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This chapter, subchapter, part, or section	titled	was revised to	in Postal Bulletin issue number	with an issue date of
Entire Docume		was revised to	namber	J1
		replace the word "refund" with the word "reimbursement."	22083	8/22/2002
		replace "accounting period" with "month," and "the AP" with "the month".	22108	8/7/2003
Chapter 1, The	Self Service Vending Program			
131	Model Types	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
Exhibit 131a	Postal Stamp Machine (PSM)	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
Exhibit 131b	Postal Booklet Machine (PBM)	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
Exhibit 131c	Postal Booklet/Stamp Machine (PBSM)	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
Exhibit 131d	Postal Commodity Machine (PCM)	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
132	Configurations	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005

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143 (new section)	Semipostal Stamps	provide policy for vending semipostal stamp packets in self service equipment. Provide new value for <i>Breast Cancer Research</i> semipostal stamp vending packet.	22071	3/7/2002
143.2	Pricing	change the information from the <i>Breast Cancer Research</i> semipostal stamp to apply to all semipostal stamps.	22108	8/7/2003
143.3	Equipment	change the information from the <i>Breast Cancer Research</i> semipostal stamp to apply to all semipostal stamps.	22108	8/7/2003
		standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
		change "PS Form 1421-A, Daily Financial Report" to "PS Form 1412-A, Daily Financial Form."		
143.5	Financial Reporting	change "PS Form 1412-A" to "PS Form 1412."	22152	4/14/2005
151.213	Provide a Variety of Products	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
161.1	Headquarters	update title of 161.1 and add new item h.	22148	2/17/2005
161.3	Facilities	delete the note.	22081	7/25/2002
163	District Retail Office	amend items i and j to add information about the Web Vending Activity Reporting System.	22149	3/3/2005
		add reference to Web Vending Activity Reporting System (VARS).	22194	11/23/2006
164.1	Postmasters	add new item h.	22155	5/26/2005
		add reference to Web VARS.	22194	11/23/2006
164.3	Servicing Employees	clarify the monthly requirement for all servicing employees to complete a PS Form 8130, Vending Equipment Sales and Service Daily Activity Log. Item c replaced.	22162	9/1/2005
164.4	SSP Technicians	add reference to Web VARS.	22194	11/23/2006

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Chapter 2, Est	ablishing Self Service Vending L	ocations		
222.5	Preferred Terms of Vending Equipment Agreement	add reference to Exhibit 222.5.	22081	7/25/2002
Exhibit 222.5	Vending Equipment Agreement	add new exhibit.	22081	7/25/2002
231.1	Criteria for New Postal Locations	determine the deployment and redeployment of vending equipment.	22163	9/15/2005
		adjust footnote reference to AIC 096.	22152	4/14/2005
Exhibit 231.1	Criteria for Equipment Placement	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
		determine the deployment and redeployment of vending equipment. Update title of exhibit to read, "Criteria for Initial Equipment Placement".	22163	9/15/2005
231.2	Criteria for Nonpostal Locations	determine the deployment and redeployment of vending equipment.	22163	9/15/2005
232.1	Revenue Criteria	increase revenue thresholds.	22194	11/23/2006
Exhibit 231.2	Criteria for Initial Equipment Placement in Nonpostal Facility	determine the deployment and redeployment of vending equipment.	22163	9/15/2005
232	Existing Postal and Nonpostal Locations	determine the deployment and redeployment of vending equipment.	22163	9/15/2005
232.1	Revenue Criteria	determine the deployment and redeployment of vending equipment.	22163	9/15/2005
Exhibit 232.1	Revenue Criteria	determine the deployment and redeployment of vending equipment.	22163	9/15/2005
232.22	PSM	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
232.23	PBM	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
232.24	PBSM	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005

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232.25	PCM	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment – item j is revised.	22162	9/1/2005
24	Acquiring Equipment	determine the deployment and redeployment of vending equipment.	22163	9/15/2005
		update information on new Web Vending Activity Reporting System.	22149	3/3/2005
251	Pre-installation Checklist for Retail Specialist	determine the deployment and redeployment of vending equipment.	22163	9/15/2005
253	Pre-installation Checklist for Local Postmaster or Designee	replace references to obsolete PS Form 2018 with revised PS Form 3977.	22213	8/16/2007
254	Pre-installation Checklist for Servicing Personnel	replace references to obsolete PS Form 2018 with revised PS Form 3977.	22213	8/16/2007
256.1	Postal Redeployment	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
Exhibit 256.1	Initial Low Sales Generation Notice to Postmaster	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
Exhibit 256.1a	Redeployment Letter1 to Postmaster	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
Exhibit 256.1b	Redeployment Letter2 to Postmaster	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
Exhibit 256.1c	Sample of a Customer Notification Notice	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
256.2	Nonpostal Redeployment	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
Exhibit 256.2	Initial Low Sales Letter to Postmaster	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005

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Exhibit 256.2a	Initial Low Revenue Letter to Owner/Operator	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
Exhibit 256.2b	Redeployment Letter to Postmaster	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
Exhibit 256.2c	Redeployment Letter to Owner/Operator	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
257.1	Obsolete Vending Equipment Removal	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
257.2	Obsolete Equipment Replacement	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
Exhibit 257.2	Obsolete Vending Equipment Letter to Owner/Operator	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
Chapter 4, Ser	vicing Self Service Vending Equ	ipment		•
42	Economical Operation	include references to include Web Vending Activity Reporting System.	22149	3/3/2005
431	Emergency Servicing	update definition of emergency servicing.	22153	4/28/2005
431.1	Suspending Vending Service	add new section.	22153	4/28/2005
431.2	Restoring Vending Service	add new section.	22153	4/28/2005
432	Contingency Servicing	add new section.	22153	4/28/2005
433	Full Servicing	renumber section and amend items.	22153	4/28/2005
434	Partial Servicing	renumber section.	22153	4/28/2005
434.1	Restocking	update partial servicing duties.	22153	4/28/2005
451.1 F	For New Location Equipment	establish new servicing frequencies for vending equipment and new time requirements for servicing personnel.	22163	9/15/2005
		provide a succession of servicing periods with no overlap.	22118	12/25/2003

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451. 2	Standard Servicing Frequencies	remove and replace Exhibit 451.2 to clarify the succession of servicing periods.	22127	4/29/2004
Exhibit 451.2	Standard Servicing Frequencies	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
		establish new servicing frequencies for vending equipment and new time requirements for servicing personnel.	22163	9/15/2005
452.1	Guidelines	establish new servicing frequencies for vending equipment and new time requirements for servicing personnel - item b is revised; item g is added.	22163	9/15/2005
	establish new servicing frequencies for vending equipment and new time requirements for servicing personnel.	frequencies for vending equipment and new time requirements for servicing	22163	9/15/2005
452.1e	Standard Time Requirements in Minutes	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment	22162	9/1/2005
		include the capability of generating workload analyses in an automated fashion using the Vending Equipment Sales and Services (VESS) system. For those unable to access VESS, the instructions for manually producing the workload analysis remain.	22078	6/13/2002
453	Determining Workload	update references to Web VARS.	22149	3/3/2005
Exhibit 453 (newly revised to 453.2)	PS Form 5701, Location Workload Worksheet: Self Service Vending Equipment	update references to renumbered sections. You may use the January 1999 version of the form until that stock is depleted.	22078	6/13/2002

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461	Pre-servicing Procedures	require the use of currency counting machines. Servicing personnel logging hours to Labor Distribution Code (LDC) 46 must have access to a currency counting machine at their domicile location to assist with counting bills and coins during pre-servicing and post-servicing procedures. If needed, this equipment may be purchased through eBuy.	22160	8/4/2005
		change reference in item h to PS Form 1412 from PS Form 1412-A.	22152	4/15/2005
463	Post-servicing Procedures	require the use of currency counting machines. Servicing personnel logging hours to Labor Distribution Code (LDC) 46 must have access to a currency counting machine at their domicile location to assist with counting bills and coins during pre-servicing and post-servicing procedures. If needed, this equipment may be purchased through eBuy.	22160	8/4/2005
Exhibit 463	Post-servicing Procedures	update title of exhibit to read, "Daily Financial Report".	22152	4/14/2005
Chapter 5, Fisc	cal Control			•
53	Self Service Products	provide the value of prepackaged stock items and cash required to fully stock each vending machine mode.	22163	9/15/2005
532	Other Items	Self Service Products	22163	9/15/2005
		change title and update the amount of stamp stock necessary in self service vending credit.	22153	4/28/2005
533	Determination of Self Service	include bait money orders.	22155	5/26/2005
	Vending Credit	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
533.1	Accountability	add new section.	22153	4/28/2005
533.11	Establishing Accountability	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005

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533.12	Reducing Accountability	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
		add new section.	22153	4/28/2005
533.2	Contingency Servicing Stock	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
		add new section.	22155	5/26/2005
533.3	Bait Money Orders	provide guidelines for removing and relocating existing stamp vending machines.	22163	9/15/2005
Exhibit 533.3	Bait Money Orders Program Control Log	add new exhibit.	22155	5/26/2005
534.2	Consigning a Credit (Stamp Stock)	give option of using new PS Form 3369-P, Consigned Credit Receipt.	22073	4/4/2002
543	Consigning a Credit	give option of using new PS Form 3369-P, Consigned Credit Receipt.	22073	4/4/2002
561	Cash and Stamp Stock Security	add procedures for contingency servicing.	22153	4/28/2005
561.1	Security Between Servicing Visits	add new section.	22155	5/26/2005
561.2	Security While Servicing	add new section.	22155	5/26/2005
	Equipment	change the frequency requirements for bank deposits and add information on making deposits.	22094	1/23/2003
562	Employee Access	replace references to obsolete PS Form 2018 with revised PS Form 3977.	22213	8/16/2007
563	Assigning Responsibility	replace references to obsolete PS Form 2018 with revised PS Form 3977.	22213	8/16/2007
Exhibit 563	PS Form 3977, Duplicate Key, Combination, and Password Envelope	replace references to obsolete PS Form 2018 with revised PS Form 3977.	22213	8/16/2007
571.1	Frequency	change the frequency requirements for bank deposits.	22155	5/26/2005

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572	PS Form 1412, Daily Financial Report	change "PS Form 1412-A" to "PS Form 1412."	22152	4/14/2005
		reflect that AIC 621 is deactivated and no longer used to report vending credit audit shortages of less than \$100.	22065	12/13/2001
593.2	Recording Account Entries	change "PS Form 1412-A" to "PS Form 1412."	22152	4/14/2005
Chapter 6, Exa	mining Self Service Vending Cre	edit		•
		update procedures for examinations by supervisory personnel.	22153	4/28/2005
61	Procedure	update examination procedure.	22155	5/26/2005
611	Supervisor	add new paragraph.	22155	5/26/2005
		change the title of PS Form 8130.	22108	8/7/2003
613	General	clarify the forms required when performing self service vending credit examinations.	22127	4/29/2004
		include references to new vending tracking system.	22149	3/3/2005
Exhibit 613a	PS Form 8130, Vending	change the title of the exhibits.	22108	2/7/2003
	Equipment Sales and Service – Daily Activity Log (page 1 of 2) and (page 2 of 2), dated October 2003	show changes in sales equipment codes.		6/2001
Exhibit 613b	PS Form 8130, Vending Equipment Sales and Service Daily Activity Log	change the title of the exhibits.	22108	2/7/2003
633.1	Postal Stamp Machines (PSM)	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
633.2	Postal Booklet Machines (PBM)	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
633.3	Postal Booklet/Stamp Machines (PBSM)	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
633.4	Postal Commodity Machines (PCM)	standardize the name and corresponding acronym for each model type of vending equipment.	22162	9/1/2005
		change "PS Form 1412-A"to "PS Form 1412."	22152	4/14/2005

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642.31	Overage of Less Than \$100	add new item c. regarding overages.	22155	5/26/2005
Exhibit 642.31	PS From 3544, Post Office Receipt for Money	change title to read "USPS Receipt for Money or Services," and replace with new PS Form dated July 2004.	22155	5/26/2005
		change "PS Form 1412-A" to "PS Form 1412."	22152	4/14/2005
642.32	Overage of \$100 or More	add new item d. regarding overages.	22155	5/26/2005
		delete "shortage up to \$100." Section 643.32 is renumbered as 643.31. Title and text are revised to reflect that AIC 612 will be used to report all vending credit shortages.	22065	12/13/2001
643.31	All Shortages	change "PS Form 1412-A" to "PS Form 1412."	22152	4/14/2005
Chapter 7, Rep	orting	<u> </u>	•	•
7	Reporting	update chapter and incorporate the Web Vending Activity Reporting System.	22149	3/3/2005
		add reference to Web VARS.	22194	11/23/2006
712	Procedures	add "Employee compliance with these requirements will be monitored." at the end of the paragraph.	22069	2/7/2002
		clarify the monthly requirement for all servicing employees to complete a PS Form 8130, Vending Equipment Sales and Service Daily Activity Log.	22162	9/1/2005
713	Form Retention	add reference to Web VARS; delete tables and screen capture of eAccess.	22194	11/23/2006
Exhibit 713.2	Current Location and Type Codes	add an entry for Government Location.	22108	8/7/2003
713.3	Servicing Employee Information	change "Commercial Number" to "Telephone Number" and add new item h.	22108	8/7/2003
713.4	Machine Information	change titles of two items, renumber current items h-k as new items i-l, and add new item h.	22108	8/7/2003
Exhibit 713.4a	Current Equipment Codes	delete model codes 117, 205, 420, 500 and add model codes 121 and 602.	22069	2/7/2002
Exhibit 713.4b	Out-of-Service Codes	add a third column to exhibit.	22108	8/7/2003

