

Administrative Agency or the Secretary, the SAA or the Secretary shall forward the complaint or other information to the responsible party. The responsibility to assure proper investigation and assignment of responsible party belongs to the SAA in the state in which the home is located. The SAA or the Secretary may, when it appears from the complaint or other information that more than one manufactured home may be involved, simultaneously send a copy of the complaint or other information to the SAA of the state where the manufactured home was manufactured or to the Secretary if there is no such SAA. When it appears that an imminent safety hazard or serious defect may be involved, the SAA shall send a copy to the Secretary. The SAA in the state of production of the manufactured home shall assist the SAA in the state in possession of the manufactured home as needed. The SAA in the state of production shall be responsible to assure the manufacturer's records reflect the proper investigation, record keeping, corrective action, and responses of manufacturer actions.

**§ 3282.405 Investigation, determination, repair and notification by responsible parties.**

(a) The manufacturer shall review its records to determine whether or not a defect, serious defect, or imminent safety hazard is indicated as set out in this subpart with respect to all manufactured homes produced by the manufacturer within five (5) years of the date of sale to the first purchaser, in which there likely exists an imminent safety hazard, serious defect, or defect.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### 39 CFR Part 111

#### Merchandise Return Service Label Changes

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service proposes revisions to the *Domestic Mail Manual* that would require a Postal routing barcode on all Merchandise Return Service labels.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before August 25, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Mail Preparation and Standards, U. S. Postal Service, 1735 N. Lynn Street, Room 3025, Arlington, VA 22209-6038. Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Postal Service Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, 11 Floor N, Washington, DC 20260. Comments may

be submitted via fax to 703-292-4058, ATTN: Obataiye B. Akinwole or via email to [obataiye.b.akinwole@usps.gov](mailto:obataiye.b.akinwole@usps.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Obataiye B. Akinwole, (703) 292-3643.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

Under current Postal Service standards, there is no requirement for barcodes on Merchandise Return Service (MRS) labels with the exception of those using Delivery Confirmation Service.

The Postal Service is concerned that optimum service may not be realized when MRS labels are not barcoded. As a result, the Postal Service will, upon publication of a final rule, require a Postal routing barcode that represents the correct 5-digit ZIP Code information for the delivery address of the MRS label. This is in line with the Postal Service's obligation to ensure prompt, efficient service for all product lines.

#### Effective Date

The Postal Service is proposing that the following revisions become effective January 5, 2004. Mailers are permitted to prepare labels under the revised standards immediately upon publication of the final rule. Effective with required compliance on June 2, 2005 nonbarcoded labels will not be accepted.

#### Proposed Changes

Under this proposal, all MRS labels must include a properly prepared barcode that represents the correct ZIP Code information for the delivery address on the MRS label plus the appropriate verifier character suffix or application identifier prefix characters appropriate for the barcode symbology as described in *Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)* C850 for machinable parcels. Effective January 10, 2004, only the UCC/EAN Code 128 symbology may be used for all parcel barcodes. All mailable hazardous materials sent at First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, or Express rates are exempt from this standard.

The Postal Service is replacing the Small Parcel and Bundle Sorter (SPBS) with the new Automated Parcel Processing System (APPS). The APPS machine is capable of processing small parcels that would normally be processed by Bulk Mail Center (BMC) operations, at more than twice the efficiency of the SBPS machine. This machine is capable of reading a variety of barcode symbologies. As a result, customers distributing labels for parcels that will bypass the BMC environment must use the standards in this notice.

Mailers using Delivery Confirmation Service (DelCon) must use a single concatenated barcode that combines the postal routing code and Delivery Confirmation using the symbologies in DMM C850. Delivery Confirmation Service is not mandatory; however, customers using the service option must use the label format in this notice.

Mailers will be required to submit 10 samples of new labels to the office where the permit was originally issued no later than the next anniversary date of the permit, or within six months of the effective date of this notice, whichever occurs last. Although customers will not be required to provide samples when MRS labels are reprinted, it is recommended that they work with their local office to ensure pieces meet postal standards.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act [5 U.S.C. of 553 (b), (c)] regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comment of the following proposed revisions to the DMM, incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR 111.1.

#### List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

#### PART 111—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR Part 111 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401,403,404,414,3001-3011,3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. Revise the following sections of the *Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)* as set forth below:

#### Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)

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#### S Special Services

*S900 Special Postal Services*

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*S920 Convenience*

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*S923 Merchandise Return Service*

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#### 5.0 FORMAT

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#### 5.6 Format Elements

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[Add new item j to read as follows:]

j. Every MRS label must include a properly prepared barcode that represents the correct ZIP Code



FROM: _____ _____ _____	<b>NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES</b>
POSTAGE DUE COMPUTED BY ACCEPTANCE POST OFFICE	
POSTAGE _____ DELIVERY CONFIRMATION FEE _____ TOTAL POSTAGE & FEES DUE \$ _____	
<b>MERCHANDISE RETURN LABEL</b>	
PERMIT NO. 1 ABC CO.	CONESTOGA PA 17516 501 FIRST AVE.
<b>ZIP - USPS DELIVERY CONFIRMATION</b>	
	
4201 7516 9182 0268 3733 1000 0000 14	
<b>POSTAGE DUE UNIT</b> US POSTAL SERVICE PO BOX 9998 CONESTOGA PA 17516-9998	

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We will publish appropriate amendment to 39 CFR 11.3 to reflect the changes if the proposal is adopted.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 82

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#### Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Ban on Trade of Methyl Bromide With Non-Parties to the Montreal Protocol

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** With this action, EPA is proposing to prohibit the import and export of methyl bromide (class I, Group VI controlled substance) from or to a foreign state that is not a Party to the 1992 Copenhagen Amendments to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Protocol). EPA is proposing to ban trade in methyl bromide with non-Parties to the Copenhagen Amendments to the

Protocol in order to ensure the United States meets its obligations under the Protocol and associated amendments.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of the **Federal Register**, we are adopting these prohibitions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because we view this as a noncontroversial action and anticipate no adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for this action in the preamble to the direct final rule. If we receive no relevant adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If we receive relevant adverse comment, we will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. We will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments on the companion direct final rule must be received on or before August 25, 2003, unless a public hearing is requested. Comments must then be received on or before 30 days following the public hearing. Any party requesting a public hearing must notify the contact person listed below by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on August 4, 2003. If a hearing is requested it will be held August 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the companion direct final rule may be submitted by mail to Air and Radiation. Send two copies of your comments to: Air and Radiation Docket (6102), Air Docket No. A-92-13, Section XIII, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode 6205J, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460. The Docket's hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Comments may also be submitted electronically, through hand delivery or courier. Refer to the companion direct final for detailed instructions on submitting comments electronically, or through hand delivery or courier.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about this proposed rule, contact Kate Choban by telephone at (202) 564-3524, or by e-mail at [choban.kate@epa.gov](mailto:choban.kate@epa.gov), or by mail at Kate Choban, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Global Programs Division, Stratospheric Program Implementation Branch (6205J), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, 202-564-3524. Overnight or courier deliveries should be sent to 501 3rd Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20001. You may also visit the Ozone Depletion Web site of EPA's Global Programs Division at <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/index.html> for further information about EPA's Stratospheric Ozone Protection