619.
34	Mar. 18, 1990	55 FR 10061.
35	June 17, 1990	55 FR 24561.
36	Sept. 16, 1990	55 FR 40658.
37	Dec. 16, 1990	56 FR 1112.
38	Feb. 24, 1991	56 FR 11513.
39	June 16, 1991	56 FR 56015.
40	September 15, 1991	56 FR 56013.
41	December 15, 1991	57 FR 21611.
42	March 15, 1992	57 FR 21613.
43	June 21, 1992	57 FR 37884.
44	September 20, 1992	61 FR 67218.
45	December 20, 1992	61 FR 67218.
46	July 1, 1993	61 FR 67218.
47	April 10, 1994	61 FR 67218.
48	January 1, 1995	61 FR 67218.
49	September 1, 1995	61 FR 67218.
50	July 1, 1996	61 FR 60190.
51	January 1, 1997	61 FR 64618.
52	July 1, 1997	62 FR 30457.
53	January 1, 1998	62 FR 63851.
54	January 10, 1999	64 FR 39

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55 .....	January 10, 2000 .....	65 FR 1321
56 .....	January 7, 2001 .....	66 FR 8370
57 .....	June 30, 2002 .....	67 FR 46875
58 .....	August 10, 2003 .....	68 FR 66018
Premier Edition ..	January 6, 2005 .....	70 FR 14535
Issue 300 .....	January 8, 2006 .....	73 FR 25509
Issue 300 .....	July 15, 2007 .....	73 FR 25509
Issue 300 .....	May 12, 2008 .....	75 FR 31702
Issue 300 .....	May 11, 2009 .....	75 FR 31702

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EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting § 111.3, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

**§ 111.4 Approval of the Director of the Federal Register.**

Incorporation by reference of the publication now titled the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual was approved by the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 on June 4, 2010.

(5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 401, 404, 407, 408, 3001-3011, 3201-3218, 3403-3405, 3601, 3621; 42 U.S.C. 1973cc-13, 1973cc-14)

[49 FR 47389, Dec. 4, 1984, as amended at 70 FR 14535, Mar. 23, 2005; 73 FR 25509, May 7, 2008; 75 FR 31702, June 4, 2010]

**§ 111.5 [Reserved]**

**PART 121—SERVICE STANDARDS FOR MARKET-DOMINANT MAIL PRODUCTS**

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**APPENDIX A TO PART 121—SERVICE STANDARD DAY RANGE TABLES**

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SOURCE: 72 FR 72228, Dec. 19, 2007, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 121.1 First-Class Mail.**

(a) For all intra-Sectional Center Facility (SCF) domestic First-Class Mail® pieces properly accepted before the day-zero Critical Entry Time at origin, the service standard is 1-day (overnight), except for mail between the ter-

ritories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and intra-SCF mail originating and destinating in the following 3-digit ZIP Code™ areas in the state of Alaska or designated portions thereof: 995 (5-digit ZIP Code areas 99540 through 99591) 996, 997, 998, and 999. First-Class Mail pieces addressed to a destination 3-digit ZIP Code area outside of an origin intra-SCF service area may be considered for overnight delivery from that origin SCF, if that mail is accepted before the day-zero Critical Entry Time at origin, if sufficient customer need exists [the destination SCF receives at least 1.5 percent of the total annual First-Class Mail volume originating from the origin Processing & Distribution Center/Facility (OPDC/F)], and if operational and transportation feasibility permit.

(b) A 2-day service standard is established for all domestic First-Class Mail pieces properly accepted before the day-zero Critical Entry Time at origin if a 1-day service standard is not required, and if the origin PDC/F to Area Distribution Center surface transportation drive time is 12 hours or less, unless the origin and destination are within the state of Alaska; or if the origin and delivery address are separately in the territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; or if the mail is intra-SCF and originating from or destinating to one of the following 3-digit ZIP Code areas in Alaska or designated portions thereof: 995 (5-digit ZIP Code areas 99540 through 99591), 996, 997, 998, and 999.

(c) A 3-day service standard is established for all remaining domestic First-Class Mail pieces properly accepted before the day-zero Critical Entry Time at origin, if neither a 1-day nor a 2-day service standard is required and

(1) Both the origin SCF and the delivery address are within the contiguous 48 states;

(2) The origin SCF is in the contiguous 48 states, and the delivery address is in either of the following: the 995 3-digit ZIP Code area in the state of Alaska, or the 968 3-digit ZIP Code area in the state of Hawaii, or in the 006, 007, or 009 3-digit ZIP Code areas of the territory of Puerto Rico;

(3) The origin is in the 006, 007 or 009 3-digit ZIP Code areas of the territory