

# DMM Redlines for FSS Updates

## Under consideration for January 2017

### 201 Physical Standards

#### 4.0 Physical Standards for Flats

Exhibit 4.7b Pricing for Flats Exceeding Maximum Deflection  
(see 4.6)

##### PERIODICALS OUTSIDE COUNTY

*Piece price eligibility as presented*

~~Machinable barcoded FSS~~

Machinable barcoded 5-digit flat

Machinable barcoded 3-digit flat

Machinable barcoded ADC flat

Machinable barcoded MADC flat

~~Machinable nonbarcoded FSS~~

Machinable nonbarcoded 5-digit flat

Machinable nonbarcoded 3-digit flat

Machinable nonbarcoded ADC flat

Machinable nonbarcoded MADC flat

Nonmachinable barcoded  
or nonbarcoded flat

##### PERIODICALS IN-COUNTY

*Piece price eligibility as presented*

Automation 5-digit flat

Automation 3-digit flat

Automation basic flat

##### STANDARD MAIL

*Eligibility as presented*

~~Automation FSS Sch Pallet~~

~~Automation FSS Other~~

~~Automation FSS Sch Cont.~~

~~Automation FSS Facility Cont.~~

Automation 5-digit flat

Automation 3-digit flat

*Piece price eligibility with failed deflection*

~~Nonmachinable barcoded 5-digit flat~~

Nonmachinable barcoded 5-digit flat

Nonmachinable barcoded 3-digit flat

Nonmachinable barcoded ADC flat

Nonmachinable barcoded MADC flat

~~Nonmachinable nonbarcoded 5-digit flat~~

Nonmachinable nonbarcoded 5-digit flat

Nonmachinable nonbarcoded 3-digit flat

Nonmachinable nonbarcoded ADC flat

Nonmachinable nonbarcoded MADC flat

Price claimed, if otherwise eligible

*Piece price eligibility with failed deflection*

Nonautomation 5-digit flat

Nonautomation 3-digit flat

Nonautomation basic flat

*Eligibility with failed deflection*

~~Nonautomation FSS Sch Pallet~~

~~Nonautomation FSS Other~~

~~Nonautomation FSS Sch Cont.~~

~~Nonautomation FSS Facility Cont.~~

Nonautomation 5-digit flat

Nonautomation 3-digit flat

Automation ADC flat  
Automation MADC flat  
Nonautomation flat (all sort levels)

Nonautomation ADC flat  
Nonautomation MADC flat  
Nonautomation MADC flat

#### **BOUND PRINTED MATTER**

*Eligibility as presented*

*Eligibility with failed deflection*

Barcoded/nonbarcoded presorted flat

Presorted parcel

~~Barcoded/nonbarcoded FSS Sch flat~~

~~Presorted parcel~~

Nonbarcoded nonpresorted flat

Price as claimed, if otherwise eligible

## **207 Periodicals**

### **12.1 Basic Standards**

#### **12.1.1 General**

The standards for nonbarcoded (Presorted) prices are in addition to the standards for other prices or discounts claimed. Not all combinations of prices and discounts are permitted.

#### **12.1.2 Address Quality**

All pieces in a Periodicals nonbarcoded mailing must bear a delivery address that includes the correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code and that meets the ZIP Code accuracy standard in 602.6.0. If used, alternative addresses must meet standards in 602.3.0.

#### **12.1.3 Barcode Quality**

Any Intelligent Mail barcode on a mailpiece must be correct for the delivery address and meet the standards in 708.4.0.

### **12.2 Prices—Outside-County**

Outside-County nonbarcoded (Presorted) prices are based on the following criteria:

- a. Piece prices are based on shape, machinability, barcoding, and presort level. The presort level of the piece is based primarily on the bundle level of the piece, except the presort level of pieces loose in trays is based on the tray level.
- b. Bundle prices are based on the bundle and container sortation level.
- c. Container prices are based on the type of container (tray, sack, or pallet), the level of sortation of the container, and where the container is entered.

### **12.3 Prices—In-County**

#### **12.3.2 Three-Digit Prices**

3-digit prices apply to:

- a. Letter-size pieces in 5-digit and 3-digit bundles of six or more pieces each, placed in 3-digit trays.
- b. Nonletter-size pieces in 5-digit scheme, 5-digit, 3-digit scheme, and 3-digit bundles of six or more addressed pieces each, placed in 3-digit sacks; or 3-digit scheme and 3-digit bundles of six or more addressed pieces each, prepared under 705.8.0 or 705.10.0, 705.12.0, or 705.13.0.
- c. **Qualifying flats sorted to a FSS scheme under 705.14.0.**

## **13.0 Carrier Route Eligibility**

### **13.2.1 Basic Standards**

Preparation to qualify eligible pieces for carrier route prices is optional and need not be performed for all carrier routes in a 5-digit area. Carrier route prices apply to copies that are prepared in carrier route bundles of six or more addressed pieces each, subject to these standards:

- a. *Letter-size mailings.* Carrier route prices apply to carrier route bundles that are sorted into carrier route, 5-digit carrier routes, or 3-digit carrier routes trays under 23.0. Trays may be palletized under 705.8.0.
- b. *Nonletter-size mailings.* Carrier route prices apply to carrier route bundles that are sorted in one of the following ways:
  - 1. Bundles sorted onto pallets prepared under 705.8.0, 705.10.0, 705.12.0, ~~or~~ 705.13.0 **or 705.14.0**, as appropriate.
  - 2. Bundles in carrier route, 5-digit scheme carrier routes, 5-digit carrier routes sacks, or 3-digit carrier routes sacks under 23.0. Sacks may be palletized under 705.8.0.
  - 3. Unsacked bundles entered at a destination delivery unit under 23.4.2 and 29.6.5.