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713.5	Monthly Workhour Totals Information	change title of section, reletter current items e and f as new items 713.6a and b.	22108	8/7/2003
713.6	Miles Driven and Miscellaneous Costs Information	add new section.	22108	8/7/2003
714	Requesting Web VARS Access	change title and add reference to Web VARS; delete table and screen capture of eAccess; add table.	22194	11/23/2006
715	Training	change title and text to refer to Web VARS training.	22194	11/23/2006
721	Purpose	add reference to Web VARS; revise navigation instructions for access to the Web VARS User Guide.	22194	11/23/2006
723		delete.	22069	2/7/2002
		add minor editorial changes.	22069	2/7/2002
724		delete.	22069	2/7/2002
		add minor editorial changes.	22069	2/7/2002
	ndling Customer Complaints, Cla			
Entire chapter	Outside	change the vending refund process. Information and procedures based on the new We Want To Know (WWYK) customer service program are also revised, including the replacement of PS Form 4314-C, Consumer Service Card, with Notice 4314-C, We Want To Know, and the introduction of new PS Form 5445, Stamp Vending Machine Refund Request.	22073	4/4/2002
811	General	clarify PS Form 5445 procedures for customers filing complaints.	22127	4/29/2004
812.1	Person Completing PS Form 5445 Completes Unshaded Portion	clarify information required for the "Comments" portion of PS Form 5445.	22127	4/29/2004
821.21	By Sales and Services Associate	increase the allowable refund to customers for faulty vending machine service and to increase the amount that must be approved by a supervisor.	22069	2/7/2002
		clarify SSA performance procedures for complaints registered in person.	22127	4/29/2004

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821.21f	By Sales and Services Associate	change Note to reflect increase of amount of refund that must be approved by supervisor and maximum refund allowed.	22068	1/24/2002
821.22	By Vending Service Employee	clarify vending service employee procedures for handling customer complaints.	22127	4/29/2004
822.1	Acceptance	clarify procedures for handling complaints registered by telephone.	22127	4/29/2004
822.2	Resolution	clarify vending service employee complaint resolution procedures.	22127	4/29/2004
823.1	Acceptance	clarify procedures for filling out PS Form 5445.	22127	4/29/2004
823.21	By Servicing Person	clarify procedures for handling complaints registered by mail.	22127	4/29/2004
823.22	By Postmaster or Designee	clarify procedures for vending service employees who receive PS Form 5445.	22127	4/29/2004
84	Retaining Complaint Records	clarify that PS Forms 5445 that are not completed in full by SSA customers are retained for a period of 2 years.	22127	4/29/2004
Appendix A - 0	Glossary			
		add definition for accounting period (AP).		2/7/2002
Appendix D - F	orms Glossary			
		add new forms and update page numbers.		4/4/2002
Appendix E - I	ndex			
		reflect changes from 12/1/2001 through 4/4/2002.		4/4/2002
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Self Service Vending Operational and Marketing Program

Handbook PO-102

May 1999 Transmittal Letter

A. Explanation. This handbook completely revises the January 30, 1990 edition of Handbook PO-102. It provides guidance and information to determine if a vending machine is beneficial, where to locate the vending equipment, servicing equipment, and securing staff to service and maintain equipment. It also contains information concerning audit and reporting procedures and customer refund handling. Copies of applicable forms are incorporated within the text for easy reference. A glossary of commonly used terms and a listing of handbooks and ordering information is included.

B. Distribution

- Initial. This handbook is being sent to all SSPC Technicians, SSPC Supervisors, Retail Specialists, and Retail Managers in the Areas and Districts, the Postal Employee Development Centers (PEDCs), National Center for Education and Development (NCED), and the Material Distribution Centers (MDCs). Handbook PO-102 is also available on the Postal Service Intranet at http://retail.usps.gov.
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- D. Cancellations. All previous issues of Handbook PO-102 are obsolete.
- E. Effective Date. This handbook is effective May 1999.

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1 The Self Service Vending Program

11 Purpose

The Self Service Vending Program provides alternative service to existing facilities and extends most postal services for the convenience of the public. With the technological advancements of newly designed self service vending equipment coupled with aggressive marketing techniques, increased revenue and reductions in operating costs will be realized.

12 Background

121 History

In its effort to increase operating efficiency while providing more convenient postal service to the public, the U.S. Postal Service implemented the Self Service Vending Program in October 1964 with an experimental self service vending location at Wheaton Plaza Shopping Center in Silver Spring, MD. In order to fully test the new retail concept, the Postal Service installed several more self service vending locations the following year. The self service vending equipment quickly became popular with postal customers. Based on this early favorable reception and continuing popularity, the Self Service Vending Program now constitutes one of the major programs of the U.S. Postal Service.

122 Public Acceptance

Customer acceptance studies show the success of self service vending in providing the following:

- Economic supplement to existing postal services.
- b. Availability of postal services outside regular window hours.
- c. Reduction of congestion at post office windows.
- d. Capability of completing postal transactions without assistance.

13 Equipment

131 Model Types

All vending equipment utilized in the Self Service Vending Program is categorized into one of the five different model types:

- a. Postal Stamp Machine (PSM), Exhibit 131a.
- b. Postal Booklet Machine (PBM), Exhibit 131b.
- c. Postal Booklet/Stamp Machine (PBSM), Exhibit 131c.
- d. Postal Commodity Machine (PCM), Exhibit 131d.
- e. Small Currency Changer (SCC).

The Postal Service has purchased various models of equipment type for the Self Service Vending Program. Although each model type consists of several different models, all of the models within a model type possess the same general operating principles and characteristics.

Exhibit 131a

Postal Stamp Machine (PSM)

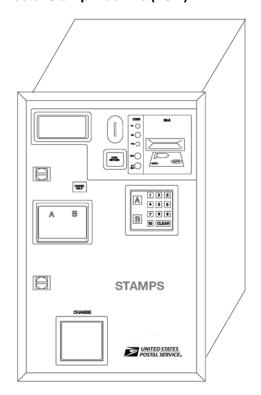


Exhibit 131b

Postal Booklet Machine (PBM)

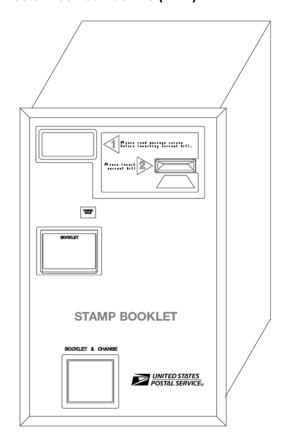
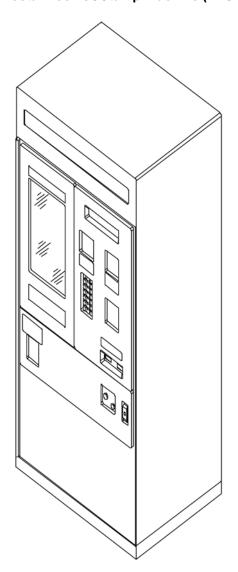


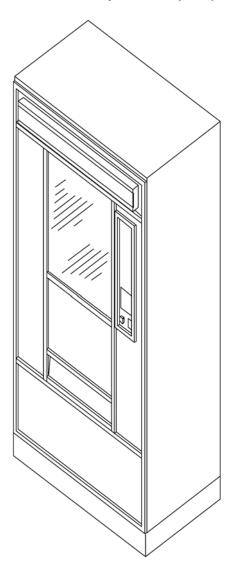
Exhibit 131c
Postal Booklet/Stamp Machine (PBSM)



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Exhibit 131d

Postal Commodity Machine (PCM)



132 Configurations

A wide range of configurations, from a single machine to a full self service postal center (SSPC), exists for deployment. The following lists various configurations:

- a. PSM (Exhibit 131a). A coil stamp vending machine (with or without an internal bill acceptor) installed at a postal or nonpostal site.
- b. PBM (Exhibit 131b). A booklet vending machine installed at a postal or nonpostal site.
- c. PBSM (Exhibit 131c). A booklet/stamp machine installed at a postal or nonpostal site.
- d. PCM (Exhibit 131d). A commodity machine installed at a postal or nonpostal site.

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e. Full SSPC. The minimum configuration consists of a postal commodity machine, postal booklet machine, or a postal booklet/stamp machine installed at a postal or nonpostal site.

14 Services and Products

141 Basic Services and Products

The self service vending equipment configuration will, to some extent, determine the postal services offered. At a minimum, each self service vending location must offer First-Class postage and PS Form 5445, *Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request.*

142 Additional Services and Products

Each self service vending location can make available the following postal services and products:

- Collection boxes.
- b. Electronic scale.
- c. Detailed postal information signs.
- d. Certified mail forms.
- e. Change-of-address forms.
- f. Frequent collection schedule.
- g. ZIP Code directory.
- h. Other Postal Service mailing forms.
- i. Express Mail stamps, labels, and envelopes.
- j. Second-ounce postage.
- k. First-Class Mail stamped envelopes.
- Stamped cards.
- m. Commemorative stamps.
- n. Aerogrammes.
- o. Postage stamps for overseas airmail rates.
- p. Postage stamps for postcard rate.
- q. Priority Mail stamps, labels, and envelopes.
- r. Phone cards.

143 Semipostal Stamps

143.1 **Policy**

A "semipostal stamp" is a postage stamp that is issued and sold by the Postal Service at a price that exceeds the postage value of the stamp. The difference between the sales price of a semipostal stamp, and the First-Class Mail single-piece first-ounce rate in effect at the time of purchase (less the Postal Service's costs), consists of a contribution to be transferred to a federal executive agency for a specified cause. In accordance with legislation

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directing the Postal Service to offer semipostal stamps to the public, the Postal Service will sell semipostal stamps at a price above the First-Class Mail first-ounce rate to enable the public to make contributions to designated federal executive agencies.

143.2 **Pricing**

Semipostal stamp vending packets of 10 stamps will be priced at the First-Class Mail[®] nonautomation single-piece rate plus the additional amount that will be contributed to fund the specifically identified program.

143.3 **Equipment**

The semipostal stamp packets will be sold through every postal commodity machine in service. Models PCM-1625A and PCM-1625B must fully stock each semipostal stamp. The specific semipostal item is to be continuously sold until the product is withdrawn from sale. Product identifiers for PCM-1625A and PCM-1625B machines have been created and are available for download from the Retail Service Web site at http://eagnmnsg10d/ssam/self_service/html/programs/selfservice.htm.

143.4 Responsibilities

143.41 District Retail Office

The district retail office will inform its stamp distribution offices (SDOs) of the location of each multi-commodity machine in its geographic area of responsibility. SDOs will supply the servicing employee with a quantity of vending packets for each multi-commodity machine type to fill the selection until the product is withdrawn from sale.

143.42 **Service Employee**

The servicing employee must record the location of each commodity machine stocked with these stamp packets and the date on which he or she initially stocked each machine. This vend and the placement of the product are not subject to local discretion. This is a nationally supported effort. The district office must do the following:

- Verify that ALL commodity machines installed in the district are stocked.
- b. Forward to the area retail office the dates on which each commodity machine was initially filled with this stamp packet.

Note: The area retail office will retain this information for future audit.

143.5 Financial Reporting

Record sales for semipostal stamp vending packets on PS Form 1412, *Daily Financial Report*, in the corresponding Account Identifier Code (AIC) line:

a. Breast Cancer Research Stamp. The servicing person records the amount as an entry to AIC 084, Breast Cancer Research Stamp Sales, on PS Form 1412, Daily Financial Report (see Exhibit 463).

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b. Stop Family Violence Stamp. The servicing person records the amount as an entry to AIC 089, on PS Form 1412, Daily Financial Report (see Exhibit 463).

Sales for these products that are recorded on PS 8130, *Vending Equipment Sales Service Daily Activity Log,* will be included with total machine revenue.

