

parcel mail processing category, and specifies some additional requirements to ensure that the services are available only for parcels if First-Class Mail or Package Services are used. For example, for machinable parcels measuring  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch thick or less, only packaging that would maintain its parcel shape and integrity throughout processing and handling would be permitted.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act [5 U.S.C. of 553(b), (c)] regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comment on the following proposed revisions to the *Domestic Mail Manual*, incorporated in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR 111.1.

#### List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Postal Service.

#### PART 111—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 414, 416, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. Amend the following sections of the *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) as set forth below:

#### Domestic Mail Manual

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#### C Characteristics and Content

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[Amend C100 by removing current 5.0 and by redesignating current 6.0 as 5.0.]

#### C100 First-Class Mail

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#### C700 Package Services

[Amend 1.0 by revising heading and by removing 1.0h.]

#### 1.0 DIMENSIONS

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#### S Special Services

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#### S900 Special Postal Services

##### S910 Security and Accountability

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##### S918 Delivery Confirmation

#### 1.0 BASIC INFORMATION

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[Revise 1.2 to read as follows:]

#### 1.2 Eligible Matter

Delivery Confirmation service is available for First-Class Mail parcels

defined in C050 as machinable, irregular, or outside parcels, with no minimum weight for such parcels; for all Priority Mail pieces; for Standard Mail pieces subject to the residual shape surcharge (electronic option only); and for Package Services parcels defined in C050 as machinable, irregular, and outside parcels. For the purposes of using Delivery Confirmation service with First-Class Mail and Package Services, a parcel must meet these additional requirements:

a. The surface area of the address side of the parcel must be large enough to contain completely and legibly the delivery address, return address, postage, and any applicable markings, endorsements, and special service labels.

b. Except as provided in 1.2c for machinable parcels, the parcel must be greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch thick at its thickest point.

c. If the mailpiece is a machinable parcel under DMM C050 and no greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch thick, the contents must be prepared in a strong and rigid fiberboard or similar container or in a container that becomes rigid after the contents are enclosed and the container secured. The parcel must be able to maintain its shape, integrity, and rigidity throughout processing and handling without collapsing into a letter-size or flat-size piece.

[Revise 1.3 to read as follows:]

#### 1.3 Ineligible Matter

Delivery Confirmation service is not available for the following:

a. Express Mail and Periodicals pieces.

b. First-Class Mail letter-size and flat-size pieces.

c. Standard Mail pieces not subject to the residual shape surcharge and all Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail pieces.

d. Package Services flat-size pieces.

e. Mail paid with precanceled stamps.

f. Mail addressed to APO/FPO destinations.

g. Mail addressed to any U.S. territory, possession, or Freely Associated State listed in G011, with the exception of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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##### S919 Signature Confirmation

#### 1.0 BASIC INFORMATION

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[Revise 1.2 to read as follows:]

#### 1.2 Eligible Matter

Signature Confirmation service is available for First-Class Mail parcels defined in C050 as machinable, irregular, or outside parcels, with no minimum weight for such parcels; for all Priority Mail pieces; and for Package Services parcels defined in C050 as machinable, irregular, and outside parcels. For the purposes of using Signature Confirmation service with First-Class Mail and Package Services, a parcel must meet these additional requirements:

a. The surface area of the address side of the parcel must be large enough to contain completely and legibly the delivery address, return address, postage, and any applicable markings, endorsements, and special service labels.

b. Except as provided in 1.2c for machinable parcels, the parcel must be greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch thick at its thickest point.

c. If the mailpiece is a machinable parcel under DMM C050 and no greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch thick, the contents must be prepared in a strong and rigid fiberboard or similar container or in a container that becomes rigid after the contents are enclosed and the container secured. The parcel must be able to maintain its shape, integrity, and rigidity throughout processing and handling without collapsing into a letter-size or flat-size piece.

[Revise 1.3 to read as follows:]

#### 1.3 Ineligible Matter

Signature Confirmation service is not available for the following:

a. Express Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail.

b. First-Class Mail letter-size and flat-size pieces.

c. Package Services flat-size pieces.

d. Mail paid with precanceled stamps.

e. Mail addressed to APO/FPO destinations.

f. Mail addressed to any U.S. territory, possession, or Freely Associated State listed in G011, with the exception of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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An appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 to reflect the changes will be published if this proposed rule is adopted.

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