

2024–2025 crop year include \$58,500 for management services, \$19,410 for office administration, and \$11,500 for the financial audit. In comparison, budgeted expenses for these items during the 2023–2024 crop year were \$48,000; \$16,800; and \$11,000, respectively.

The Committee recommended decreasing the assessment rate to utilize funds from its reserve to meet necessary expenses for the 2024–2025 crop year, and ensure the reserve is maintained at a level in compliance with order requirements.

Prior to arriving at this budget and assessment rate recommendation, the Committee discussed various alternatives, including reducing the assessment rate more and/or less than the rate proposed herein. However, the Committee determined that the recommended assessment rate would achieve its goals of both adequately funding Committee operations and reducing the reserve to an appropriate level. Consequently, those alternatives were rejected.

A review of historical and preliminary information pertaining to the upcoming crop year indicates the average producer price for the 2024–2025 crop year should be approximately \$2,847 per ton (\$142.35 per hundredweight) of California dates. Therefore, the estimated assessment revenue for the 2024–2025 crop year as a percentage of total producer revenue would be about 0.04 percent (\$0.05 per hundredweight assessment rate divided by \$142.35 and multiplied by 100).

This proposed action would decrease the assessment obligation imposed on California date handlers. Assessments are applied uniformly on all handlers, and some of the costs may be passed on to producers. However, these costs are expected to be offset by the benefits derived by the operation of the Order.

The Committee's meetings are widely publicized throughout the California date industry and all interested persons are invited to attend the meetings and participate in Committee deliberations on all issues. Like all Committee meetings, the June 27, 2024, meeting was a public meeting and all entities, both large and small, were able to express views on this issue. Finally, interested persons are invited to submit comments on this proposed rule, including the regulatory and information collection impacts of this action on small businesses.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Order's information collection requirements have been previously approved by OMB and

assigned OMB No. 0581–0178, Vegetable and Specialty Crops. No changes in those requirements would be necessary as a result of this proposed rule. Should any changes become necessary, they would be submitted to OMB for approval.

This proposed rule would not impose any additional reporting or recordkeeping requirements on either small or large California date handlers. As with all Federal marketing order programs, reports and forms are periodically reviewed to reduce information requirements and duplication by industry and public sector agencies.

AMS is committed to complying with the E-Government Act, to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

AMS has not identified any relevant Federal rules that duplicate, overlap, or conflict with this proposed rule.

A small business guide on complying with fruit, vegetable, and specialty crop marketing agreements and orders may be viewed at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/moa/small-businesses>. Any questions about the compliance guide should be sent to Antoinette Carter at the previously mentioned address in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

After consideration of all relevant material presented, including the information and recommendations submitted by the Committee and other available information, AMS has determined that this proposed rule is consistent with and would effectuate the purposes of the Act.

A 30-day comment period is provided to allow interested persons to respond to this proposed rule. All written comments timely received will be considered before a final determination is made on this rulemaking.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 987

Dates, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Agricultural Marketing Service proposes to amend 7 CFR part 987 as follows:

#### **PART 987—DOMESTIC DATES PRODUCED OR PACKED IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

■ 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 987 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

■ 2. Revise § 987.339 to read as follows:

#### **§ 987.339 Assessment rate.**

On and after October 1, 2024, an assessment rate of \$0.05 per hundredweight is established for dates produced or packed in Riverside County, California.

**Erin Morris,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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#### **POSTAL SERVICE**

#### **39 CFR Part 111**

#### **Manifest Mailing System Retired**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service is proposing to amend *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) subsection 703.2.0 to retire the manifest mailing system (MMS).

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 14, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver written comments to the manager, Product Classification, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4446, Washington, DC 20260–5015. If sending comments by email, include the name and address of the commenter and send to [PCFederalRegister@usps.gov](mailto:PCFederalRegister@usps.gov), with a subject line of “MMS Retired”. Faxed comments are not accepted.