15 Program Management Objectives

151 Marketing the Self Service Vending Program

151.1 Objectives

The main objectives of the marketing techniques in the Self Service Vending Program follow the guidelines of *CustomerPerfect!* and are as follows:

- a. Voice of the Customer (VOC). To have access to self service vending equipment that is fully operational.
- b. Voice of the Employee (VOE). To improve Self Service Vending methods and policies.
- Voice of the Business (VOB). To increase revenue, reduce costs, improve Economic Value Added (EVA), and lower the cost per revenue dollar.

151.2 **Strategies**

151.21 Improve Customer Service

151.211 Reduce Machine Malfunctions

Machine malfunctions are reduced by the following:

- a. Performing proper cleaning procedures as outlined in the appropriate handbooks.
- b. Proper placement and packaging of vending products (see sections <u>462</u> and <u>463</u>).

151.212 Reduce Machine Downtime

Servicing personnel must respond immediately to all complaints concerning self service vending equipment. Each servicing person's office must set up a system to relay machine malfunction information as soon as possible. Examples are as follows:

- a. A pager or cellular telephone may be used to notify servicing personnel of machine malfunctions or complaints.
- b. Servicing personnel must telephone their office at specified intervals.
- c. The supervisor must have a detailed daily route servicing schedule, in order to locate servicing personnel and inform them of machine malfunctions or complaints.

151.213 Provide a Variety of Products

The PCM offers several options in selection pricing and product variety. The basic vending items are booklets, stamped envelopes, postal cards,

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commemorative stamps, pre-packaged items, and various new products. Quantities are adjusted according to community demand.

151.214 Label Self Service Vending Equipment

An identification number on the customer side and on the back of the self service vending machine gives customers and postal employees a common identifier when referring to a particular self service vending machine.

151.215 **Training**

Employees who receive inquiries and complaints pertaining to self service vending equipment must know the general operating procedures and available products of that equipment.

151.216 Inform Customers

Repeated complaints of a malfunction may indicate misunderstanding of self service vending equipment operation. In order to alleviate this misunderstanding, the servicing personnel and their supervisor must clarify to customers the proper operating procedures.

151.22 Improve the Postal Image

151,221 Performance

The servicing person must be given time in accordance with section 442 to perform their vending duties. The servicing person must ensure that all machines are kept fully operational and stocked at all times.

151.222 Appearance

The appearance of the machines and the surrounding areas must always be clean and well organized. All faceplates on vending machines must match in color and style of graphics.

Note: No handwritten notices are used. Approved notices include operating instructions, warnings, out-of-order signs, or price tabs.

151.223 **Display**

Displays must reflect exactly the product that is offered from each selection. The displays must be changed often. Special considerations for displays are as follows:

- Actual stamps are limited to multi-commodity machines. Each display panel shows the description, quantity, price, and one actual stamp.
 The display for stamped paper is a facsimile of the product.
- b. In booklet vending machines, only the cover is used as a display and the stamps are removed.
- c. In stamp vending machines, current Label 223-E, Self Service Stamp Vending Label, is used (see Exhibit 151.223).

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Exhibit 151.223 **Label 223E, Self Service Vending Label**

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151.224 Advertising

If additional advertising will increase revenue, local marketing resources may be used at the discretion of the district.

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151.225 Servicing Personnel

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Servicing personnel must look professional at all times. ervicing personnel serve as general information sources for customers. They assist the customer with appropriate information, or direct the customer to another employee for assistance. The servicing person always smiles and treats the customer with courtesy and dignity.

151.3 Increase Financial Performance

The previous strategies outline ways that servicing personnel can increase revenue and reduce costs. Other ways of increasing revenue include the following:

- a. Slow-selling commemorative stamps are replaced with popular or recently issued commemorative stamps.
- Duplicate selections are offered for high-demand commodities.
- c. The self service vending equipment should be located directly adjacent to main entries, thereby increasing visibility. Additional notices will direct customers to the self service vending equipment.
- d. Advertising is used to increase customer awareness of self service vending equipment.
- e. Extra servicing frequencies are necessary to ensure self service vending equipment is fully operational during periods such as Christmas, tax day, Mother's Day, etc.

151.4 Efficient Mail Collection

In accordance with chapter 3 of the *Postal Operations Manual* (POM), local offices must determine efficient collection schedules at the self service vending locations for both letter and standard mail.

151.5 Courteous Handling of Claims and Refunds

Servicing employees must process claims and refunds in a timely, courteous, and diplomatic manner, in accordance with chapter <u>8</u> of this handbook. Employees should refer any controversial claims to the postmaster or designee for resolution.

16 Organizational Function and Responsibility

161 Headquarters

161.1 Retail Service Equipment

Retail Service Equipment has responsibility to do the following:

- Coordinate the overall Self Service Vending Program to ensure conformance to policies and objectives.
- b. Develop placement criteria, policies, and instructions for managing and operating self service vending locations.
- c. Develop annual and long-range plans and goals for the Self Service Vending Program.
- d. Coordinate with the Maintenance organization on modification and retrofit of self service vending equipment in service.
- e. Coordinate with Engineering on the design and testing of self service vending equipment.
- f. Develop handbooks, directives, and instructions applicable to sites, installation, operation, and data reporting of self service vending equipment.
- g. Work with Marketing in developing policies and programs to publicize and promote the services provided at self service vending locations.
- h. Print, package and distribute all prepackaged vending products. Retail Service Equipment is the sole organization authorized to package vending products.

161.2 Purchasing and Materials

Procure self service vending equipment, including operating manuals and initial supply of spare parts. Coordinate with Inventory Management to ensure controls are in place to provide accountability of self service vending equipment at all times.

161.3 Facilities

Coordinating vending equipment agreements does not require coordination with facilities.

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161.4 Engineering

161.41 Acquisition Management

Acquisition Management provides program management to the Self Service Vending Program by:

- a. Concurring with Self Service in the determination of material requirements for new and existing vending equipment.
- b. Working together with Delivery and Customer Service Equipment to:
 - (1) Prepare new vending equipment design specifications.
 - (2) Test and evaluate production models.
 - (3) Justify, prepare, test, and evaluate modifications for existing self service vending equipment.
- c. Coordinating with Purchasing and Materials to:
 - (1) Prepare, evaluate, award, and monitor contracts for self service vending equipment.
 - (2) Initiate and monitor competitive production contracts for new and existing self service vending equipment.
 - (3) Initiate contracts for self service vending equipment modification kits.
- d. Cooperating with Maintenance Policies and Programs in preparing logistics support requirements covering development, production, and modification kit contracts.
- e. Coordinating with area and district offices for delivery of self service vending equipment and modification kits.

161.42 Maintenance Policies and Programs

The Office of Maintenance Management provides maintenance support to the Self Service Vending Program through the following units:

- Maintenance Technical Support Center (MTSC), which provides backup technical support in the repair of failed vending machines.
 MTSC also develops and issues Modification Work Orders (MWOs) for field modification to standard USPS vending equipment.
- b. Process Control Division, which provides support for self service vending equipment software/firmware.

161.43 **Delivery and Customer Services Equipment**

Delivery and Customer Services Equipment is responsible for the following:

- a. Develop new self service vending equipment through the successful completion and testing of pre-production models.
- b. Retain and update the original technical documentation supporting the design of new equipment.
- c. Develop and design technological enhancements to deployed equipment.
- d. Develop and test proof-of-concept self service equipment.
- e. Provide research and development activities related to self service equipment and components.
- f. Resolve technical issues with fielded equipment.

161.5 Human Resources

Employee Development develops and administers programs to ensure satisfactory training of servicing employees and maintenance personnel for self service vending equipment.

162 Area Retail Managers

The area Retail Manager is responsible for the following:

- a. Utilize all self service vending equipment in the area to ensure its maximum potential is attained.
- b. Request additional self service equipment from headquarters.

163 District Retail Office

The district Retail Office is responsible for the following:

- a. Ensure initial placement criteria is followed for postal and nonpostal sites being considered for self service vending locations.
- b. Develop an estimated projected cost for a self service vending location in coordination with the local postmaster.
- c. Arrange agreements for space and utilities necessary to establish and operate self service vending equipment in nonpostal sites. Take action to have the sites prepared for equipment installation.
- d. Inspect and supervise the installation of equipment to ensure conformance with negotiated agreements and contracts.
- e. Provide justification to the district manager for servicing technician positions or assignment of servicing personnel based on criteria specified in chapter 3.
- f. Coordinate the decision to discontinue or relocate self service vending equipment.
- g. Ensure compliance with the collocation policy stated in chapter 2.
- h. Coordinate with the district material management specialist when locating and relocating self service vending equipment.
- i. Ensure all revenue and revenue-related information is reported in the Web Vending Activity Reporting System (Web VARS).
- j. Ensure all revenue reported in Web VARS is sales-only revenue not bank deposit(s) (see chapter 7).

164 Post Offices

164.1 **Postmasters**

The postmaster is responsible for the following:

- a. Ensure a backup person is assigned and trained.
- b. Make site recommendations based on local business requests for self service vending equipment.
- c. Ensure that all applicable criteria have been followed.
- d. Coordinate with the district Retail office to determine fund availability and to secure project approval.

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- e. Publicize and promote the Self Service Vending Program.
- f. Ensure compliance with the collocation policy stated in section 222.2.
- g. Adhere to times in pre-installation checklists (see part <u>251</u>, Pre-installation Checklist for Retail Specialist).
- h. Coordinate with the district Finance manager for authorization letter for cash reserve.
- i. Ensure the availability of stock, cash, and bait money orders required to establish a self service vending credit for the assigned servicing person.
- j. Provide a security container for the servicing technician to secure the self service vending credit.
- k. Initiate and compile information for dedication ceremony and publicity at their office.
- I. Provide local direction and supervision of the Self Service Vending Program.
- m. Procure vending supplies and services under established procedures.
- n. Ensure the servicing person uses Web Vending Activity Reporting System (VARS) to complete an electronic PS Form 8130, Vending Equipment Sales and Service Log, (see chapter 7) on the day the vending machine is serviced.
- o. Review completed reports, taking action to maintain a high level of revenue and efficiency, including evaluating the effectiveness of program management at the post office level.
- p. Send the correctly completed reports to the district office at the established time.
- q. Ensure supervisory and service personnel follow accounting and examination procedures as outlined in chapters <u>5</u> and <u>6</u> of this handbook.
- r. Ensure servicing personnel are allocated sufficient time to properly service the vending equipment, respond to customer complaints, perform accounting duties, and make frequent bank deposits of revenues as required (refer to 571).

164.2 Supervisor, Stamp Distribution Office

The accountable paper custodian ensures an adequate supply of stamps and stamped paper is available for ordering by servicing personnel.

164.3 **Servicing Employees**

Servicing employees (operators) are responsible for the following:

- a. Perform duties in accordance with this and other handbooks for equipment assigned.
- b. Complete accounting and cost/revenue reports and forms using established procedures covered in this handbook.
- c. Use Web VARS to complete an electronic PS Form 8130, *Vending Equipment Sales and Service Daily Activity Log,* on the day the vending machine is serviced.

164.4 SSPC Technicians

Servicing Technicians are responsible for the following:

- a. Perform duties in accordance with this handbook and the appropriate Maintenance Series (MS) handbook for equipment assigned.
- b. Complete accounting and cost/revenue reports and forms using established procedures covered in this and other handbooks.
- c. Use Web VARS to complete an electronic PS Form 8130, *Vending Equipment Sales and Service Daily Activity Log,* on the day the vending machine is serviced.
- d. Install, remove, or relocate equipment, when authorized.
- e. Provide additional technical support when required.

164.5 Qualified Maintenance Personnel

Qualified maintenance personnel are responsible for the following:

- a. Install/remove/relocate equipment when authorized.
- b. Provide additional technical support when required.

164.6 Collection Carriers

In addition to routine duties, collection carriers make visual checks of self service vending equipment at all sites with collection boxes. The carrier must report any apparent malfunctions to the servicing employee and supervisor.

165 Field Maintenance Offices

At remote locations, Field Maintenance Offices (FMOs) are responsible for the following:

- a. Install new equipment.
- b. Troubleshoot equipment.
- c. Perform preventive maintenance (cleaning).
- d. Replace parts under established procedures.

Note: A locally domiciled servicing employee still performs the normal servicing and support duties at remote postal sites.

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2 Establishing Self Service Vending Locations

21 Determining Need

Self service vending equipment locations are added when the demand for services and products is beyond what can reasonably be handled by existing postal facilities. The Vending Program Coordinator (VPC) exercises judgment in determining if there is a genuine need. The addition of a location may result in:

- a. Diversion of stamp and postal product transactions from window services at post offices.
- b. Extension of hours that postal products are available.
- c. Greater availability of self service vending equipment to customers.

22 Determining Locations

221 Postal Sites

Self service vending equipment can be located on the grounds, in lobbies, or in screenlines of main post offices, stations, and branches. Self service vending equipment in a postal facility must be located so that maximum security is available for the equipment and customers. Installations in remote alcoves, halls, or box sections are avoided.

