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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

International Mail Manual; Incorporation by Reference

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service announces the issuance of Issue 35 of the International Mail Manual (IMM), and its incorporation by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This final rule is effective on February 25, 2009. The incorporation by reference of Issue 35 of the IMM is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 25, 2009.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Issue 35 of the International Mail Manual was issued on May 12, 2008. It replaced all previous editions. Issue 35 of the IMM continues to serve the objectives of the Postal Service's Transformation Plans, the 2004-2008 Five-Year Strategic Plan, the Strategic Transformation Plan 2006-2010, and Vision 2013, Plan for 2009-2013 to enable the Postal Service to fulfill its long-standing mission of providing affordable, universal mail service. The Plans' key strategies include improving operational efficiency, supporting growth through added value to customers, and enhancing the Postal Service's performance-based culture.

In addition, Issue 35 sets forth specific changes such as new mailing standards and pricing for shape-based First-Class Mail International Service: Postcards, Letters, Large Envelopes (Flats), and Packages (Small Packets), expanded country price groups for First Class Mail International service to nine price groups to align with Express Mail International and Priority Mail

International services, commercial base pricing and commercial volume pricing for Express Mail International and Priority Mail International Services. Issue 35 also corrects various printing and format errors and omissions in the previous Issue.

The International Mail Manual is available to the public on a subscription basis only from: New Orders, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. The subscription price for one issue is currently \$42 to addresses in the United States, and \$58.80 to all foreign addresses. The IMM is also published and available to all users on the Internet at <http://pe.usps.gov>.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20

Foreign relations; Incorporation by reference.

■ In view of the considerations discussed above, the Postal Service hereby amends 39 CFR Part 20 as follows:

PART 20—INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 401, 404, 407, 408, 3622, 3632, and 3633.

■ 2. Section 20.1 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.1 International Mail Manual; incorporation by reference.

(a) Section 552(a) of Title 5, U.S.C., relating to the public information requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, provides in pertinent part that matter reasonably available to the class of persons affected thereby is deemed published in the **Federal Register** when incorporated by reference therein with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register. In conformity with that provision, with 39 U.S.C. section 410(b)(1), and as provided in this part, the U.S. Postal Service hereby incorporates by reference its International Mail Manual (IMM), Issue 35, dated May 12, 2008. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(b) The current Issue of the IMM is incorporated by reference in paragraph (a) of this section. Successive Issues of

the IMM are listed in the following table:

International mail manual	Date of issuance
Issue 1	November 13, 1981.
Issue 2	March 1, 1983.
Issue 3	July 4, 1985.
Issue 4	September 18, 1986.
Issue 5	April 21, 1988.
Issue 6	October 5, 1988.
Issue 7	July 20, 1989.
Issue 8	June 28, 1990.
Issue 9	February 3, 1991.
Issue 10	June 25, 1992.
Issue 11	December 24, 1992.
Issue 12	July 8, 1993.
Issue 13	February 3, 1994.
Issue 14	August 4, 1994.
Issue 15	July 9, 1995.
Issue 16	January 4, 1996.
Issue 17	September 12, 1996.
Issue 18	June 9, 1997.
Issue 19	October 9, 1997.
Issue 20	July 2, 1998.
Issue 21	May 3, 1999.
Issue 22	January 1, 2000.
Issue 23	July 1, 2000.
Issue 24	January 1, 2001.
Issue 25	July 1, 2001.
Issue 26	January 1, 2002.
Issue 27	June 30, 2002.
Issue 28	January 1, 2003.
Issue 29	July 1, 2003.
Issue 30	August 1, 2004.
Issue 31	May 31, 2005.
Issue 35	May 12, 2008.

■ 3. Section 20.2 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.2 Effective date of the International Mail Manual.

The provisions of the International Mail Manual Issue 35, effective May 12, 2008 are applicable with respect to the international mail services of the Postal Service.

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39 CFR Part 20

International Product and Price Changes

AGENCY: Postal Service.™

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is revising *Mailing Standards of the United States*