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Keeping up with all the news affecting the mailing industry can be a bit challenging at times, but we're here to help with that. Here's a recent summary of events:

USPS Service Alerts

USPS Service Alerts provide information to consumers, small businesses and business mailers about postal facility service disruptions due to weather-related and other natural disasters or events. Service alerts are done in near real time.

Residential customers and small businesses can use this website ([Service Alerts](#)) to learn if mail is being delivered, or if their Post Offices are open. Business mailers are provided more detailed information about USPS mail processing facilities, and the operating status of postal delivery units.

New Shipping Services Prices

New shipping services prices can be found on the Postal Explorer website at [pe.usps.com](#) in the left frame under January 2016 Price Change Information. Customers can download pricing files in Excel or CSV format.

New Postage Statements

New postage statements associated with the January 2016 price change are available on *Postal Explorer*® at [pe.usps.com](#). The Postage Statement link is in the left column under January 2016 Price Change Information.

As of January 17, 2016, the new January 2016 postage statements are required for Priority Mail® (PS Form 3600-PM), First-Class Package Service® (PS Form 3600-FCM, **Part C**), Parcel Select® (PS Form 3605-R), and International Mail (PS Form 3700). When mailing Market Dominant (Mailing Services) products, you may continue to use the May 2015 statements (Standard Mail® PS Form 3602R, Standard Mail Nonprofit PS Form 3602N, First-Class Mail® PS Form 3600 **FCM Part A, B, or D, Packages Services PS Form 3605-R Part A or B**, and Periodicals PS Form 3541) until the next Market Dominant price change.

The *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM®) and DMM Advisories are available on *Postal Explorer*® ([pe.usps.com](#)).

Requesting Pickup on Demand Service

A customer can request Pickup on Demand service and schedule a pickup at [www.usps.com](#). Pickup on Demand service allows a customer to have pickup on a specific date within a two-hour timeframe. Customers can schedule Pickup on Demand service up to one year in advance. A same day request must be made before 5:00 a.m. local time on the requested day of pickup.

USPS 2016 Promotion and Incentive Programs

Keep up to date with the latest promotion and incentive programs for First-Class™ and Standard Mail® by visiting [here](#) to view webinars, USPS promo calendar, and general information.

USPS PostalOne!® Help Desk and Incident Tracking Webinar

If you missed the USPS PostalOne!® Help Desk and Incident Tracking Webinar be sure to view the presentation [here](#) on RIBBS.

USPS Shipping Products and Services Webinar Series

Did you miss any of the USPS Shipping Products and Services webinars like the most recent: Certificate of Mailing-Domestic? You can find links to the presentations and recordings on the RIBBS website under the Industry Outreach tab in the left frame. Scroll to “Webinar Archives” or [Click here](#).

Did You Know?

The National Postal Forum (NPF) is the mailing industry’s premier educational venue, trade show and networking event for industry professionals. Since 1968, it has provided business mailers with ongoing training and education, and helped them keep pace with the mailing industry’s rapid progress. Held annually, the forum offers a wide range of opportunities for attendees. Currently, nearly 3,000 industry professionals attend the forum each year and participate in more than 120 workshops on key issues facing the mailing and shipping industry. The NPF will be held March 20-23, 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee. Registration is now open. For more information, go to www.npf.org.

Published Mailing Standards Documents

January 2016:

DMM: Military Mail Addressing and Restriction Codes (PB, 1/7)

DMM: Periodicals Bundle and Container Charges in Combined Mailings (PB, 1/7)

IMM Revision: IPA Service to Japan (PB, 1/7)

IMM Revision: Individual Country Listing for Japan (PB, 1/7)

FRN: Product Change-First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreement (1/8)

FRN: Product Change-Parcel Select Negotiated Service Agreement (1/8)

FRN: Product Change-First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreement (1/5)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, & First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreements (1/5 & 1/4)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreements – 9 for (1/5) & 4 for (1/4)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express Negotiated Service Agreements – 1 for (1/5) & 2 for (1/4)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail Express Negotiated Service Agreement (1/4)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail and First Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreements – 2 for (1/4)

December 2015:

DMM: Retirement of PS Form 3816-AS, Collect on Delivery (COD) Card—Firm Mailings (PB, 12/24)

DMM: Parcel Simplification (PB, 12/24)

DMM: New Standards for Domestic Certificates of Mailing (PB, 12/24)

DMM: First-Class Package Service Maximum Dimensions (PB, 12/10)

DMM: Domestic Competitive Products Pricing and Mailing Standards Changes (PB, 12/10)

IMM: Certificate of Mailing Service Available for Priority Mail International Service (PB, 12/24)

IMM: Adding Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba as a Separate Country Listing (PB, 12/10)

IMM: Changes to Pricing and Mailing Standards for International Shipping Services (PB, 12/10)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreements – 4 for (12/30)

FRN: Product Change-First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreement (12/28 & 12/22)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreement (12/28)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail and First Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreements (12/28)

FRN: International Product Change-Global Expedited Package Services-Non-Published Rates (12/28)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreements – 5 for (12/22)

FRN: Product Change-Parcel Select Negotiated Service Agreements (12/22)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, & First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreements – 5 for (12/18)

FRN: Product Change-First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreement (12/17)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, & Parcel Select Negotiated Service Agreement (12/15)

FRN: Product Change-Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreement (12/11)

**Red means new additions since the last [Mail Spoken Here](#) was issued on December 18, 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](#). In addition, all pricing files (Excel and CSV format) and postage statements are available on the Postal Explorer website for mailers to download.

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