

apply. Entry into the zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi (COTP) or a designated representative. A designated representative is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard assigned to units under the operational control of USCG Sector Corpus Christi.

(2) Persons or vessels desiring to enter or pass through the zones must request permission from the COTP Sector Corpus Christi on VHF-FM channel 16 or by telephone at 361-939-0450.

(3) If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the COTP or designated representative.

(d) *Information broadcasts.* The COTP or a designated representative will inform the public through Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs), Local Notices to Mariners (LNMs), and/or Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs) as appropriate of the enforcement times and dates for these security zones.

Dated: April 19, 2023.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Parts 1 and 41

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Reducing Patent Fees for Small Entities and Micro Entities Under the Unleashing American Innovators Act of 2022

Correction

■ Rule document C1-2023-05382, appearing on page 19862, beginning in the first column, in the issue of Tuesday, April 4, 2023, is hereby withdrawn.

In rule document 2023-05382, appearing on pages 17147-17159, in the issue of Wednesday, March 22, 2023, make the following corrections:

■ On page 17157, in the first column, in instruction 8, the table heading for Table 3 to Paragraph (a)(1)(i)(C) and the table heading for Table 4 to Paragraph (a)(1)(ii) are corrected to read as follows:

§ 1.445 International application filing, processing and search fees. [Corrected]

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- (1) * * *
- (i) * * *
- (C) * * *

TABLE 3 TO PARAGRAPH (a)(1)(i)(C)

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- (ii) * * *

TABLE 4 TO PARAGRAPH (a)(1)(ii)

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Hardcopy Postage Statements Discontinued

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is amending *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) in various sections to discontinue the use of hardcopy postage statements for domestic commercial mailings.

DATES: *Effective:* January 28, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Filipski at (312) 765-3089 or Garry Rodriguez at (202) 268-7281.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 13, 2023, the Postal Service published a notice of proposed rulemaking (88 FR 9218-9221) to discontinue the use of hardcopy postage statements for domestic commercial mailings. In response to the proposed rule, the Postal Service received 16 comments as follows:

Comment: Multiple comments stated eliminating hardcopy postage statements would make it so we cannot submit bulk mailings any longer.

Response: The **Federal Register** Notice proposed rule provided that Postal Wizard® and the Intelligent Mail® Small Business Tool (IMsb) are free and simple electronic documentation solutions available to all customers through the Business Customer Gateway, and that third-party software and mail preparation options are also available on the PostalPro website. In addition, all business mail entry unit (BMEU) employees are trained to assist customers with this transition.

Comment: The USPS should improve communications to the field, specifically requiring local postmasters where Periodical mail is entered to hold in-person meetings with mailers no later than 180 days before any implementation date of this proposal.

Response: Postal Service BMEU employees and managers began reaching out to customers and meeting with them well over a year before the date where we intend to no longer accept hardcopy postage statements. These efforts include weekly informational sessions on using the Intelligent Mail for Small Business Tool and Postal Wizard as well as targeted outreach to individual customers ensuring they know how to use the free electronic documentation options and which third part solutions are available. Internal information sessions and material is continually provided to all BMEU staff and postmasters to ensure they are aware of the changes and can decipher this information to our customers.

Comment: I do not have a computer and cannot submit my postage statement electronically.

Response: BMEUs where you currently bring your hardcopy statement will assist you with submitting a statement electronically.

Comment: Eliminating hardcopy postage statements will create an issue for mailers who mail non-identical pieces and must submit a hardcopy manifest.

Response: Postal Wizard, which is free electronic documentation software available on the Business Customer Gateway, allows for non-identical pieces as do many third-party options listed on PostalPro. The hardcopy manifest that must be accompanied with such a mailing will still be accepted; this FRN only covers postage statements themselves and does not prohibit hardcopy manifests.

Comment: The transition period should be continued through 2025.

Response: The Postal Service has ensured the local BMEUs have encouraged mailers to transition to electronic documentation for several years and official notice was provided 11 months prior to this transition. Given this and that there are various free and easy options to submit electronic documentation, the Postal Service believes January 2024 is sufficient time for hardcopy mailers to transfer.

Comment: The USPS should rapidly enhance the available of service data for newspaper mail. Better visibility.

Response: This comment is beyond the scope of this FRN. However, the Postal Service is exploring visibility enhancements for all our products.

The Postal Service is discontinuing the use of hardcopy postage statements to improve efficiency by expediting the acceptance of commercial mail. Except for Electronic Verification System (eVS®) mailings, all domestic commercial mailings must use an