

placement (orientation) of the address, its length exceeds 11-1/2 inches, its height exceeds 6-1/8 inches, or its length divided by its height is less than 1.3 or more than 2.5.

## 2.2 Nonmachinable Mail

Specific items mailed at the inter-BMC/ASF parcel post rates might be subject to a nonmachinable surcharge (as described in E600) unless the mailer paid the special delivery or special handling fee.

## 3.0 SEALING

Standard Mail is not sealed against postal inspection. Standard Mail may be prepared for automated processing but must allow easy examination.

### *C800 Automation-Compatible Mail*

### *C810 Letters and Cards*

## 1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

### 1.1 Standards

All pieces must meet the general and specific standards for mailability and their respective mail class. Pieces claimed at a card rate must also meet the standards in C100.

### 1.2 Definitions

Terms used in these standards are defined as follows:

a. A "barcoded mailing" is one at the Automation First-Class, Barcoded Regular and Preferred Periodicals, Publications Service Periodicals (for automation-compatible pieces only), Automation Standard Mail, or a barcoded Nonprofit Standard Mail rates.

b. An "automation rate mailing" or "mailing at an automation-based rate" is one at any of the rates in 1.2a or the ZIP+4 rates for Preferred Periodicals and Nonprofit Standard Mail.

c. "Barcoded [cards/letters/pieces]" refers to pieces in a barcoded mailing.

## 2.0 DIMENSIONS

[Renumber current 2.0 through 10.0 as 3.0 through 11.0, respectively; renumber current 1.2 and 1.3 as 2.1 and 2.2, respectively; consolidate current 1.4 and 1.5 into new 2.3; revise other text as follows:]

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### 2.3 Weight

These weight limits apply to automation-compatible mail:

a. Pieces of upgradable Retail First-Class, preferred ZIP+4 rate Periodicals, upgradable Regular Standard Mail, or Nonprofit ZIP+4 rate Standard Mail must not exceed 2.5 ounces.

b. Pieces of Automation First-Class and Standard Mail, automation-compatible Publications Service and

Barcoded rate Regular Periodicals mail, and Barcoded rate Nonprofit Standard Mail must not exceed 3 ounces, except that the maximum weight for pieces that meet additional barcoding standards in C840, are prepared in an envelope, and are part of a 100% delivery point barcoded mailing is 3.4383 ounces for Automation First-Class, Barcoded Regular or automation-compatible Publications Service Periodicals, and Nonprofit Standard Mail; and 3.2941 ounces for Automation Standard Mail.

## 3.0 PROHIBITIONS

### 3.1 Wraps and Closures

An automation-compatible mailpiece may not be polywrapped, polybagged, or shrinkwrapped; have clasps, string, buttons, or like materials as a closure device; or have protrusions that might impede or damage the mail or mail processing equipment.

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[In 5.5, replace "second-class" with "Periodicals."]

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### *C820 Flats*

[Renumber current 2.0 through 6.0 as 3.0 through 7.0, respectively; renumber current 1.2 through 1.5 as 2.1 through 2.4, respectively; in renumbered 2.5b, 6.2, and 7.5, replace "second-class" with "Periodicals"; in renumbered 2.5c, replace "third-class" with "Standard Mail (A)"; revise other text as follows:]

## 1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

### 1.1 Standards

All pieces must meet the general and specific standards for mailability and the class of mail and rate claimed.

### 1.2 Definitions

Terms used in these standards are defined as follows:

a. A "barcoded mailing" is one at the Automation First-Class, Barcoded Regular and Preferred Periodicals, Publications Service Periodicals (for automation-compatible pieces only), Automation Standard Mail, or a barcoded Nonprofit Standard Mail rates.

b. An "automation rate mailing" or "mailing at an automation-based rate" is one at any of the rates in 1.2a or the ZIP+4 rates for Preferred Periodicals and Nonprofit Standard Mail.

c. "Barcoded [flats/pieces]" refers to pieces in a barcoded mailing.

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### *C840 Barcoded Mailpieces*

[Retitle 1.0, renumber current 1.1 through 1.5 as 1.2 through 1.6, and add new 1.1 as follows:]

## 1.0 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND BARCODE FORMATS

### 1.1 Terms

Terms used in these standards are defined as follows:

a. A "barcoded mailing" is one at the Automation First-Class, Barcoded Regular and Preferred Periodicals, Publications Service Periodicals (for automation-compatible pieces only), Automation Standard Mail, or a barcoded Nonprofit Standard Mail rates.

b. An "automation rate mailing" or "mailing at an automation-based rate" is one at any of the rates in 1.1a or the ZIP+4 rates for Preferred Periodicals and Nonprofit Standard Mail.

c. "Barcoded [cards/letters/flats/pieces]" refers to pieces in a barcoded mailing.

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## 2.0 BARCODE LOCATION—LETTER-SIZE PIECES

### 2.1 Barcode Clear Zone

Unless it bears a DPBC in the address block, each automation-compatible Publications Service piece and each piece in a mailing at an automation-based rate must have a barcode clear zone. The barcode clear zone and all printing and material in it must meet the reflectance standards in 5.0. The barcode clear zone is a rectangular area in the lower right corner of the address side of cards and letter-size mailpieces defined by these boundaries:

- Right: Right edge of the mailpiece.
- Left: 4 3/4 inches from the right edge of the mailpiece.
- Bottom: Bottom edge of the mailpiece.
- Top: 5/8 inch from the bottom edge of the mailpiece.

### 2.2 General Standards

Barcode location is subject to these general standards:

a. ZIP+4 rate pieces may bear a DPBC within either the address block or the barcode clear zone in the lower right corner of the address side. Pieces may not bear a ZIP+4 barcode in the lower right corner. Subject to rate eligibility standards, pieces may bear a ZIP+4 barcode in the address block or a 5-digit barcode within either the address block or the barcode clear zone in the lower right corner of the address side.

b. Pieces in barcoded mailings, except those subject to 2.2c, may bear a DPBC (or, when allowed by standard, a 5-digit barcode) in either the address block or the barcode clear zone. Pieces may bear a ZIP+4 barcode (subject to rate eligibility standards) only in the address block unless the DPBC pieces in the