15. Periodicals—Publications Service—Flats¹

Sort Level	Opt./ Req.	Pkg. Level Min.	Sack Level and Sortation	Per Pc. Rate ²
Firm	Opt.	2 copies		8.3¢ or 14.7¢, depending on further packaging and sacking
Carrier Route ³	Opt.	6 pcs./rt.	Carrier Route ³ (required at 24 pcs.; lesser quantities permitted; min. one 6-pc. pkg.) 5-Digit Carrier Routes (no minimum)	8.3¢ 8.3¢
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5-Digit	Req.	6 pcs.	5-Digit (required at 24 pcs.; lesser quantities permitted; minimum one 6-pc. package)	14.7¢
3-Digit	Req.	6 pcs.	3-Digit ⁴ (required at 24 pcs.; lesser quantities permitted; minimum one 6-pc. package)	14.7¢
ADC	Req.	6 pcs.	ADC (required at 24 pcs.; lesser quantities permitted; minimum one 6-pc. package)	14.7¢
Mixed ADC	Req.	No min.	Mixed ADC (no minimum)	14.7¢

^{1/} Automation-compatible flats must meet 85% ZIP+4 or delivery point barcoding requirement. This requirement includes all portions of mailing. Carrier route portion counts as ZIP+4 or delivery point barcoded mail but is not required to bear barcodes.

^{2/} DDU and SCF per piece discounts are also available. Zoned pound rates also apply.

^{3/} Carrier Route mail must be in line-of-travel or walk sequence.

^{4/} All 5-digit and 3-digit packages remaining for a 3-digit ZIP Code served by SCF of entry post office must be placed in a 3-digit sack.