

*C020 Restricted or Nonmailable Articles and Substances*

*C021 Articles and Substances Generally*

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**2.0 NONMAILABLE ARTICLES AND SUBSTANCES—GENERAL**

**2.1 Basic Information**

*[Delete the last two sentences of 2.1 and insert the following text to read as follows:]*

\* \* \*The mailability standards that apply to perishable, hazardous, and restricted matter are detailed in C022, C023, and C024, respectively. Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, contains additional clarification and further describes the conditions of preparation and packaging under which the USPS accepts for mailing potentially harmful matter that is otherwise nonmailable. Publication 52 also contains detailed information on the mailability of specific hazardous materials.

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**3.0 INJURIOUS AND HARMFUL ARTICLES**

**3.1 General**

Except as provided in this document, any article, composition, or material is nonmailable if it can kill or injure another or injure the mail or other property. Harmful matter includes but is not limited to:

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*[Revise item b to read as follows:]*

b. All poisonous animals except scorpions mailed for medical research purposes or for the manufacture of antivenom; all poisonous insects; all poisonous reptiles; and all types of snakes, turtles, and spiders.

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**3.2 Hazardous Materials**

*[Revise the first sentence to read as follows:]*

Harmful matter also includes regulated hazardous materials as defined in C023 that are likely to harm USPS employees or to destroy, deface, or otherwise damage mail or postal equipment.\* \* \*

**4.0 MARKING**

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**4.2 Addressing**

*[Revise 4.2 to read as follows:]*

For any matter mailed under the provisions in C020, the recipient's name and address must be affixed or applied directly to the mailpiece using a material or method that is not water-

soluble and not easily smeared or rubbed off. Except for diagnostic specimen mailpieces using a business reply mail format and nonregulated materials, a return address that includes the sender's name and address must appear on all matter mailed under C020. The return address, when required, must be applied using a material or method that is not water-soluble and not easily smeared or rubbed off.

**4.3 Warning Label**

*[Revise the last sentence in 4.3 to read as follows:]*

\* \* \*See C023 for the warning label requirements that apply to the mailing of hazardous materials.

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**C023 Hazardous Materials**

**Summary**

*[Revise the Summary to read as follows:]*

C023 describes the general standards, restrictions, and prohibitions that apply to the mailability of hazardous materials.

**1.0 GENERAL**

**1.1 Definitions**

The following conditions apply:

*[Revise the last sentence in item a to read as follows:]*

a. \* \* \*In international commerce, hazardous materials are known as dangerous goods.

*[At the end of item b, add a new sentence to read as follows:]*

b. \* \* \*Almost all limited quantity materials are nonmailable.

*[At the end of item c, add a new sentence to read as follows:]*

c. \* \* \*ORM-D materials having the proper shipping name of "consumer commodity" are mailable subject to USPS quantity and packaging standards.

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*[Revise items e and f to read as follows:]*

e. *Air transportation requirements*, for the purposes of C023 only, apply to all mailable hazardous materials sent at the First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, or Express Mail rates. All mailable hazardous materials sent at those rates must meet the requirements that apply to air transportation. Mailable hazardous materials sent at any of those rates may or may not be transported via air depending on the distance between the point of origination and the point of destination, and the ability of the USPS to obtain an air carrier between those points.

f. *Surface transportation requirements*, for the purposes of C023 only, apply to all mailable hazardous

materials sent at the Standard Mail or Package Services rates. All mailable hazardous materials sent at the Standard Mail or Package Services rates must meet the requirements that apply to surface transportation.

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*[Revise item h to read as follows:]*

h. *Secondary container* is the packaging component into which the primary receptacle(s) and any required absorbent and cushioning material is securely placed. The packaging of certain mailable hazardous materials does not require the use of a secondary container.

*[Revise item i to read as follows:]*

i. *Outer shipping container* is the exterior packaging component into which a primary receptacle, along with any required absorbent and cushioning material, and the secondary container (if required) are securely placed. The outer shipping container bears the addressing information along with all required markings.

**1.2 U.S. Department of Transportation**

*[Revise 1.2 to read as follows:]*

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulates the surface and air carriage of hazardous materials within the United States via any means of transportation. The DOT regulations for the transport of hazardous materials are codified in Title 49, *Code of Federal Regulations* (49 CFR) 100–185. USPS mailing standards for hazardous materials generally adhere to 49 CFR, but also include many additional limitations and prohibitions.

*[Renumber current 1.3 through 1.9 as new 1.4 through 1.10 and insert new 1.3 to read as follows:]*

**1.3 USPS Standards**

The USPS standards generally restrict the mailing of hazardous materials to ORM-D materials with the proper shipping name of "consumer commodity" that meet USPS quantity limitations and packaging requirements. The few non-ORM-D materials permitted to be mailed are subject to the standards in C023. Detailed information on the mailability of specific hazardous materials is contained in Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*.

**1.4 Hazard Class**

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*[Renumber "Exhibit 1.3 DOT Hazard Classes and Mailability Summary" as "Exhibit 1.4 DOT Hazard Classes and Mailability Summary."]*

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