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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

International Mail Postal Rates

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service, after considering the comments submitted in response to its request published in the **Federal Register** on October 16, 2001 (66 FR 52555-52560), for comments on proposed changes in international postage rates, hereby gives notice that it is implementing the proposed rates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:01 a.m., Sunday, January 13, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter J. Grandjean at (703) 292-3579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 16, 2001, the Postal Service published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed changes in international postage rates (66 FR

52555-52560). The Postal Service requested comments by November 15, 2001, and by that date received two comments. Both were from the same publisher using the publishers' periodical rates.

Both commenters stated that if the rates were to be implemented in January 2002, not enough time would be allowed to change software, either company specific proprietary or industry-wide software. Both suggested that the rates not be implemented before March 31, 2002, at the earliest. Both stated that implementation concurrent with the domestic rates in R2001-1 would be appropriate. One commenter noted the dramatic increase in some rate cells for items to Mexico and questioned why these rates would be higher than rates to more distant countries.

The Postal Service understands that many mailers will be required to make software changes. The Postal Service itself must make changes. However, the Postal Service believes that it has provided adequate time for mailers to make changes given that notice of the proposed change was given on October 16, 2001.

Rates are based on the cost of providing service to the countries in a rate group. Where there is more than one country in a rate group, the costs are an average. Where there is a single country in a rate group, the rate reflects

the cost of providing service to that country. The publishers' periodical rates to Mexico are currently higher than the rates to Canada and all other countries. Separating the rates for all other countries into three rate groups does not alter the costs of providing service to Mexico. It should be noted that while the first two weight increments for Mexico increased by 25 percent, this is a smaller increase than the increases for the same weight increments for rate groups 3, 4, and 5. The rate increase for Mexico is not out of line with the overall increase to other countries.

After reviewing and considering the comments received, the Postal Service adopts the following postage rates and amends the *International Mail Manual* (IMM), which is incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR 20.1.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20

Foreign relations, International postal services.

PART 20—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 401, 404, 407, 408.

2. The *International Mail Manual* (IMM) is amended to incorporate the following postage rates:

INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY AIRMAIL RATES

Rate group	Per piece rate	Drop shipment per pound	Full service per pound
1 (Canada)	\$0.28	\$2.60	\$3.60
2 (Mexico)	0.12	4.60	5.60
3	0.25	4.00	5.00
4	0.25	5.50	6.50
5	0.12	4.85	5.85
6	0.12	4.75	5.75
7	0.12	6.25	7.25
8	0.12	7.25	8.25
Worldwide	0.20	7.00	8.00

INTERNATIONAL SURFACE AIR LIFT RATES

Rate group	Per piece rate	Full service per pound		Direct shipment per pound		ISC drop shipment per pound	
		Regular	M-bag	Regular	M-bag	Regular	M-bag
1 (Canada)	\$0.28	\$3.05	\$1.50	\$2.55	\$1.50	\$2.05	\$1.40
2 (Mexico)	0.12	4.35	1.60	3.85	1.60	3.35	1.50
3	0.25	3.40	1.75	2.90	1.75	2.40	1.50
4	0.25	3.75	2.50	3.25	2.50	2.75	2.50
5	0.12	4.65	2.25	4.15	2.25	3.65	2.00
6	0.12	4.55	2.25	4.05	2.25	3.55	2.00
7	0.12	4.65	2.50	4.15	2.50	3.65	2.25
8	0.12	6.50	3.25	6.00	3.25	5.50	3.00

Note: M-bags are subject to the minimum rate for 11 pounds.

PUBLISHERS' PERIODICAL RATES

Weight not over (oz.)	Rate group 1 (Canada)	Rate group 2 (Mexico)	Rate group 3	Rate group 4 (Australia, Japan, New Zealand)	Rate group 5
1	\$0.45	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.60
2	0.51	0.75	0.71	0.71	0.74
3	0.57	0.90	0.82	0.82	0.88
4	0.63	1.05	0.93	0.93	1.02
5	0.69	1.20	1.04	1.04	1.16
6	0.75	1.35	1.15	1.15	1.30
7	0.81	1.50	1.26	1.26	1.44
8	0.87	1.65	1.37	1.37	1.58
12	1.15	2.13	1.81	1.81	2.02
16	1.43	2.61	2.25	2.25	2.46
20	1.59	3.09	2.69	2.69	2.90
24	1.75	3.57	3.13	3.13	3.34
28	1.91	4.05	3.57	3.57	3.78
32	2.07	4.53	4.01	4.01	4.22
36	3.87	5.01	4.45	4.45	4.66
40	3.99	5.49	4.89	4.89	5.10
44	4.11	5.97	5.33	5.33	5.54
48	4.23	6.45	5.77	5.77	5.98
52	4.39	6.93	6.21	6.21	6.42
56	4.55	7.41	6.65	6.65	6.86
60	4.71	7.89	7.09	7.09	7.30
64	4.87	8.37	7.53	7.53	7.74

