

Commission issues a publication containing the U.S. tariff schedules and related matters and considers questions concerning the arrangement of such schedules and the classification of articles (19 U.S.C. note prec. 1202, 1484).

International Trade Studies The Commission conducts studies, investigations, and research projects on a broad range of topics relating to international trade, pursuant to requests of the President, the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, either branch of the Congress, or on its own motion (19 U.S.C. 1332). Public reports of these studies, investigations, and research projects are issued in most cases.

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Sources of Information

Inquiries should be directed to the specific organizational unit or to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Phone, 202-205-2000.

Contracts The Chief, Planning and Procurement Division, has responsibility for contract matters. Phone, 202-205-2730.

Electronic Access Commission publications, news releases, *Federal Register* notices, scheduling information, and general information about ITC are available for electronic access. Internet, <http://www.usitc.gov/>. File transfer protocol, <ftp://ftp.usitc.gov/>.

Employment Information on employment can be obtained from the Director, Office of Personnel. The agency employs international economists, attorneys, accountants, commodity and industry specialists and analysts, and clerical and other support personnel. Phone, 202-205-2651.

Publications The Commission publishes results of investigations concerning various commodities and subjects. Other publications include *Industry and Trade Summaries*, an annual report to the Congress on the operation of the trade agreements program; and an annual report to the Congress of Commission activities. Specific information regarding these publications can be obtained from the Office of the Secretary.

Reading Rooms Reading rooms are open to the public in the Office of the Secretary and in the ITC National Library of International Trade and the ITC law library.

For further information, contact the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Phone, 202-205-2000. Internet, <http://www.usitc.gov/>.

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The United States Postal Service provides mail processing and delivery services to individuals and businesses within the United States. The Service is committed to serving customers through the development of efficient mail-handling systems and operates its own planning and engineering programs. It is also the responsibility of the Postal Service to protect the mails from loss or theft and to apprehend those who violate postal laws.

The Postal Service was created as an independent establishment of the executive branch by the Postal Reorganization Act (39 U.S.C. 101 *et seq.*), approved August 12, 1970. The United States Postal Service commenced operations on July 1, 1971.

The Postal Service has approximately 765,000 employees and handles about 185 billion pieces of mail annually. The chief executive officer of the Postal Service, the Postmaster General, is appointed by the nine Governors of the Postal Service, who are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate for overlapping 9-year terms. The Governors and the Postmaster General appoint the Deputy Postmaster General, and these 11 people constitute the Board of Governors.

In addition to the national headquarters, there are area and district offices supervising approximately 38,000 post offices, branches, stations, and community post offices throughout the United States.

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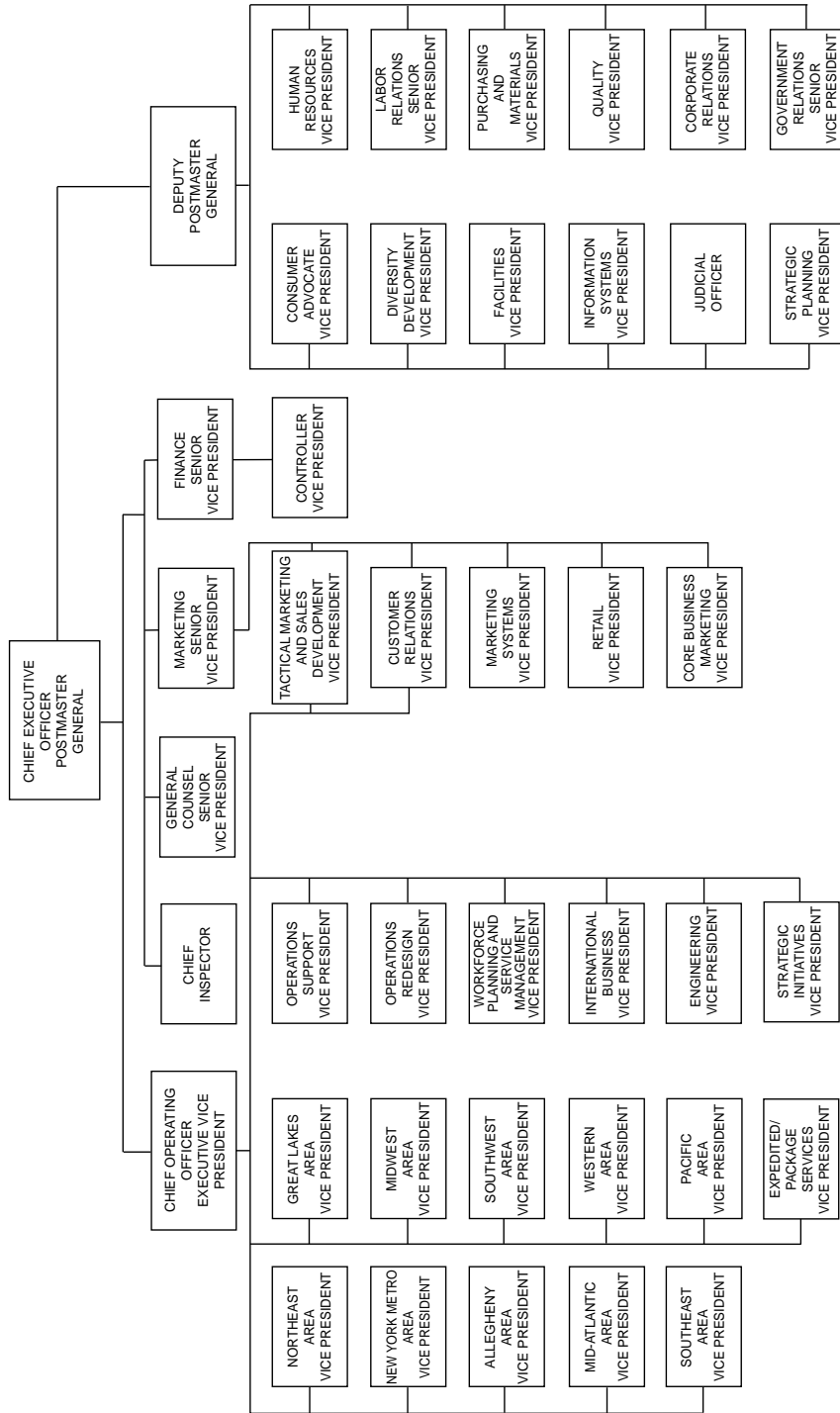
In order to expand and improve service to the public, the Postal Service is engaged in customer cooperation activities, including the development of programs for both the general public and