222 Nonpostal Sites

222.1 Locations

Self service vending equipment may be located in a heavy pedestrian traffic area of shopping malls, college and university campuses, military installations, major airports, large office buildings or complexes, or urban or suburban housing complexes.

222.2 Collocation Policy

Self service vending equipment is not placed at locations presently serviced by private postage vendors. It is the policy of the Postal Service not to collocate with or displace private vendors. However, the Postal Service will consider providing self service vending equipment upon the request by the location owner if at least 6 months have passed since the discontinuance of private postage vending services.

222.3 Security

The location of a self service vending machine in a nonpostal facility must provide maximum security for equipment and customers. Installations in remote corridors, halls, or alcoves are avoided. Well-lighted, heavy foot-traffic areas are preferred.

222.4 Coordination

Coordination must be established among district officials, postmasters, public utility companies, accountable paper custodians, and postal personnel involved with the installation of self service vending equipment.

222.5 Preferred Terms of Vending Equipment Agreement

PS Form 8185, *Vending Equipment License Agreement*, shown in Exhibit 222.5, is used to establish and install self service vending equipment at nonpostal locations. Following are some of the terms:

- a. The rental fee is minimal. (This installation is a service to the public and the products are offered at "face value.") However, if nonpostal location is advantageous to the Postal Service, a rental value of "no fee" is negotiable.
- b. The Postal Service is allowed a trial period of 90 to 180 days to determine whether to:
 - (1) Leave the equipment installed.
 - (2) Remove the equipment based on the minimum revenue requirements.
- c. Unless otherwise notified by the USPS, the agreement may be automatically renewed for an annual term.
- d. The landlord provides the location and utility lines (in accordance with specifications provided by the Postal Service) and pays recurring electrical cost.
- e. The landlord provides normal maintenance and cleaning of the surrounding area.
- f. The Postal Service provides maintenance for self service vending equipment and provides all necessary services to ensure dependable operation of the equipment.

Exhibit 222.5 (p. 1) **PS Form 8185, Vending Equipment Agreement**

POSTAL SERVICE ■		Vend	ling Equipmen	t Agreemen
The US Postal Service (USPS),				District and
Name and Address), Mutually agree that a Serial Number	uSPS self-service	, C	apital Property Identi	fication Number
/ending Machine Location, for (Check one) □ No Charge, □	A One-Time Fee, [☐ A Monthly Fee of	and Address of
. The USPS, after a trial period from	e to verify that this	is a viable location for		
a. Leave the vending equipment at its ctb. Downgrade or upgrade the vending ec. With a thirty-day written notice, remove no cost or penalty to either party.	quipment at that lo		ation, at	
At the end of the trial period, unless other annual term. This agreement may be term written notice, or in the event that USPS p	ninated by either pa	arty, at no cost or per	nalty to either party, w	vith thirty day's
The Commercial Property Owner/Lessor for installing the vending equipment. Upo Property Owner, is responsible for restor	on removal of said	equipment, the (Che		
. The Commercial Property Owner/Lessor vending equipment site, and will maintain				
. The USPS will maintain and service the on the USPS and the Commercial Prope Owner/Lessor will provide the USPS with	erty Owner/Lessor	to the maximum exte	nt possible. The Com	mercial Property
. The Commercial Property Owner/Lessor express written consent of the USPS.	will not move, or o	otherwise relocate the	e USPS vending equi	pment without the
. The terms and conditions on page two of	f this form are inco	rporated into and ma	de part of this agreer	ment.
Contracting Officer's Signature (Manager, Retail)		Commercial Property Owr Signature and Title	ner/Lessor's	Date
After completing, make one copy and route - Contracting Office (Retail); 2 - Owner/L S Form 8185 , January 1999 (Page 1 of 2)				

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PS Form 8185, Vending Equipment Agreement

Terms and Conditions

1. Gratuities.

- a. The Postal Service may terminate this contract for default if, after notice and a hearing, the Postal Service Board of Contract Appeals determines that the contractor or the contractor's agent or other representative:
 - 1. Offered or gave gratuity (such as a gift or entertainment) to an officer or employee of the Postal Service; and
 - 2. Intended by the gratuity to obtain a contract or favorable treatment under this contract.

2. Contingent Fees.

- a. The offer warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or obtain this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except bona fide, established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the lessor for the pupose of obtaining business.
- b. For breach or violation of this warrranty, the Postal Service has the right to annul this contract without liability, or at its sole discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover from the offer the full amount of the commission, percentage, brokerage fee, or contingent fee.
- c. Licensed real estate agents or brokers having listings on property for rent, in accordance with general business practice, and should have not obtained such licenses for the sole purpose of effecting this lease, may be condsidered as bona fide employees oragencies with the exception contained in this clause.

3. Claims and Disputes.

This contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 601-13), (the Act). Except as provided for in the Act, all disputes arising under or relating to this contract must be resolved under the provisions of the Act and implementing regulations of the Postal Service.

4. Bankruptcy.

In the event the contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the contractor will furnish, by certified mail, written notification of the bankruptcy to the contracting officer responsible for the administering of the contract. The notification must be furnished within five days of the initiation of the bancruptcy proceedings. The notification must include the date on which the petition was filed, and a list of Postal Service Contracts for which final payment has not yet been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this contract.

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23 Determining Equipment

231 New Locations

231.1 Criteria for New Postal Locations

When vending is the best retail channel, the retail specialist determines the model and number of the self-service vending equipment to be placed in a new postal facility. Selection is determined based on the national vending percentage of the monthly total retail revenue (walk-in, retail metered, consignment, stamps by mail, etc.) for the specific type of postal location. Use Exhibit 231.1.

Exhibit 231.1

Criteria for Initial Equipment Placement Main Office (MO)

0.37% of Total Monthly Retail Revenue (\$)	Option 1	Option 2
<u><</u> 34,164.85	No Vending	Equipment
34,164.86	1 PS-53C MOD	1 PS-53D
40,908.11	1 PBM-2A	
41,345.95	1 PBM-6	
60,340.54	1 PS-22	1 PS-22B
60,497.30	1 PBM-7	
126,972.97	1 PBSM-624	1 PBSM-624B
167,708.11	1 PCM-1625B	

Postal Branch (BR)

0.68% of Total Monthly Retail Revenue (\$)	Option 1	Option 2
<u><</u> 18,589.70	No Vending	Equipment
18,589.71	1 PS-53C MOD	1 PS-53D
22,258.82	1 PBM-2A	
22,497.06	1 PBM-6	
32,832.35	1 PS-22	1 PS-22B
32,917.65	1 PBM-7	
69,088.24	1 PBSM-624	1 PBSM-624B
91,252.94	1 PCM-1625B	

Postal Station (PS)

0.76% of Total Monthly Retail Revenue (\$)	Option 1	Option 2
<u><</u> 16,632.88	No Vending	Equipment
16,632.89	1 PS-53C MOD	1 PS-53D
19,915.79	1 PBM-2A	
20,128.95	1 PBM-6	
29,376.32	1 PS-22	1 PS-22B
29,452.63	1 PBM-7	

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0.76% of Total Monthly Retail Revenue (\$)	Option 1	Option 2
61,815.79	1 PBSM-624	1 PBSM-624B
81,647.37	1 PCM-1625B	

Postal Store (ST)

1.01% of Total Monthly Retail Revenue (\$)	Option 1	Option 2
<u><</u> 12,515.83	No Vending	Equipment
12,515.84	1 PS-53C MOD	1 PS-53D
14,986.14	1 PBM-2A	
15,146.53	1 PBM-6	
22,104.95	1 PS-22	1 PS-22B
22,162.38	1 PBM-7	
46,514.85	1 PBSM-624	1 PBSM-624B
61,437.62	1 PCM-1625B	

231.2 Criteria for Nonpostal Locations

Headquarters must approve all nonpostal locations.

The retail specialist determines the self service vending equipment model to be placed in a new nonpostal facility. Selection is determined based on the estimated revenue per month, using the criteria in <u>Exhibit 231.2</u>. The location and equipment must be re-evaluated 6 months after the initial installation.

Exhibit 231.2

Criteria for Initial Equipment Placement in Nonpostal Facility

Projected Monthly Vending Revenue (\$)	Option 1	Option 2
<u><</u> 338.70	No Vending	Equipment
338.71	1 PS-53C MOD	1 PS-53D
494.03	1 PBM-2A	
515.79	1 PBM-6	
458.80	1 PS-22	1 PS-22B
650.22	1 PBM-7	
2,434.55	1 PBSM-624	1 PBSM-624B
2,547.67	1 PCM-1625B	

232 Existing Postal and Nonpostal Locations

232.1 Revenue Criteria

Self service vending equipment meeting the performance threshold detailed in Exhibit 232.1 must be maintained at its current location. If the revenue changes, the self service vending equipment must be replaced, as defined in items \underline{a} through \underline{d} below.

Exhibit 232.1 **Revenue Criteria**

Current	Monthly Performance Threshold (\$)	
Vending Machine Model	Postal	Nonpostal
Single Stamp Vending		
PS-53C MOD	360.51	462.55
PS-53D	360.51	462.55
PS-22	458.27	601.96
PS-22B	458.27	601.96
Booklet Stamp Vending		
PBM-2A	405.98	598.96
PBM-6	412.77	577.15
PBM-7	504.36	742.72
Booklet and Stamp Vending		
PBSM-624	754.35	2,513.26
PBSM-624B	754.35	2,513.26
Multi-Commodity		
PCM-1625B	1,109.43	2,838.15

a. Performance Threshold for Vending Equipment

Self service vending equipment at postal locations with monthly sales totals less than \$360.51 must be removed. All vending equipment at nonpostal locations with monthly sales totals less than \$462.55 must be removed.

Note: These criteria will change with every rate case.

b. Not Meeting Performance Threshold

Self service vending equipment models that do not meet their performance threshold must be replaced with a model with a lower performance threshold. When there is no replacement model with a lower performance threshold, then vending service at this location must be discontinued.

c. Meeting Performance Threshold

Self service vending equipment meeting its model performance threshold must remain at its current location.

d. Exceeding Performance Threshold

Self service vending equipment exceeding its model maximum sales performance will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Deciding factors may include cost per revenue dollar (CPD), availability of vending machine replacement parts, and the availability of other means of purchasing stamps.

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232.2 **Determining Revenue for Equipment**

232.21 **General**

The transactions of some machines can be monitored. The following paragraphs give the procedures for monitoring different types of self service vending machines.

232.22 **PSM**

The total number of month transactions per PSM is determined by doing the following:

- a. Record from each master module the beginning and ending counter readings for the month.
- b. Subtract the beginning counter reading from the ending counter reading for each master module.
- c. Divide that number by the number of stamps offered per vend by that module to determine the total number of transactions for that module.
- d. Combine the totals for each master module to determine the amount of transactions per machine.
- e. If a computer-based data system is equipped with an electronic memory, a transaction history is also available.

232.23 **PBM**

The total number of month transactions per PBM is determined by doing the following:

- a. Record the beginning and ending counter readings for the month.
- b. Subtract the beginning counter reading from the ending counter reading.
- c. Divide this number by the cash value of the booklet vended to determine the number of transactions.
- d. If a computer-based data system is equipped with an electronic memory, a transaction history is also available.

232.24 **PBSM**

This machine is equipped with an electronic memory; therefore, you must refer to the proper Maintenance Series or Operator's Handbook.

232.25 **PCM**

The number of month transactions by spiral for each PCM is determined by doing the following:

- a. Prepare a marker for each spiral (may be cardboard cutouts similar in size to the actual product).
- b. Place a marker in the last slot (nearest the vend motor) of each spiral.
- c. Leave enough empty slots between the marker and the last product in each spiral to ensure the marker is not vended if all the products in the spiral are sold.
- d. Before each servicing, count the number of empty slots between the marker and the last slot (nearest the vend motor) in the spiral. Do not count empty slots in front of the marker.

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- e. Repeat steps b through d for each spiral.
- f. Total the number of transactions for the entire machine, and record this number on a tally sheet kept in the machine during the month.
- g. Replace the marker in the last slot (nearest the vend motor) of each spiral.
- h. Complete servicing, ensuring that a gap is left in each spiral as described in step \underline{c} .
- i. Repeat the process each time the machine is serviced during the month.
- j. At the end of the month, total the transactions listed on the tally sheet for that PCM.
- k. If a computer-based data system is equipped with an electronic memory, a transaction history is also available.

24 Acquiring Equipment

The purchase of all self service vending equipment is restricted to Headquarters.

