

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2024-229 and CP2024-235]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* April 19, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the Market Dominant or the Competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Market Dominant or the Competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the

proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern Market Dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3030, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern Competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* MC2024-229 and CP2024-235; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 217 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 11, 2024; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3040.130 through 3040.135, and 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative:* Arif Hafiz; *Comments Due:* April 19, 2024.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC2024-224; Order No. 7041]

Mail Classification Schedule

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is acknowledging a recent Postal Service filing concerning size limitation changes to the Mail Classification Schedule related to international letter-post rolls

¹ See Docket No. RM2018-3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19-22 (Order No. 4679).

and accompanying material changes to product descriptions for certain other products that include international letter-post rolls. This document informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* May 9, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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I. Introduction

On April 9, 2024, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3682 and 39 CFR 3040.212 and 3040.180, the Postal Service filed a notice of proposed changes in the *Mail Classification Schedule* (MCS) concerning the size limitations for international letter-post rolls for certain products with rates of general applicability, as well as accompanying material changes to product descriptions for certain other products that include international letter-post rolls, effective July 14, 2024.¹

II. Contents of Filing

Specifically, the Postal Service proposes changes in the minimum size limits for international letter-post rolls for the following products with rates of general applicability in relevant MCS sections:

- 2320.2 International Priority Airmail (IPA)
- 2325.2 International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)
- 2335.2 Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS)

Id. at 1.

In addition, the Postal Service proposes material changes to product descriptions for the following products with rates not of general applicability

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Changes in Size Limitations and Accompanying Material Changes to Product Descriptions Concerning the Minimum Size Limits for International Letter-Post Rolls, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal, April 9, 2024, at 1-2 (Notice).

that include international letter-post rolls in relevant MCS sections:

- 2340.2 Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters
- 2510.3.2 Global Expedited Package Service (GEPS) Contracts
- 2510.5.2 Global Bulk Economy (GBE) Contracts
- 2510.6.2 Global Plus Contracts
- 2510.7.2 Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts
- 2510.8.2 Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS)—Non-Published Rates

Id. at 2.

The Postal Service states that the Notice satisfies the requirements set forth in 39 U.S.C. 3682 and 39 CFR 3040.212 and 3040.180. *See id.* at 2–3. First, the Notice is filed at least 30 days prior to the intended effective date of July 14, 2024, in accordance with 39 CFR 3040.180(a). *Id.* at 3. Second, the Postal Service submits Attachment 1 with the Notice, which contains the proposed material changes to the MCS sections listed above in legislative format, in accordance with 39 CFR 3040.180(b)(1). *Id.* Third, the Postal Service provides the following supporting justification in accordance with 39 CFR 3040.180(b)(2). *See id.* at 3–7.

As rationale for the proposed changes, the Postal Service states that the proposed changes would result in the MCS more accurately reflecting the Postal Service's current offerings by aligning the MCS with Universal Postal Union (UPU) Conventions Regulations Article 17–104. *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service explains that in May 2023, the UPU Postal Operations Council adopted new minimum dimensions for international letter-post rolls, and the amended UPU Conventions Regulations Article 17–104 will be effective August 1, 2024. *Id.* at 3–4. The new minimum length will be 8.25 inches instead of 4 inches, and the new minimum length plus twice the diameter will be 12 inches instead of 6.75 inches. *Id.* at 4. The Postal Service submits Attachment 2 with the Notice, which contains Governors' Decision No. 24–1 that establishes the revisions to the minimum size limitations for international letter-post rolls for products with rates of general applicability and includes a statement of explanation and justification for the proposed changes. *Id.* at 4, Attachment 2. The Postal Service also submits Attachment 3 with the Notice, which contains Governors' Decision No. 19–1 that authorizes Postal Service management to propose material changes to product descriptions for

products with rates not of general applicability. *Id.* at 4–5, Attachment 3. The Postal Service submits Attachment 4, which is an application for non-public treatment of Governors' Decision No. 19–1. Notice at 5, Attachment 4.

The Postal Service states that although its proposed changes will go into effect a few days before the effective date of the amended UPU Convention Regulations, it does not anticipate this will pose significant operational issues. Notice at 5. In addition, the Postal Service states that allowing the changes proposed in this Notice together with other proposed classification changes in other dockets² to take effect on the same day (July 14, 2024) promotes efficiency in changing information technology systems. *Id.* at 2, 5 n.4.

The Postal Service states that the proposed changes would not result in the violation of any provisions of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR part 3035. The Postal Service explains that changes to size limitations for international letter-post rolls for IPA, ISAL, and FCPIS, which are changes in classes of general applicability, are in accordance with 39 CFR 3035.104(a) and (b), because the Notice is filed at least 30 days before the effective date of the changes and the Notice includes an explanation and justification for the changes, the effective date, and the record of proceedings regarding such decision. *Id.* at 5. In addition, the Postal Service states that the changes to size limitations for international letter-post rolls for IPA, ISAL, and FCPIS are not expected to significantly affect the ability of IPA, ISAL, and FCPIS products to cover an appropriate share of their costs, because international letter-post rolls represent only a subset of the revenue for these products and because these changes are not expected to materially affect revenue for these products in any event. *Id.* at 6. The Postal Service states that it does not separately identify international letter-post rolls, therefore data relating to the cost coverage impact of these changes on IPA, ISAL, and FCPIS are not available. *Id.* As a result, the Postal Service is not able to calculate the exact impact of these changes, and does not submit supporting financial workpapers usually included in Competitive price changes for products with rates of general applicability. *Id.*³ Nevertheless,

² Docket No. CP2024–230, United States Postal Service Notice of Changes in Classifications of General Applicability for Competitive Products, April 9, 2024.

