

CMM Postage Payment

CMM pieces would be subject to the same options of postage payment (precanceled stamps, metered postage, or permit imprint) for Standard Mail pieces as permitted by current standards in DMM P600. CMM mailers would not be required to obtain special mailing permits or authorizations other than those already required for Regular or Nonprofit Standard Mail.

Mailers would, in most cases, be required to pay postage through an approved manifest mailing system (MMS) when more than three different types of mailing containers are used or when the mailing consists of nonidentical-weight pieces. Express Mail and Priority Mail drop shipments generally are also better processed through a manifesting system. The Business Mail Support (BMS) manager at Headquarters would approve the manifest mailing systems and any other postage payment system such as an optional procedure.

CMM Markings and Endorsements

In addition to the current class and rate markings required for Standard Mail pieces, CMM pieces would have to bear the marking "CUSTOMIZED MARKETMAIL" (or the approved abbreviations "CUST MKTMAIL" or "CMM"). The standards and placement of applicable markings and endorsements would follow existing requirements for Standard Mail pieces under DMM M012.

CMM Physical Characteristics

CMM mailpieces could be constructed of any material that is safe for handling by Postal Service personnel. However, CMM pieces would have to be sufficiently flexible to withstand normal handling required for carrier casing and delivery and for placement into mail receptacles and post office boxes.

CMM pieces would not be allowed to have attachments or enclosures. However, it would be permissible for a CMM piece to be constructed or assembled from layers or parts to form a single item.

For purposes of defining the dimensional requirements, a straight line drawn between the most distant outer points on a CMM mailpiece would define the axis of its length and a perpendicular line to that axis would be the axis of its height. The minimum and maximum dimensions and weight are as follows:

(1) *Height*: No less than 3½ inches and no more than 12 inches.

(2) *Length*: No less than 5 inches and no more than 15 inches.

(3) *Thickness*: No less than 0.007 inch at its thinnest point and no more than ¾ inch when measured at its thickest point.

(4) *Weight*: No more than 3.3 ounces.

CMM pieces would be permitted to have voids or holes within their dimensions, and they would also be permitted to have a nonuniform thickness. If pieces are of nonuniform thickness, packages of CMM pieces would be required to be prepared by counterstacking under DMM M020 to ensure stability in transit.

Mailpiece design approval by the manager of business mail entry in the district serving the office of mailing, though not required, would be highly recommended. Physical or graphic content would be subject to current standards in DMM C020 and C030 and to any applicable nonpostal statutes and regulations.

CMM Addressing

Each CMM piece would be required to bear a complete mailing address including an accurate 5-digit ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code. CMM pieces must bear the exceptional address format or the occupant address format under DMM A040.

The exceptional address format uses both a recipient's name and the alternative "Current Occupant" or "Current Resident," followed by a complete delivery address, city, state, and ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code. If the named recipient has moved, mail bearing an exceptional address format is neither forwarded to the recipient's new address nor returned to the sender. Instead, such mail is left at the indicated delivery address for the current resident.

The occupant address format does not use an actual recipient's name but only the designation "Occupant," "Householder," or "Resident" in place of a name, followed by a complete delivery address, city, state, and ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code. Mail bearing an occupant address is never forwarded or returned.

The address block could be placed anywhere on the mailpiece as currently permitted for flat-size mailpieces, whether printed directly on the mailpiece, or printed on an address label permanently affixed to the piece. The address and other mandatory information such as postage indicia and class and rate markings would be required to be clearly identifiable and legible, following current mailing standards.

CMM pieces would be subject to the standard for address quality and address list maintenance that requires all 5-digit

ZIP Codes included in addresses on pieces claimed at Regular Standard Mail and Nonprofit Standard Mail rates to be verified and corrected within 12 months before the mailing date using a method approved by the Postal Service. This requirement ensures that mail is addressed for the correct ZIP Code destination and eliminates potential misdirection of mail. The use of detached address labels (DALs) would not be permitted for CMM pieces.

CMM Delivery

Postal Service handling of CMM mailpieces would end when the mail carrier delivers the pieces to the addresses shown on the pieces or when the postal employee distributes the pieces to the correct post office boxes. Deliverable CMM pieces would be delivered or left at the address, and CMM pieces that are undeliverable as addressed because of an invalid address would be discarded.

Ancillary service endorsements used for address correction services and the forwarding and return of mail would not be available. Each piece would also be required to bear the appropriate carrier release endorsement in DMM D042 ("Carrier—Leave If No Response") to indicate that a deliverable CMM piece is to be left in a safe location near the recipient's mail receptacle if the piece cannot be placed inside the receptacle.

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 (DMM)

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