

United States Postal Service®

INDUSTRYALERT

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UPDATE: Domestic HAZMAT Handling and Noncompliance Fees

The following is an updated version of the “Domestic HAZMAT Handling and Noncompliance Fees” Industry Alert originally published on June 23, 2026.

Effective **July 12, 2026**, the United States Postal Service is introducing a **Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) handling fee** and a **HAZMAT noncompliance fee** for domestic packages. This initiative enhances safety, minimizes workplace risks, and ensures compliance with air transit regulations to prevent partner-imposed penalties, shipping bans and reduce risk to personnel or property. The intent is to deter shippers from entering packages containing HAZMAT without properly identifying these packages with the correct Service Type Code (STC), Service Icon, Barcode Banner Text, and Department of Transportation (DOT) markings. There will be two fees:

- **Handling Fee** – will apply to all domestic retail and commercial packages containing HAZMAT. The fee will be charged at the time of mailing and applied to Priority Mail Express (PME), Priority Mail (PM), USPS Ground Advantage (GA), and Parcel Select (PS). Parcel Select and Ground Advantage will **NOT** be subject to the \$7.50 hazmat handling fee, initially. The Handling Fee can be found in the DMM and Notice 123 under each eligible products listing.
- **Noncompliance Fee** – will apply to domestic commercial HAZMAT packages containing incorrect or mismatched STC, Service Icon, Barcode Banner Text, or DOT markings. Although previously described as an addition to the Package Quality Compliance validations, **the fee will now be assessed through the Census and Automated Package Verification (APV) processes**. Fees will be assessed on each noncompliant package, and those found to be noncompliant and missing the handling fee will be assessed both fees. The following mail classes are subject to the \$50 HAZMAT Noncompliance Fee:
 - Parcel Select
 - Priority Mail
 - Priority Mail Express
 - Priority Mail Return
 - Priority Mail Express Return
 - USPS Ground Advantage
 - USPS Ground Advantage Return

Summary of Application Impacts

- **Online Reporting:** Reporting will be updated to reflect the new fees – HAZMAT Handling fee (domestic commercial and retail) and the HAZMAT Noncompliance fee (domestic commercial)
- **Data Feeds:** Data feeds will be updated to reflect the new fees – HAZMAT Handling fee (domestic commercial and retail) and the HAZMAT Noncompliance fee (domestic commercial)
- **Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123:** Postage statements 3600 FCM, 3600 PM, 3605-R, and 3560 will be updated to reflect both the HAZMAT Handling fee and the HAZMAT Noncompliance fee

- Mail.dat changes: The core rate tables and validations will be updated to reflect the addition of the HAZMAT fees
- Mail.XML changes: The core rate tables and validations will be updated to reflect the addition of the HAZMAT fees
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: USPS will have a new Extra Service Code for the ICR file and PAF file for the Hazmat noncompliance fee
- USPS APIs: USPS APIs will be updated to align with the proposed HAZMAT changes
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to maintain the integrity and reliability of our mailing systems.

During normal business hours M-F (7:00 AM CT – 7:00 PM CT), direct any inquiries or concerns to the Mailing and Shipping Solutions Center (MSSC) via email MSSC@usps.gov or telephone (877) 672-0007.

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