## **14.0 Barcoded (Automation) Eligibility**

### **14.4 Prices—In-County**

#### **14.4.2 Three-Digit Prices**

3-digit automation prices apply to:

- a. Letters in groups of 150 or more pieces to the same 3-digit or 3-digit scheme placed in a 3-digit/scheme tray or trays under 24.0.
- b. Flats in 3-digit scheme, and 3-digit bundles of six or more pieces each, prepared under 25.0 or 705.8.0 through 705.13.0.
- c. **Qualifying flats sorted to a FSS scheme under 705.14.0.**

## 17.0 Documentation

### 17.4.0 Detailed Zone Listing for Periodicals

#### 17.4.1 Basic Standards

The publisher must be able to present documentation to support the actual number of copies of each edition of an issue, by entry point, mailed to each zone, at DDU, DSCF, DADC, DFSS (DFSS entered with DSCF prices) and In-County prices. This listing is separated from the standardized presort documentation required under 17.3. This listing may be submitted with each mailing, or a publisher may keep such records for each mailing for 2 months after the mailing date. A publisher must be able to submit detailed zone listings for specific mailings when requested by the USPS.

#### 17.4.2 Format

Report the number of copies mailed to each 3-digit ZIP Code area at zone prices using one of the following formats:

- a. Report copies by 3-digit ZIP Code, in ascending numeric order, for all ZIP Codes in the mailing. The listing must include these columns: 3-digit ZIP Code, zone, and number of copies. Include a summary of the number of copies at each zone price at the end of the report. A 3-digit ZIP Code may appear more than once if there are copies at different zone prices for that ZIP Code (for example, In-County and Outside-County copies).
- b. Report copies by zone (In-County DDU, In-County others, Outside-County DDU, ~~Outside-County DFSS~~, Outside-County DSCF, ~~Outside-County DSCF entered at a DFSS~~ and Outside-County DADC) and by 3-digit ZIP Code, in ascending numeric order, for each zone. For each zone, the listing must include these columns: 3-digit ZIP Code and number of copies in the mailing. Include a summary of the total number of copies for each zone at the end of each zone listing. A 3-digit ZIP Code may appear under more than one zone if there are copies at different zone prices for that ZIP Code.

#### 17.4.3 Zone Abbreviations

Use the actual price name or the authorized zone abbreviation in the listings in 17.3 and 17.4.2

| <b>ZONE ABBREVIATION</b> | <b>PRICE EQUIVALENT</b>                       |
|--------------------------|---|
| ICD                      | In-County, DDU                                |
| IC                       | In-County, Others                             |
| DDU                      | Outside-County, DDU                           |
| FSS                      | Outside-County, DSCF (mail entered at a DFSS) |
| SCF                      | Outside-County, DSCF                          |
| ADC                      | Outside-County, DADC                          |

|                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1-2 or 1/2                       | zones 1 and 2                     |
| 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (as applicable) | zones 3 through 8 (as applicable) |
| M                                | mixed zones                       |

## 18.0 General Mail Preparation

### 18.5 FSS Preparation

Flat sized Periodicals In-County priced mailings, along with a maximum of 5,000 Outside-County pieces for the same issue (see 1.1.4) ~~and flats mailed at Saturation (Non-simplified addressed) and High Density prices~~ may be optionally sorted under FSS preparation standards. All other Periodicals flats ~~including Saturation (Non-simplified addressed) and High Density priced flats~~ destinating and qualifying to FSS zones in L006, must be prepared under 705.14.0.

## 29.0 Destination Entry

### 29.4.2 Price Eligibility

Determine price eligibility as follows:

- a. Pound Prices. Outside-County pieces are eligible for DSCF pound prices when placed on an SCF or more finely presorted container, deposited at the DSCF, **DFSS** or USPS-designated facility (see also 29.4.2b), and addressed for delivery within the DSCF's **or DFSS** service area. Nonletter-size pieces are also eligible when the mailer deposits 5-digit bundles at the destination delivery unit (DDU) (the facility where the carrier cases mail for delivery to the addresses on the pieces) and the 5-digit bundles are in or on the following types of containers:
  1. A merged 5-digit scheme or merged 5-digit sack.
  2. A merged 5-digit scheme, merged 5-digit, or 5-digit scheme pallet.
- b. Container Prices. Mailers may claim the DSCF container price for SCF **or FSS** and more finely presorted containers that are entered at and destined within the service area of the SCF **or FSS** at which the container is deposited.

### 29.5.2 Eligibility

**DFSS DSCF** prices apply to eligible FSS pieces deposited at a USPS-designated FSS processing facility and correctly placed in a flat tray, sack, alternate approved container or on a pallet, labeled to a FSS scheme processed by that facility, under labeling list L006, **column B or C**. These pieces must include a complete address and the physical standards for machinable flats in 201. Eligibility also

applies to Carrier Route High Density and Saturation containers properly prepared under 23.0 for FSS ZIPs.

## **243 Prices and Eligibility**

### **4.0 Price Eligibility for Standard Mail**

#### **4.2 Minimum Per Piece Prices**

The minimum per piece prices (the minimum postage that must be paid for each piece) apply as follows:

- a. **Basic Requirement.** Except for Product Samples, pieces mailed at Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit, and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route prices are subject to minimum per piece prices when they weigh no more than 3.3 ounces (0.2063 pound).
- b. In applying the minimum per piece prices, a mailpiece is categorized as either a letter or a nonletter, based on whether the piece meets the letter-size standard in 201.1.1.1, without regard to placement of the address on the piece, except under these conditions:
  1. If the piece meets both the definition of a letter in 201.1.1.1 and the definition of an automation flat in 201.6.0, the piece may be prepared and entered at an automation flat price.
  2. If the piece is prepared for automation letter prices, address placement is used to determine the length when applying the size standards and aspect ratio requirements to qualify for automation letter prices under 201.3.0. For this purpose, the length is considered to be the dimension parallel to the address.
  3. Pieces mailed as Customized MarketMail under 243.9.1 must pay the prices in 243.9.2 and must not exceed 3.3 ounces.
- c. **Individual prices.** There are separate minimum per piece prices for each subclass (Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit, and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route) and within each subclass for the type of mailing and the level of presort within each mailing. Except for Customized MarketMail pieces, discounted per piece prices also may be claimed ~~for destination entry mailings (destination flat sequencing sorter (DFSS),~~ destination network distribution center (DNDC), destination sectional center facility (DSCF), and destination delivery unit (DDU)) under 246. DNDC prices are not available for ZIP Code ranges 006-009, 967-969, and 995-999, as indicated in labeling list L601. DDU prices are available only for mail entered at Enhanced Carrier Route or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route prices. There are also separate prices for Marketing parcels,

Nonprofit machinable parcels, and Nonprofit irregular parcels. Under Marketing parcels, there are separate prices for Product Samples. See 1.0 for individual per piece prices.

