

and Package Services machinable parcels, and Standard Mail Marketing parcels 6 ounces or more, as combined machinable parcels as shown in the table below.

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[Revise the heading and introductory text of 21.3.3 as follows:]

**21.3.3 Combining Standard Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services Parcels (APPS-Machinable)**

Prepare and enter Standard Mail, Parcel Select, Parcel Select Lightweight, and Package Services irregular parcels, and Standard Mail Marketing parcels (weighing at least 2 ounces, but less than 6 ounces, that are not tubes, rolls, triangles, or similarly irregularly shaped parcels) as combined APPS-machinable parcels as shown in the table below.

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[Revise the heading and introductory text of 21.3.4 as follows:]

**21.3.4 Combining Standard Mail, Parcel Select, and Package Services Irregular Parcels (Not APPS-Machinable)**

Prepare and enter Standard Mail, Parcel Select, Parcel Select Lightweight, and Package Services, and Standard Mail Marketing parcels under 2 ounces, as combined not APPS-machinable parcels as shown in the table below.

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**708 Technical Specifications**

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**6.0 Standards for Barcoded Tray Labels, Sack Labels, and Container Placards**

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**6.2 Specifications for Barcoded Tray and Sack Labels**

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**6.2.4 3-Digit Content Identifier Numbers**

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**Exhibit 6.2.4 3-Digit Content Identifier Numbers**

**CLASS AND MAILING CIN HUMAN-READABLE CONTENT LINE**

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**STANDARD MAIL**

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[Delete the heading for “STD Not-Flat-Machinable Pieces Less Than 6 Ounces—Nonautomation” and the five rows immediately beneath it in their entirety.]

[Delete the heading for “STD Not-Flat-Machinable 6 Ounces or More—

Nonautomation” under the “Standard Mail” category and the five rows immediately beneath it in their entirety.]

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**PACKAGE SERVICES**

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[Insert a new category designator heading “Parcel Select” immediately above the “Parcel Select Machinable Parcels” subcategory as follows:]

**PARCEL SELECT**

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[Insert headings and text for two new subcategories of Parcel Select Lightweight immediately above the “Combined Package Services and Parcel Select Parcels” subcategory as follows:]

**PARCEL SELECT LIGHTWEIGHT MACHINABLE PARCELS**

|                       |     |                  |
|-----------------------|-----|------------------|
| 5-digit sacks ..      | 670 | STD MACH 5D.     |
| 5-digit scheme sacks. | 670 | STD MACH 5D SCH. |
| ASF sacks ....        | 672 | STD MACH ASF.    |
| NDC sacks ....        | 673 | STD MACH NDC.    |
| mixed NDC sacks.      | 674 | STD MACH WKG.    |

**PARCEL SELECT LIGHTWEIGHT IRREGULAR PARCELS**

|                       |     |                   |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 5-digit sacks ..      | 590 | STD IRREG 5D.     |
| 5-digit scheme sacks. | 590 | STD IRREG 5D SCH. |
| SCF sacks ....        | 596 | STD IRREG SCF.    |
| ASF sacks ....        | 571 | STD IRREG ASF.    |
| NDC sacks ....        | 570 | STD IRREG NDC.    |
| mixed NDC sacks.      | 594 | STD IRREG WKG.    |

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We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 to reflect these changes.

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**POSTAL SERVICE**

**39 CFR Part 501**

**Authority To Manufacture and Distribute Postage Evidencing Systems**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule clarifies the responsibility of the providers of Postage Evidencing Systems (PES) to safeguard customer information and

maintain regulatory controls over agents operating third-party locations at domestic or international (off shore) facilities.

**DATES:** This rule is effective January 11, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Payment Technology, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Room 3660, Washington, DC 20260-0911. Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Payment Technology office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hank Heren, Business Programs Specialist, Payment Technology, U.S. Postal Service, at (309) 671-8926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This final rule is intended to assure that the same general rules apply to third-party organizations as apply to the PES providers. The PES providers must ensure that any third party acting on their behalf performing any function maintains the same facilities, records, and procedures to safeguard the security of the PES.

