

No. MC2003-1. The PRC recommended that the Postal Service proposal for Customized Market Mail be established as a permanent classification.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3625, the Governors of the United States Postal Service acted on the PRC's recommendations on June 27, 2003. In the Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission Approving Stipulation and Agreement for Customized Market Mail Minor Classification Changes, Docket No. MC2003-1, the Governors of the Postal Service approved the recommended decision. In accordance with Resolution 03-9, the Board of Governors established an implementation date of August 10, 2003 on which the approved classifications for Customized Market Mail take effect. The attachments to the Governors' Decision, setting forth the classification changes ordered into effect by the Governors, are set forth below.

In accordance with the Decision of the Governors and Resolution No. 03-9 of the Board of Governors, the Postal Service hereby gives notice that the classification changes set forth below will become effective at 12:01 a.m. on August 10, 2003.

Attachment A to the Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission Approving Stipulation and Agreement for Customized Market Mail Minor Classification Changes, Docket No. MC2003-1 (Additions Underlined; Deletions in Brackets)

STANDARD MAIL RATE SCHEDULE 321A; REGULAR PRESORTED CATEGORIES

	Rate
Letter, minimum piece rate:	
Piece Rate	
Basic	\$0.268
3/5-digit	0.248
Destination Entry Discounts	
BMC	0.021
SCF	0.026
Nonletters, minimum piece rate:	
Piece Rate	
Basic	0.344
3/5-digit	0.288
Destination Entry Discounts	
BMC	0.021
SCF	0.026
Nonletters, piece and pound rate:	
Piece Rate	
Basic	0.198
3/5-digit	0.142
Pound Rate	0.708

STANDARD MAIL RATE SCHEDULE 321A; REGULAR PRESORTED CATEGORIES—Continued

	Rate
Destination Entry Discounts (off pound rate)	
BMC	0.100
SCF	0.125

Schedule 321A Notes:

1. A fee of \$150.00 must be paid each 12-month period for each bulk mailing permit.
2. Residual shape pieces are subject to a surcharge of \$0.23 per-piece. For parcel barcode discount, deduct \$0.03 per-piece (machinable parcels only).
3. For nonletters, the mailer pays either the minimum piece rate or the pound rate, whichever is higher.
4. Nonmachinable letters are subject to a \$0.04 nonmachinable surcharge.
5. Pieces entered as Customized Market Mail, as defined in DMCS section 321.22, are subject to the nondestination entry, nonletter minimum per-piece basic rate and the residual shape surcharge.

STANDARD MAIL RATE SCHEDULE 323A; NONPROFIT PRESORTED CATEGORIES

	Rate
Letters, minimum piece rate:	
Piece Rate	
Basic	\$0.165
3/5-digit	0.153
Destination Entry Discounts	
BMC	0.021
SCF	0.026
Nonletters, minimum piece rate:	
Piece Rate	
Basic	0.230
3/5-digit	0.183
Destination Entry Discounts	
BMC	0.021
SCF	0.026
Nonletters, piece and pound rate:	
Piece Rate	
Basic	0.110
3/5-digit	0.063
Pound Rate	0.584
Destination Entry Discounts (off pound rate)	
BMC	0.100
SCF	0.125

Schedule 323A Notes:

- 1 A fee of \$150.00 must be paid each 12-month period for each bulk mailing permit.
- 2 Residual shape pieces are subject to a surcharge of \$0.23 per-piece. For parcel barcode discount, deduct \$0.03 per-piece (nonmachinable parcels only).
- 3 For nonletters, the mailer pays either the minimum piece rate or the pound rate, whichever is higher.
- 4 Nonmachinable letters are subject to a \$0.02 nonmachinable surcharge.
- 5 Pieces entered as Customized Market Mail, as defined in DMCS sections 321.22 and 323.22, are subject to the nondestination entry, nonletter minimum per-piece basic rate and the residual shape surcharge.

Attachment B to the Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission Approving Stipulation and Agreement for Customized Market Mail Minor Classification Changes, Docket No. MC2003-1 (Additions Underlined; Deletions in Brackets)

First-Class Mail Classification Schedule

210 DEFINITION

Any matter eligible for mailing, *except Regular and Nonprofit Presort category mail entered as Customized Market Mail under sections 321.22 and 323.22*, may, at the option of the mailer, be mailed as First-Class Mail. The following must be mailed as First-Class Mail, unless mailed as Express Mail or exempt under title 39, United States Code, or except as authorized under sections 344.12, 344.23 and 443:

- a. Mail sealed against postal inspection as set forth in section 5000;
- b. Matter wholly or partially in handwriting or typewriting except as specifically permitted by sections 312, 313, 520, 544.2, and 446;
- c. Matter having the character of actual and personal correspondence except as specifically permitted by sections 312, 313, 520, 544.2, and 446; and
- d. Bills and statements of account.

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Standard Mail Classification Schedule

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320 DESCRIPTION OF SUBCLASSES

321 Regular Subclass

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321.2 Presort Rate Categories

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321.22 Basic Rate Categories.

The basic rate categories apply to presort rate category mail not mailed under section 321.23, *and to all mail entered as Customized Market Mail (CMM). CMM must be marked and bear endorsements as specified by the Postal Service, and must meet the preparation, addressing, and acceptance requirements specified by the Postal Service. Notwithstanding section 6020, Customized Market Mail may be nonrectangular in shape. The following size standards apply to Customized Market Mail:*

- a. Thickness: at least 0.007 inch and no more than 0.75 inch.
- b. Length: at least 5 inches and no more than 15 inches, measured for nonrectangular shapes as specified by the Postal Service.