

must be prepared as required for residual pieces under 1.0, but they do not have to meet a separate 200-piece/50-pound minimum. When presented to the USPS, the trays or sacks containing the walk-sequence rate pieces must be separated from other trays or sacks. Any effective separation method may be used. A walk-sequence rate mailing may not include pieces claimed at the 3/5 rate. The 3/5 rate and walk-sequence rate pieces may be reported on the same mailing statement only under D600.

3.4 Addressing

Walk-sequence rate mail must meet these addressing standards:

- a. Mailings may be prepared with detached address labels, subject to A060.
- b. Pieces prepared with an alternative addressing format must meet the applicable standards in A040.
- c. For the 125-piece walk-sequence discount, each piece must have a complete delivery address or an address in occupant or exceptional format.
- d. For the saturation walk-sequence discount, each piece addressed for delivery on a city carrier route must have a complete delivery address or an address in occupant or exceptional format, except that official mail from certain government entities may also use the simplified format. Pieces for delivery on rural or highway contract routes, or through general delivery or a post office box, must have a complete delivery address or an alternative address format.

3.5 Density Standards

Walk-sequence rate mailings are subject to these density standards:

- a. There is no minimum volume per 5-digit ZIP Code delivery area. Walk-sequence mail need not be sent to all carrier routes within a 5-digit delivery area.
- b. For the 125-piece walk-sequence discount, at least 125 walk-sequenced pieces must be prepared for each carrier route for which that discount is claimed, except that for carrier routes of 124 or fewer possible deliveries, the 125-piece walk-sequence discount may be claimed if a piece is addressed to every possible delivery on the route. Multiple pieces per delivery address can count toward this density standard.
- c. For the saturation walk-sequence discount, pieces must be addressed either to 90% or more of the active residential addresses or 75% or more of the total number of active possible delivery addresses, whichever is less, on each carrier route receiving this mail, except that mail addressed in the simplified address format must meet the

coverage standard in A040. Multiple pieces per delivery address do not count toward this density standard.

- d. Sacks with fewer than 125 pieces and less than 15 pounds of pieces may be prepared to a carrier route when a walk-sequence discount is claimed for the contents and the applicable density standard in 3.5b or 3.5c is met.

E640 Automation-Based Rates

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1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

1.1 All Pieces

All pieces in an Automation Standard Mail mailing must:

- a. Meet all the basic standards for Standard Mail in E611 and E612.
- b. Be part of a single mailing of at least 200 pieces or 50 pounds of pieces of Standard Mail.
- c. Be in the same processing category and meet the physical standards in C810 (letters and cards) or C820 (flats).
- d. Bear an address that includes the correct numeric 5-digit ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code, or the correct numeric equivalent to the delivery point barcode (DPBC).
- e. Meet the address quality and coding standards in 1.2 (if applicable), A800, and A950.
- f. Be marked, presorted, and documented as specified in M891 (letters and cards) or M892 (flats).
- g. Meet the postage payment standards in P013 and P600.
- h. Bear an accurate barcode, either the correct DPBC if a card or letter (on the piece or on an insert showing through a barcode window) or the correct ZIP+4 barcode or DPBC if a flat, that meets the barcode standards in C840. A letter-size mailpiece with a barcode window in the lower right corner must have the correct DPBC appearing through that window.

1.2 Carrier Route Information

Mailers must apply carrier route codes to mailings using CASS-certified software and the current USPS Carrier Route Information System (CRIS) scheme or another AIS product containing carrier route information (see A930). Mailers must have updated the carrier route information within 90 days before the mailing date. Carrier route rates for letter-size mail are available only for those 5-digit ZIP Code areas identified in the USPS AIS products used for address coding.

1.3 Enclosed Reply Envelopes and Cards

Effective January 1, 1997, all courtesy reply and business reply envelopes and cards provided to addressees as enclosures in Automation Standard

Mail must bear the correct facing identification mark (FIM) and delivery point barcode for the delivery address of the reply piece and must meet the automation compatibility standards in C810 or C820, as appropriate. Mailers must certify that this standard has been met when the corresponding mail is presented to the USPS.

2.0 RATE APPLICATION

2.1 Letters and Cards

Automation Standard Mail rates apply to each piece that is correctly presorted under M810 into the corresponding qualifying groups:

- a. Pieces in full carrier route trays, or in carrier route packages of 10 or more pieces each placed in 5-digit carrier routes trays, qualify for the Automation Carrier Route rate. (Preparation to qualify for the Carrier Route rate is optional and need not be performed for all carrier routes in a 5-digit area.)
- b. Groups of 150 or more pieces in 5-digit trays (and all pieces in one less-than-full overflow tray) qualify for the Automation 5-Digit rate. (Preparation to qualify for the 5-Digit rate is optional.)
- c. Groups of 150 or more pieces in 3-digit or 3-digit scheme trays (and all pieces in one less-than-full overflow tray) qualify for the Automation 3-Digit rate.
- d. Pieces in full or overflow AADC trays and in all mixed AADC trays qualify for the Automation Basic rate.

2.2 Flats

Automation Standard Mail rates apply to each piece that is correctly presorted under M820 into the corresponding qualifying groups:

- a. Pieces in 5-digit or 3-digit packages of 10 or more pieces each qualify for the Automation 3/5 rate.
- b. Pieces in ADC or mixed ADC packages qualify for the Automation Basic rate.

E649 Nonprofit Automation Rates

[Text of current eligibility standards in E342, E344, and E345 is retained and renumbered for nonprofit rates only as E649.1.0, 2.0, and 3.0, respectively.]

1.0 ZIP+4 DISCOUNTS

1.1 All Pieces

All pieces in a Nonprofit Standard Mail ZIP+4 rate mailing must:

- a. Meet the standards in E611 and E612.
- b. Be presented at one post office as part of a single mailing of at least 200 pieces or 50 pounds of pieces.
- c. Meet the physical standards in C810.
- d. Have an delivery address with the correct numeric ZIP+4 code or the