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USPS Rate Increases for January 2012

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The USPS filed new prices with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) on October 18th which become effective as of January 22, 2012. The percentage increases for the different services vary, with the overall average increase across all mailing services set at 2.1 percent, per the Consumer Price Index cap. The PRC has 45 days to review the announced increases and ensure they comply with the rate cap limits required by law.

Following are the percentage price increases by mail class:

- First-Class Mail up 2.133 percent
- Standard Mail up 2.124 percent
- Periodicals up 2.133 percent
- Package Services up 2.133 percent

Increases for the Postal Service's competitive products, such as Express and Priority Mail and commercial parcels, will be announced mid-November and will also be effective on January 22, 2012.

For details on the announced increases, see the full USPS news release at http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2011/pr11_116.htm

USPS Commercial International Services

Brokers Worldwide has not yet received any notification regarding the 2012 increases to the USPS' commercial international services, such as IPA, ISAL and GBE; however, we will communicate any news regarding these services as soon as it is made available.

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