\$0.25 per pound discount for drop shipments tendered at the New Jersey International and Bulk Mail Center.

COUNTRY RATE GROUPS

Country	Rate Groups		
	IPA	ISAL	Publishers' periodicals
Afghanistan	8		5
Albania	5	5	5
Algeria	8	8	5
Andorra	3		3
Angola	8	8	5
Anguilla	6		5
Antigua and Barbuda	6		5
Argentina	6	6	5
Armenia	8		5
Aruba	6	6	5
Ascension	5		5
Australia	4	4	4
Austria	3	3	5
Azerbaijan	8		5
Bahamas	6		5
Bahrain	8	8	5
Bangladesh	8	8	5
Barbados	6		5
Belarus	5		5
Belgium	3	3	3
Belize	6	6	5
Benin	8	8	5
Bermuda	6		5
Bhutan	8		5
Bolivia	6	6	5
Bosnia-Herzegovina	5		5
Botswana	8		5
Brazil	6	6	5
British Virgin Islands	6		5
Brunei Darussalam	7		5
Bulgaria	5	5	5
Burkina Faso	8	8	5
Burma (Myanmar)	8		5
Burundi	8		5
Cambodia	7		5
Cameroon	8	8	5
Canada	1	1	1
Cape Verde	8		5

COUNTRY RATE GROUPS—Continued

Country	Rate Groups		
	IPA	ISAL	Publishers' periodicals
Cayman	6		5
Central African Republic	8	8	5
Chad	8		5
Chile	6	6	5
China	7	7	5
Colombia	6	6	5
Comoros Islands	8		5
Congo (Brazzaville), Republic of the	8		5
Congo (Kinshasa), Democratic Republic of the	8	8	5
Costa Rica	6	6	5
Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	8	8	5
Croatia	5		5
Cuba	6	6	5
Cyprus	8		5
Czech Republic	5	5	5
Denmark	3	3	3
Djibouti	8		5
Dominica	6		5
Dominican Republic	6	6	5
Ecuador	6	6	5
Egypt	8	8	5
El Salvador	6	6	5
Equatorial Guinea	8		5
Eritrea	8		5
Estonia	5		5
Ethiopia	8	8	5
Falkland Islands	6		5
Faroe Islands	5		3
Fiji	7	7	5
Finland	3	3	3
France (Includes Corsica & Monaco)	3	3	3
French Guiana	6	6	5
French Polynesia (Includes Tahiti)	7		5
Gabon	8	8	5
Gambia	8		5
Georgia, Republic of	8		5
Germany	3	3	3
Ghana	8	8	5
Gibraltar	3		3
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	3	3	3
Greece	3	3	3
Greenland	3		3
Grenada	6		5
Guadeloupe	6		5
Guatemala	6	6	5
Guinea	8		5
Guinea-Bissau	8		5
Guyana	6	6	5
Haiti	6	6	5
Honduras	6	6	5
Hong Kong	7	7	5
Hungary	5	5	5
Iceland	3	3	3
India	8	8	5
Indonesia (Includes East Timor)	7	7	5
Iran	8	8	5
Iraq	8		5
Ireland	3	3	3
Israel	3	3	3
Italy	3	3	3
Jamaica	6	6	5
Japan	4	4	4
Jordan	8	8	5
Kazakhstan	8		5
Kenya	8	8	5
Kiribati	7		5
Korea, Dem. People's Rep. of (North)	7		5
Korea, Republic of (South)	7	7	5
Kuwait	8	8	5

