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PART 524—OPHTHALMIC AND TOPICAL DOSAGE FORM NEW ANIMAL DRUGS

3. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 524 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 360b.

§ 524.1193 [Amended]

4. Section 524.1193 *Ivermectin pour-on* is amended in paragraph (b) by removing “and 059130” and by adding in its place “, 059130, and 066916”.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Experimental Outside-County Periodicals Co-Palletization Classification

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Interim rule.

SUMMARY: This interim rule provides standards for a Postal Service experiment testing whether additional rate incentives would encourage the co-palletization and drop-shipment of currently sacked bundles of individual Periodicals publications. This interim rule will implement two additional per-piece discounts for co-palletization of Periodicals publications that otherwise would have been prepared in sacks prior to co-palletization. The additional per-piece discounts, resulting from Docket No. MC2002–3 at the Postal Rate Commission, would apply to pieces in bundles placed on SCF and ADC pallets that are drop-shipped to either a destination area distribution center (DADC) or a destination sectional center facility (DSCF). This interim rule includes procedures for preparing and documenting co-palletized mailings and for requesting approval to participate in the experiment.

DATES: This interim rule is effective January 30, 2003. Applications for participation in the experiment will be available beginning February 3, 2003.

The starting date for the experiment is April 20, 2003. Comments on the standards must be received on or before March 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed or delivered to the Manager, Mail Preparation and Standards, U.S. Postal Service, 1735 N. Lynn St., Room 3025, Arlington, VA 22209–6037.

Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying at USPS Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service offers certain worksharing incentives in the form of discounts to encourage palletization and drop-shipment of Periodicals mailings. Co-palletization allows mailers to combine separately presorted bundles of different titles and editions on pallets to achieve the minimum pallet weight required to take advantage of current pallet and drop-shipment discounts for Periodicals mail (e.g., 250 pounds of mail to a destination ADC). However, many publishers of small-circulation publications do not choose to take advantage of this opportunity due to the increased preparation costs associated with co-palletization. [Note: A group of flats presorted together to a common destination is currently defined as a “package” in the Domestic Mail Manual. However, packages in this context are usually referred to as “bundles” by the mailing industry, as well as many postal employees, and will be referred to as such throughout this document.]

Because mail prepared in sacks accounts for a disproportionate amount of the Postal Service's costs for processing Periodicals, the Postal Service designed an experiment to test whether an additional discount would encourage the co-palletization of mail that would otherwise be prepared in sacks. Eligibility requires the co-palletized mail to be prepared on ADC or SCF pallets that are drop-shipped to DADCs or DSCFs. The primary beneficiaries of this incentive should be smaller circulation publications, for which, in some cases, complete mailings are now in sacks. Some smaller portions of larger mailings (sometimes referred to as “residual” or “tail of the mail”), as well as smaller circulation versions, editions, and supplemental mailings of large circulation publications could also qualify under the experiment. The objective of the

additional discount is to move mail from origin-entered sacks to drop-shipped pallets.

On September 26, 2002, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3623, the Postal Service filed with the Postal Rate Commission a request for a decision recommending an experimental co-palletization classification, with associated discounts, for Outside-County Periodicals. The request was designated as Docket No. MC2002–3 by the Commission. The Commission recommended the experimental classification and discounts on December 20, 2002. This recommendation was approved by the Governors on January 6, 2003, and the Board of Governors set April 20, 2003, as the anticipated implementation date for the experiment, which is to last two years.

This experiment provides additional per-piece discounts to co-palletized Periodicals that cannot be palletized currently because of volume and density. The discounts will be available for pieces in Periodicals mailings and mailing segments that are currently prepared in sacks that, as a result of co-palletization, are prepared on ADC or SCF pallets and are drop-shipped to DADCs and DSCFs.

For mail that otherwise would have been prepared in sacks under the original presort for the mailing (before co-palletization), a new per-piece discount of \$0.007 would be available for bundles on ADC and SCF pallets entered at destination ADCs. For SCF pallets drop-shipped to destination SCFs, the new per-piece discount would be \$0.01. The discounts do not apply to mail prepared on any other pallet level. While mailers will be expected to prepare pallets of at least 250 pounds, the new discount would be available for pallets weighing less than 250 pounds. Less than 250-pound pallets (except overflow pallets) would not be eligible for the existing pallet discounts (e.g., \$0.015 for drop-shipped mail on pallets of 250 or more pounds).

Co-palletization will consist of bundles of mail that remain intact (before and after co-palletization) and are moved from sacks (before co-palletization) to either ADC or SCF pallets to be drop-shipped to the appropriate DADC or DSCF. Mail that moves from an ADC pallet before co-palletization (e.g., 250 or more pounds to an ADC) to an SCF pallet as a result of co-palletization would not be entitled to either of the new discounts.

The following explains the Periodicals mail types that could be eligible for the experimental co-palletization discounts: