

Manual (DMM®) 507.1.9.2, as originally written (under the section titled *Dead Mail*), was intended to facilitate a process for identifying and returning to the original publisher or distributor books and recordings that had become undeliverable as a result of being “loose in the mail” (contents separated from packaging and other address information). Unpredictably, the rule has been misinterpreted by some publishers and distributors as allowing them to reclaim ownership of all UAA mail and not just mail that was truly identified as “loose” in the mail. Practically speaking, there are very few commercially mailed books and sound recordings found loose in the mail. Books and sound recordings seldom separate from their outer wrappings. The vast majority of pieces that are not delivered are pieces that the Postal Service attempted to deliver but were refused by the addressee.

Therefore, the Postal Service is proposing to remove DMM Section 507.1.9.2 in its entirety. To clarify their preferences regarding UAA pieces, mailers are encouraged to use appropriate ancillary service endorsements. Currently, many commercially mailed books and sound recordings are mailed at Standard Mail and Package Services prices using the endorsement, “Change Service Requested”, to indicate that the piece should not be returned. This endorsement requires that UAA pieces, including refused pieces, be disposed of by the Postal Service and a notice of the new address (if applicable) or reason for nondelivery be provided to the mailer. Alternatively, mailers who wish to have UAA Standard Mail or Package Services pieces returned can use the endorsement, “Return Service Requested.” This endorsement requires that UAA pieces, including refused packages, be returned to the sender with the reason for non-delivery; the sender is charged postage at the First-Class Mail single-piece price or Priority Mail single-piece price, for pieces originally sent as Standard Mail, or the appropriate Package Services single-piece price, for pieces originally sent as Package Services mail, based on the weight of the piece.

Background Information

DMM 507.1.9 defines “dead mail” as “matter which is deposited in the mail that is or becomes undeliverable and cannot be returned to the sender from the last office of address.” DMM 507.1.9.1 sets out general procedures for attempting to identify senders or recipients of dead mail and the means by which identifiable items are returned

and postage is collected for return. DMM 507.1.9.3 notes that the Postal Operations Manual (POM) “contains USPS policy and procedures for handling and disposing of dead mail. Those procedures include provisions for the sale or donation of dead mail.

In the past, as now, commercial mailers of books and sound recordings could endorse their mailings to provide for the return of undeliverable as addressed (UAA) items to them by guaranteeing payment upon return, or could by endorsement, or by lack of endorsement, indicate that return was not requested, in which case the undeliverable items were to be considered as the property of the U.S. Postal Service.

DMM 507.1.5.3 and 1.5.4 list and describe the endorsements available to mailers of Standard Mail and Package Services parcels who want to have pieces that are undeliverable as addressed forwarded or returned. Each of these endorsements (“Forwarding Service Requested,” “Return Service Requested,” or “Address Service Requested,”), provide for return of an item to the mailer under certain specified conditions when the mailer provides payment for the return at the appropriate price.

Accordingly, the Postal Service proposes to delete DMM 507.1.9.2. The Postal Service recognizes that this change may affect the ancillary service endorsement choices of mailers of books and sound recordings and therefore proposes that the final rule will be effective 60 days following its publication.

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, 416, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, and 5001.

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

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500 Additional Services

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507 Mailer Services

1.0 Treatment of Mail

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1.9 Dead Mail

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[Delete 1.9.2 in its entirety and renumber current 1.9.3 as new 1.9.2]

1.9.2 Books and Sound Recordings

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We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR Part 111 to reflect these changes if the proposal is adopted.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Waiver of Signature Delivery Process

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service proposes revisions to the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) to update the standards regarding delivery of Express Mail® items with waiver of signature requested and return receipt for merchandise items with waiver of signature requested. We propose that employees deliver these shipments without first attempting to obtain a signature from the addressee.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before July 24, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Mailing Standards, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Room 3436, Washington, DC 20260–3436. You may inspect and photocopy all written comments, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., USPS Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., 11th Floor N, Washington, DC. Do not submit comments via fax or e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monica Grein at 202–268–8411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, the delivery employee attempts to obtain a signature from the addressee even when the sender has authorized a waiver of signature for Express Mail items or items mailed with a return receipt for merchandise. Waiver of signature authorizes delivery to be made

without obtaining the signature of the addressee or addressee's agent as long as the delivery employee establishes the article can be left in the addressee's mail receptacle or other secure location. By requesting waiver of signature, the sender agrees to accept the delivery time and date scan information as valid record of delivery.

The new process will allow a delivery employee to sign the PS Form 3849, *Sorry We Missed You*, without attempting to obtain a signature from the addressee. After signing the PS Form 3849, the delivery employee will deliver the item to the addressee's mail receptacle or other secure location. This process will expedite delivery time because the delivery employee will not be required to try to obtain a signature from the addressee or addressee's agent, when a waiver of signature is authorized.

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 comments on the following proposed revisions to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®), incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR 111.1.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

Accordingly, 39 CFR part 111 is proposed to be amended as follows:

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, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.

2. Revise the following sections of *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as follows:

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100 Retail Letters, Cards, Flats, and Parcels

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110 Express Mail

113 Prices and Eligibility

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4.0 Service Features of Express Mail

4.1 General

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[Revise the text of the first and second sentences in item b as follows:]

b. When a waiver of signature is authorized by the mailer, the delivery employee signs upon delivery. The item is delivered to the addressee's mail receptacle or other secure location.* * *

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115 Mail Preparation

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2.0 Express Mail Next Day and Second Day

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2.2 Waiver of Signature

[Revise the text of 2.2 as follows:]

A mailer sending an Express Mail item may instruct the USPS to deliver an Express Mail Next Day Delivery or Express Mail Second Day Delivery item without obtaining the signature of the addressee or the addressee's agent by checking and signing the waiver of signature on Label 11–B or Label 11–F, *Express Mail Post Office to Addressee*, or indicating waiver of signature is requested on single ply commercial label. Completion of the waiver of signature authorizes the delivery employee to sign upon delivery. The item is delivered to the addressee's mail receptacle or other secure location. Mailers who request waiver of signature will be provided only the delivery date and time, and not an image of the signature when accessing delivery information on the Internet or when calling the toll-free number.

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400 Commercial Parcels

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410 Express Mail

413 Prices and Eligibility

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500 Additional Mailing Services

503 Extra Services

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8.0 Return Receipt for Merchandise

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8.3 Mailing

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8.3.2 How To Mail

A mailer can obtain Form 3804 and Form 3811 (return receipt) at the Post Office or from any rural carrier. Observe these procedures:

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[Revise item f as follows:]

f. By signing the waiver on Form 3804, customers are instructing the USPS to deliver the item without obtaining the addressee's or addressee's agent's signature. Completion of the waiver of signature authorizes the delivery employee to sign upon delivery. The item is delivered to the addressee's mail receptacle or other secure location. To request waiver of signature, detach both parts of the gummed sections of label 3804 and attach to the mailpiece.

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We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 if our proposal is adopted.

Neva Watson,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R09-OAR-2006-0186, FRL-8569-7]

Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, Including the Nevada County Air Pollution Control District Portion, Plumas County Air Pollution Control District Portion, and Sierra County Air Pollution Control District Portion

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP), including the Nevada County Air Pollution Control District (NCAPCD) portion, Plumas County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD) portion, and Sierra County Air Pollution Control District (SCAPCD) portion of the SIP. These revisions concern the permitting of air pollution sources. We are approving and removing local rules under authority of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act).

DATES: Any comments on this proposal must arrive by August 8, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, identified by docket number EPA-R09-OAR-2006-0186, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions.

- *E-mail:* R9airpermits@epa.gov.

- *Mail or deliver:* Gerardo Rios (Air-3), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Instructions: All comments will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information that you consider CBI or otherwise protected

should be clearly identified as such and should not be submitted through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. <http://www.regulations.gov> is an "anonymous access" system, and EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send e-mail directly to EPA, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the public comment. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Docket: The index to the docket for this action is available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> and in hard copy at EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. While all documents in the docket are listed in the index, some information may be publicly available only at the hard copy location (e.g., copyrighted material), and some may not be publicly available in either location (e.g., CBI). To inspect the hard copy materials, please schedule an appointment during normal business hours with the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposal addresses the approval of NSAQMD Rules 501, 505, 510, 511, 512, 513, 515, and 517 into the SIP and the removal of eight NCAPCD, two PCAPCD, and four SCAPCD permitting rules from the SIP. In the Rules section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving revisions in these local rules in a direct final action without prior proposal because we believe these SIP revisions are not controversial. If we receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule.

Please note that if we receive adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, we may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this time. If we do not receive adverse comments, no further activity is planned. For further information, please see the direct final action.

Dated: April 16, 2008.

Laura Yoshii,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 516 and 552

[GSAR Case 2006-G504; Docket 2008-0007; Sequence 7]

RIN 3090-A158

General Services Acquisition Regulation; GSAR Case 2006-G504; Rewrite of GSAR Part 516; Types of Contracts

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) is proposing to amend the General Services Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to revise language pertaining to requirements for types of contracts.

DATES: Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat on or before September 8, 2008 to be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by GSAR Case 2006-G504 by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting "GSAR Case 2006-G504" under the heading "Comment or Submission." Select the link "Send a Comment or Submission" that corresponds with GSAR Case 2006-G504. Follow the instructions provided to complete the "Public Comment and Submission Form." Please include your name, company name (if any), and "GSAR Case 2006-G504" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4041, ATTN: Laurieann Duarte, Washington, DC 20405.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite GSAR Case 2006-G504 in all correspondence related to this case. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.