COUNTRY RATE GROUPS—Continued

Country	Rate Groups		
	IPA	ISAL	Publishers' periodicals
Kyrgyzstan	5		5
Laos	7		5
Latvia	5		5
Lebanon	8	8	5
Lesotho	8		5
Liberia	8		5
Libya	8		5
Liechtenstein	3	3	3
Lithuania	5		5
Luxembourg	3	3	3
Macao	5		5
Macedonia, Republic of	5		5
Madagascar	8	8	5
Malawi	8		5
Malaysia	7	7	5
Maldives	8		5
Mali	8	8	5
Malta	8		5
Martinique	6		5
Mauritania	8	8	5
Mauritius	8	8	5
Mexico	2	2	2
Moldova	8		5
Mongolia	7		5
Montserrat	6		5
Morocco	8	8	5
Mozambique	8	8	5
Namibia	8		5
Nauru	7		5
Nepal	7		5
Netherlands	3	3	3
Netherlands Antilles	6	6	5
New Caledonia	7		5
New Zealand	4	4	4
Nicaragua	6	6	5
Niger	8	8	5
Nigeria	8	8	5
Norway	3	3	3
Oman	8	8	5
Pakistan	8	8	5
Panama	6	6	5
Papua New Guinea	7	7	5
Paraguay	6	6	5
Peru	6	6	5
Philippines	7	7	5
Pitcairn Island	7		5
Poland	5	5	5
Portugal (Includes Azores & Madeira Islands)	3	3	3
Qatar	8	8	5
Reunion	8	8	5
Romania	5	5	5
Russia	5	5	5
Rwanda	8		5
Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis	6		5
Saint Helena	8		5
Saint Lucia	6		5
Saint Pierre & Miquelon	6		5
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	6		5
San Marino	3		3
Sao Tome and Principe	5		5
Saudi Arabia	8	8	5
Senegal	8	8	5
Serbia-Montenegro (Yugoslavia)	5		5
Seychelles	8		5
Sierra Leone	8		5
Singapore	7	7	5
Slovak Republic (Slovakia)	5		5
Slovenia	5		5
Solomon Islands	7		5

COUNTRY RATE GROUPS—Continued

Country	Rate Groups		
	IPA	ISAL	Publishers' periodicals
Somalia	8		5
South Africa	8	8	5
Spain (Includes Canary Islands)	3	3	3
Sri Lanka	8	8	5
Sudan	8	8	5
Suriname	6	6	5
Swaziland	8		5
Sweden	3	3	3
Switzerland	3	3	3
Syria	8	8	5
Taiwan	7	7	5
Tajikistan	8		5
Tanzania	8	8	5
Thailand	7	7	5
Togo	8	8	5
Tonga	7		5
Trinidad and Tobago	6	6	5
Tristan da Cunha	8		5
Tunisia	8	8	5
Turkey	5	5	5
Turkmenistan	5		5
Turks and Caicos Islands	6		5
Tuvalu	7		5
Uganda	8	8	5
Ukraine	8		5
United Arab Emirates	8	8	5
Uruguay	6	6	5
Uzbekistan	8		5
Vanuatu	7		5
Vatican City	3		3
Venezuela	6	6	5
Vietnam	7		5
Wallis and Futuna Islands	7		5
Western Samoa	7		5
Yemen	8	8	5
Zambia	8	8	5
Zimbabwe	8	8	5

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

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National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List Update

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of deletion of the McAdoo Associates Superfund Site from the National Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III announces the deletion of the McAdoo Associates Superfund Site (Site), located in

McAdoo Borough, Schuylkill County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, from the National Priorities List (NPL).

The NPL, promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 33 U.S.C. 9605, is appendix B of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR part 300. EPA and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, have determined that the site no longer poses a significant threat to public health or the environment and that all appropriate response actions under CERCLA have been completed. Monitoring of on-site wells, and five-year reviews to ensure that the site remains protective of public health and the environment will continue to be conducted.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comprehensive information on this site is available for viewing at the Site Information Repositories at the following locations: U.S. EPA, Region III, Regional Center for Environmental Information, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, (215) 814-5254 or (800) 553-2509, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; McAdoo-Kelayers Library, 15 Kelayers Road, McAdoo, Pennsylvania 18237, (570) 929-1120;

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eugene Dennis (3HS21), Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029; (215) 814-3202 or 1-800-553-2509; e-mail address: dennis.eugene@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The site to be deleted from the NPL is: McAdoo Associates Site, McAdoo Borough, Schuylkill County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.