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POSTAL SERVICE

Change in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products

AGENCY: Postal Service.

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

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth time-limited changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products.

DATES: *Effective date:* October 4, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Reed, 202-268-3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 19, 2026, pursuant to their authority under 39 U.S.C. 3632, the Governors of the Postal Service established time-limited price changes for competitive products. The Governors' Decision and the record of proceedings in connection with such decision are reprinted below in accordance with section 3632(b)(2). Mail Classification Schedule language containing the new prices can be found at www.prc.gov.

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DECISION OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ON CHANGES IN RATES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY FOR COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS (GOVERNORS' DECISION NO. 26-7)

August 19, 2026

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION

Pursuant to authority under section 3632 of title 39, as amended by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 ("PAEA"), we establish new prices of general applicability for certain domestic shipping services (competitive products), and concurrent classification changes to effectuate the new prices. These prices shall be in effect at 12:00am CDT on October 4, 2026, until 12:00am CST on January 17, 2027, at which time prices will be restored to approved levels. The changes are described generally below, with a detailed description of the changes in the attachment. The attachment includes the draft Mail Classification Schedule sections with the new prices that will take effect on October 4 displayed in the price charts, as well as the Mail Classification Schedule sections with the prices that will be restored on January 17, 2027, unless the Governors take further action to adjust prices.

As shown in the nonpublic annex being filed under seal herewith, the changes we establish should enable each competitive product to cover its attributable costs (39 U.S.C. § 3633(a)(2)) and should result in competitive products as a whole complying with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a)(3), which, as implemented by 39 C.F.R. § 3035.107(c), requires competitive products collectively to contribute a minimum of 8.1 percent to the Postal Service's institutional costs. Accordingly, no issue of subsidization of competitive products by market dominant products should arise (39 U.S.C. § 3633(a)(1)). We therefore find that the new prices are in accordance with 39 U.S.C. §§ 3632-3633 and 39 C.F.R. § 3035.102.

I. Domestic Products

A. Priority Mail Express

Overall, the Priority Mail Express price change represents a 6.0 percent increase. The existing structure of zoned Retail and Commercial price categories is maintained. Retail prices will increase 6.0 percent on average, while the Commercial price category will increase 6.0 percent on average.

B. Priority Mail

On average, Priority Mail prices will be increased by 6.0 percent. The existing structure of zoned Retail and Commercial price categories is maintained. Retail prices will increase 6.0 percent on average, while the Commercial price category will increase 6.0 percent on average.

C. USPS Ground Advantage

On average, USPS Ground Advantage prices will increase 6.0 percent. The existing structure of zoned Retail and Commercial price categories is maintained. Retail prices will increase 6.0 percent on average, while the Commercial price category will increase 6.0 percent on average.

D. Parcel Select

On average, Parcel Select prices will increase overall by 6.0 percent, with different percentages allocated across weight classes.

No price changes are being made to Special Services or International competitive products.

ORDER

The changes in prices set forth herein shall be effective at 12:00 A.M. on October 4, 2026, and will be rolled back to approved levels at 12:00 A.M. on January 17, 2027. We direct the Secretary of the Board of Governors to have this decision published in the *Federal Register* in accordance with 39 U.S.C. § 3632(b)(2), and direct management to file with the Postal Regulatory Commission appropriate notice of these changes.

By The Governors:

/s/

Amber F. McReynolds
Chair, Board of Governors

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNORS' VOTE ON GOVERNORS' DECISION NO. 26-7

Consistent with 39 USC 3632(a), I hereby certify that on August 19, 2026, the Governors voted on adopting Governors' Decision No. 26-7, and that a majority of the Governors then holding office voted in favor of that Decision.

/s/
_____ Date: August 24, 2026

Lucy C. Trout
Secretary of the Board of Governors

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