#### **4.3 Piece/Pound Prices**

Except for product samples, pieces that exceed 3.3 ounces (0.2063 pound) are subject to a two-part piece/pound price that includes a fixed charge per piece and a variable pound charge based on weight. Pieces exceeding 3.3 ounces may not be mailed as Customized MarketMail. There are separate per piece prices for each subclass or product and within each subclass or product for the type of mailing and the level of presort within each mailing under 3.0 through 8.0. There are separate per pound prices for each subclass or product under 3.0 through 8.0. Discounted per pound prices also may be claimed for destination entry mailings—~~DFSS~~, DNDC, DSCF, and DDU under 246.

#### **5.0 Additional Eligibility Standards for Nonautomation Standard Mail Letters, Flats, and Presorted Standard Mail Parcels**

##### **5.6 Nonautomation Price Application – Flats**

###### **5.6.1 5-Digit Prices for Flats**

The 5-digit price applies to flat-size pieces:

- a. In a 5-digit/scheme bundle of 10 or more pieces, or 15 or more pieces, as applicable; properly placed in a 5-digit/scheme sack containing at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces.
- b. When palletized under 705.8.0 and 705.10.0 through 705.13.0, in a 5-digit/scheme bundle of 10 or more pieces, or 15 or more pieces, as applicable.
- c. In a 5-digit bundle of 10 or more pieces, or 15 or more pieces, as applicable; properly placed in a merged 5-digit/scheme or 5-digit sack under 705.10.0.
- d. In an FSS bundle of 10 or more pieces properly placed in sack of at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces or on a pallet under 705.14.0.

###### **5.6.2 3-Digit Prices for Flats**

The 3-digit price applies to flat-size pieces:

- a. In a 5-digit/scheme bundle of 10 or more pieces, or 15 or more pieces, as applicable, or in a 3-digit/scheme bundle of 10 or more pieces; properly placed in a 3-digit sack of at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces.
- b. When palletized under 705.8.0 and 705.10.0 through 705.13.0, in a 3-digit/scheme bundle of 10 or more pieces.

- c. In an FSS bundle of 10 or more pieces properly placed in sack of at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces or on a pallet under 705.14.0.

### **5.6.5 FSS Scheme Piece Price for Flats**

The FSS Scheme Price applies to flat-size pieces:

- a. ~~In an FSS Scheme bundle of at least 10 or more pieces, no matter the container level (FSS Other).~~
- b. ~~The FSS Scheme Pallet price applies to the piece price for flat-sized pieces on a FSS scheme pallet with bundles of 10 or more FSS-schemed pieces properly prepared under 705.14.0~~
- c. ~~The FSS Scheme Container price (DFSS Entry only) applies to the piece price for flat-sized pieces on or in a FSS scheme container with bundles of 10 or more FSS-schemed pieces properly prepared under 705.14.0 and dropped at a DFSS.~~
- d. ~~The FSS Facility Container (DFSS Entry Only) price applies to the piece price for flat-sized pieces in or on a FSS facility container with bundles of 10 or more FSS-schemed pieces properly prepared under 705.14.0 and dropped at a DFSS.~~

### **5.6.6 Mixed ADC Prices for Flats**

~~Mixed ADC prices apply to flat-size pieces in bundles that do not qualify for 5-digit, 3-digit, ADC prices, or FSS prices; placed in mixed ADC sacks or on ASF, NDC, or mixed NDC pallets under 705.8.0.~~

## **6.0 Additional Eligibility Standards for Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail Letters and Flats**

### **6.3 Basic Price Enhanced Carrier Route Standards**

#### **6.3.3 Basic Price Eligibility - Flats**

Basic prices apply to each piece in a carrier route bundle of 10 or more pieces that is:

- a. Palletized under 705.8.0, 705.10.0, 705.12.0, ~~or~~ 705.13.0 **or 705.14.0 (FSS scheme bundles).**
- b. Placed in a carrier route sack containing at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces.
- c. Placed in a merged 5-digit scheme, 5-digit scheme carrier routes, merged 5-digit, or 5-digit carrier routes sack.



- d. Entered at a destination delivery unit as unsacked bundles, according to preparation standards in 245.2.0 and entry standards in 246.5.0.

### 6.5.2 High Density and High Density Plus Prices for Flats

High density or high density plus prices apply to each piece meeting the density standards in 6.5.1 or in a carrier route bundle of 10 or more pieces that is:

- a. Palletized under 705.8.0, 705.10.0, 705.12.0, ~~or~~ 705.13.0 or 705.14.0 (FSS scheme bundles).
- b. Placed in a merged 5-digit scheme, 5-digit scheme carrier routes, merged 5-digit, or 5-digit carrier routes sack.
- c. Placed in a carrier route sack containing at least 125 pieces or 15 pounds of pieces for high density prices.
- d. Placed in a carrier route sack containing at least 300 pieces for high density plus prices.

