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January 22, 2012 USPS® Mailing Services Rate Change

The USPS® recently announced the approval of a new Mailing Services rate increase effective next year. Mailing Services rate classes affected by this increase include: First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services, and applicable Extra Services. Details of this rate change include:

- Effective date of January 22, 2011
- All “Mailing Services” mail classes will be affected – Federal law restricts the average of price increases to equal to that of the Consumer Price Index (a measurement of inflation) which is currently 2.1%
 - **First-Class Mail®**
 - 1oz Letter rate increases 1 cent to \$0.45
 - Additional Letter/Flats ounces will cost \$0.20 each
 - Postcard rate increases 3 cents to \$0.32
 - 1oz Flats rate increases 2 cents to \$0.90
 - 1oz Letters to Canada or Mexico increase 5 cents to \$0.85
 - 1oz Letters to other international destinations increase 7 cents to \$1.05
 - The 2nd ounce is now FREE for First-Class Mail® Presort pieces weighing less than 2oz
 - **Standard Mail®** Letters are increasing on average by 1.9%
 - **Delivery Confirmation™** will be FREE for several commercial base parcel products as the USPS® continues to make package tracking a major focus – Consult your FP Dealer for details on qualifying for commercial base parcel rates
- All “Shipping Services” including popular products Priority Mail® and Express Mail® are also changing, however details on these rate classes will not be available until later this Fall
- To see a copy of the PRC proposal, please visit <http://www.prc.gov>. Official pricing information for this rate change can be found @ <http://pe.usps.com/prices/index.htm> once rates are approved by the PRC.
- As always, FP will be sending details regarding rate update orders to its customers in the coming weeks