25 Installing Equipment

251 Pre-installation Checklist for Retail Specialist

The following checklist contains the pre-installation requirements for retail specialists:

Action Required	Lead Time Needed Prior to Equipment Activation
1. Obtain approval for nonpostal installations per <a>231.2 .	30 days
2. Initiate vending lease agreement, PS Form 8185, <i>Vending Equipment Agreement</i> , if needed.	90 days
Notify postmaster.	90 days
4. Initiate delivery and installation procedures.	60 days
5. Notify administrative services.	60 days
6. Ensure the Web Vending Activity Reporting System (Web VARS) is updated.	At time of installation

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Pre-installation Checklist for Administrative Services

The following checklist contains the pre-installation requirements for administrative services:

Action Required	Lead Time Needed Prior to Equipment Activation
Process lease agreement.	45 days
Coordinate site preparation and installation.	45 days
Affix capital equipment property numbers.	At time of installation

Pre-installation Checklist for Local Postmaster or Designee

The following checklist contains the pre-installation requirements for the local postmaster or designee:

Action Required	Lead Time Needed Prior to Equipment Activation
Request district authorization for self service postal center technician, if applicable.	As soon as possible
Ensure servicing employee has the required training.	60 days
 Request authorization of funds for necessary supplies, materials, labor, and services in connection with activating the self service vending equipment. 	60 days
 Ensure proper products, USPS customer forms, and cleaning supplies are on hand. 	30 days
5. Designate servicing personnel's supervisor.	30 days
6. Check all equipment for shipping damage.	When received
7. Provide secure storage of the equipment.	When received
Provide coins required for initial equipment activation.	10 days
Arrange for bank to accept bagged coins.	10 days
 Provide safe and secure work area for servicing person. 	10 days
 Authorize mileage to and from location (if applicable). 	7 days
12. Ensure duplicate keys, PIN, or combination are placed in separate PS Form 3977, <i>Duplicate Key, Combination, and Password Envelope.</i>	At time of installation

254 Pre-installation Checklist for Servicing Personnel

The following checklist contains the pre-installation requirements for servicing personnel:

Action Required	Lead Time Needed Prior to Equipment Activation		
Receive training provided by the National Center for Employee Development (NCED), if applicable.	Before installation		
2. Check the operation of the new equipment.	a. When received b. When installed		
3. Accept stamp stock credit (if necessary).	10 days		
 Ensure that all necessary equipment, cleaning supplies, and stamp stock are available. Report deficiencies to the postmaster in writing. 	10 days		
Install postal product displays in the new equipment.	At time of activation		
6. Ensure duplicate keys, PIN, or combination are placed in separate PS Form 3977.	At time of installation		
7. Keep HBK PO-102, Self Service Vending Operational and Marketing Program, readily available.	At all times		

255 Pre-installation Checklist for Maintenance Personnel

The following checklist contains the pre-installation requirements for maintenance personnel:

Action Required	Lead Time Needed Prior to Equipment Activation
 Receive training provided by the NCED, if applicable. 	When scheduled
2. Install machines.	When requested
Conduct polarity and line voltage checks of all outlets used by self service vending machines. (See appropriate MS handbook.)	When installed
 Serve as technical resource to the servicing person. 	At all times

256 Redeployment

If a self service vending location is unable to meet the criteria in <u>Exhibit</u>
231.1, the equipment must be considered for redeployment. Before initiating redeployment, all efforts must be made to improve performance. An initial letter (<u>Exhibit 256.1</u>) must be sent to the postmaster of the location. If after 60 days the location is still unable to meet the criteria listed in <u>Exhibit 231.1</u>, a second letter (<u>Exhibit 256.2</u>) must be sent and the equipment removed.

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256.1 Postal Redeployment

If the vending equipment model at a location is unable to meet the average sales performance threshold listed in Exhibit 231.1 for a consecutive 6-month period, the equipment must be considered for redeployment. Before contacting the location, the district should complete the following steps to verify sales during the time frame:

- Ensure that the machine has received full servicing and has remained operational.
- b. Ensure that the location has accurately reported sales.
- c. Ensure that the location sales are appropriately assigned to each machine.
- d. Reconcile sales with the PS Form 1412, *Daily Financial Report*, using AIC 096, Vending Equipment Postage Sales.
- e. Correct bad data entries.

Once the sales data has been validated, all efforts must be made to improve sales performance. A letter (Exhibit 256.1) initiating redeployment must be sent to the postmaster of the location requesting the implementation of a plan of action to correct the deficiency within 10 days.

Two months after the plan has been implemented, if the vending machine model at the location has been able to meet the monthly sales threshold listed in Exhibit 231.1, the location will continue to be evaluated for the next 4 months. A letter (Exhibit 256.1a) must be sent to the postmaster of the location as notification of the 4-month extension to achieve a 6 month-average performance threshold. If after attempting the methods identified for improving usage of this machine it is still unable to achieve the 6 month-average performance threshold, the stamp vending machine will be scheduled for removal. An assessment must be made to determine whether replacing the unit with a different model using a lower sales threshold makes business sense.

Two months after attempting the methods identified for improving usage of the machine, if the vending machine model at the location is still unable to meet the monthly sales threshold listed in Exhibit 231.1, a second letter (Exhibit 256.1b) must be sent. In part, this letter (Exhibit 256.1b) states that the equipment will be removed and an assessment must be made to determine whether replacing the machine with a different model possessing a lower sales threshold makes business sense. No more than 3 days after the receipt of Redeployment Letter2 to Postmaster (Exhibit 256.1b), the servicing employee must apply a notice (Exhibit 256.1c) to notify the customers that the vending machine is to be removed. The label must remain on the machine no less than 30 days before the machine is to be removed. The removal of the vending machine should be completed no more than 45 days after notification (Exhibit 256.1b).

Note: Before a vending machine is removed from a location, a vending credit examination must be completed. All cash and product must be removed from the vending machine. All monies removed from the machine are to be deposited as a "final" sale. At no time are monies to be "transferred" to another machine. Stamp stock must be returned to

the stamp stock custodian.

Note: The machine must be removed from service in Web VARS.

Note: Vending machines are only to be relocated to Postal Service

facilities.

Exhibit 256.1

Initial Low Sales Generation Notice to Postmaster



Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Vending — Low Sales Generation Notice

To: [INSERT POSTMASTER NAME]

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE [INSERT STREET ADDRESS]
[INSERT CITY, STATE AND 9D ZIP]

Recent evaluation of the stamp vending sales being generated at the location listed below indicates that the equipment is not attaining the minimum acceptable standards.

Unit ID #: [Insert _ _ _ + _ _]

Location of Machine: [Insert Address]

Model: [Insert Model Number]

Minimum Average Monthly Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]
Actual YTD Average Monthly Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]

Percentage Achievement to Goal: [Insert %]
Cost Per Dollar Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]

A plan of action to correct this deficiency must be implemented. A copy of the plan, with an implementation date, must be submitted to this office by [Insert Date (10 days)]. Possible ways to improve the sales of this unit include the following:

- Keep machine fully stocked.
- Make repairs and/or clear jams immediately.
- Visually inspect all vending machines during daily lobby sweeps.
- Post signs in lobby directing customers to stamp vending machines.
- Use lobby director to assist customers in using machine.

You may want to contact the district retail specialist to help you prepare your plan of action.

Two months after implementation, if this machine is unable to achieve the minimum acceptable requirement of **[Insert Dollar Amount]** per month, it will be designated for redeployment to a site which can serve a greater number of customers. If your unit is involved in a unique situation which may preclude its redeployment, please include this information along with your plan of action. Though this machine does not meet the minimum monthly sales standards, we may be able to deploy another vending machine model which requires lower monthly sales.

Please make every effort to increase this unit's productivity. This vending machine, although an underachiever, still contributes vending revenue. The intent of the self service vending program is to improve customer satisfaction and convenience, and to do so in a cost-efficient manner. If we are to maintain a credible presence in the business arena, the Postal Service must use its resources wisely.

[Insert Name]
Manager, Retail
[Insert District Name]
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City, State and 9D ZIP]

cc: District Manager

Manager, Post Office Operations

Exhibit 256.1a

Redeployment Letter1 to Postmaster



Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Vending Evaluation Period Extension — Results of the 2-month evaluation period

Follow-up to "Low Sales Generation Notice" letter sent [Insert Date]

To: [INSERT POSTMASTER NAME]

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
[INSERT STREET ADDRESS]
[INSERT CITY, STATE AND 9D ZIP]

Approximately 2 months ago, your office was advised of a serious revenue generation deficiency exhibited by the stamp vending machine listed below:

Unit ID #: [Insert _ _ _ + _ _ _]

Cost per Dollar Revenue: [Insert \$ Amount]
Location of Machine: [Insert Address]

Model: [Insert Model Number]

Required Minimum Monthly Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]
Actual Average Monthly Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]
Percentage Achievement to Goal: [Insert %]
Achievement (Per Month): [Insert \$ Amount]

Further evaluation indicates that this stamp vending machine has demonstrated performance at, or above, the minimum acceptable standards during this time period. Therefore, the machine will continue to be evaluated for the next 4 months. At the end of this consecutive 6-month period, if the machine does not perform at an acceptable standard and achieve the 6-month average performance threshold, the machine will be designated for removal or relocation.

Retail Specialist [Insert Name] will contact you at the end of this 4-month period with the results.

[Insert Name]
Manager, Retail
[Insert District Name]
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City, State and 9D ZIP]

cc: District Manager

Manager, Post Office Operations

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Exhibit 256.1b

Redeployment Letter2 to Postmaster



Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Vending Removal — Results of the 2-month evaluation period

Follow-up to "Low Sales Generation Notice" letter sent [Insert Date]

To: [INSERT POSTMASTER NAME]

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE [INSERT STREET ADDRESS]

[INSERT CITY, STATE AND 9D ZIP]

Approximately 60 days ago, your office was advised of a serious revenue generation deficiency exhibited by the stamp vending machine listed below:

Unit ID #: [Insert _ _ _ + _ _ _]

Cost per Dollar Revenue: [Insert \$ Amount] Location of Machine: [Insert Address]

Model: [Insert Model Number]

Required Minimum Monthly Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]
Actual Average Monthly Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]
Percentage Achievement to Goal: [Insert %]
Achievement (Per Month): [Insert \$ Amount]

Further evaluation indicates that this stamp vending machine continues to perform below minimum acceptable standards. Therefore, effective [Insert Date] the above machine will be designated for removal. Please post the enclosed notice on this machine within 3 working days. A retail specialist will contact you within the next 30 days to arrange for the removal of this stamp vending machine. If the sales of this machine reach the threshold to qualify for a different model of machine, your retail specialist will discuss those options with you at that time. If you should require further information concerning this action, please contact the Retail Specialist [Insert Name] at [Insert Telephone Number].

[Insert Name]
Manager, Retail
[Insert District Name]
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City, State and 9D ZIP]

cc: District Manager

Manager, Post Office Operations

Exhibit 256.1c

Example: Sample of a Customer Notification Notice



IMPORTANT CUSTOMER NOTICE

The Postal Service strives to provide the best service at the lowest possible cost to all of our customers. Unfortunately, this stamp vending machine is no longer effective in meeting the needs of the Postal Service and our customers. This vending machine will be removed from service on or about [Insert Date (no less than 30 days before removal)].

To minimize your inconvenience, stamps are available at this convenient nearby location:

[Insert the Name of an Alternate Source for Stamps]

[Insert the Address of an Alternate Source for Stamps]

A complete array of stamps and other products may be ordered for home or business delivery via the official Postal Service Web site: www.usps.com. Also available online is a complete listing of all stamp selling locations and their hours of operation. To learn all the convenient locations offering stamps near where you live or work, select "Post Office Locator" and follow the easy instructions.

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256.2 Nonpostal Redeployment

If the vending equipment model at a location is unable to meet the average sales performance threshold listed in Exhibit 231.2 for a consecutive 6-month period, the equipment must be considered for redeployment. Before contacting the location, the district should complete the following steps to verify sales during the time frame:

- a. Ensure that the machine has received full servicing and remained operational.
- b. Ensure that the location has accurately reported sales.
- c. Ensure that the location sales are appropriately assigned to each machine.
- d. Reconcile sales with the PS Form 1412, *Daily Financial Report*, using AIC 096, Vending Equipment Postage Sales.
- e. Correct bad data entries.

Once the sales data has been validated, all efforts must be made to improve sales performance. A letter initiating redeployment (Exhibit 256.2) must be sent to the postmaster of the location requesting the implementation of a plan of action to correct the deficiency within 10 days. A meeting must be held no more than 15 days after the receipt of the initial low-sales letter (Exhibit 256.2) by the postmaster. After this meeting, a letter (Exhibit 256.2a) will be mailed to the owner/operator to notify the owner/operator that the vending machine is in jeopardy of being removed due to the low sales.

Two months after the plan has been implemented, if the vending machine model at the location is able to meet the monthly sales threshold listed in Exhibit 231.2, the postmaster must notify the owner/operator.

Two months after attempting the methods identified for improving usage of this machine, if the vending machine is still unable to meet the monthly sales threshold listed in Exhibit 231.2, a letter (Exhibit 256.2b) must be sent to the postmaster stating that the equipment will be removed. Within 3 days, the postmaster will notify the owner/operator by letter (Exhibit 256.2c) that the equipment will be removed from the location. No more than 3 days after the receipt of Redeployment Letter to Owner/Operator (Exhibit 256.2c), the servicing employee must apply a notice (Exhibit 256.2c), to notify the customers that the vending machine is to be removed. The label must remain on the machine no less than 30 days before the machine is removed. The removal of the vending machine should be completed no more than 45 days after notification (Exhibit 256.2b).