You may inspect and photocopy all written comments, by appointment only, at USPS® Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, 11th Floor North, Washington, DC 20260. These records are available for review on Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., by calling 202–268–2906.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Duffy at (517) 703–4246, Geriann Wakely at (631–913–1116) or Garry Rodriguez at (202) 268–7281.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All submitted comments and attachments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Do not enclose any material in your comments that you consider to be confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

#### **Background**

The Postal Service has streamlined the acceptance, induction, and verification of commercial cards, letters, flats, and package mailings to electronic files and documentation including:

- Full-Service Mailings
- Electronic Induction (eInduction)
- Seamless Acceptance
- Move Update
- Mail Irregularities
- USPS Ship

These key initiatives leverage existing technology to:

1. Improve mail quality by sharing information on mail preparation, identification of trends, and trend-based quality measurements.

2. Simplify the induction of mailings through automated and standardized acceptance, verification, and induction processes.

3. Provide end-to-end visibility through scanning data.

4. Enable mailers, through an account management portal, to manage account activities, view account balances, and generate reports based on mailings.

Streamlined mail acceptance for cards, letters, and flat mailers is achieved through the implementation of the following:

**Full-Service:** Full-Service Mailings use Intelligent Mail® barcodes (IMb®) on mail containers, handling units (trays, sacks), and mailpieces to provide end-to-end visibility into the mailstream. First-Class Mail® (cards, letters, and flats), Periodicals (letters and flats), and USPS Marketing Mail® (letters, and flats) meeting eligibility requirements for automation or carrier route prices (except for USPS Marketing Mail Enhanced Carrier Route saturation flats) and Bound Printed Matter (BPM) presorted or carrier route barcoded flats, are potentially eligible for incentives. Electronic verifications are performed to ensure mailer compliance with the program requirements.

**Seamless Acceptance:** Seamless Acceptance automates the verification of commercial mailings by leveraging electronic documentation (eDoc), Intelligent Mail container barcode (IMcb), Intelligent Mail tray barcodes (IMtb), IMb, and information collected from both handheld sampling devices and mail processing equipment scans. Seamless Acceptance is mandatory for all detached mail unit (DMU) locations.

Streamlined mail acceptance for package mailers is achieved through the implementation of the following:

**USPS Ship:** USPS Ship supports postage calculation and adjustment for Domestic and International package products including Priority Mail Express®, Priority Mail®, USPS Ground Advantage®, Priority Mail Express International®, Priority Mail International™, and First-Class Package International Service®. USPS Ship also supports USPS Connect® Local, USPS

Connect Local Mail, USPS Connect Regional, USPS Returns®, and Parcel Return Service (PRS).

Manifest customers submit Shipping Service File (SSF) version 1.6, version 1.7, or version 2.0 including rate ingredients (weight, dimensions, packaging, entry) postage, and payment method for each package to USPS via PDX, SFTP, or AS2. USPS Ship validates and prices each individual package using claimed rate ingredients. If a package fails to price, USPS Ship uses advanced processing logic to update the rate ingredients included in the mailing to price as many packages as possible. Details can be found in Publication 199, *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems*.

As part of the Postal Service's 100% Visibility initiative, USPS launched a class-specific barcode for virtually every product and combination of extra services available to retail and commercial customers across all payment channels. For package customers, Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb®) and associated files satisfy a wide range of data and product requirements for businesses, consumers, and the Postal Service through the comprehensive information it contains. The IMpb or unique tracking barcode is required for all parcels shipped through the Postal Service. Package acceptance can be achieved through USPS Ship or Click-N-Ship®.

### Proposal

The Postal Service is proposing to retire the manifest mailing system. By retiring manifest mail preparation along with the hard copy documentation, the Postal Service is proposing to migrate customers to Electronic Documentation (eDoc), Full Service, Seamless, and eInduction, for Letters, Cards and Flats. Options for Package customers are USPS Ship, and Click-N-Ship. Mailers of Letters, Cards, and Flats can reference Mail.dat/Mail.XML Technical Specifications posted on PostalPro available at [postalpro.usps.com](https://postalpro.usps.com). Package shippers can reference Publication 199, Publication 205, and USPS Ship documentation on PostalPro.

