

d. ADC: required with no minimum; use L004 for Line 1

4.4 Line 2

Line 2: class of mail and FLATS BARCODED (and, on city sacks, CITY right-justified under the ZIP Code for Line 1).

5.0 RESIDUAL MAIL

[In 5.4a, delete "second- or third-class"; no other change in text in 5.0.]

6.0 DOCUMENTATION

[In 6.9c, replace "second-class" with Periodicals"; revise other text as follows:]

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6.7 Line Entries

Under either option, the mailer must identify 5-digit, city, 3-digit, SCF, and residual packages by the prefixes 5DG, 3DG, SCF, and WKG, respectively. Each entry must separately report ZIP+4 or DPBC pieces, and 5-digit barcoded or nonbarcoded pieces, by each rate for which specific numbers of pieces are eligible; and a cumulative total for the segment through that entry. As applicable, data on each line must be subdivided further in Periodicals mailings, to separately report in-county and outside-county pieces, and Level G/J1 and Level H/J3 rates.

6.8 Actual Piece Count

In Standard Mail for which the mailer used the actual piece count and weight of the mail to prepare sacks ("BOTH"), a separate listing must identify for each sack the total number of pieces it contains and their combined weight.

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M898 Elective Documentation for Flat-Size Mailings

[Text of current M825; in 1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1c, 3.4, and 4.5, replace "M823" with "M897"; in 1.2, replace "M825" with "M898"; no other change in text]

[Delete current M827.]

P POSTAGE AND PAYMENT METHODS

P000 Basic Information

P010 General Standards

P011 Payment

[In 1.5 and 2.3, replace "third-class mail" with "Standard Mail (A)"; in 2.3, replace "fourth-class" with "Standard Mail (B)"; in 4.2 and 5.1, change the reference form "E370" to "E670"; in 5.0 and 5.1, replace "special [bulk] third-class" with "Nonprofit Standard Mail"; no other change in text]

P012 Documentation

1.0 PURPOSE AND BASIC STANDARDS

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1.6 When Required

In addition to the correct mailing statement under 3.0, documentation is required for a First-Class or Standard Mail mailing in which all pieces are not of identical weight and full postage at the applicable rate is not affixed to each piece, for all mailings paid with permit imprint in which pieces at different rates are not separated when presented to the USPS. Documentation also must be submitted when specified by the standards for the rate claimed.

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2.0 BASIC CONTENT AND FORMAT

[Re-number current 2.1 through 2.6 as 2.2 through 2.7, respectively, and add new 2.1 as follows:]

2.1 Standardized Documentation

Standardized documentation contains the elements described in 2.2 through 2.7, as applicable. Documentation produced by Presort Accuracy Verification and Evaluation (PAVE) or Manifest Analysis and Certification (MAC) software, appropriate for the accompanying class of mail and rate claimed, is considered standardized documentation for purposes of these standards.

2.2 Format and Content

Standardized documentation includes: * * *

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3.0 MAILING STATEMENT

[Add to the end of the section:] * * *
A facsimile mailing statement produced by Presort Accuracy Verification and Evaluation (PAVE) or Manifest Analysis and Certification (MAC) software, appropriate for the accompanying class of mail and rate claimed, is considered a USPS-approved form for purposes of these standards.

P013 Rate Application and Computation

1.0 BASIC STANDARDS

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1.3 Determining Single-Piece Weight

To determine single-piece weight in any mailing at single-piece rates, in a bulk rate mailing at Standard Mail parcel post or Special Standard Mail rates, or in any bulk rate mailing of nonidentical-weight pieces (except at Periodicals rates), weight each piece individually. To determine single-piece

weight in any other bulk or presort rate mailing (except at Periodicals rates), compute the average weight of a single piece by weighing a sample group of at least 10 randomly selected pieces and dividing the total sample weight by the number of pieces in the sample. Express all single-piece weights in decimal pounds rounded off to four decimal places.

1.4 Affixing Postage—Single-Piece Rate Mailings

In a postage-affixed single-piece rate Express Mail, First-Class, Priority Mail, or Standard Mail (A) mailing, or in any postage-affixed Standard Mail (B) mailing, the mailer must affix to each piece a value in adhesive stamps, precanceled stamps, or meter impressions equal to at least the postage required for the piece. (In a Standard Mail bound printed matter rate mailing, the postage affixed to each piece must be at least the sum of the applicable per pound charge based on the weight of the piece plus one unit of the applicable per piece charge.) Less than the correct amount of postage may be affixed only when allowed by standard or specific USPS authorization.

1.5 Affixing Postage—Other Than Single-Piece Rate Mailings

In a First-Class, Priority Mail, or Standard Mail postage-affixed mailing at other than a single-piece rate, the mailer must affix to each piece a value in precanceled stamps or meter impressions that equals at least the full amount of postage at the applicable rate; or

a. For First-Class and Priority Mail, the applicable postage at the lowest rate in the mailing (or a lesser amount if authorized under P760) if all additional postage is paid at the time of mailing.

b. For Standard Mail (A), the minimum per piece charge, with the pound rate charge paid with permit imprint under the applicable standards; or the applicable postage at the lowest rate in the mailing (or a lesser amount if authorized under P760) if all additional postage is paid at the time of mailing.

c. For Standard Mail bound printed matter, the postage affixed to each piece must be at least the sum of the applicable per pound charge plus one unit of the applicable per piece charge.

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3.0 RATE APPLICATION—PERIODICALS

3.1 Rate Elements

Postage for all Periodicals includes a pound rate charge, a piece rate charge,