Note: Before a vending machine is removed from a location, a vending credit examination must be completed. All cash and product must be removed from the vending machine. All monies removed from the machine are to be deposited as a "final" sale. At no time are monies to be "transferred" to another machine. Stamp stock must be returned to the stamp stock custodian.

Note: The machine must be removed from service in Web VARS.

Note: Redeployment to a new nonpostal location requires Headquarters approval.

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Exhibit 256.2

Initial Low Sales Letter to Postmaster



Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Vending — Low Sales Generation Notice

To: [INSERT POSTMASTER NAME]

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE [INSERT STREET ADDRESS]
[INSERT CITY, STATE AND 9D ZIP]

A recent evaluation of the sales generated by the self service vending machine listed below indicates that the machine is not attaining the minimum acceptable standards.

Unit ID #: [Insert _ _ _ + _ _ _]
Location of Machine: [Insert Address]
Model: [Insert Model Number]

Current Average Monthly Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]
Minimum Monthly Sales Required: [Insert \$ Amount]

A plan of action to correct this deficiency must be implemented. A copy of the plan, with an implementation date, must be submitted to this office by [Insert Date (10 days)]. Possible ways to improve the sales of this unit include the following:

- Keep machine fully stocked.
- Make repairs and/or clear jams immediately.
- Post signs directing customers to stamp vending machines.

In an effort to improve customer usage of this stamp machine, you may wish to contact District Retail Specialist **[Insert Name]** at **[Insert Telephone Number]**. **[Insert Name]** will be able to provide you with assistance in preparing your plan of action. If your unit is involved in a unique situation which may preclude its redeployment, please include this information along with your plan of action.

One of the first things you will need to do is to arrange a meeting with the owner/operator of the business to discuss the current amount of sales being produced compared to the minimum required. It is essential that the owner/operator understand that retaining the machine on-site is in jeopardy and that you would like to partner with him or her to raise the sales sufficiently to warrant leaving the service in place. Following this meeting, written confirmation of the meeting is required. Attached to this notice is a letter prepared for this purpose and a pre-addressed envelope. Please enter the current date and your signature on the letter, place the letter in the prepared envelope, and arrange for delivery the following business day.

After 2 months, if this unit is unable to achieve the minimum monthly sales required, it will be designated for redeployment to a site that can offer greater sales potential.

Please make every effort to increase this machine's usage. The intent of the self service vending program is to improve customer satisfaction and convenience, and to do so in a cost-efficient manner.

[Insert Name]
Manager, Retail
[Insert District Name]
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City, State and 9D ZIP]

cc: District Manager

Manager, Post Office Operations

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Exhibit 256.2a

Initial Low Revenue Letter to Owner/Operator



Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Vending - Low Revenue Generation Notice

To: [INSERT OWNER/OPERATOR NAME]

[INSERT BUSINESS NAME] [INSERT STREET ADDRESS] [INSERT CITY, STATE AND 9D ZIP]

Recent evaluation of this self service stamp vending machine indicates that it is not generating enough revenue for the Postal Service to continue to maintain it.

Unit ID #: [Insert _ _ _ + _ _ _]
Location of Machine: [Insert Address]
Model: [Insert Model Number]

Current Average Monthly Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]
Minimum Monthly Revenue Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]

This letter serves to confirm our recent conversation regarding customer postal needs at your facility. Approximately 60 days from the date of this letter, another review of customer usage and sales performance will be made. If, after attempting the methods identified for improving usage of this machine, it is still unable to achieve the minimum sales required per month, this stamp vending machine will be scheduled for redeployment to a site which serves a greater number of our customers. An assessment will also be made at that time to determine whether replacing this unit with a different model makes business sense.

Although this machine is an underachiever, it contributes vending revenue. As such, it supports the self service vending program to improve customer satisfaction and convenience. However, as Postal Service officials, we are mandated to do so in a cost-efficient manner.

I look forward to working with you to improve customer usage of this stamp vending machine. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at [Insert Telephone Number].

Sincerely,

[Insert Name]
Postmaster
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City, State and 9D ZIP]

cc: Manager, Retail

Manager, Post Office Operations

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Exhibit 256.2b

Redeployment Letter to Postmaster



Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Vending Removal — Results of the 2-month evaluation period

Follow-up to "Low Sales Generation Notice" letter sent [Insert Date]

To: [INSERT POSTMASTER NAME]

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
[INSERT STREET ADDRESS]
[INSERT CITY, STATE AND 9D ZIP]

Approximately 60 days ago, you were advised of the serious revenue generation deficiency exhibited by the unit listed below:

Unit ID #: [Insert _ _ _ + _ _ _]
Model: [Insert Model Number]
Location Address: [Insert Address]

60-Day Monthly Average Sales): [Insert \$ Amount]

60-Day Minimum Sales Required (Monthly Average): [Insert \$ Amount]

Achievement to Goal: [Insert %]

Further evaluation indicates that this stamp vending machine continues to perform below minimum acceptable standards. Therefore, effective **[Insert Date]** the machine will be designated for removal. Attached to this notice is a letter and a pre-addressed envelope to notify the owner/operator of this decision. Please enter the current date and your signature on the letter, place the letter in the prepared envelope, and arrange for delivery the following business day.

After the notification letter has been delivered, post the enclosed notice on the machine within 3 working days. A retail specialist will contact you within the next 30 days to arrange for the removal of this stamp vending machine. If the sales of this machine reach the threshold to qualify for a different model of machine, your retail specialist will discuss those options with you at that time. If you should require further information concerning this action, please contact the Retail Specialist [Insert Name] at [Insert Telephone Number].

[Insert Name]
Manager, Retail
[Insert District Name]
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City, State and 9D ZIP]

cc: District Manager

Manager, Post Office Operations

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Exhibit 256.2c

Redeployment Letter to Owner/Operator



Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Vending — Results of 60-Day Revenue Producing Efforts

Follow-up to "Low Revenue Generation Notice" sent [Insert Date]

To: [INSERT OWNER/OPERATOR NAME]

[INSERT BUSINESS NAME] [INSERT STREET ADDRESS] [INSERT CITY, STATE AND 9D ZIP]

Approximately 60 days ago, you were advised of the serious revenue generation deficiency exhibited by the unit listed below:

Unit ID #: [Insert _ _ _ + _ _ _]
Model: [Insert Model Number]
Location Address: [Insert Address]

60-Day Monthly Average Sales): [Insert \$ Amount]

60-Day Minimum Sales Required (Monthly Average): [Insert \$ Amount]

Achievement to Goal: [Insert %]

As you can see, over the last 60 days the machine has averaged only [Insert Amount] per month in sales. Since revenue-producing efforts have not indicated sufficient improvement, effective [Insert Date], the machine will be designated for removal.

Within the next few days, the Postal Service employee who services this machine will be applying a notice to notify customers that the machine will be removed in approximately 30 days. The notice will minimize your customers' concerns and identify other postal options for obtaining stamps and other stamp products. Approximately 14 to 21 days from the date of this letter, you will be contacted by me, or by one of my staff members, to arrange for the physical removal of the vending unit.

While we regret any inconvenience this may cause you or your customers, your cooperation is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either District Retail Specialist [Insert Name] at [Insert Telephone Number] or me at [Insert Telephone Number] to discuss this matter.

Respectfully,

[Insert Name]
Postmaster
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City, State and 9D ZIP]

cc: District Manager Manager, Retail

Manager, Post Office Operations

257 Obsolescence

257.1 Obsolete Vending Equipment Removal

Retail Service Equipment retains authority over disposition of all retail vending equipment items. Offices with inactive, obsolete, or surplus customer vending items being considered for disposal action must follow the directions provided in Handbook AS-701, *Material Management*, and the applicable Maintenance Management Orders (MMO) or the *Material Logistics Bulletin* (MLB). Once a vending equipment model is identified as being obsolete, it must be immediately removed from service.

Retail Service Equipment's mailing address is:

RETAIL SERVICE EQUIPMENT POSTAL SERVICE 475 L'ENFANT PLZ RM 7670 WASHINGTON DC 20260-7670

257.2 Obsolete Equipment Replacement

An analysis of the revenue produced by an obsolete model will be performed to determine whether to replace it with a current model or to discontinue service at the vending location. When there is a replacement model with a performance threshold that is less than or equal to the obsolete machine, a replacement model may be installed.

When no replacement model can be found, the obsolete unit will be removed without a replacement. A notification letter (Exhibit 257.2) must be sent to the location where the obsolete vending equipment is installed. The servicing employee must apply a notice (Exhibit 256.1c) to notify the customers no less than 30 days before the machine is removed.

Note: A vending credit examination must be completed. All cash and product must be removed from the vending machine before disposal. All monies removed from the obsolete machine are to be deposited as "final" sale. At no time are monies to be "transferred" to another machine.

Note: The obsolete machine must be removed from service in Web VARS.

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Exhibit 257.2

Obsolete Vending Equipment Letter to Owner/Operator



Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Obsolete Vending Equipment

To: [Insert Owner/Operator Name]

[Insert Business Name] [Insert Street Address] [Insert City, State and 9D ZIP]

A recent evaluation of the self service vending equipment has identified the machine listed below, which is installed at your location, as obsolete:

Unit ID #: [Insert _ _ _ + _ _ _]
Model: [Insert Model Number]

Average Monthly Sales: [Insert \$ Amount]

Minimum Monthly Sales Required: [Insert \$ Amount]

Once a vending machine model has been declared obsolete, it must be removed from service since its maintenance becomes cost-prohibitive. Repair parts become hard to find and customer service degenerates from the machine's frequent breakdowns. Machine breakdowns increase our costs as additional trips are required to provide emergency service.

To determine whether to replace this unit with a current model or discontinue its service at your location, an analysis of the revenue produced by this machine was performed. I regret to inform you that there are currently no replacement models with minimum monthly sales requirements less than or equal to the revenue produced by this obsolete model. As a result, the decision has been made to remove the obsolete unit without providing a replacement.

Within the next few days, the Postal Service employee who services this machine will be applying a notice to notify customers that the machine will be removed in approximately 30 days. To minimize your customers' concerns, the label will also identify some other postal options for obtaining stamps and other stamp products. Approximately 14 to 21 days from the date of this letter, you will be contacted by the postmaster, or his or her representative, to arrange for the physical removal of the vending unit.

Your contributions to the success of the postal service vending program have been greatly valued. While we regret any inconvenience removing this machine may cause you or your customers, your cooperation in supporting this decision will be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact District Retail Specialist [Insert Name] at [Insert Phone Number] to discuss this matter.

Respectfully,

[Insert Name]
Manager, Retail
[Insert District Name]
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City, State and 9D ZIP]

cc: District Manager

Manager, Post Office Operations

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3 Selection and Training of Service Personnel

31 SSPC Technician

311 Creating the Position

The district manager will authorize a Self Service Postal Center (SSPC) Technician position when the workload criteria in sections 312.1 and 312.2 have been met. The district manager then notifies the local postmaster of the new position.

312 Criteria for Establishing Positions

312.1 New Positions

Determine whether the criteria in the *Employee and Labor Relations Manual* (ELM), section 233, Evaluation of Bargaining Unit Positions, has been met by using the guidelines in subchapter 45 of this handbook.

312.2 Additional Positions

Districts with many self service vending machines may warrant the authorization of additional positions using the same procedures described in section 312.1.

313 Selecting an SSPC Technician

The postmaster is responsible for the following:

 Obtain the Self-service Postal Center Clerk Technician Examination, O/N 410, and related materials from the National Test Administration Center at the following address:

NATIONAL TEST ADMINISTRATION CENTER-EAST US POSTAL SERVICE PO BOX 4505 ALEXANDRIA VA 22303-0505

- Post a notice announcing the open bid for a servicing technician position in accordance with the USPS American Postal Workers' Union/National Association of Letter Carriers National Agreement.
- c. Select the senior qualified bidder from the register of examination scores, using the following to make a determination:
 - (1) Test results of O/N 410.

(2) Qualification rating procedures found on the USPS Intranet, Human Resources Information Services Page (HRISP), Selection, Evaluation and Recognition, Qualification Standards (BQNET).

Postmasters should consider selecting qualified candidates not chosen for the servicing position as backup servicing personnel.

314 Determining the Domicile Office

The SSPC technician may be assigned and supervised at the main post office or the station or branch most centrally located to the equipment they are assigned. In determining the domicile office, primary considerations include the following:

- a. Travel time consistent with the guidelines in section 452.1.
- b. Prompt response time to ensure continuance of good customer relations.
- c. Other factors that contribute to increased cost.