As a result of retiring MMS, Publication 401, *Guide to the Manifest Mailing System*, will no longer be available on PostalPro after the effective date. The decision to retire manifest mailing preparation is based on the migration plan for all manifest mailers to migrate over to a more secure, efficient and streamlined alternative to MMS.

There are several advantages and benefits for our manifest mailers to migrate. Mailers will no longer be required to provide hard copy documentation information at the time of mailings. All information is submitted and available electronically eliminating the need for hard copy documentation. Mailers will no longer be required to maintain quality control documents previously required with MMS, and onsite MMS authorization reviews are no longer required.

The Postal Service is proposing to implement this change effective April 1, 2026.

### Resources

- HQMailEntry [HQMailEntry@usps.gov](mailto:HQMailEntry@usps.gov)
- USPS Ship is our next generation package platform for postage payment and adjustments. Our new, improved platform simplifies your shipping process, so you can focus on your core business: [uspsshipsupport@usps.gov](mailto:uspsshipsupport@usps.gov) or 1-877-264-9693, Opt. 2
- Click N SHIP: Tech Sheets for APIs, Click-N-Ship, and USPS Ship | PostalPro or 1-800-344-7779
  - Information about electronic documentation can be found on Postal Pro: <https://postalpro.usps.com/mailing/edoc>
  - Shipping Solutions and information about USPS SHIP can be located on Postal Pro: Shipping Services | PostalPro
  - Publication 199 Publication 199: Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems | PostalPro
  - Guide to USPS SHIP: Guide to USPS Ship for New Shippers | PostalPro

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c)) regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comment on the proposed revisions to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations.

We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 to reflect these changes.

### List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

Accordingly, the Postal Service proposes the following changes to Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations (see 39 CFR 111.1):

**PART 111—[AMENDED]**

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

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301–307; 18 U.S.C. 1692–1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401–404, 414, 416, 3001–3018, 3201–3220, 3401–3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3629, 3631–3633, 3641, 3681–3685, and 5001.

■ 2. Revise the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as follows:

**Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)**

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**700 Special Standards**

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**705 Advanced Preparation and Special Postage Payment Systems**

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[Revise the heading and text of 2.0 to read as follows:]

**2.0 Mailing Services**

The Postal Service offers customers the following mailing services:

a. *Letters (cards) and Flats:*

1. Full-Service Automation Option, see 705.23.

2. Seamless Acceptance Program, see 705.22.

b. *Packages:* The USPS Ship program is an electronic manifest mailing system for packages that allows mailers to document and pay postage and extra services fees by transmitting electronic files to the Postal Service without generating paper manifests, postage statements, or clearance documents. Business Acceptance Solutions, USPS Headquarters, must approve these systems. Unless authorized by Business Acceptance Solutions, mailers may not commingle USPS Ship mail with non-USPS Ship mail within the same mailing, or place USPS Ship mail and non-USPS Ship mail in or on the same

mailing container. For additional information reference PostalPro.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 52**

**[EPA–R09–OAR–2025–0300; FRL–12832–01–R9]**

**Air Plan Approval; California; San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a revision to the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD or “District”) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) concerning a rule submitted to address section 185 of the Clean Air Act (CAA or the “Act”) with respect to the revoked 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS or “standard”). We are proposing action on this local rule that was submitted as an equivalent alternative to a statutory section 185 program. We are taking comments on this proposal and plan to follow with a final action.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 14, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R09–OAR–2025–0300 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. For comments submitted at *Regulations.gov*, follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI)

or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>. If you need assistance in a language other than English or if you are a person with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation at no cost to you, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Throughout this document, “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to the EPA.

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**I. The State’s Submittal**

**A. What rule did the State submit?**

Table 1 lists the rule addressed by this proposal with the dates that it was adopted by the local air agency and submitted to the EPA by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

TABLE 1—SUBMITTED RULE

Local agency	Rule No.	Rule title	Adopted	Submitted
SJVUAPCD .....	3171	Federally Mandated Ozone Nonattainment Fee—1997 8-Hour Standard .....	10/19/23	01/10/24