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### **U.S. Postal Service Announces New Prices and Services for 2013**

*First-Ever Global Forever Stamp Debuts When Prices Change January 27*

WASHINGTON — Beginning early next year, the Postal Service will introduce a First-Class Mail Global Forever Stamp. The new stamp will allow customers to mail letters anywhere in the world for one set price of \$1.10, and is among new mailing and shipping services filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission today.

The price for First-Class Mail single-piece letters will increase by just a penny when prices change in Jan. The new 46 cent Forever stamps will allow customers to mail letters to any location in the United States. Forever stamps are always good for mailing a one-ounce letter anytime in the future regardless of price changes.

Highlights of the new single-piece First-Class Mail pricing, effective Jan. 27, 2013 include:

- Letters (1oz.) – 1-cent increase to 46 cents
- Letters additional ounces – unchanged at 20 cents
- Letters to all international destinations (1oz.) - \$1.10
- Postcards – 1-cent increase to 33 cents

Prices for all products (Mailing and Shipping services) will increase by 4-percent, but prices for Mailing Services, such as regular letters and advertising matter, will increase only 2.6-percent. The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) will review the prices before they become effective Jan. 27, 2013. Today's Shipping and Mailing price filings will be available on the PRC website at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov) and the new Mailing Service prices will also be available at <http://pe.usps.com>.

#### **Shipping Services**

Several new Shipping Services products will be available in January. Free tracking will be offered to all competitive packages, including retail Priority Mail and Parcel Post (recently renamed Standard Post).

Also new, customers shipping Critical Mail letters and flats will now have the option of receiving a signature upon delivery as part of the service offering.

A large variety of flat-rate boxes and envelopes for Express Mail and Priority Mail, including the padded and legal-sized flat rate envelopes will continue to be offered by the Postal Service.

New domestic retail pricing for Priority Mail Flat Rate products include:

- Small box – \$5.80
- Medium box – \$12.35
- Large box – \$16.85
- Large APO/FPO box – \$14.85
- Regular envelope – \$5.60

- Legal envelope – \$5.75
- Padded envelope – \$5.95

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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