³ The Postal Service acknowledges that ISAL did not cover its costs in FY 2023. *Id.* at 6 n.5 (citing Docket No. ACR2023, United States Postal Service,

in its professional judgment, the Postal Service does not believe these changes will have a significant impact on the cost coverage of IPA, ISAL, and FCPIS. Notice at 6. Furthermore, the Postal Service states that the same conclusion also applies to the changes to the products with rates not of general applicability that include international letter-post rolls. *Id.* at 6–7. Finally, the Postal Service states that the proposed changes in the Notice would not impair the ability of Competitive products to collectively cover an appropriate share of the institutional costs, because the effect of the proposed changes on revenue is likely to be small in relation to total Competitive product revenue. *Id.* at 7.

With regard to the likely impact that the proposed changes would have on users of the product and on competitors, the Postal Service states that the proposed changes may result in fewer items being entered as international letter-post rolls due to the increased minimum dimensions, thereby causing some volume to either migrate to larger dimensions or be sent through competitors. *Id.*

III. Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2024–224 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filing is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 3682 and 39 CFR 3040.212, 3040.180, and part 3035. Comments are due no later than May 9, 2024. The public portions of the filings can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

Annual Compliance Report, December 29, 2023, at 100–01). However, the Postal Service explains that this was largely because of accounting adjustments that are the result of settlement processes established with a particular foreign post for prior calendar years. Notice at 6 n.5 (citing Docket No. ACR2023, Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1–26, 28–57, 61 of Chairman's Information Request No. 2, January 19, 2024, questions 29.a.–29.b. (Docket No. ACR2023, Response to CHIR No. 2)). The Postal Service does not anticipate such large accounting adjustments in future years. Notice at 6 n.5 (citing Docket No. ACR2023, Response to CHIR No. 2, question 29.e.). The Commission recognizes that ISAL has generally covered its attributable cost in prior years, and its failure to cover cost in FY 2023 appears to be a unique occurrence that resulted from the large, unexpected accounting adjustments. Notice at 6 n.5 (citing Docket No. ACR2023, *Annual Compliance Determination*, March 28, 2024, at 68 (FY 2023 ACD)). The Commission encourages the Postal Service to monitor the impact of the price increase for ISAL that took effect in January 2024 and to request further price increases as necessary based on its continued assessment of the product's projected cost coverage. Notice at 6 n.5 (citing FY 2023 ACD at 68). The Postal Service states that it will address any cost coverage issues relating to ISAL in future dockets. Notice at 6 n.5.

The Commission appoints Mallory L. Smith to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this docket, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2024–224 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service’s Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Mallory L. Smith is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments are due no later than May 9, 2024.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Change in Classes of General Applicability for Competitive Products

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice of a change in classes of general applicability for competitive products.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth changes in classes of general applicability for competitive products.

DATES: *Applicable date:* July 14, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher C. Meyerson, 202–268–7820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 8, 2024, pursuant to their authority under 39 U.S.C. 3632 and 3682, the Governors of the Postal Service established classification changes for minimum size limitations for international letter-post rolls in the Mail Classification Schedule. The Governors’ Decision and the record of proceedings in connection with such

decision are reprinted below in accordance with section 3632(b)(2).

Sarah Sullivan,
Attorney, Ethics and Legal Compliance.

Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Mail Classification Schedule Changes to Size Limitations for International Letter-Post Rolls (Governors’ Decision No. 24–1)

February 8, 2024

Statement of Explanation and Justification

Pursuant to our authority under section 404(b) and Chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, the Governors establish classification changes to the minimum size limitations for international letter-post rolls.

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) Convention Regulations will be establishing new dimensions for international letter-post rolls (a certain format for outbound and inbound letter-post items). To conform with these dimension requirements, the Postal Service must revise the minimum size limitations for international letter-post rolls in the Mail Classification Schedule, for products with rates of general applicability. We have evaluated the classification changes in this context in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3632 and 3682. We approve the changes, finding that they are appropriate, and are consistent with the regulatory criteria.

Order

We direct management to file with the Postal Regulatory Commission appropriate notice of these classification changes. The changes in classification set forth herein shall become effective on July 14, 2024.

By The Governors:
/s/

Roman Martinez IV,
Chairman, Board of Governors.

United States Postal Service Office of the Board of Governors

Certification of Governors’ Vote on Governors’ Decision No. 24–1

Consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632(a), I hereby certify that, on February 8, 2024, the Governors voted on adopting Governors’ Decision No. 24–1, and that a majority of the Governors then holding office voted in favor of that Decision.

February 8, 2024.
/s/

Michael J. Elston,
Secretary of the Board of Governors.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270–563, OMB Control No. 3235–0626]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–2736

Extension:

Rule 17g–3—Annual financial and other reports to be filed or furnished by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) (“PRA”), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit an extension for this current collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for approval.

Rule 17g–3 (17 CFR 240.17g–3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) contains certain reporting requirements for nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (“NRSROs”). Specifically, NRSROs are required to file with the Commission, on an annual basis, financial reports containing specified financial statements, certain financial condition reports, and a report on the internal control structure. NRSROs are also required to furnish a report of the number of credit rating actions taken during the most recently completed fiscal year.

Currently, there are 10 credit rating agencies registered as NRSROs with the Commission. Based on staff experience, the Commission estimates that the total burden for NRSROs to comply with Rule 17g–3 is 3,650 hours. In addition, the Commission estimates an industry-wide annual external cost to NRSROs of \$350,000 to comply with Rule 17g–3, reflecting costs to engage the services of independent public accountants and outside counsel.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this