

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

### General Information on Postal Service

#### PART 111—GENERAL INFORMATION ON POSTAL SERVICE

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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.
Issue 300 .....	May 7, 2008 .....	73 FR 25508.
Issue 300 .....	May 11, 2009 .....	75 FR 31702.
DMM 300 .....	July 5, 2011 .....	76 FR 48722.
DMM 300 .....	June 24, 2012 .....	77 FR 45246.
DMM 300 .....	January 25, 2015 .....	80 FR 13492.
DMM 300 .....	July 11, 2016 .....	81 FR 66822.
DMM .....	January 22, 2017 .....	82 FR 28559.
DMM .....	March 5, 2018 .....	83 FR 17922.
DMM .....	March 4, 2019 .....	84 FR 24392.

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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 at [www.govinfo.gov](http://www.govinfo.gov).

**§ 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 May 28, 2019.

[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; 76 FR 48722, Aug. 9, 2011; 77 FR 45247, July 31, 2012; 81 FR 66823, Sept. 29, 2016; 82 FR 28560, June 23, 2017; 83 FR 17923, Apr. 25, 2018; 84 FR 24393, May 28, 2019]

**§ 111.5 [Reserved]**

**PART 113—HAZARDOUS, RESTRICTED, AND PERISHABLE MAIL**

Sec.

113.1 Scope and purpose.

113.2 Incorporation by reference.

113.3 Mailing Standards for COVID–19 related Category B Infectious Substances.

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SOURCE: 83 FR 1190, Jan. 10, 2018, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 113.1 Scope and purpose.**

This part applies to the mailing and shipment of hazardous, restricted, and perishable materials. In order to mail hazardous, restricted, and perishable materials, mailers must properly prepare their mailings in accordance with the standards contained in USPS Publication 52 (incorporated by reference, see § 113.2). Follow the requirements of § 113.3 in place of Publication 52, Appendix C, Packaging Instruction 6C.

[83 FR 1190, Jan. 10, 2018, as amended at 85 FR 23745, Apr. 29, 2020]

**§ 113.2 Incorporation by reference.**

(a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. All approved material is available for inspection by appointment only, during normal hours of operation, at the U.S. Postal Service Library, 475 L’Enfant Plaza West SW, Washington, DC 20260–1641 (call 202–268–2906), and is available from the sources listed below. It is also available for inspection 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 [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html).

(b) United States Postal Service, Product Classification Office, USPS Headquarters, 475 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4446, Washington, DC 20260–5013: <http://pe.usps.com/text/pub52/welcome.htm>.

(1) *Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted and Perishable Mail, dated August 2017, IBR approved for § 113.1.*

(2) [Reserved]

**§ 113.3 Mailing Standards for COVID–19 related Category B Infectious Substances.**

(a) *Required Shipper Authorization.* (1) All shippers of COVID–19 related Infectious Substances Category B must obtain an authorization from the Postal Service prior to mailing. It is the responsibility of the shipper to ensure that they are aware of, and comply with, all other applicable requirements and regulations for the mailing of these materials; and they must be able