32 Servicing Employee

321 Workload

When the workload for the district self service vending program, as determined in subchapter <u>45</u> of this handbook and section 234 of the ELM, does not warrant a servicing technician position, the district manager may assign the equipment to a servicing employee. The servicing employee must complete Postal Employee Development Center (PEDC) course 55507-01, Servicing Postal Vending Equipment, and PEDC course 55507-02, Vending Equipment Safety Awareness, and follow the same accounting and servicing procedures as the SSPC technician. When assistance is needed in troubleshooting or technical support, the servicing employee contacts the field maintenance office or a servicing technician. To comply with the optimum equipment performance objective in section <u>411</u>, self service vending equipment must be kept operational for customer use at all times. A properly trained replacement servicing employee must be identified and utilized during the absence of the servicing employee.

322 Determining the Domicile Office

A servicing employee responsible for a single self service vending location should be domiciled at that location. The considerations in section 314 apply in determining the domicile office when a servicing employee's responsibility includes multiple self service vending locations.

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33 Training

331 **PS Form 1782**

Upon receiving the name of the employee requiring training from the postmaster, the PEDC manager completes PS Form 1782, *Training Request and Authorization* (Exhibit 331), leaving blank the training date block. The PEDC manager forwards the completed PS Form 1782 to the district PEDC for processing. The National Agreement training procedures must be followed.

332 Scheduling

The district PEDC manager arranges training schedules with the NCED, Norman, OK, via the Automated Enrollment System.

333 Notification

The NCED notifies the district PEDC, via the Automated Enrollment System, of arrangements relating to the attendance of trainees. The district PEDC manager informs the postmaster who initiated the PS Form 1782 of all information.

334 Travel Arrangements

The postmaster coordinates travel arrangements with the district manager and ensures the trainee attends all scheduled training courses.

335 **PEDC**

The PEDC manager arranges for the trainee to take PEDC Course 55507-01, Servicing Postal Vending Equipment, and all required courses, following successful completion of the resident training.

336 Bargaining Unit Employees

All bargaining unit employees performing self service vending duties must be on Labor Distribution Code (LDC) 46. These hours must also be reported on PS Form 8130, VESS - Daily Activity Log each month (see chapter 7).

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U.S. Postal Service TRAINING REQUEST AND AUTHORIZATION		See Instructions and Privacy Act Statement on Reverse						
General Information								
1. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)			2. Finance No.					
3a. Home Address (Include ZIP + 4)		3b. Work Address (Include ZIP + 4)						
4. Social Security Number		5. Sex (For Management Academy/Technical Training Center Use) Male Female						
6. Position Title		7a. Pay Schedule			ode			
9. Home Phone (Incl.	ude Area Code)	10. Work Phone (Include Area Code)	11. Servicing PEDC Phone					
12. Name of Person	to Contact in Case	e of Emergency	13. Emergency Contact Phone					
		Course In	formation					
14. Course Title(s)		15. Course No.	16. Course Offering Number (TTC Classes)	17. Training Category	18. Facility Code			
19. Prerequisite Course(s) (Title, Completion Date, & Grade)		20. Time of Class Day Evening	21. No. of Class Hours	22. Starting Date (Mo., Day, Yr.)	22. Starting Date (Mo., Day, Yr.)			
24. Mailing Address of Training Facility (Non-Postal Only) 25. Location of Training Facility (if Different from Item 24)								
		-	enses		1			
Advance Payment Advanced payment required Registration form attached. Paid by personal funds. Copy of cancelled check and/or certified receipt attached.		Z7. Item Tuition and Fees	Actual or Estimated Cost		Account Number 52363			
		Books and Supplies	\$		52367			
		Transportation/Per Diem	\$					
		Total —						
		Autho	rization					
PCES Executive	Signature 29. Billing Address (See Instructions)							
Date	Name & Title (Ty)	pe or Print)						
Comments								
(Include Medical Information) PS Form 1782, May 1986								

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PS Form 1782, Training Request and Authorization

General Instructions

- A. References The Office of Training & Development's General Training Catalog (available at your PEDC) describes the kinds of postal training for which this form is required and the procedures for submission and distribution.
- B. Non-Postal
 Training
 Trainin
- C. Special Factors See ELM 743 for information about Double Payment, Contribution or Award, or Training Over 4 Consecutive weeks.

Specific Instructions

- 1-2. Self-explanatory
- 3-4. Self-explanatory. Omit item 4 unless required to show eligibility for training, or if training is provided by OPM.
- 5. SEX: Complete only if training will be at the Management Academy or TTC. This information is collected for housing purposes.
- 6-7. Self-explanatory . Omit item 7 unless required to show eligibility for training, or if training is provided by OPM.
- 8. Occupation Code: See your Form 50, Notice of Personnel Action.
- 9-14. Self-explanatory.
- COURSE NUMBER: Enter course number from the General Training Catalog. Consult with your PEDC for this number. If training is non-postal, enter course number as described in course catalog.
- TTC COURSE OFFERING NUMBER: Complete this item only if training will be at the Technical Training Center. Consult with your PEDC for this number.
- 17. TRAINING CATEGORY: Enter one of the following codes (See ELM 711.5) to determine proper category of training
 - 1 JOB TRAINING:
 - 2 SELF-DEVELOPMENT TRAINING:
- 18. FACILITY CODE: Enter one of the following codes:
 - 1 College or University (See C, above)
 - 2 Other Government Agency (See C, above)
 - 3 Private Industry (See C, above)
 - 4 Non-postal on site training (See C, above)
 - 5 Management Academy
 - 6 Technical Training Center
 - 7 Field Center

- 19. Self-explanatory
- 20. TIME OF CLASS: If both day and night classroom training, check both boxes. If unknown, leave blank.
- 21. NUMBER OF CLASS HOURS: Enter the estimated number of hours for training.
- 22-24. Self-explanatory.
- 25. LOCATION OF TRAINING FACILITY: If training address is different from billing address, enter here.
- 26. Complete this item for advance payments only.
- 27. Consult F-18, *General Classification of Accounts*, for account number; F-10, *Travel*, for policy on travel.
- 28. AUTHORIZATION: A PCES executive is authorized to approve the training for the employee and to certify availability and commitment of funds for this purpose. The signature constitutes the certification that selection of employees is consistent with published USPS training policies, and that any prerequisites to the training have been completed.
- 29. BILLING ADDRESS: Enter the complete billing address (include ZIP + 4) of the PCES executive who signs in item 28. Give any bills or receipts to this manager. EXCEPTION: If OPM training, enter the servicing PDC's address as follows:

Postal Data Center 18000004 US Postal Service San Mateo, CA 94097-9137

Postal Data Center 18000002 US Postal Service Twin Cities, AMF, MN 55111-9137

Postal Data Center 18000003 US Postal Service New York, NY 10099-9137

COMMENTS: Include medical information for Management Academy or TTC training only.

Privacy Act Statement

To the trainee: The collection of this information is authorized by 38 USC 401, 1001. As a routine use, certain information may be disclosed to the training sponsors, to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigative or prosecutional proceedings, to a congressional office at your request, to OMB for review of private relief legislation, to any agency where relevant to hiring, contracting, or licensing, to a labor organization as required by the NLRB, and where pertinent, in a legal proceeding to which the Postal Service is a party. This information is needed in order to provide the requested training. Completion of this form is voluntary; however, this information is required to provide the requested training.

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4 Servicing Self Service Vending Equipment

41 Introduction

411 General

This chapter covers general servicing procedures. The appropriate Maintenance Series (MS) handbook contains specific servicing procedures and maintenance troubleshooting procedures for specific types of equipment. Appendix B lists those handbooks.

412 Optimum Equipment Performance

Self service vending equipment must be kept operational for customer use at all times. In the event of a malfunction, Label 6, *Vending Equipment Out of Order* (Exhibit 412a and Exhibit 412b), must be placed on the equipment. Servicing personnel must be notified within 15 minutes from the time the malfunction was first reported. Self service vending equipment must be fully operational within 24 hours after the malfunction is reported.

413 Supplementary Information

For customer assistance in reporting equipment malfunctions, a telephone number must be placed on the front of each machine.

42 Economical Operation

Supervisory personnel must thoroughly familiarize themselves with the operating costs and revenues of each of their self service vending locations. The Web Vending Activity Reporting System (Web VARS) (see chapter 7), which is available through the District Retail office, will furnish this information.

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Exhibit 412a

Label 6, Vending Equipment Out of Order (front)



Exhibit 412b

Label 6, Vending Equipment Out of Order (back)

Instructions 1. Separate backing at line and peel off. 2. Place over or near coin/currency acceptance slots on temporarily out-of-service postal vending equipment. 3. Notify responsible office of out-of-service condition immediately. 4. Return vending equipment to service as quickly as possible.

43 Types of Servicing

431 Emergency Servicing

Emergency servicing is defined as servicing due to fire, theft, natural disaster, safety, or anything that compromises the security of vending equipment, including man-made hazards. Emergency servicing can be scheduled or unscheduled.

Note: Vending equipment is serviced when vending personnel are able to maintain current safety policies and procedures. Emergency servicing should NOT be performed unless it is safe to do so.

431.1 Suspending Vending Service

When emergency servicing is scheduled to suspend vending service and retrieve accountability before a pending event (e.g., flood or hurricane), vending machine credits must be secured individually with a separate PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, certifying stock and cash removed from each machine. When the assigned servicing employee is unavailable, a properly trained replacement servicing employee will use the following procedures:

- a. Retrieve spare keys or combinations from the envelope labeled PS Form 2018, *Duplicate Key, PIN & Combination Inventory.*
- b. Access the stock and funds from the vending machine.
- c. Count the stamp stock and funds using PS Form 3293 and annotate "Emergency Servicing" on the form.
- d. Deposit the excess funds to the bank and secure the remaining funds and stamp stock in a safe separate from the assigned vending credit.

431.2 Restoring Vending Service

When emergency servicing is performed to restore vending service, all efforts should be made to schedule the servicing employee. If the assigned servicing employee is scheduled to restore servicing and he or she performed the emergency servicing, no count is required of the stamp stock and funds retrieved. If a replacement employee performed the emergency servicing, the stamp stock and funds retrieved must be counted using PS Form 3293.

432 Contingency Servicing

Contingency servicing is defined as machine servicing, during the absence of the servicing employee, when the servicing frequency is greater than the length of the absence.

When the servicing employee is unavailable due to a scheduled or unscheduled absence, a properly trained replacement servicing employee with a witness must follow these procedures:

- a. Retrieve spare keys or combinations from PS Form 2018 envelope.
- b. Access the stock and funds from the "contingency stock."

- c. Count the contingency stock and funds using PS Form 3293. If discrepancies exist, notify the immediate supervisor.
- d. Service the vending machines and collect funds to be deposited.
- e. Annotate stock and coins placed in the machine using PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account.*
- f. Return residual stamp stock to security container.
- g. Count funds to be deposited to the bank.
- h. Secure keys or combinations in PS Form 2018 envelope.

If a replacement employee performs the contingency service, the returning employee must perform a physical count of the contingency servicing stock and the vending machine stock of the vending machines serviced during the absence.

433 Full Servicing

Full servicing for a self service vending machine includes the following:

- a. Inspecting the machine.
- b. Fully restocking the machine with prepackaged items, including new product lines.
- c. Removing coins and bills.
- d. Filling coin hoppers and coin mechanisms.
- e. Performing accounting procedures.
- f. Checking for equipment malfunctions.
- g. Making simple repairs.
- h. Cleaning bill validator.
- i. Cleaning interior and exterior surfaces.
- j. Performing coin/bill acceptance procedures.
- k. Performing proper cleaning procedures as defined in the appropriate MS Handbook.

434 Partial Servicing

434.1 **Restocking**

Partial servicing is limited to removing bills and fully restocking items. Items to be replaced include the following:

- Stamp coils.
- b. Stamp booklets.
- c. Prepackaged products, including new retail products.
- d. Coins in a coin hopper or coin mechanism.

434.2 **Accounting**

Partial servicing requires completion of applicable accounting procedures (see chapter 5.)

44 Schedule

441 Full Servicing

When possible, servicing personnel perform full servicing on the last day of the workweek. This ensures optimum equipment operation during the servicing person's nonscheduled workdays. This servicing includes replacing partial coils with full coils (if determined that they won't last until the next visit), filling each spiral to capacity, and filling each booklet dispenser to capacity.

442 Partial Servicing

The servicing personnel perform partial servicing when they are already at the self service vending location for other purposes. For example, when performing a scheduled full servicing on a machine, a partial servicing is conducted on all other machines at the location.

45 Workload

451 **Determining Frequencies**

451.1 For New Location Equipment

The revenue generated by a machine in a month determines the servicing frequency. Servicing personnel make frequent visits to a new location in order to determine the servicing frequency, using <u>Exhibit 451.2</u>, Standard Servicing Frequencies, as the criteria.