## 7.0 Eligibility Standards for Automation Standard Mail

### 7.5 Price Application for Automation Flats

Automation prices apply to each piece properly sorted into qualifying groups:

- a. The 5-digit price applies to flat-size pieces in a 5-digit/scheme bundle or pooled in a FSS scheme bundle of 10 or more pieces, or 15 or more pieces, as applicable;
- b. The 3-digit price applies to flat-size pieces in a 3-digit/scheme bundle or pooled in a FSS scheme bundle of 10 or more pieces.
- c. The ADC price applies to flat-size pieces in an ADC bundle of 10 or more pieces.
- d. The mixed ADC price applies to flat-size pieces in mixed ADC bundles (no minimum).
- ~~e. The FSS Scheme Pallet price applies to the piece price for flat-sized pieces on a FSS scheme pallet with bundles of 10 or more FSS-schemed pieces properly prepared under 705.14.0.~~
- ~~f. The FSS Other price applies to the piece price for flat-sized pieces in or on any container other than a FSS Scheme pallet with bundles of 10 or more FSS-schemed pieces properly prepared under 705.14.0.~~
- ~~g. The FSS Scheme Container price (DFSS Entry only) applies to the piece price for flat-sized pieces on or in a FSS scheme container with bundles of 10 or more FSS-schemed pieces properly prepared under 705.14.0 and dropped at a DFSS.~~

- h. ~~The FSS Facility Container (DFSS Entry Only) price applies to the piece price for flat-sized pieces in or on a FSS facility container with bundles of 10 or more FSS-schemed pieces properly prepared under 705.14.0 and dropped at a DFSS.~~

## **245 Mail Preparation**

### **1.0 General Information for Mail Preparation**

#### **1.6 FSS Preparation**

Except for Standard Mail flats mailed at Saturation, ~~High Density, or High Density Plus~~ prices, all Standard Mail flats destinating to a FSS scheme in accordance with labeling list L006 must be prepared under 705.14.0.

## **246 Enter and Deposit**

### **6.0 Destination Flat Sequencing System (DFSS) Facility Entry**

#### **6.2 Eligibility**

~~DFSS DSCF~~ prices apply to pieces deposited at a USPS-designated FSS processing site and correctly placed in or on a container labeled to a FSS scheme or FSS Facility processed by that site under labeling list L006 (Column B or Column C). These pieces must include a full delivery address and meet the physical standards for FSS machinability in 705.14.0.

## **260 Commercial Mail – Bound Printed Matter**

### **263 Prices and Eligibility**

#### **1.0 Prices and Fees for Bound Printed Matter**

##### **1.1.1 Prices**

BPM prices are based on the weight of a single addressed piece or one pound, whichever is higher, and the zone to which the piece is addressed. The nonpresorted price applies to BPM not mailed at the Presorted, ~~FSS scheme~~ or carrier route prices. For prices, see Notice 123–Price List.

##### **1.2.3 Price Application**

The presorted, ~~FSS scheme, FSS scheme container, and FSS facility container~~ Bound Printed Matter price has a per piece charge and a per pound charge. The minimum postage price for an addressed piece is one unit of the per piece charge plus the per pound charge for an addressed piece weighing one pound. Deduct the Full-Service Intelligent Mail per-piece discount for each presorted flat (except pieces mailed at carrier route prices) that complies with the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option requirements under 705.23.0.

### 1.2.8 Computing Postage for Permit Imprint

Presorted, ~~FSS Presorted~~ and Carrier Route Bound Printed Matter mailings paid with permit imprint are charged a per pound price and a per piece price as follows:

- a. Per pound price:
  1. *For pieces weighing 1 pound or less*, compute the per pound price by multiplying the total number of addressed pieces by the 1-pound price for the price category and zone. Do not round this result.
  2. *For pieces weighing more than 1 pound*, compute the per pound price by multiplying the unrounded total weight of the addressed pieces by the pound price for the category and zone. Do not round this result.
- b. Per piece price. Multiply the total number of addressed pieces by the applicable piece price.
- c. Total Postage. Calculate total postage by adding the total per piece calculation to the total per pound calculation. Round off the total postage to the nearest whole cent.

## 4.0 Price Eligibility for Bound Printed Matter

### 4.1 Price Eligibility

BPM prices are based on the weight of a single addressed piece or 1 pound, whichever is higher, and the zone (where applicable) to which the piece is addressed. Price categories are as follows:

- a. Nonpresorted Price. The nonpresorted price applies to mailings of fewer than 300 pieces and to BPM not mailed at the Presorted or carrier route prices.
- b. Presorted Price. The Presorted price applies to BPM prepared in a mailing of at least 300 BPM pieces, prepared and presorted as specified in 265.5.0, 265.8.0, 705.8.0, **705.14.0** and 705.21.0. Each parcel must bear a unique Intelligent Mail package barcode or extra services barcode, including a postal routing code, prepared under 708.5.0.
- c. Carrier Route Price. The Carrier Route price applies to BPM prepared in a mailing of at least 300 pieces presorted to carrier routes, prepared and presorted as specified in 265.6.0, 265.9.0, ~~or~~ 705.8.0 **or 705.14.0**. Each parcel must bear a unique Intelligent Mail package barcode or extra services barcode, including a postal routing code, prepared under 708.5.0.

### 4.2 Destination Entry Price Eligibility

BPM destination entry prices apply to BPM mailings prepared as specified in 705.8.0, **705.14.0** and 265, and addressed for delivery within the service area of a destination network distribution center,

sectional center facility, or delivery unit where they are deposited by the mailer. For this standard, the following destination facility definitions apply:

- a. A destination network distribution center (DNDC) includes all network distribution centers (NDCs) and auxiliary service facilities (ASFs) under L601 and L602. DNDC prices are not available for ZIP Code ranges 006-009, 967-969, and 995-999, as indicated in labeling list L601.
- b. A destination sectional center facility (DSCF) includes all facilities in L005 **and destination flats sequencing system (DFSS) in L006.**
- c. A destination delivery unit (DDU) is a facility that delivers to the addresses appearing on the deposited pieces in a destination entry Parcel Select mailing. Refer to the Drop Shipment Product maintained by the National Customer Support Center (NCSC) (see 608.8.1 for address) to determine the location of a 5-digit delivery facility.

