

i.e., within 90 days before the date of mailing.

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#### 4.0 DOCUMENTATION

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##### 4.2 High Density/125-Piece

For each carrier route to which 125-piece walk-sequence or high density rate mail is addressed, the mailer must document the total number of pieces to the route. If there are fewer than 125 pieces for a route, the documentation must also show the number of possible deliveries on the route.

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#### *M070 Mixed Classes*

##### *M071 Basic Information*

[In 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3, replace "[T]hird-[C]lass" with "Standard Mail (A)"; in 1.2, replace "second-class" with "Periodicals"; in 1.2c, replace "First- or third-class" with "First-Class or Standard Mail (A)"; and in 1.3, replace "third- or fourth-class" with "Standard Mail"; no other change in text.]

##### *M072 Express Mail and Priority Mail Drop Shipment*

[In 2.1, replace "Presorted First-Class and carrier route presort" with "Retail Presort and Automation"; delete current 2.2 and renumber 2.3 as 2.2; in the heading of 3.0, replace "Second-Class" with "Periodicals"; in the title of 4.0, replace "Third-Class" with "Standard Mail (A)"; in the title of 5.0, replace "Fourth-Class" with "Standard Mail (B)"; no other change in text.]

##### *M073 Combined Mailings of Standard Mail Machinable Parcels*

#### 1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

##### 1.1 Description

Subject to authorization under 2.0, a mailer authorized plant load or plant-verified drop shipment privileges may prepare a combined mailing of Regular Standard Mail (A) and Standard Mail (B) machinable parcels that have been merged and presorted together in sacks (under 3.0) or on pallets (under M045) to achieve the finest level of presort. The combined mailing must meet the standards below and those that apply to the rates claimed. Each parcel in a combined mailing is subject to the applicable Standard Mail rate, based on the corresponding standards. Required volume for bulk or presort rates is based solely on the quantity of pieces eligible for each rate at the required presort level. Pieces claimed at other rates in the same sack or on the same pallet do not count.

##### 1.2 Postage Payment

Postage for all pieces must be paid with permit imprint at the post office serving the mailer's plant under P710, P720, or P730. The applicable agreement must include procedures for combined mailings approved by the RCSC.

##### 1.3 Documentation

Separate mailing statements must be prepared for the Standard Mail (A) and (B) pieces. Within each group, combined forms may be prepared where standards and the forms permit. All mailing statements must be provided at the time of mailing, accompanied by a computer-generated listing (in ZIP Code sequence and numbered to correspond to the sacks or pallets) that describes the contents of each sack or pallet. The mailer must keep a copy of this listing for 90 days after the mailing is dispatched. This listing must show the mailer's name and location, the name and owner of each product, and the entry post office. For each product, the listing must detail the number of pieces at each rate by 5-digit ZIP Code and totals for each pallet or sack and for the entire mailing. Additional documentation must be provided for all mailings of nonidentical-weight pieces or in which basic and 3/5 presort rate pieces are commingled and the mailer has not separated the sacks or pallets containing the pieces at the respective rates. Such documentation must be in one of these formats:

a. Segmented sequentially by level of sortation (e.g., 5-digit, destination BMC) and, within each, listing a unique number or Line 1 of each sack or pallet label. For each 5-digit or destination ASF/BMC entry, the number of pieces at each rate must be shown by 5-digit ZIP Code or 3-digit ZIP Code prefix, respectively. Destination ASF/BMC sacks or pallets must show a total number of pieces in the sack or on the pallet. The entries must be summarized for the whole mailing to show total pieces at each rate, total pieces, and total postage (and additional postage due, as applicable). The sacks or pallets do not have to be presented to the USPS in any particular order.

b. Segmented sequentially by level of sortation and, by 5-digit ZIP Code (for 5-digit sacks) or 3-digit ZIP Code prefix (for other sacks or pallets), the number of pieces at each rate must be listed. The entries must be totaled for the whole mailing to show total pieces at each rate, total pieces, and total postage (or additional postage due, as applicable). If different amounts of additional postage are due, the summary must further

detail the number of pieces at each postage amount or at each amount of additional postage due. The sacks or pallets must be separated by level of sortation when presented for acceptance.

#### 2.0 AUTHORIZATION

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##### 2.3 Term

An authorization to combine Standard Mail (A) and (B) machinable parcels expires at the same time as the applicable postage payment system authorization and may not be for more than 2 years. A mailer may terminate an authorization at any time by written notice to the postmaster of the office serving the mailer's location. The USPS may terminate an authorization, by written notice to the mailer explaining the reasons for termination, if it finds that the mailer does not meet the applicable standards.

#### 3.0 SACK PREPARATION

##### 3.1 Sack Size, Presort, and Labeling

Sack size, presort sequence, and labeling:

a. 5-digit: optional, but required for Standard Mail (A) Regular and Nonprofit 3/5 rate eligibility (10 pieces/20 pounds/1,000 cubic inches minimum, smaller volume not permitted); use 5-digit ZIP Code destination of pieces for Line 1, preceded for military mail by the correct prefixes under M031.

b. Destination ASF: allowed and required for DBMC rate only (10 pieces/20 pounds/1,000 cubic inches minimum, smaller volume not permitted); use L602 for Line 1.

c. Destination BMC: required (10 pieces/20 pounds/1,000 cubic inches minimum, smaller volume not permitted); use L602 if DBMC rate is claimed; otherwise, use L601 for Line 1.

d. Mixed BMC: required (no minimum); use L601 to show entry BMC for Line 1.

##### 3.2 Line 2

Line 2:  
a. 5-digit, ASF, and destination BMC sacks: STD 3C/4C MACH.

b. Mixed BMC sacks: STD 3C/4C MACH MIXED BMC.

c. As required by the applicable labeling list, Line 2 processing code information must be right-justified under the ZIP Code on Line 1.

##### *M074 Plant Load Mailings*

[In 3.3b and 3.3c, replace "SDC" with "ADC"; in 3.3 and 3.7b, replace "second-class" with "Periodicals"; and in 3.4 and 3.7c, replace "[T]hird- or