major customers. The Consumer Advocate, a postal ombudsman, represents the interest of the individual mail customer in matters involving the Postal Service by bringing complaints and suggestions to the attention of top postal management and solving the problems of individual customers. To provide postal services responsive to public needs, the Postal Service operates its own planning, research, engineering, real estate, and procurement programs specially adapted to postal requirements, and maintains close ties with international postal organizations.

The Postal Service is the only Federal agency whose employment policies are governed by a process of collective bargaining under the National Labor Relations Act. Labor contract negotiations, affecting all bargaining unit personnel, as well as personnel matters involving employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements, are administered by Labor Relations or Human Resources.

The United States Postal Inspection Service is the Federal law enforcement agency which has jurisdiction in criminal matters affecting the integrity and security of the mail. Postal Inspectors enforce more than 100 Federal statutes involving mail fraud, mail bombs, child pornography, illegal

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drugs, mail theft, and other postal crimes, as well as being responsible for the protection of all postal employees.

Inspectors also audit postal contracts and financial accounts.

Postal Inspection Service—United States Postal Service

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Gulf Coast	P.O. Box 1276, Houston, TX 77251-1276	713-238-4400
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Mid-Atlantic	2901 S. I-85 Service Road, Charlotte, NC 28228-3000	704-329-9120
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Sources of Information

Inquiries on the following information should be directed to the specified office, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20260.

Consumer Information Contact the Consumer Affairs Help Line, 24 hours a day. Phone, 202-268-2284. TDD, 202-268-2310. Express Mail Hotline, 800-222-1811. Fax, 202-268-2304. Information on past and present schemes used to defraud the public is available through Congressional and Public Affairs, Postal Inspection Service. Phone, 202-268-5400.

Contracts and Small Business Activities Contact Supplier Diversity. Phone, 202-268-4633.

Employment General information about jobs such as clerk, letter carrier, etc., including information about programs for veterans, may be obtained by contacting the nearest post office.

Individuals interested in working at the Postal Headquarters in Washington, DC, may obtain information by calling 800-562-8777 (800-JOB-USPS).

Information about Postal Inspector employment may be obtained from the Office of Recruitment. Phone, 301-983-7400.

Films Contact Corporate Relations for films available for loan to the public. Phone, 202-268-2199.

Inspector General Hotline The Office of Inspector General maintains a toll-free hotline as a means for individuals to report activities involving fraud, waste, or mismanagement. Phone, 888-USPS-OIG. Fax, 703-248-2259. Complaints may be sent by mail to the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General Hotline, 7th Floor, 1735 North Lynn Street, Arlington, VA 22209-2020. Publicly available documents and information on the Office of Inspector General are available electronically through the Internet, at <http://www.usps.oig.gov/>.

Philatelic Information Contact Stamp Services. Phone, 202-268-2562.

Philatelic Sales Contact the Philatelic Fulfillment Service Center, Kansas City, MO 64179-1009. Phone, 800-782-6724 (800-STAMP-24).

Publications Pamphlets on mailability, postage rates and fees, and many other topics may be obtained free of charge from the nearest post office.

Most postal regulations are contained in Postal Service manuals covering domestic mail, international mail, postal operations, administrative support, employee and labor relations, financial management, and procurement. These manuals and other publications including the *National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory* (Publication 65) may be purchased from

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