## **265 Mail Preparation**

### **1.0 General Information for Mail Preparation**

#### **1.6 FSS Preparation**

BPM flats claiming ~~FSS~~ presorted ~~scheme~~ prices **in FSS scheme bundles**, meeting the standards in 201 and destinating to a FSS scheme in accordance with labeling list L006, must be prepared under 705.14.0.

## **266 Enter and Deposit**

1.0 Deposit of Nonpresorted Bound Printed Matter

2.0 Presenting a Mailing

3.0 Destination Entry

4.0 Destination Network Distribution Center (DNDC) Entry

5.0 Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) Entry

6.0 Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) Entry

**7.0 Destination Flat Sequencing System (DFSS) Facility Entry**

### **5.0 Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) Entry**

#### **5.2 Presorted Flats**

Presorted flats and automation flats in sacks for the **FSS scheme**, 5-digit, 3-digit, and SCF sort levels or on pallets at the 5-digit scheme, 5-digit, 3-digit, SCF, and ASF sort levels may claim DSCF prices. Mail must be entered at the appropriate facility under 5.1.

## 7.0 Destination flat Sequencing System (DFSS) Facility Entry

### 7.2 Eligibility

~~DFSS DSCF~~ prices apply to pieces deposited at a USPS-designated FSS processing facility and correctly placed on a container labeled to a FSS scheme or a FSS facility processed by that facility or to a single 5-digit destination processed by that facility under labeling list L006. These pieces must include a full delivery address and meet the physical standards for FSS machinability in 705.14.0.

## 705 Advanced Preparation and Special Postage Payment Systems

### 14.0 FSS Scheme Preparation

All presorted and ~~high density plus, high density and~~ basic carrier route Standard Mail, presorted and carrier route Bound Printed Matter (BPM), and Periodicals flats ~~including all carrier route flats~~ meeting the standards in 201.6.2 must be ~~sorted separated/pooled into~~ FSS schemes, properly bundled and placed on or in pallets, trays, sacks, or approved alternate containers, for FSS scheme ZIP Code combinations within the same facility. Mailings that include 10 or more pieces of Standard Mail flats, 6 or more pieces of Periodicals flats, or 10 or more pieces (or 10 or more pounds) of BPM flats to an FSS scheme must be ~~prepared in separated/pooled into~~ FSS scheme bundles. The Postal Service also recommends the use of authorized flat trays in lieu of sacks for FSS bundles. FSS scheme bundles that are not required to be placed in a FSS scheme or FSS facility container are combined with bundles of non-FSS sorted bundles and placed on an applicable SCF, 3-digit or NDC container. Mailers must prepare FSS scheme qualifying mailpieces for each individual FSS scheme combination, and then prepare bundles of uniform size from those pieces. Mailings (excluding saturation mailings of Standard Mail ~~or Periodicals flats~~) with nonpresorted BPM flats may be included in FSS preparation, but will not be eligible for presorted, ~~FSS scheme, FSS scheme container, FSS facility container~~ or carrier route prices. ~~Mailpieces that meet the eligibility standards for 5-digit or 3-digit automation, 5-digit or 3-digit nonautomation, carrier route (except Standard Mail saturation) or presort will continue to be eligible for those piece prices when prepared in accordance with the FSS preparations standards.~~ Mailpieces and bundles must also be prepared as follows:

### 14.2 Basic Standards

#### 14.2.1 Basic Standards

All Periodicals flats (~~including carrier route flats~~) meeting the standards in 201.6.2 and destinating to FSS sites as shown in L006 must be prepared according to these standards. Mailings of In-County Periodicals flats and the associated Outside-County Periodicals flats mailings of 5,000 pieces or less may be prepared according to these standards. Periodicals are subject to the following:

- a. Pricing eligibility is based on 207.11.0 through 207.14.0. ~~All Periodicals flats prepared under these standards will be assessed the FSS scheme price.~~ FSS bundles placed on ~~FSS scheme or~~ FSS facility pallets, sacks, trays, or approved alternate container will claim the ~~FSS scheme 3-Digit/SCF~~ bundle price. ~~FSS bundles placed on a FSS scheme pallet, sack, tray or approved alternate container will claim the Carrier Route bundle price.~~
- b. FSS scheme pallets will be assessed the ~~FSS scheme~~ Carrier Route Pallet price. FSS facility sort level pallets will be charged ~~an FSS Facility a 3-Digit/SCF~~ Pallet container price. FSS scheme ~~or facility~~ sacks or trays will be assessed the ~~FSS scheme 3-Digit/SCF~~ Sack/Tray price. Pallets, sacks and trays entered at a DFSS will claim the ~~DFSS DSCF~~ entry price.
- c. The Outside-County pound price ~~for mail entered at a DFSS~~ will be ~~DFSS the DSCF~~ price. The Inside-County price will claim prices for the “None” entry level.
- d. Mailers must provide standardized presort documentation under 708.1.0 that demonstrates eligibility for ~~FSS~~ prices in accordance with 207.14.0 and 207.25.0.
- e. Each bundle must be identified with an ~~“SCH 5-DIGIT FSS”~~ optional endorsement line in accordance with Exhibit 708.7.1.1, or when authorized, using a red Label 5 SCH barcoded pressure-sensitive bundle label.
- f. All FSS schemed Periodicals mailpieces prepared on FSS scheme pallets must be prepared in uniform size bundles, between 3 inches and 6.5 inches in height and secured under 203.3.0, except that one overflow bundle per mailpiece pool may be under the minimum size. All Periodicals FSS scheme mailpieces must meet the standards in 14.0.

