

POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

International Mail: Proposed Changes in Prices and Fees

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In July 2010, the Postal Service filed a notice of mailing services price adjustments with the Postal Regulatory Commission, effective in January 2011. This proposed rule provides the mailing standards that would accompany new prices in 2011.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION DATE].

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver comments to the Manager, Mailing Standards, U.S. Postal Service®, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., RM 3436, Washington, DC 20260-3436. You may inspect and photocopy all written comments between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at USPS® Headquarters Library, 11th Floor North, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC. Email comments, containing the name and address of the commenter, may be sent to: *MailingStandards@usps.gov*, with a subject line of "International January 2011 Price Change." Faxed comments are not accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Obataiye B. Akinwole at 703-292-5260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Postal Service is proposing to change international postage prices and fees in January 2011. Proposed prices are, or will be available, under Docket Number(s) R2010-4 on the Postal Regulatory Commission's website, *www.prc.gov*.

This proposed rule includes price changes and several minor classification changes for First-Class Mail International®, and extra services.

This proposed rule contains the revisions to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM®) that we would adopt to implement the new prices.

First-Class Mail International

Our proposal would increase prices for First-Class Mail International approximately 6.7 percent.

Postcards

The proposed price structure for postcards includes two separate price categories; Canada and Mexico, and all other countries. Canada and Mexico, previously priced individually, now share the same price group. The price for postcards increases by approximately 2.8 percent.

International Extra Services

Our proposal increases prices for extra services by approximately 11.8 percent. The prices for the following First-Class Mail International extra services are proposed to change for:

- Certificate of Mailing
- Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee
- International Reply Coupons
- International Business Reply Service
- Registered Mail™
- Return Receipt
- Restricted Delivery

Israel

To align operational efficiencies more closely with costs, we propose moving Israel from Price Group 8 to Price Group 5 for First-Class Mail International service only.

The prices and fees proposed in this notice, if adopted, would become effective in January 2011.

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 public comment on the following proposed revisions to the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM), incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR Part 20.1.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20

Foreign relations, International postal services.

Accordingly, 39 CFR Part 20 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 20 — [AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR Part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301-307; 18 U.S.C. 1692-1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 407, 414, 416, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.

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

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Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM)

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2 Conditions for Mailing

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240 First-Class Mail International

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243 Prices and Postage Payment Methods

243.1 Prices

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243.13 Destinating Countries and Price Groups

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Exhibit 243.13
First-Class Mail International Price Groups

[Revise Exhibit 243.13 by changing the Price Group for Israel to Price Group 5:]

Country	Price Group
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Israel	5

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Country Price Groups and Weight Limits

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[Revise the country listing for Israel by changing the Price Group for First-Class Mail International as follows:]

Country	Global Express Guaranteed		Express Mail International		Priority Mail International ¹		First-Class Mail International	
	Price Group	Max. Wt. (lbs.)	Price Group	Max. Wt. (lbs.)	Price Group	Max. Wt. (lbs.)	Price Group	Max. Wt. ² (ozs. / lbs.)

Israel	6	70	8	44	8	44	5	3.5/4

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Individual Country Listings

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Country Conditions for Mailing — Israel

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[Revise the heading of First-Class Mail International to change the Price Group as follows:]

First Class Mail International (240) Price Group 5

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[Revise the heading of Airmail M-bags to change the Price Group as follows:]

Airmail M-bags (260) — Direct Sack to One Addressee Price Group 5

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We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 C.F.R. part 20 to reflect these changes if our proposal is adopted.

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