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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service first approved the domestic Priority Mail flat-rate box as an experiment more than three years ago. Board of Governors' Decision, Docket No. MC 2004-2 (October 29, 2004). Subsequently, a permanent classification for the flat-rate box was approved as part of the R2006-1 omnibus rate case. The use of Priority Mail flat-rate boxes for Priority Mail International shipments was adopted concurrently with the rate case.

The offering of a larger Priority Mail flat-rate box will enhance customer choice, convenience, and ease of use. Accordingly, the Postal Service offers a new Priority Mail large flat-rate box with a weight restriction of 20 pounds to international destinations. The dimensions are 12¼" x 12¼" x 6" exterior, and 12" x 12" x 5½" interior.

The new Priority Mail large flat-rate box will be available for order online at USPS.com and in most post offices nationwide.

The Postal Service adopts the following changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM), which is incorporated by reference in

the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR part 20.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20

Foreign relations, International postal services.

■ Accordingly, 39 CFR part 20 is amended as follows:

PART 20—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 20 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 401, 404, 407, 408, 3632 and 3633.

■ 2. Revise the following sections of *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM), as follows:

2 Conditions for Mailing

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230 Priority Mail International

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[Revise heading of 232 as follows:]

232 Priority Mail International Flat-Rate Envelope

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[Reverse section 233 in its entirety with sections 234 and 234.1. Delete 234.2 in its entirety. Renumber 234.3 through 234.5 as new 234.5 through 234.7.]

[Revise heading of renumbered 233 (old 234) as follows:]

233 Priority Mail International Flat-Rate Boxes

[Add a new 233.1 and renumber 233.1 (old 234.1) as 233.2.]

233.1 General

All mailable items that may be sent as Priority Mail International (see 231.1) may be sent in Priority Mail flat-rate boxes when the contents fit securely and are entirely confined within the box. The box flaps must be able to close within the normal folds.

A flat-rate box may be insured. See 320 and Individual Country Listings for insurance availability, limitations, and coverage. Registered Mail service is not available.

[Revise heading and text of renumbered 233.2 (old 234.1) as follows:]

233.2 Postage

The Priority Mail flat-rate boxes are charged flat rates. The price does not depend on the weight of the item. Postage is required for each piece. Exhibit 233.2 lists the rates for Priority Mail International flat-rate boxes.

[Revise heading and table of Exhibit 233.2 (old 234.1) as follows:]

Exhibit 233.2

Priority Mail International—Flat-Rate Boxes

International destination	Regular flat-rate box	Large flat-rate box
Canada & Mexico	\$23.00	\$29.95
All other countries	37.00	49.95

[In the Note of 233.2 keep only the first sentence; delete rest of text (sentences two through five).]

[Add new 233.3 as follows:]

233.3 Weight Limit

The weight limit for each flat-rate box is 20 pounds.

[Add new 233.4 as follows:]

233.4 Customs Forms Required

All Priority Mail International flat-rate boxes must bear a properly completed PS Form 2976-A.

234 Priority Mail International Parcels

[Add new 234.1 and renumber 234.1 through 234.3 as new 234.2 through 234.4.]

234.1 General

Prices for parcels not using a flat-rate box vary by weight and country rate group. See Individual Country Listings.

234.2 Indemnity

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[Revise the second Note in 234.2 as follows:]

Note: Priority Mail parcels and flat-rate boxes may be insured, but not Priority Mail flat-rate envelopes (see 322).

234.3 Exclusions

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234.4 Ordinary Priority Mail International Weight and Indemnity Limits

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POSTAL SERVICE**39 CFR Part 111****Express Mail Sunday/Holiday Delivery Premium**

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service™ is revising ExpressMail® service to reflect a premium of \$12.50 in addition to current postage for guaranteed Sunday or holiday delivery of Express Mail pieces.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 3, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bert Olsen, 202-268-7276.

We adopt the following amendments 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.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

■ Accordingly, 39 CFR part 111 is amended as follows:

PART 111—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 414, 416, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3626, 3632, 3633, 5001.

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

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100 Retail Letters, Cards, Flats, and Parcels

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110 Express Mail**113 Rates and Eligibility**

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Exhibit 1.3 Express Mail Rates—Same Day Airport Service Suspended

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[Add an additional footnote, number 3, to Exhibit 1.3, *Express Mail Rate Chart*, as follows:]

3. For Sunday/holiday delivery, add \$12.50.

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[Renumber current 1.5 through 1.7 as new 1.6 through 1.8, and add new 1.5 as follows:]

1.5 Sunday and Holiday Premium

When delivery is guaranteed for a Sunday or holiday, there is a premium of \$12.50, unless paying via an Express Mail Manifesting Agreement. Customers not desiring delivery on a Sunday or a holiday may avoid the premium by opting for guaranteed delivery on the subsequent delivery day.

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700 Special Standards

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705 Advanced Preparation and Special Postage Payment Systems

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2.0 Manifest Mailing System

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2.6 Express Mail Manifesting Agreements

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2.6.3 Service Guarantee

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[Revise current text to be identified as item b and add a new a as follows:]

a. Mailers using Express Mail Manifesting (EMM) receive Sunday/holiday guaranteed delivery at no additional charge without paying a premium.

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POSTAL SERVICE**39 CFR Part 111****Priority Mail® Large Flat-Rate Box—Domestic APO/FPO**

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule revises the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®), to add the new Priority Mail® Large Flat-Rate Box that has been approved by the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service.

The new Priority Mail large flat-rate box is approximately 50 percent larger than the regular flat-rate boxes currently available. The prices for shipping a Priority Mail large flat-rate box to an APO/FPO ZIP Code™ destination address, or to a domestic ZIP Code address are as follows:

- \$10.95 to APO/FPO destination addresses.
- \$12.95 to domestic addresses.

The new flat-rate box is identified by the words “Large Flat-Rate Box” printed on the packaging.

Items to an APO/FPO address may be shipped in the Priority Mail large flat-rate box or in a special version of the box identified with the additional logo: “Americasupportsyou.mil.”

The Priority Mail large flat-rate box also may be used for mailing to international destinations at large flat-rate box prices specific to international items.

Domestic or international large flat-rate box prices will apply to the special version of the APO/FPO flat-rate box if used for non-APO/FPO addresses.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 3, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service first approved the Priority Mail flat-rate box as an experiment more than three years ago. Board of Governors’

Decision, Docket No. MC 2004–2 (October 29, 2004). Subsequently, a permanent classification for the flat-rate box was approved as part of the R2006–1 omnibus rate case.

The Priority Mail flat-rate box has been a big success and has proven to provide value to customers in the form of convenience and ease of use.

This success suggested a market for a larger Priority Mail flat-rate box. Such an offering would enhance customer choice, convenience, and ease of use. Accordingly, the Postal Service is offering a new, Priority Mail large flat-rate box.

The new boxes are approximately 50 percent larger than the regular flat-rate boxes currently available. The dimensions are 12¼” x 12¼” x 6” exterior, and 12” x 12” x 5½” interior.

The weight restriction for the large flat-rate box is 70 pounds to APO/FPO and domestic destinations and 20 pounds to International destinations.

The lower rate for APO/FPO destinations provides an opportunity for the Postal Service to show support for American troops stationed abroad and their families.

The new Priority Mail large flat-rate box will be available for order online at USPS.com and in most post offices nationwide.

The Postal Service adopts the following changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), which is incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR part 111.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

■ Accordingly, 39 CFR part 111 is amended as follows:

PART 111—[AMENDED]

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

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

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100 Retail Mail Letters, Cards, Flats, and Parcels

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