PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.4.

■ 2. Add § 165.T05–1411 to read as follows:

§ 165.T05–1411 Safety Zone; Pasquotank River Harbor, Elizabeth City, NC.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters of the Pasquotank River from surface to bottom, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 36°18.058′ N, 076°13.069′ W, thence to 36°18.057′ N, 076°13.000′ W, thence to 36°17.810′ N, 076°13.000′ W, thence to 36°17.810′ N, 076°13.070′ W and along the shoreline back to the beginning point. These coordinates are based on the World Geodetic System (WGS 84).

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, *designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Sector North Carolina (COTP) in the enforcement of the safety zone.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of this part, you may not enter the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative by calling the Sector North Carolina Command Center at 833–732–8628. Those in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on November 27, 2026.

J.A. Harlow,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector North Carolina.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

International Proof of Delivery Service

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is revising *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service,* International Mail Manual (IMM®), to reflect changes to product features for Priority Mail International® (PMI) and to introduce International Proof of Delivery as a new international extra service that will be available for PMI mailpieces to select destinations.

DATES: *Effective:* January 17, 2027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Lassiter at 202–268–9678.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2025 Universal Postal Union (UPU) Dubai Congress amended the Universal Postal Convention (Convention) to establish a proof of delivery service for parcels that UPU-designated postal operators are required to offer for inbound parcels, effective January 1, 2027. However, the proof of delivery service for parcels is optional for outbound parcels. The Postal Service is introducing International Proof of Delivery for PMI items where the destination postal operator does not include evidence of delivery as a standard feature for their parcel service.

On August 21, 2026, the Postal Service filed a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) to establish outbound International Proof of Delivery as a new International Ancillary Service in Docket No. MC2026–355. On September 16, 2026, in Order No. 9727, the PRC issued an order approving the classification changes conditioned upon the Postal Service filing a supplementary notice, which the Postal Service filed on November 12, 2026, in Docket No. MC2026–355. The order can be viewed on the Postal Regulatory Commission's website at *https://prc.gov.* International Proof of Delivery is scheduled to go into effect, pending approval by the PRC of the price for International Proof of Delivery that is included in the notice concerning competitive published price changes that are to be effective January 17, 2027, which the Postal Service filed on November 12, 2026, in Docket No. CP2027–1.

The Postal Service will publish an appropriate update to Notice 123, *Price List,* and an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 20 to reflect these changes.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20

Foreign relations, International postal services.

Accordingly, the Postal Service amends *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service,* International Mail Manual (IMM), incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (*see* 39 CFR 20.1), 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 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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230 Priority Mail International

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231 Description and Physical Characteristics

231.1 General

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[Add a new section to read as follows:]

231.11 Delivery Confirmation

231.111 Confirmation With Delivery Scan

The foreign postal operator is responsible for providing a delivery scan at the time of delivery for all Priority Mail International mailpieces. For countries other than those listed in Exhibit 231.112, the mailer may purchase International Proof of Delivery service (see 350) at the time of mailing for additional evidence of delivery.

231.112 Confirmation with Evidence of Delivery

Foreign postal operators within the countries listed in Exhibit 231.112 include additional evidence of delivery. The form of evidence could include at least one of the following:

a. Signature of acceptance.

b. Captured data from an identity card.

c. Electronic or written record from the recipient authorizing out-of-home delivery in advance.

d. Electronic or written record from the recipient accepting delivery without the recipient's presence.

e. Another form of proof of delivery that is legally binding under the legislation of the country of destination to confirm acceptance.

Exhibit 231.112

PROOF OF DELIVERY INCLUDED WITH PMI BASE RATE

Albania	Greece	North Macedonia, Republic of
Argentina	Hong Kong	Norway
Austria	Hungary	Oman
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Panama
Benin	Ireland	Poland
Bermuda	Israel	Portugal
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy	Qatar
Bulgaria	Jersey	Saudi Arabia
Burkina Faso	Korea, Republic of (South Korea)	Senegal
Cambodia (Kampuchea)	Latvia	Slovak Republic (Slovakia)
Cayman Islands	Lebanon	Slovenia
Chile	Lithuania	Spain
Colombia	Luxembourg	Sweden
Congo, Republic of the	Malaysia	Tanzania
Costa Rica	Mali	Togo
Croatia	Malta	Tunisia
Denmark	Mauritius	Türkiye, Republic of
Estonia	Mongolia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Finland	Montenegro	Uruguay
French Polynesia	New Zealand	Zambia
Ghana	Nigeria	

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232 Eligibility

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232.9 Extra Services

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[Add a new section to read as follows:]

232.94 International Proof of Delivery

International Proof of Delivery service provides evidence, upon request by the sender, that the item has been delivered to the addressee (or representative). The service is available for Priority Mail International items destined to countries where the destination postal operator does NOT include evidence of delivery (*e.g.,* signature confirmation) as a standard feature of their parcel service. See Notice 123, *Price List* for pricing and the Individual Country Listings for availability.

