

are established by the Director under the authority of 35 U.S.C. 376:

(1) The following preliminary examination fee is due on filing the Demand:

(i) If an international search fee as set forth in § 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority—\$600.00

(ii) If the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the United States Patent and Trademark Office—\$750.00

(2) An additional preliminary examination fee when required, per additional invention—\$600.00

(b) The handling fee is due on filing the Demand and shall be as prescribed in PCT Rule 57.

15. Section 1.484 is amended by revising paragraphs (b), (e) through (g) and adding paragraphs (h) and (i) to read as follows:

**§ 1.484 Conduct of international examination.**

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(b) International preliminary examination will begin in accordance with PCT Rule 69.1.

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(e) The written opinion established by the International Searching Authority under PCT Rule 43*bis*.1 shall be considered to be a written opinion of the United States International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of paragraph (d) of this section.

(f) The International Preliminary Examining Authority may establish further written opinions under paragraph (d) of this section.

(g) If no written opinion under paragraph (d) of this section is necessary, or if no further written opinion under paragraph (f) of this section is to be established, or after any written opinion and the reply thereto or the expiration of the time limit for reply to such written opinion, an international preliminary examination report will be established by the International Preliminary Examining Authority. One copy will be submitted to the International Bureau and one copy will be submitted to the applicant.

(h) An applicant will be permitted a personal or telephone interview with the examiner, which may be requested after the filing of a Demand, and must be conducted during the period between the establishment of the written opinion and the establishment of the international preliminary examination report. Additional interviews may be

conducted where the examiner determines that such additional interviews may be helpful to advancing the international preliminary examination procedure. A summary of any such personal or telephone interview must be filed by the applicant or, if not filed by applicant be made of record in the file by the examiner.

(i) If the application whose priority is claimed in the international application is in a language other than English, the United States International Preliminary Examining Authority may, where the validity of the priority claim is relevant for the formulation of the opinion referred to in Article 33(1), invite the applicant to furnish an English translation of the priority document within two months from the date of the invitation. If the translation is not furnished within that time limit, the international preliminary report may be established as if the priority had not been claimed.

Dated: May 23, 2003.

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*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### 39 CFR Part 111

#### Alternative Addressing Formats

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule would revise Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) A040 to standardize when alternative addressing formats may be used and to clarify the differences between the various formats. In addition, postage payment options would be specified, prohibiting the use of uncanceled stamps on mail with simplified addresses, to enable efficient handling and processing of this mail. Corresponding sections of DMM F010 also would be revised.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 30, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Mailing Standards, 1735 N Lynn Street, Suite 3025, Arlington VA 22209-6038. Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Postal Service Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., 11th Floor North,

Washington DC. Comments may be submitted also via fax to (703) 292-4058, ATTN: Bill Chatfield.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Chatfield at (703) 292-3964.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Three types of alternative addressing formats may be used in lieu of the typical addressing format (*i.e.*, addressee name, address, city, state, and ZIP Code). These alternative addressing formats include a simplified address format (such as "Postal Customer") with no actual delivery address, an occupant address format which provides for a generic customer reference in combination with a specific delivery address, and an exceptional address format which has all the traditional addressing elements but includes a current resident alternative to provide for delivery to the address even if the specific addressee is no longer at the address.

Current restrictions on the type of mail for which these formats may be used are more stringent for the exceptional address format than for the simplified or occupant address formats, although the same complications (such as accountable mail being addressed to a generic addressee) would ensue for mail addressed using any of the three alternative address formats.

The current summary introduction does not adequately distinguish between simplified and occupant formatting, thus clarifications would be added.

A new section (to be numbered A040.1.0) would be added to standardize the types of mail that may be mailed with any alternative addressing format. New A040.1.2 extends the current prohibitions for combining exceptional address mail with certain categories of mail and services to all types of alternatively addressed mail. Since each type of alternative address provides for a nonspecific addressee name, the same restrictions currently placed only on mail with the exceptional address format would be extended to any mail with an alternative address format.

New section A040.1.3 explains treatment of all undeliverable mail (previously written only under A040.3.0 for exceptional address format) having alternative addresses and provides for similar treatment of mail with either simplified or occupant addresses. This section replaces old section A040.3.4. A qualifying phrase ("related solely to the address") is added after "undeliverable for another reason," since there are reasons indicated in Exhibit F010.4.1 that have to do with the name, such as