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USPS Announces Rate Increases Effective May 11, 2009

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The United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced that **prices for mailing services will increase effective Monday, May 11, 2009**. Prices for mailing services are reviewed annually and adjusted each May. The price for a 1-ounce **First-Class Mail stamp will increase from \$0.42 to \$0.44**. Prices for other mailing services, including Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services (including Parcel Post), and Extra Services are also scheduled to change. Finally, **rates for competitive products, such as International Priority Airmail (IPA) and International Surface Airlift (ISAL), are scheduled to increase**.

USPS **IPA and ISAL postage will increase**, on average, between 3.6% and 5.0%. For Brokers Worldwide customers, actual rate increases will depend upon your specific mailing piece weight and country distribution.

The USPS is also increasing **the number of price groups for IPA and ISAL from 9 to 15 groups**, including 10 specific country groups and 5 mixed country groups. The new price groups follow:

Zone	Group
1	Canada
2	Mexico
3	Great Britain
4	Germany
5	France
6	Switzerland
7	Italy
8	Netherlands
9	Australia
10	Japan
11-15	mixed country groups

For more detail regarding the May 11th price changes, please visit the USPS' web page <http://www.usps.com/prices/pricechanges.htm>. **For a complete price list**, please refer to USPS Notice 123, effective May 11, 2009, which can be found online at http://pe.usps.com/PriceChange_May2009/PDF/PriceList/PriceList.pdf.

Brokers Worldwide's Account Managers will be evaluating the effect of the rate increase on each of our customers, and will be in touch with customers over the next 45 days to schedule meetings to review the impact.

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