

**3.0 CARRIER ROUTE ACCURACY****3.1 Basic Standards**

The carrier route accuracy standard is a means of ensuring that the carrier route code correctly matches the delivery address information. For the purposes of this standard, address means a specific address associated with a specific carrier route code. Addresses used on pieces claiming certain rates that are subject to the carrier route accuracy standard under 3.2 must meet these requirements:

[Change “within 90 days” to “within 95 days” in 3.1a to read as follows:]

a. Each address and associated carrier route code 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 3.4. For the First-Class Mail automation carrier route rate and the Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail automation rate, USPS City State Product information must also be updated within 95 days before the mailing date.

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[Change “within 90 days” to “within 95 days” in 3.1c to read as follows:]

c. If the carrier route code (and accuracy) of an address used on a mailpiece in a carrier route mailing at one class of mail and rate is updated with an approved method, the same address may be used during the following 95 days to meet the carrier route accuracy standard required for mailing at any other class of mail and rate.

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**A900 Customer Support**

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**A950 Coding Accuracy Support System (CASS)**

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**3.0 DATE OF ADDRESS MATCHING AND CODING****3.1 Update Standards**

[Revise 3.1 to read as follows:]

Unless Z4CHANGE is used, all automation and carrier route mailings bearing addresses coded by any AIS

product must be coded with current CASS-certified software and the current USPS database and meet these standards:

a. Coding must be done within 95 days before the mailing date for all carrier route mailings and all automation rate mailings.

b. All AIS products may be used immediately on release. New product releases must be installed in address matching systems no later than 45 days after the release date. The overlap in dates for product use allows mailers adequate time to install the new data files and test their systems. Mailers are expected to update their systems with the latest data files as soon as practicable and not wait until the “last permissible use” date. Exhibit 3.1 defines the “current USPS database” product cycle.

c. The mailer’s signature on the postage statement certifies that this standard has been met for each address in the corresponding mailing presented to the USPS.

**EXHIBIT 3.1.—USPS DATABASE PRODUCT CYCLE**

File release	Required use	Last permissible use
Use of file released on:	Must begin no later than:	And must end no later than:
January 15 .....	March 1 .....	March 31
February 15 .....	April 1 .....	April 30
March 15 .....	May 1 .....	May 31
April 15 .....	June 1 .....	June 30
May 15 .....	July 1 .....	July 31
June 15 .....	August 1 .....	August 31
July 15 .....	September 1 .....	September 30
August 15 .....	October 1 .....	October 31
September 15 .....	November 1 .....	November 30
October 15 .....	December 1 .....	December 31
November 15 .....	January 1 .....	January 31
December 15 .....	February 1 .....	February 28/29

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**E200 Periodicals**

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**E220 Presorted Rates****1.0 BASIC INFORMATION**

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**1.3 Address Quality**

All pieces in a Periodicals Presorted rate mailing must bear a delivery address that includes the correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code and that meets these address quality standards:

[Add new 1.3a and redesignate current 1.3a and 1.3b as 1.3b and 1.3c, respectively, to read as follows:]

a. The Move Update standard in A030.1.0.

b. The ZIP Code accuracy standard in A030.2.0.

c. If an alternative addressing format is used, the standards in A020.

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**E230 Carrier Route Rates****1.0 BASIC INFORMATION**

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**1.3 Address Quality**

All pieces in a Periodicals carrier route rate mailing must bear a delivery address that includes the correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code and that meets these address quality standards:

[Add new 1.3a and redesignate current 1.3a through 1.3c as 1.3b

through 1.3d, respectively, to read as follows:]

a. The Move Update standard in A030.1.0.

b. If an alternative addressing format is used, the additional standards in A020.

c. If flat-size pieces are prepared with detached address labels, the additional standards in A060.

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**E240 Automation Rates****1.0 BASIC STANDARDS****1.1 All Pieces**

All pieces in a Periodicals automation rate mailing must:

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c. Bear a delivery address that includes the correct ZIP Code, ZIP+4