

**USPS Revisions to DMM for Commercial Flat-size and Booklet Mail –  
Effective September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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Today's Postal Bulletin (22264 07-30-09) contains the Domestic Mail Manual's (DMM) revisions pertaining to the new rules and regulations effective September 8, 2009 for Flat-Size Mail as well as the New Standards for Letter-size Booklets (Slim Jims). Please see below for detailed information regarding these updates.

**New Polywrap and Deflection Standards for Commercial Flat-Size Mail**

**Polywrap**

- Automation flat polywrap standards will apply to all flat-size mail, except flats mailed at saturation and high-density Periodicals and Standard Mail prices
- Polywrap selvage will be included when a flat is measured for maximum dimensions, but not for minimum dimensions.
- The maximum length of a polywrap flat will increase to 15.75 inches (inclusive of selvage) from the current 15 inch
- USPS will continue to allow no more than 1-1/2 inches of selvage in the length and no more than 1/2-inch in the height

**Deflection**

- Deflection standards are being changed to allow one inch less of vertical deflection (droop) than is currently allowed
- Deflection standards will apply to all flat-size mailpieces with the exception of pieces mailed at saturation and high-density Periodicals and Standard Mail prices
- All deflection testing for flats, including oblong flats (those with a bound edge on the shorter side) will be tested with the length placed perpendicular to the edge of a flat surface

**Booklets: Sealing Letter-Sized Booklets Mailed at Automation Prices**

In addition to the previously published design changes for slim jims, the Postal Service today published additions to the new rules which:

- Clarify tab placement on small letter-size booklets.
- Clarify construction of mailpieces with glued flaps.
- Add one booklet sealing option.

The article includes the complete DMM changes in the previously published, as well as the new additional standards and clarifications.

The details surrounding both upcoming changes can be found in the Postal Bulletin:

<http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/2009/pb22264/html/welcome.htm>

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