## 14.3 Standard Mail

### 14.3.1 Basic Standards

All flat-size Standard Mail mailpieces ~~(except saturation) may must be combined~~ ~~separated/pooled~~ into 5-digit FSS scheme bundles and placed on pallets, or in sacks or approved alternate containers, for delivery to ZIP Codes having Flats Sequencing System (FSS) processing capability, as shown in L006. Standard Mail flats are subject to the following:

- a. Price eligibility is based on standards in 243.
- b. Mailers must provide standardized presort documentation under 708.1.0 that demonstrates eligibility for ~~FSS scheme~~ prices in accordance with 243.
- c. Each bundle must be identified with an ~~“SCH 5-DIGIT FSS”~~ optional endorsement line in accordance with Exhibit 708.7.1.1; or when authorized, using a red Label 5 SCH barcoded pressure-sensitive bundle label.
- d. Standard Mail FSS scheme mailpieces must meet all the standards in 14.1.

## 14.4 Bound Printed Matter

### 14.4.1 Basic Standards

Bound Printed Matter (BPM) flats ~~eligible for, and paid at FSS Scheme prices and~~ that meet the standards in 201.6.2, must be ~~prepared separated/pooled~~ into FSS scheme bundles and placed on pallets, or in flat trays, sacks, or approved alternate containers, for delivery to ZIP Codes having FSS processing capability, as shown in L006. BPM flats are subject to the following:

- a. Price eligibility for pricing purposes is based on standards in 263.
- b. Mailers must provide standardized presort documentation under 708.1.0 that demonstrates eligibility for ~~FSS scheme~~ prices in accordance with 263.
- c. Mailers must ~~prepare separate/pool~~ all eligible flat-size mailpieces into FSS scheme bundles according to L006.
- d. Each bundle must be identified with an ~~"SCH 5-DIGIT FSS"~~ optional endorsement line in accordance with Exhibit 708.7.1.1; or when authorized, using a red Label 5 SCH barcoded pressure-sensitive bundle label.
- e. All pooled mailpieces prepared to a single palletized presort destination must be prepared in uniform size bundles, between 3 inches and 6.5 inches in height and secured in accordance with 203.3.0, except that one overflow bundle per mailpiece pool may be under the minimum size.

## 15.0 Combining Standard Mail Flats and Periodicals Flats

### 15.1.0 Basic Standards

#### 15.1.6 Piece Prices

Apply piece prices based on the bundle level ~~except FSS scheme bundles apply the piece prices based on the original bundle level~~. Pieces contained within mixed class bundles may claim prices based on the presort level of the bundle.

#### 15.1.11 Preparation for FSS Zones

Mailers authorized to combine mailings of Standard Mail flats and Periodicals flats must prepare these mailings under 14.0, when the mailing includes pieces destinating within one or more of the FSS zones in L006. ~~Mailpieces eligible for High Density and High Density Plus prices are not required to, but may be, prepared under the standards in 14.0.~~ The following applies:

- a. Each mailpiece must be identified with an ~~"SCH 5-DIGIT FSS MIX COMAIL"~~ optional endorsement line (OEL), including the correct ZIP Code listed in L006, Column B, in accordance with Exhibit 708.7.1.1. The OEL described in 2.2 must not be used with mailpieces prepared under this option.

- b. Pallets prepared to an individual FSS sort plan or to a FSS facility sort level must be prepared under 14.3.2, except that the contents line (line 2) must include the "STD/PER" description instead of the "STD" description, and must include "MIX COMAIL" as the final element of line 2.
- c. All residual pallet levels must be prepared in accordance with 14.1f through 14.1g.

## 15.4.0 Pallet Preparation

### 15.4.1 Pallet Preparation, Sequence and Labeling

When combining Standard Mail and Periodicals flats within the same bundle or combining bundles of Standard Mail flats and bundles of Periodicals flats on pallets, bundles must be placed on pallets. Preparation, sequence and labeling: *[Note: the "a" and "b" have been reversed.]*

- ~~a. *Merged 5-digit scheme, optional.* Not permitted for bundles containing noncarrier route automation-compatible flats under 201.6.0. Required for all other bundles. Pallet must contain carrier route bundles and noncarrier route 5-digit bundles (Presorted bundles only) for the same 5-digit scheme under L001. For 5-digit destinations not part of L001, merged 5-digit pallet preparation begins with 15.4.1d. Labeling:
  - 1. Line 1: L001.
  - 2. Line 2: "STD/PER FLTS CR/5D;" followed by "SCHEME" (or "SCH"); followed by "MIX COMAIL."~~
- ~~b. *5-digit scheme carrier routes, required.* Pallet must contain only carrier route bundles for the same 5-digit scheme under L001. For 5-digit destinations not part of L001, 5-digit carrier routes pallet preparation begins with 15.4.1c. Labeling:
  - 1. Line 1: L001.
  - 2. Line 2: "STD/PER FLTS"; followed by "CARRIER ROUTES" (or "CR-RTS"); followed by "SCHEME" (or "SCH"); followed by "MIX COMAIL."~~
- a. *5-digit scheme carrier routes, required.* Pallet must contain only carrier route bundles for the same 5-digit scheme under L001. For 5-digit destinations not part of L001, 5-digit carrier routes pallet preparation begins with 15.4.1c. Labeling:
  - 1. Line 1: L001.
  - 2. Line 2: "STD/PER FLTS"; followed by "CARRIER ROUTES" (or "CR-RTS"); followed by "SCHEME" (or "SCH"); followed by "MIX COMAIL."
- b. *Merged 5-digit scheme, optional.* Not permitted for bundles containing noncarrier route automation-compatible flats under 201.6.0. Required for all other bundles. Pallet must contain carrier route bundles and noncarrier route 5-digit bundles (Presorted bundles



only) for the same 5-digit scheme under L001. For 5-digit destinations not part of L001, merged 5-digit pallet preparation begins with 15.4.1d. Labeling:

