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Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act [5 U.S.C. of 553(b), (c)] regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comment on the following proposed revisions to the *Domestic Mail Manual*, incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR 111.1.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

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, 416, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. Amend the following sections of the *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) as set forth below:

E Eligibility

E000 Special Eligibility Standards

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E050 Official Mail (Franked)

1.0 BASIC INFORMATION

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[Add new 1.8 specifying that franked mail meets the sender-identified requirement, to read as follows:]

1.8 Sender-Identified Mail Requirement

Placement of the written or printed facsimile signature or other markings specified in Exhibit 1.1 meets the sender-identified requirement for discount rate franked mailings made under E100, E600, and E700.

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E100 First-Class Mail

E110 Basic Standards

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[Renumber current 4.0 and 5.0 as new 5.0 and 6.0, respectively. Add new 4.0 to state the new requirements for sender-identified mail to read as follows:]

4.0 SENDER-IDENTIFIED MAIL

4.1 Requirement

To be eligible for any First-Class Mail discount postage rates under E130 or E140, all mailpieces must identify the sender. Postage must be paid using a permit imprint, meter, or precanceled stamp. Sender-identified mail must meet the requirements in 4.2, 4.3, or 4.4.

4.2 Permit Imprint Mailings

If the permit imprint appearing on discount rate First-Class Mail pieces is not issued in the same name as that of the sender (*i.e.*, owner) of the mailpiece, one of the following requirements must be met:

a. Each mailpiece must display a domestic return address that is the actual address of the sender (*i.e.*, owner) of the mailpiece such that it enables identification of the origin location or organization of the mailing.

b. The permit imprint holder must maintain adequate records that indicate the actual name and address of the sender (*i.e.*, owner) of the mailpiece. The records must be retained for one year from the date of the mailing and must be made available to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service immediately upon request.

4.3 Precanceled Stamp Mailings

Each mailpiece bearing precanceled stamps and sent at a First-Class Mail discount postage rate must bear a domestic return address. If the return address is not the address of the precanceled stamp permit holder the party located at the return address shown on the mailpiece must maintain adequate records that indicate the actual name and address of the sender (*i.e.*, owner) of the mailpiece. The records must be retained for one year from the date of the mailing and must be made available to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service immediately upon request.

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E200 Periodicals

E210 Basic Standards

E211 All Periodicals

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[Renumber current 1.4 as 1.5. Add new 1.4 to state the new requirements for sender-identified mail read as follows:]

1.4 Sender-Identified Mail Requirement

To be eligible for any Periodicals discount postage rates under E217, E220, E230, E240, E250, E260, and E270, all mailpieces must identify the sender. A Periodicals publication that bears a properly prepared identification statement as required in E211 meets the sender-identified requirement.

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E600 Standard Mail

E610 Basic Standards

[Renumber current 5.0 through 9.0 as 6.0 through 10.0 respectively. Add new 5.0 to state the new requirements for sender-identified mail to read as follows:]

5.0 SENDER-IDENTIFIED MAIL

5.1 Requirement

To be eligible for claiming any Standard Mail discount postage rates under E620, E630, E640, E650, and E670, all mailpieces must identify the sender. Postage must be paid using a permit imprint, meter, or precanceled stamp. Sender-identified mail must meet the requirements in 5.2 or 5.3.

5.2 Permit Imprint and Metered Mailings

If the permit imprint or meter indicia appearing on discount rate Standard Mail pieces is not issued in the same name as that of the sender (*i.e.*, owner) of the mailpiece, one of the following requirements must be met:

a. Each mailpiece must display a domestic return address that is the actual address of the sender (*i.e.*, owner) of the mailpiece such that it enables identification of the origin location or organization of the mailing.

b. The permit imprint holder or meter licensee must maintain adequate records that indicate the actual name and address of the sender (*i.e.*, owner) of the mailpiece. The records must be retained for one year from the date of the mailing and must be made available to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service immediately upon request.

5.3 Precanceled Stamp Mailings

Each mailpiece bearing precanceled stamps and sent at a Standard Mail discount rate must bear a domestic return address. If the return address is not the address of the precanceled stamp permit holder, the party located at the return address shown on the mailpiece must maintain adequate records that indicate the actual name and address of the sender (*i.e.*, owner) of the mailpiece. The records must be