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3 Extra Services

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[Revise the title of 350 and the text (in its entirety) to read as follows:]

350 International Proof of Delivery

351 Description

International Proof of Delivery service is available at the time of mailing for Priority Mail International items where the destination postal operator does NOT include evidence of delivery as a standard feature of their parcel service. International Proof of Delivery provides evidence, upon request by the sender, that the item has been delivered to the addressee (or representative). The form of evidence could include at least one of the following:

a. A signature of acceptance.

b. Captured data from an identity card.

c. An electronic or written record from the recipient authorizing out-of-home delivery in advance.

d. An electronic or written record from the recipient accepting delivery without the recipient's presence.

e. Another form of proof of delivery that is legally binding under the legislation of the country of destination to confirm acceptance.

Note: *Restricted Delivery* **service is no longer available for international mail—it was discontinued effective January 27, 2013.**

352 Availability

International Proof of Delivery service can be obtained only at the time of mailing at a Post Office retail service counter, online using Click-N-Ship, through USPS APIs, or using USPS-produced Global Shipping Software (GSS). International Proof of Delivery service is available for Priority Mail International items destined to countries that do NOT provide proof of delivery as a standard feature of their parcel service. See Individual Country Listings for additional country-specific information.

353 Fee

See Notice 123, *Price List,* for the International Proof of Delivery fee. This fee must be paid in addition to postage and other applicable charges.

354 Processing Requests

354.1 Marking

All International Proof of Delivery items of U.S. origin must bear a customs form with a service indicator (*i.e.* barcode prefix) of within the range FA–FZ. Additionally, the Proof of Delivery symbol displayed in Exhibit 354.1 must appear on the customs form or non-removable sticker on the address side of the mailpiece.

Exhibit 354.1

Proof of Delivery Symbol



354.2 Proof of Delivery Improperly Completed or Not Received

If the sender does not receive proof of delivery for which a fee was paid, an inquiry may be filed. See 920 for inquiry procedures.

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7 Treatment of Inbound Mail

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[Add a new section 755 to read as follows:]

755 Inbound International Proof of Delivery

755.1 Identification

755.11 Evidence of Proof of Delivery

Parcel post items with Proof of Delivery (POD) service will display a tracking number using prefixes FA–FZ and optionally, the proof of delivery symbol shown in Exhibit 755.11 should be included.

Exhibit 755.11

Proof of Delivery Symbol



755.2 Treatment by Office of Delivery

755.21 Delivery

Delivery employees must perform the delivery scan and collect the addressee's signature in accordance with DMM 503 and POM 811.

755.22 Inquiries

Delivery records for Proof of Delivery items can be retrieved at *www.usps.com* or by calling 1–800–222–1811. A proof of delivery letter including a signature, when available, may be provided by email. When a proof of delivery letter includes a signature, the signature provided may be a signature that was obtained from the recipient at the time of delivery, or, for certain services, an electronic signature that was previously provided by the addressee (or representative) and is maintained on file with the Postal Service.

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9 Inquiries, Indemnities, and Refunds

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920 Inquiries and Claims

921 Inquiries

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921.2 Initiating an Inquiry

[Revise the text to read as follows:]

Inquiries can be initiated for Global Express Guaranteed (GXG) items, Priority Mail Express International items, Priority Mail International items (including items with Proof of Delivery service), and registered items. Inquiries are not accepted for ordinary letters or M-bags. Customers must wait a reasonable amount of time for an international item to be delivered in the foreign country before initiating an inquiry. Customers must initiate inquiries within the time limits in Exhibit 921.2.

[Revise the table by adding a new entry (following ''Priority Mail International or Registered Mail''), to read as follows:]

Exhibit 921.2

TIME LIMITS FOR INQUIRIES

Product or extra service	Who	When to file an inquiry (from mailing date)	
		No sooner than	No later than
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International Proof of Delivery	Sender or Addressee [4]	7 days	6 months.

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