

modified from the proposed 90 days to 95 days.

Another option currently available to mailers to assist with narrow processing windows is the use of Z4Change list matching as defined in DMM A950.3.2. Furthermore, in the interest of consistent processing requirements, it is proposed that the 90-day Address Matching standard for Periodicals and Standard Mail sent at carrier route rates be modified to 95 days. It should be noted that although concerns about the frequency of matching were also expressed when the 90-day carrier route rate requirement was first implemented, mailers were able to adjust their mailing processes to meet the list processing window.

Due to the high rate of change in addressing data, the Postal Service believes that the benefits are worth the behavioral changes that the mailing industry and the Postal Service would have to make to reduce UAA mail volumes.

(5) Address Matching Directory Update Frequency

The Postal Service proposes to require the use of monthly (instead of bimonthly) directory updates for address matching software. This proposal goes "hand in hand" with the revisions in the fourth proposal. That is, the adoption of one strategy without the other would sacrifice the desired improvement in efficiency and quality of the Address Matching process.

One commenter felt that there was some confusion regarding the difference between the two.

To clarify, the Postal Service respectfully points out that the fourth proposal from the Advance Notice modifies the cycle time in which addresses must be processed through Postal Service CASS-certified Address Matching software in order to qualify for discounted rates. This proposal modifies the cycle that the address directories used in conjunction with CASS-certified software must be updated prior to processing addresses.

In order to ensure understanding of these standards, the Postal Service will provide further guidance concerning these processes in publications including the CASS Technical Guide, the Postal Bulletin, and the Mailer's Companion.

Part B

It should be remembered that the following DMM revisions are proposals only and are presented to assist mailers with their review and comments. The proposed DMM changes below are to the current DMM which includes

"organizational" changes made via Postal Bulletin 22104, June 12, 2003. To view the current DMM go to <http://pe.usps.gov>.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act [5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c)] regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites comments on the following proposed revisions to the Domestic Mail Manual, which is incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR 111.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, 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, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. Revise the Domestic Mail Manual as follow:

Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)

A ADDRESSING

A000 Basic Addressing

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A030 Address Quality

1.0 MOVE UPDATE

1.1 Basic Standards

The Move Update standard is a means of reducing the number of mailpieces in a mailing that require forwarding by the periodic matching of a mailer's address records with customer-filed change-of-address orders received and maintained by the USPS. For the purposes of this standard, address means a specific address associated with a specific occupant name. Addresses used on pieces claiming certain rates that are subject to the Move Update standard under 1.2 must meet these requirements:

[Change "180" days to "95" days in 1.1a to read as follows:]

a. Each address and associated occupant name used on the mailpieces in a mailing must be updated within 95 days before the mailing date, with one of the USPS-approved methods in 1.4.

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[Change "180" days to "95" days in 1.1c to read as follows:]

c. If an address used on a mailpiece in a mailing at one class of mail and rate is updated with an approved method (e.g., Address Change Service), the same address may be used during the

following 95 days and meets the Move Update standard required in 1.2.

1.2 Mail Classes and Rates

[Revise 1.2 to read as follows:]

Except as provided in 1.3, addresses used on pieces claiming the rates listed for the following classes of mail, regardless of processing category and any required surcharges, must meet the Move Update standard:

- a. First-Class Mail, nonautomation Presorted rate and automation rates.
- b. Periodicals, all rates.
- c. Standard Mail, all rates.
- d. Bound Printed Matter, Presorted rate and carrier route rate.

1.3 Exception

[Change "First-Class Mail move update standard" to "Move Update standard" in 1.3 to read as follows:]

The Move Update standard does not apply to any mail bearing an alternative addressing format under A020.

1.4 USPS-Approved Methods

[Revise 1.4 by removing 1.4f to read as follows:]

The following methods are authorized for meeting the Move Update standard:

- a. Address Change Service (ACS).
- b. National Change of Address (NCOA).

c. FASTforward Mailing List Correction (MLC).

d. FASTforward MLOCR processes (letter-size and flat-size mail only) if used each time before mail entry. If a mailpiece that initially uses FASTforward MLOCR processing is rejected and then entered into a Direct View Encoding Desk (DVED) operation (or similar system), the piece does not meet the Move Update standard. The name and address information on the piece must then be processed through a FASTforward RVE system to meet the Move Update standard. FASTforward RVE processes also meet the Move Update standard if used each time before mail entry. As provided in C010.6.0, a letter-size envelope containing a window that intrudes into the barcode clear zone (see C840) is not eligible for MLOCR or RVE FASTforward processing.

e. Mailer Move Update Process Certification and USPS-approved alternative methods for mailers with legitimate restrictions on incorporating USPS-supplied change-of-address information into their mailing lists. The National Customer Support Center (see G043 for address) administers and approves both Mailer Move Update Process Certification and alternative methods.

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