**List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 501**

Postal Service.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated, 39 CFR part 501 is amended as follows:

**PART 501—AUTHORIZATION TO MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTE POSTAGE EVIDENCING SYSTEMS**

■ 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 501 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 410, 2601, 2605, Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (Pub. L. 95-452, as amended); 5 U.S.C. App. 3.

■ 2. Section 501.3 is amended by revising paragraph (d) and adding paragraph (e) as follows:

**§ 501.3 Postage Evidencing System provider qualification.**

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(d) As the provider bears the ultimate responsibility to ensure customer information will not be compromised at any domestic or off shore locations, the provider (as well as its agent operating domestic or off shore locations) will not cause or permit data to be released other than for the operation of the third-party location. The provider shall notify its customer that data relating to its systems is being housed by a third-party location, and shall provide a copy thereof to the Postal Service of such notice to its customers. To the extent that any unauthorized release takes

place, the vendor shall notify the Postal Service immediately upon discovery of any unauthorized use or disclosure of data or any other breach or improper disclosure of data of this agreement by the provider (as well as its agent operating the third-party location) and will cooperate with the Postal Service in every reasonable way to help the Postal Service regain possession of the data and prevent its further unauthorized use or disclosure. In the event that the Postal Service cannot regain possession of the data or prevent its further unauthorized use or disclosure, the provider shall indemnify the Postal Service from damages resulting from its (or such third-party) actions.

(e) Have, or establish, and keep under its active supervision and control adequate facilities for the control, distribution, and maintenance of PES and their replacement or secure disposal or destruction when necessary and appropriate.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0872; FRL-9504-7]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; General Conformity Requirements for Federal Agencies Applicable to Federal Actions

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is taking direct final action to approve revisions to the Commonwealth of Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revision consists of a regulation adopted by Virginia to incorporate revisions to Federal general conformity requirements promulgated in July of 2006 and in April of 2010. EPA is approving this Virginia SIP revision to update its state general conformity requirements rule for Federal agencies applicable to Federal actions (Virginia's General Conformity Rule) to align with the Federal General Conformity Requirements Rule. This approval action is being taken in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

**DATES:** This rule is effective on February 10, 2012, without further notice, unless

EPA receives adverse written comment by January 11, 2012. If EPA receives such comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID Number EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0872 by one of the following methods:

A. *www.regulations.gov.* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

B. *Email: fernandez.cristina@epa.gov.*  
C. *Mail: EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0872, Cristina Fernandez, Associate Director, Office of Air Program Planning, Mailcode 3AP30, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.*

D. *Hand Delivery:* At the previously listed EPA Region III address. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0872. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at *www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through *www.regulations.gov* or email. The *www.regulations.gov* Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through *www.regulations.gov*, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. 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. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

*Docket:* All documents in the electronic docket are listed in the

*www.regulations.gov* index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in *www.regulations.gov* or in hard copy during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the State submittal are available at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Rehn, (215) 814-2176, or by email at *rehn.brian@epa.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document, whenever "we," "us," or "our" is used, we mean EPA. The following outline is provided to aid in locating information in this preamble.

- I. Summary of General Conformity Requirements and the SIP Revision
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#### I. Summary of General Conformity Requirements and the SIP Revision

##### A. What is general conformity and how does it affect air quality?

The intent of the general conformity requirement is to prevent the air quality impacts of Federal actions from causing or contributing to a violation of a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) or interfering with the purpose of a SIP. Under the CAA as amended in 1990, Congress recognized that actions taken by Federal agencies could affect state and local agencies' abilities to attain and maintain the NAAQS. Section 176(c) of the CAA, as codified in Title 42 of the United States Code (42 U.S.C. 7506), requires Federal agencies assure that their actions conform to the applicable SIP for attaining and maintaining compliance with the NAAQS. General conformity is defined to apply to NAAQS established pursuant to section 109 of the CAA,