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INDUSTRY ALERT

Final Rule Published in the Federal Register 39 CFR Part 121-Service Standards for Destination Sectional Center Facility Rate Standard Mail

The Postal Service is revising the service standards for Standard Mail that is eligible for Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) rates. These changes will allow a more balanced distribution of DSCF Standard Mail across delivery days.

Standard Mail pieces that qualify for the Destination Sectional Center Facility rate generally are delivered in three days. With its new rules, USPS is extending delivery expectation to four days for mail entered on Friday and Saturday. This change will improve delivery efficiency and reduce the traditional heavy Monday workload by spreading the delivery of these Standard Mail pieces across the week. This change does not affect First-Class Mail or Periodicals Mail and the Postal Service is not proposing any other revisions to its service standards at this time.

The final rule is available on the [Federal Register](#). The effective date is April 10, 2014.

The table below summarizes the impact on DSCF Standard Mail with delivery in the continental United States.

DSCF Standard Mail Dropped before 4 pm* on	Delivery Days Meeting Service Standard Current	Delivery Days Meeting Service Standard Proposed
Thursday	Friday, Saturday, Monday	Friday, Saturday, Monday
Friday	Saturday, Monday	Saturday, Monday, Tuesday
Saturday	Monday, Tuesday	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Sunday	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

*The current Critical Entry Time (CET) for Standard Mail is 4 pm

Please feel free to send questions to: IndustryFeedback@usps.gov. The *Standard Mail DSCF Load Leveling Frequently Asked Questions* document located on [RIBBS](#) (under Important Updates) will be updated as needed.

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