

accurate postage calculation and compliance with the applicable paid or requester circulation standards in E212 and 2.1b.

h. Use Address Change Service.

2.2 Automation-Compatible Mailpieces

Letter-size mailpieces meeting the automation compatibility standards in C810 must also meet the standards in 3.0. Flat-size mailpieces meeting the automation compatibility standards in C820 must also meet the standards in 4.0.

2.3 90% Standard

To count toward the 90% 3-digit presort standard in 2.1c, a copy must be one of 24 or more copies for the same 3-digit ZIP Code area that are prepared in firm, carrier route, 5-digit, or 3-digit packages of six or more copies each. Copies in firm packages count individually toward the 90% standard, but the firm package is considered a single piece for other presort and postage payment purposes. Firm packages may not be included in mailings of automation-compatible letter-size mailpieces.

2.4 Issue "Window"

At the time application for Publications Service is made, the publisher must define a time period or "window" that begins and ends at the same relative point in the production/distribution cycle of each issue. For administering the 90% standard in 2.1c and 2.3, all copies of any issue or edition of the publication mailed during a "window" are considered part of the distribution of the issue whose primary distribution is then occurring, and are included in the determination of its compliance with the 90% standard.

2.5 ZIP Code Accuracy

Except for automation-compatible pieces, effective 3 months from the date on which Classification Reform is implemented, 5-digit ZIP Codes included in addresses appearing on pieces claimed at Publications Service rates must have been verified and corrected within 12 months of the date of mailing by a USPS-approved method. Mailers must certify that this standard has been met when the corresponding mail is presented to the USPS. This standard applies to each address individually, not to a specific list or mailing. An address meeting this standard may be used in mailings at any other rate to which the standard applies throughout the 12-month period following its most recent update.

3.0 ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR AUTOMATION-COMPATIBLE LETTER-SIZE PIECES

3.1 All Letter-Size Mailpieces

All letter-size Publications Service mailpieces that meet the physical standards in C810 must:

- Meet the address quality and coding standards of A800 and A950.
- Be presorted and documented as specified in M810.
- Bear the correct DPBC meeting the barcode standards in C840, subject to 3.2.

3.2 85% Rule

The correct DPBC for the delivery address, as defined by the standards for address quality and coding accuracy in A800 and A950, must appear on each piece in any mailing containing heavy letters (as defined in C810) and on at least 85% of all pieces in other letter-size mailings. Remaining pieces must have a barcode clear zone in the lower right corner meeting the reflectance standards in C840, meet the 5-digit barcode standards in C840 (if applicable), and not have a window in the lower right corner. Compliance with the 85% standard is based on all copies mailed during the production/mailing "window" defined in 2.4.

4.0 ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR AUTOMATION-COMPATIBLE FLAT-SIZE PIECES

4.1 All Flat-Size Mailpieces

All flat-size Publications Service mailpieces that meet the applicable standards in C820 must:

- Meet the address quality and coding standards of A800 and A950.
- Be presorted and documented as specified in M820.
- Be presorted to carrier routes, or bear the correct DPBC, ZIP+4 barcode, or 5-digit barcode meeting the barcode standards in C840, subject to 4.2.

4.2 85% Rule

At least 85% of all pieces must either be presorted to carrier routes or bear the correct ZIP+4 barcode or DPBC for the delivery address, as defined by the standards for address quality and coding accuracy in A800 and A950. Remaining pieces must bear the correct 5-digit barcode meeting the applicable standards in C840. Compliance with the 85% standard is based on all copies mailed during the production/mailing "window" defined in 2.4.

5.0 NONCOMPLIANCE

A Publications Service publication is subject to the revocation or suspension provisions of E213 if it fails to meet the

applicable basic standards for Periodicals mailing privileges in E211 through E216. A Publications Service publication that fails to meet the advertising standard in 2.1a or the density standard in 2.1c is subject to a surcharge of 40% of the total postage otherwise payable for the issue (as defined in 2.4). A Publications Service publication that fails to meet the circulation standards in 2.1b is subject to revocation of authorization to mail at Publications Service rates, as determined by the RCSC manager in whose service area the publication is authorized original entry. Appeals of surcharge assessments or revocation notices may be made under G020. A publication whose authorization to mail at Publications Service rates is ended, either voluntarily by the publisher or by the USPS through a final revocation, is ineligible to reapply for authorization for 1 year from the termination date of the previous authorization.

E230 Presort Rates

E231 Regular Periodicals

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Standards

The standards for presort rates are in addition to the general standards for Periodicals in E210, the standards for other rates or discounts claimed, and the applicable preparation standards in M210, M810, or M820. Not all combinations of presort level, automation, and destination entry discounts are allowed.

1.2 Palletized Mail

A correctly prepared package is the equivalent of a sack when palletized under M045. Individual pieces qualify for the presort level rate appropriate to the palletized package in which they are placed, regardless of the destination of the pallet. Eligibility for destination entry or other zoned rates remains dependent on the point of entry.

2.0 CARRIER ROUTE RATES

2.1 Carrier Route Information

Mailers must presort mail to carrier routes using the latest USPS Carrier Route Information System (CRIS) scheme (see A930). Mailers must have incorporated the CRIS changes in their mailings within 90 days before the date of mailing.

2.2 Eligibility

Preparation to qualify eligible pieces for carrier route rates is optional and is subject to M210. Pieces may not claim both a carrier route presort rate and a barcode discount. Carrier route presort