1. Line 1: L001.
2. Line 2: “STD/PER FLTS CR/5D;” followed by “SCHEME” (or “SCH”); followed by “MIX COMAIL.”

## 708 Technical Specifications

### 1.0 Standardized Documentation for First-Class Mail, Periodicals, Standard Mail, and Flat-Size Bound Printed Matter

#### 1.3 Price Level Column Headings

The actual name of the price level (or abbreviation) is used for column headings required by 1.2 and shown below:

- a. Automation First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, and barcoded Periodicals:

| PRICE  | ABBREVIATION  |
|--|---------------|
| <del>FSS [Periodicals flats, Standard Mail flats]</del>  | <del>SB</del> |
| 5-Digit scheme [FSS Periodicals flats and Standard Mail flats]   | 5BF           |
| 5-Digit [First-Class Mail letters and flats, Periodicals letters and flats, and Standard Mail letters and flats] | 5B            |
| 3-Digit FSS [Periodicals flats and Standard Mail flats]  | 3BF           |
| 3-Digit [First-Class Mail letters and flats, Periodicals letters and flats, and Standard Mail letters and flats] | 3B            |
| AADC [First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail letters]  | AB            |
| ADC [First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail Flats]   | AB            |
| Mixed AADC [First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail letters]  | MB            |
| Mixed ADC [First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and Standard Mail flats]   | MB            |
| Basic [In-County Periodicals]  | BB            |
| Firm [Outside-County Periodicals]  | FB            |

- b. Presorted First-Class Mail, barcoded and nonbarcoded Periodicals flats, nonbarcoded Periodicals letters, and machinable and nonmachinable Standard Mail:

| PRICE  | ABBREVIATION |
|--|--------------|
| Presorted [First-Class Mail letters/cards, flats, and parcels] | Presort      |
| 5-Digit [all Standard Mail and Periodicals letters]            | 5D           |

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| <del>FSS [Periodicals flats, Standard Mail flats]</del>  | <del>SD</del> |
| 5-Digit FSS [Periodicals flats and Standard Mail flats]  | 5DF           |
| 3-Digit [all Standard Mail and Periodicals letters]  | 3D            |
| 3-Digit FSS [Periodicals flats and Standard Mail flats]  | 3DF           |
| SCF [for Standard Mail parcels]  | SCF           |
| AADC [Standard Mail machinable letters]  | AB            |
| ADC [Standard Mail nonmachinable letters, flats, and irregular parcels, and all Periodicals]   | AD            |
| Basic [In-County Periodicals]  | BS            |
| Mixed AADC [Standard Mail machinable letters]  | MB            |
| Mixed ADC [Standard Mail nonmachinable letters, flats, irregular parcels; and all Periodicals] | MD            |
| NDC [Standard Mail machinable parcels and Marketing parcels 6 ounces and over]                 | NDC           |
| Mixed NDC [Standard Mail machinable parcels and Marketing parcels 6 ounces and over]           | MNDC          |
| Firm [Outside-County Periodicals]  | FB            |

c. Carrier Route Periodicals and Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail:

| <b>PRICE</b>  | <b>ABBREVIATION</b> |
|---|---------------------|
| Saturation [letters, flats, and irregular parcels]        | WS                  |
| Saturation FSS [Periodicals flats]                        | WSF                 |
| High Density [letters, flats, and irregular parcels]      | HD                  |
| High Density FSS [flats]                                  | HDF                 |
| High Density Plus [Standard Mail only; letters and flats] | HDP                 |
| High Density Plus FSS [Standard Mail only flats]          | HPF                 |
| Basic [letters, flats, and irregular parcels]             | CR                  |
| Basic FSS [flats]   | CRF                 |
| Firm [Outside-County Periodicals]                         | FB                  |

## 1.6 Detailed Zone Listing for Periodicals

### 1.6.1 Definition and Retention

The publisher must be able to present documentation to support the number of copies of each edition of an issue, by entry point, mailed to each zone, and at DDU, ~~DFSS~~, DSCF, DADC, DNDC, and In-County prices. This listing is separate from the standardized documentation required to support presort and may be submitted with each mailing, or a publisher may keep these records for 2 months after the mailing date. A publisher must be able to submit detailed zone listings for specific mailings upon request by the USPS.

### 1.6.3 Zone Abbreviations

Use the actual price name or the authorized zone abbreviation in the listings in 1.0 and 207.17.4.2:

| ZONE ABBREVIATION                | RATE EQUIVALENT                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ICD                              | In-County, DDU                    |
| IC                               | In-County, Others                 |
| DDU                              | Outside-County, DDU               |
| <del>FSS</del>                   | <del>Outside-County, DFSS</del>   |
| SCF                              | Outside-County, DSCF              |
| ADC                              | Outside-County, DADC              |
| 1-2 or 1/2                       | zones 1 and 2                     |
| 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (as applicable) | zones 3 through 8 (as applicable) |
| M                                | mixed zones                       |

## 7.0 Optional Endorsement Lines (OELs)

### 7.1 OEL Use

#### 7.1.1. Basic Standards

An optional endorsement line (OEL) may be used to label bundles instead of applying pressure-sensitive bundle labels or facing slips to the top piece of bundles **except each mailpiece in a FSS bundle must bear an optional endorsement line in human-readable text, including the correct ZIP code listed in Column B of L006, as described in Exhibit 7.1.1.** The OEL must show carrier route information or the type of bundle and ZIP Code information as shown in Exhibit 7.1.1. Use of OELs on bundles is subject to the standards for the price claimed. At the mailer's option, pieces in trays of noncarrier route automation letter-size mail may bear OEL information that corresponds to the sortation level of the tray in which the pieces are placed. The ZIP Code for use on OELs must include the 3-digit ZIP Code prefix or 5-digit ZIP Code as required.

