

package-based mailings in M894 and M895.

g. In 5-digit or 3-digit packages of 10 or more pieces each, prepared under the standards for flat-size 3/5 ZIP+4 Barcoded rate mailings in M897.

h. In a 5-digit or 3-digit package of 10 or more pieces palletized under M045.

i. In a 5-digit, destination ASF (if required), or destination BMC sack containing at least 10 pounds of machinable parcels. (The 3/5 rates are available only if all possible 5-digit sacks are prepared.)

j. On a 5-digit or destination BMC pallet of machinable parcels. (The 3/5 rates are available only if all possible 5-digit pallets are prepared.)

k. In a 5-digit or 3-digit sack of irregular parcels.

## 1.2 Optional Preparation

At the mailer's option, Nonprofit Standard Mail may be prepared under the standards for Regular Standard Mail in M610, including presort. Under this option, Nonprofit Standard Mail can claim Nonprofit Basic or 3/5 rates, and may be combined (comailed) with Regular Standard Mail in the same mailing, if all corresponding eligibility standards in E631 for Regular Basic and 3/5 rates, respectively, are met. Presort of the combined mailing is based on the total combined volume of pieces.

## 1.3 Carrier Route Pieces

A 3/5 rate mailing may not include pieces claimed at the carrier route presort or walk-sequence rates. The 3/5 rate pieces and carrier route presort or walk-sequence rate pieces may be reported on the same mailing statement only under D600.

## 2.0 CARRIER ROUTE RATES

### 2.1 General

All pieces in a carrier route rate mailing must be presented at one post office as part of a single mailing of at least 200 pieces or 50 pounds of pieces prepared under M693 to carrier routes (city carrier routes, rural routes, highway contract routes, post office box sections, or general delivery units). Pieces may not be more than 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches wide, 14 inches long, or <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch thick. Merchandise samples with detached labels may exceed these dimensions if the labels meet the standards in A060.

### 2.2 Optional Preparation

At the mailer's option, carrier route Nonprofit Standard Mail may be prepared under the standards for Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail in M620, including presort. Under this option, Nonprofit Standard Mail can

claim Nonprofit carrier route rates, and may be combined (comailed) with Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail in the same mailing, if all corresponding eligibility standards in E632 for Enhanced Carrier Route Basic Carrier Route rate are met. Presort of the combined mailing is based on the total combined volume of pieces.

### 2.3 Other Rates

A carrier route rate mailing may include pieces claimed at the basic rate if the entire mailing meets the standard in 3.1. The basic rate pieces must be prepared under M692, but they do not have to meet a separate 200-piece/50-pound minimum. A carrier route rate mailing may not include pieces claimed at the 3/5 rates. The 3/5 rate and carrier route rate pieces may be reported on the same mailing statement only under D600.

### 2.4 Required Listing

At the time of mailing, the mailer must give the post office a list of the number of qualifying pieces to each 5-digit ZIP Code area. After the first mailing, the postmaster may authorize the mailer to keep the records and submit them on request. The mailer must keep these records for 90 days after the mailing date, or until any action pending on the recalculation of postage is resolved to USPS satisfaction.

### 2.5 Carrier Route Information

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

### 2.6 Qualifying Presort

Each qualifying piece must be correctly prepared under M693 as part of a group of 10 or more pieces in the same carrier route package that, in turn, is placed in a carrier route, 5-digit carrier routes, or 3-digit carrier routes tray or sack. To carrier route and 5-digit carrier routes destinations, trays must be full and sacks must contain at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces. Qualifying mail also includes:

a. Carrier route packages in a 5-digit carrier routes tray that is less than full, or in a 5-digit carrier routes sack that contains fewer than 125 pieces and less than 15 pounds of pieces if that 5-digit area does not have enough residential deliveries to meet the applicable full tray or 125-piece/15-pound sack minimum at a 90% saturation level.

b. The last tray or sack to a 3-digit ZIP Code destination. The last tray may be

less than full and the last sack may contain fewer than 125 pieces and less than 15 pounds of pieces.

c. Carrier route packages correctly palletized under M045.

### 2.7 Residual

Residual pieces are those not presorted under M693 to qualify for carrier route rates. These pieces may be included in a carrier route rate mailing and may be marked "Carrier Route Presort," subject to these conditions:

a. Residual pieces do not count toward the minimum quantity for carrier route rates.

b. The number of residual pieces to any single 5-digit ZIP Code area may not exceed 5% of the total qualifying carrier route presort pieces addressed to that 5-digit ZIP Code area.

c. Residual pieces are not eligible for the carrier route rate and must have postage paid at the basic rate and must be prepared as specified in M693.

## 3.0 WALK-SEQUENCE RATES

### 3.1 General

All pieces in a walk-sequence rate mailing must be presented at one post office as part of a single mailing of at least 200 pieces or 50 pounds of pieces correctly presorted to carrier routes (city carrier routes, rural routes, highway contract routes, post office box sections, or general delivery units). Subject to compliance with these standards, the saturation walk-sequence rate may be claimed by pieces in both the "letters" and "other-than-letters" categories. The 125-piece walk-sequence rate may be claimed only by pieces in the "other-than-letters" category, as defined in E612.

### 3.2 Optional Preparation

At the mailer's option, carrier route Nonprofit Standard Mail may be prepared under the standards for Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail in M620, including presort. Under this option, Nonprofit Standard Mail can claim Nonprofit 125-piece walk-sequence or saturation walk-sequence rates, and may be combined (comailed) with Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail in the same mailing, if all corresponding eligibility standards in E632 for Enhanced Carrier Route High Density or Saturation rates are met. Presort of the combined mailing is based on the total combined volume of pieces.

### 3.3 Other Rates

A walk-sequence rate mailing may include pieces claimed at the carrier route and basic rates, but only the carrier route pieces count toward the standard in 3.1. The basic rate pieces