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# INDUSTRYALERT

## Mail Spoken Here

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*Mail Spoken Here* is brought to you by the Office of Industry Engagement and Outreach, Consumer and Industry Affairs; bringing you the latest news on mail coming from the Postal Service.

It is our intent to provide an ongoing news recap of all mailing requirements, *Federal Register* notices, *Postal Bulletin* articles, and webinars. We'll keep you posted on any comment-period requirements, and let you in on upcoming events or changes to standards when the information is available.

### **May 31, 2015 Price Change**

The price change takes effect this weekend at 12:01am CDT, Sunday, May 31, 2015. The updated Notice 123, *Price List*, will be available at that time; in the meantime, the new prices can be found in Excel or CSV files on [Postal Explorer](#) in the left frame.

Information on the *Domestic Mail Manual* and *International Mail Manual* published revisions can be found in the [May 14, 2015](#) *Postal Bulletin* and the [April 30, 2015](#) *Postal Bulletin*, respectively.

### **2015 Pricing Webinars**

Did you miss the price change webinars? You can find links to the presentations and recording on the RIBBS website under the Industry Outreach tab in the left frame. Scroll to "Webinar Archives" for the links to the overall price change presentation covering all mail classes, and the link for the Periodicals presentation. Find it [here](#).

### **Collect on Delivery (COD) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

Open enrollment has begun for Collect on Delivery (COD) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). COD EFT will allow cash or PIN debit card remittances to be transferred electronically to the COD mailer's financial institution. Call the National Customer Support Center at 877-264-9693 to sign up, obtain required forms and get more information on the USPS COD EFT payment option.

### **Military Mail Addressing**

All APO/FPO/DPO addresses must now conform to domestic addressing standards. The delivery line (the second line from the bottom in the address) must show the word "UNIT", "CMR" or "PSC" and number; and box number assigned. The bottom line of the address must contain APO, FPO, or DPO as the "city" designation and the appropriate two-letter "state"

abbreviation (AA, AE, or AP) followed by the ZIP Code or ZIP+4 Code. See the full April 30, 2015 Postal Bulletin article [here](#). Examples of a UNIT and PSC designation:

SEAMAN JOHN DOE UNIT 100100 BOX 4120 FPO AP 96691	JOHN DOE PSC 5698 BOX 2002 APO AE 09400
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### ***Did You Know?***

There are more than 1,000 military and Diplomatic Post Office delivery ZIP Codes around the world serving diplomatic posts, military installations, naval vessels and other mobile units.

The Postal Service processes an average of 113,531 address changes each day.

The National Association of Letter Carriers annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive has collected more than 1 billion pounds of food since 1993.

Congratulations to the Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) for receiving the Partnership for Growth Award at the National Postal Forum in Anaheim, CA.

### ***Published Mailing Standards Documents***

#### **May 2015:**

- \*DMM: Clarification: Minimum Mailability Dimensions (PB, 5/14)
- \*DMM: Clarification of Census Bureau Filing Regulations for U.S. Territories (PB, 5/14)
- \*DMM: Provision for New First-Class Package Service Commercial Plus Customers (PB, 5/14)
- \*DMM: New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products (PB, 5/14)
- \*FRN: International Mailing Services: Approved Price Changes (5/8)
- \*FRN: New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products (5/4)

#### **April 2015:**

- \*IMM: Modified Implementation Date for International Price Change (PB, 4/30)
- \*IMM: Foreign Office of Exchange Code for IPA Service to Malawi (PB, 4/30)
- IMM: Replacing Click-N-Ship for Business with a USPS Meter Label Solution (PB, 4/16)
- \*DMM: Updated Addressing Standards for Military Addressing (PB, 4/30)
- \*DMM: Clarification of Postage Payment Information for Mail to Military Post Offices (PB, 4/30)
- \*DMM: Click-N-Ship for Business Transitioning to a USPS Meter Label Solution (PB, 4/30)
- DMM: Premium Forwarding Service Commercial (PB, 4/16)
- DMM: Updated Restrictions – Freely Associated States (PB, 4/16)
- DMM: Freely Associated States Pricing (PB, 4/16)
- DMM: Clarification on Content Eligibility for Standard Mail Marketing Parcels (PB, 4/2)
- FRN: Revision to the Requirements for Authority to Manufacture and Distribute Postage Evidencing Systems: Proposed Rule (4/23)

#### **March 2015:**

- IMM: U.S. Government Sanctions on Crimea Region of Ukraine (PB, 3/19)
- IMM: U.S. Government Sanctions Programs (PB, 3/19)
- IMM: Lithium Battery Terminology (PB, 3/5)
- FRN: Clarification on Content Eligibility for Standard Mail Marketing Parcels; Final Rule (3/17)
- FRN: Domestic Mail Manual; Incorporation by Reference: Final Rule (3/16)
- FRN: International Mail Manual; Incorporation by Reference: Final Rule (3/16)

\*Red means new additions since the last *Mail Spoken Here* was issued on April 23, 2015.

For your reference:

FRN: [Federal Register Notice](#)

PB: [Postal Bulletin](#)

[Postal Explorer](#) is a mailer's resource for all information contained in the [Domestic Mail Manual](#) (DMM), [International Mail Manual](#) (IMM), [Publication 52](#), *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, mailing standards [Federal Register](#) notices, and the [Postal Bulletin](#).

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