#### Exhibit 7.1.1 OEL Formats

##### SORTATION LEVEL

##### OEL EXAMPLE

Firm—BPM machinable parcels \*\*\*\*\*  
FIRM 12345

Firm—Periodicals \*\*\*\*\*  
FIRM 12345

Origin Mixed ADC—Periodicals \*\*\*\*\*  
(3-digit ZIP Code prefix) ORIGIN MIXED ADC  
117

Carrier Route—Periodicals \*\*\*\*\*  
basic CAR-RT LOT\*\*C-  
001  
\*\*\*\*\*  
CR LOT 1234A\*\*C-  
001

Carrier Route—Periodicals \*\*\*\*\*  
basic FSS SCH 5-DIGIT  
2345 FSS CB

Carrier Route—Periodicals \*\*\*\*\*  
high density CAR-RT WSH\*\*C-  
001

Carrier Route—Periodicals \*\*\*\*\*  
High density FSS SCH 5-DIGIT  
12345 FSS CH

Carrier Route—Periodicals saturation \*\*\*\*\*  
CAR-RT WSS\*\*C-  
001

Carrier Route—Periodicals \*\*\*\*\*  
Saturation FSS SCH 5-DIGIT  
12345 FSS CS

ECR—Standard Mail \*\*\*\*\*  
basic ECRLOT\*\*C-  
001  
\*\*\*\*\*  
ECRLOT 1234A\*\*C-  
001

ECR—Standard Mail \*\*\*\*\*  
Basic FSS SCH 5-DIGIT  
12345 FSS CB

ECR—Standard Mail high density or high density plus \*\*\*\*\*  
ECRWSH\*\*C-  
001

ECR—Standard Mail \*\*\*\*\*  
High density FSS SCH 5-DIGIT  
12345 FSS CH

ECR—Standard Mail high density plus FSS \*\*\*\*\*  
SCH 5-DIGIT  
12345 FSS CP

ECR—Standard Mail saturation \*\*\*\*\*  
ECRWSS\*\*C-  
001

Carrier Route—Bound Printed Matter \*\*\*\*\*  
CAR-RT SORT\*\*C-  
001

Carrier Route FSS—Bound Printed Matter \*\*\*\*\*  
SCH 5-DIGIT  
12345 FSS CB

5-Digit \*\*\*\*\* 5-  
DIGIT 12345

5-Digit  
(Nonautomation FSS flats)

\*\*\*\*\*SCH 5-DIGIT  
12345 FSS SP

5-Digit Scheme  
(automation-compatible flats)

\*\*\*\*\*SCH 5-DIGIT  
12345

5-Digit Scheme  
(Optional-5-Digit FSS-compatible flats preparation)

\*\*\*\*\*SCH 5-DIGIT  
12345 FSS SA

3-Digit

\*\*\*\*\*3-DIGIT  
771

3-Digit  
(Nonautomation FSS flats)

\*\*\*\*\*SCH 5-DIGIT  
12345 FSS 3P

3-Digit Scheme  
(automation-compatible flats)

\*\*\*\*\*SCH 3-DIGIT  
006

3-Digit Scheme  
(3-Digit FSS flats)

\*\*\*\*\*SCH 5-Digit 12345 3A  
FSS

ADC (3-digit ZIP Code prefix)

\*\*\*\*\*ALL FOR ADC  
105

ADC (5-digit ZIP Code)

\*\*\*\*\*ALL FOR ADC  
90197

Mixed ADC (3-digit ZIP Code prefix)

\*\*\*\*\*MIXED ADC  
640

Mixed ADC (5-digit ZIP Code)

\*\*\*\*\*MIXED ADC  
60821

**Optional tray level piece ID for automation letters:**

AADC (3-digit ZIP Code prefix)

\*\*\*\*\*ALL FOR AADC  
050

AADC (5-digit ZIP Code)

\*\*\*\*\*ALL FOR AADC  
07099

Mixed AADC (3-digit ZIP Code prefix)

\*\*\*\*\*MIXED AADC  
870

Mixed AADC (5-digit ZIP Code)

\*\*\*\*\*MIXED AADC  
75197

**Additional required human-readable text for use with combined mailings of Standard Mail and Periodical flats:**

5-Digit Scheme (and other sortation levels as appropriate)

\*\*\*\*\*SCH 5-DIGIT 12345 MIX  
COMAIL

5-Digit Scheme (Automation FSS-compatible flats preparation)

\*\*\*\*\*SCH 5-DIGIT 12345 FSS MIX SA  
COMAIL

5-Digit (Nonautomation FSS flats)

\*\*\*\*\*SCH 5-DIGIT 12345 FSS SP  
COMAIL

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 3-Digit (Automation FSS flats)         | * * * * * *SCH 5-DIGIT 12345 FSS 3A<br>COMAIL |
| 3-Digit (Nonautomation FSS flats)      | * * * * * *SCH 5-DIGIT 12345 FSS 3P<br>COMAIL |
| Carrier Route high density (FSS flats) | * * * * * *SCH 5-DIGIT 12345 FSS CH<br>COMAIL |
| Carrier Route basic                    | * * * * * *SCH 5-DIGIT 12345 FSS CB<br>COMAIL |

### 7.1.8 Required OEL Use in Combined Mailings of Standard Mail and Periodicals Flats

Mailers authorized to combine Standard Mail flats and Periodicals flats, under 705.15.0, must apply an OEL identifying the presort level of the bundle and other applicable information as specified in 7.1 to each mailpiece. The following additional standards also apply:

- a. Each OEL must contain the format elements described in 7.2 and must include a “MIX COMAIL” human-readable text, as its most right-justified element.
- b. Mailpieces may include LOT information, in accordance with 7.1.7, only when there is sufficient space for the human-readable text in item a and all other required information.
- c. When combined mailings of Standard Mail and Periodicals flats are prepared to FSS zones under 705.15.1.11, each mailpiece must bear an ~~“SCH 5-Digit FSS MIX COMAIL”~~ optional endorsement line in human-readable text, including the correct ZIP code listed in Column B of L006, as described in Exhibit 7.1.1.