451.2 For Existing Location Equipment

The revenue generated by a machine in a month determines the servicing frequency. Exhibit 451.2 shows the standard number of servicings needed for the various types of machines during a month. The machine with the highest number of required full servicings is assigned as the servicing frequency for that location. This does not include response to malfunction and emergency complaints.

Exhibit 451.2 Standard Servicing Frequencies

Number of Servicing Per Month	Model 53 (all)	Model 22 (all)	Model 2 (all)	Model 7	Model 6	Model 624 (all)	Model 1625B
1	\$450	\$370	\$425	\$725	\$425	\$2,625	\$2,000
2	\$900	\$740	\$850	\$1,450	\$850	\$5,250	\$4,000
3	\$1,350	\$1,110	\$1,275	\$2,175	\$1,275	\$7,875	\$6,000
4	\$1,800	\$1,480	\$1,700	\$2,900	\$1,700	\$10,500	\$8,000
5	\$2,250	\$1,850	\$2,125	\$3,625	\$2,125	\$13,125	\$10,000
6	\$2,700	\$2,220	\$2,550	\$4,350	\$2,550	\$15,750	\$12,000
7	\$3,150	\$2,590	\$2,975	\$5,075	\$2,975	\$18,375	\$14,000

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Exhibit 451.2 **Standard Servicing Frequencies**

Number of Servicing Per Month	Model 53 (all)	Model 22 (all)	Model 2 (all)	Model 7	Model 6	Model 624 (all)	Model 1625B
8	\$3,600	\$2,960	\$3,400	\$5,800	\$3,400	\$21,000	\$16,000
9	\$4,050	\$3,330	\$3,825	\$6,525	\$3,825	\$23,625	\$18,000
10	\$4,500	\$3,700	\$4,250	\$7,250	\$4,250	\$26,250	\$20,000
11	\$4,950	\$4,070	\$4,675	\$7,975	\$4,675	\$28,875	\$22,000
12	\$5,400	\$4,440	\$5,100	\$8,700	\$5,100	\$31,500	\$24,000
13	\$5,850	\$4,810	\$5,525	\$9,425	\$5,525	\$34,125	\$26,000
14	\$6,300	\$5,180	\$5,950	\$10,150	\$5,950	\$36,750	\$28,000
15	\$6,750	\$5,550	\$6,375	\$10,875	\$6,375	\$39,375	\$30,000
16	\$7,200	\$5,920	\$6,800	\$11,600	\$6,800	\$42,000	\$32,000
17	\$7,650	\$6,290	\$7,225	\$12,325	\$7,225	\$44,625	\$34,000
18	\$8,100	\$6,660	\$7,650	\$13,050	\$7,650	\$47,250	\$36,000
19	\$8,550	\$7,030	\$8,075	\$13,775	\$8,075	\$49,875	\$38,000
20	\$9,000	\$7,400	\$8,500	\$14,500	\$8,500	\$52,500	\$40,000

Notes:

See part 131 for the definition of each machine type.

Each machine is required to generate a projected sale threshold before it can be installed. The number of servicings per month is based on actual sales. The minimum requirements for each machine are reflected in the above table.

For locations with multiple machines, the frequency to the location is based on the machine with the highest earned frequency. All machines at the same location are serviced during one visit. All machines are required to be **fully stocked** in accordance with part 433 during the servicing visit.

452 Time Requirements

452.1 Guidelines

The following basic time requirements are to be used as staffing guidelines when establishing positions and should not be used to evaluate work performance. Time requirements include:

- a. Servicing.
- b. Travel.
- c. Counting bills (Exhibit 452.1a).
- d. Counting coins (Exhibit 452.1b, Exhibit 452.1c, and Exhibit 452.1d).
- e. Making bank deposits.
- f. Complete accounting procedures and complete various required forms.
- g. Breaks in accordance with the National Agreement.

The basic time requirements shown in Exhibit 452.1e are averages based on a nationwide study. Basic time requirements relevant to the workload are applied to determine the servicing person's workload. Basic time requirements that do not accurately reflect the workload are modified.

Adjustments are made only to travel and bank deposit times. Such adjustments are as follows:

- a. If servicing equipment is located at the domicile office, no travel time is allowed. If the servicing person is assigned additional locations, travel time for these locations is allowed.
- b. Prepackaged products **must** be used; therefore, **no** packaging time is allowed. See part <u>433b</u> and section <u>434.1c</u>.
- c. Bank adjustments are described in section 453.2, step k.

Exhibit 452.1a

Bill Counter

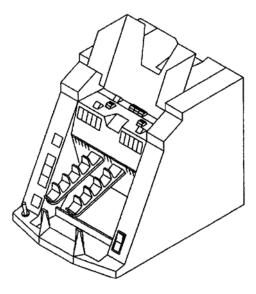


Exhibit 452.1b **Old-Style Coin Sorter and Counter**

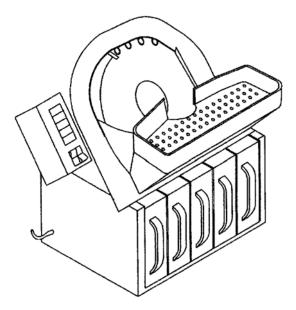


Exhibit 452.1c **Old-Style Coin Counter**

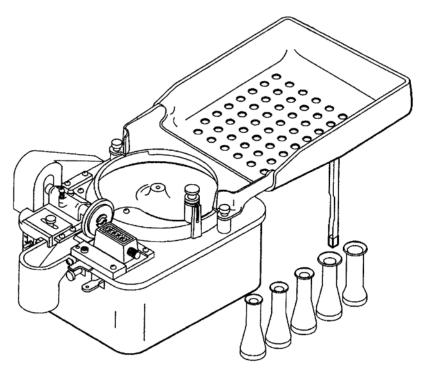


Exhibit 452.1d **New-Style Coin Counter**

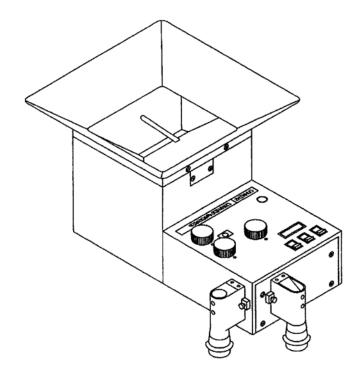


Exhibit 452.1e **Standard Time Requirements in Minutes**

Mac Type	chine e	Machine Model	Servicing Time	Office Time Summary	Packaging Time (Not Allowed)	Bank Time Per Location Visit	Travel Time Per Location Visit	Overtime Per Location Visit
MCI (BA)		PCM 1625 B	40	35	0			
BSN	M	PCM 624 PCM 624 B	40 40	35 35	0			
BVN	И	N/A	10	15	0	15 minutes per		Standard is
BVM	M (BA)	PBM 2A PBM 6 PBM 7	15 15 15	25 25 25	0 0 0	servicing visit. Maximum is 60 minutes per	Actual time spent in travel from location to location	USPS calculated percentage of
SVN	VI	N/A	5	15	0	month.		office and (+) service time
SVM	И (BA)	PS 53C PS 53C MOD 53D 22 22B	5 5 5 5	20 20 20 20 20 20	0 0 0 0			Service time

Note: See section 131 for definitions of machine types.

452.2 Travel

Travel will be based on the time to each location making allowances for rush-hour traffic, parking, and accessing equipment. High costs can be reduced by elimination of excessive or unwarranted trips. Servicing frequencies should adhere to the criteria outlined in section <u>451</u>.

453 **Determining Workload**

453.1 System Generated Workload Analysis

Vending Equipment Sales and Services (VESS) created an automated version of the Workload Analysis. This report was dropped in the Web Vending Activity Reporting System (Web VARS).

453.2 Manually Generated Workload Analysis

Create a manual workload analysis using PS Form 5701, *Location Workload Worksheet: Self Service Vending Equipment* (Exhibit 453.2), and follow the steps below.

- a. Across the top of the form, enter the name and address of the location.
- b. List in column 1 the types of machines installed at the location.
- c. Insert in columns 2 through 5 the basic time requirements from Exhibit 452.1e.
- d. Total entries 2 through 5 for each machine type, and enter in the corresponding row in column 6.
- e. Insert in column 7 the number of servicings (based on <u>Exhibit 451.2</u>) for each machine type. (See section 451.2.)
- f. Multiply the number in column 6 by the number in column 7 for each machine type and enter across in column 8.
- g. Total all numbers listed in column 8, and enter this figure as item 9.

- h. Determine the actual time required to travel between two self service vending locations or between the self service vending location and the domicile location, and enter in item 10.
- i. Multiply the time entered in item 10 by the largest number in column 7 to determine the total travel time. Enter this number as item 11.
- j. Add items 9 and 11 and enter as item 12.
- k. Add 60 minutes as item 13, for bank deposit time, if the deposit frequency is four or more times each month. If the deposit frequency is less than four times each month, add 15 minutes for each bank deposit.
- I. Add items 12 and 13, and enter this figure as item 14.
- m. Repeat this process for all assigned locations. Total all worksheets to arrive at the servicing person's month workload.

Note: Time factors affecting the workload that must be considered, but not included on this worksheet, are: 1) conducting self service vending credit examinations, 2) requisitioning stamps, 3) ordering replacement assemblies, 4) coordinating or assisting with the installation or removal of self service vending equipment, 5) performing preventive maintenance, 6) responding to reports of machine malfunctions, 7) returning of stock, etc.

Exhibit 453.2 PS Form 5701, Location Workload Worksheet: Self Service Vending Equipment

United States I Location \		Workshee	et: Self Se	ervice Ven	ding Equipm	ent	
Note: Use Exhibit 452.1e in Handbo	ts 451.2 and ook PO-102,	Location Name					
Self Service Vend and Marketing Pro standard servicing basic time require	ogram, for g frequency and	Location Address					
Machine Type ¹	Servicing Time	Accounting and Report Forms Time	Bill Counting Time ²	Coin Counting Time ³	Total Servicing Minutes per Machine per Servicing	Frequency of Servicing per Machine per month	Total Servicing Minutes per Machine per month
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
9. Location S	Servicing Minut	tes per Month	(Total Column	8)			
10. Travel Tim	ne per Servicin	g (Time betwee	en two self ser	vice locations o	or self service and	domicile)	
11. Total Trav	el Time (Item	10 x highest nu	mber in Colun	nn 7)			
12. Total Serv	vicing Minutes	per Month (Iten	n 9 + Item 11)				
13. Bank Dep	osit Time (60 r	minutes; if less	than 4 deposit	s per Month, th	nen 15 minutes per	deposit)	
14. Location V	Norkload Time	(Item 12 + Iter	n 13)				
1 Identify machine	e types as follows	:					
MCM (BA)		modity Machine w	/ Bill Acceptor				
BSM		tamp Machine	-				
BVM	Booklet V	ending Machine					
BVM (BA)	Booklet V	ending Machine w/	Bill Acceptor				
SVM		nding Machine					
SVM (BA)		nding Machine w/					
		(see Handbook PC	-	,			
³ Count with old-	style coin counters	s (see Handbook P	O-102, Exhibits 4	52.1b and 452.1c)	or new-style coin count	er (see Exhibit 452.1d)	
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46 Procedures

461 Pre-servicing Procedures

Proper preparation is essential before each servicing visit to a self service vending location. Failure to take along required equipment or adequate supplies and materials results in lost time and inadequate servicing. Following is a list of possible supplies and materials needed for servicing:

- a. Accountable paper stock and other prepackaged vendable items.
- b. Coins to fill the coin mechanisms and hoppers.
- c. PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account* (Exhibit 461), to record required accounting data.
- d. Replacement modules and parts.
- e. Postal Service forms for customer use (PS Form 5445, *Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request*).
- f. Suitable containers for transporting stamp stock and collecting coins and bills.
- g. Separate cash bags for each self service vending machine being serviced.
- Cleaning supplies and equipment.
- i. Tools (such as small Phillips and flat-tip screwdrivers).

Note: Servicing personnel logging hours to Labor Distribution Code (LDC) 46 are required to have access to a portable coin counter and a money bill currency counter at their domicile office to assist with counting coins and bills.

462 On-site Servicing Procedures

Proficiency in servicing must be developed to ensure self service vending equipment is operating 24 hours daily.

462.1 Full Service

A technician performing a full service will do the following:

- a. Thoroughly inspect the exterior of the self service vending equipment and scale well.
 - **Note:** If during the inspection, self service vending equipment is discovered to be out of service, service it first.
- b. Restock self service vending equipment in accordance with loading procedures contained in the appropriate MS handbook (see Appendix B, Applicable Maintenance Series Handbooks).
- c. Record on PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account*, the quantity and value of stock loaded.
- d. Remove bills from the stacker and coins from the coin box. Place the bills and coins in a cash bag with a slip of paper identifying the location and machine. Repeat with all machines that are being given a full service.

Exhibit 461 (p. 1) **PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account**

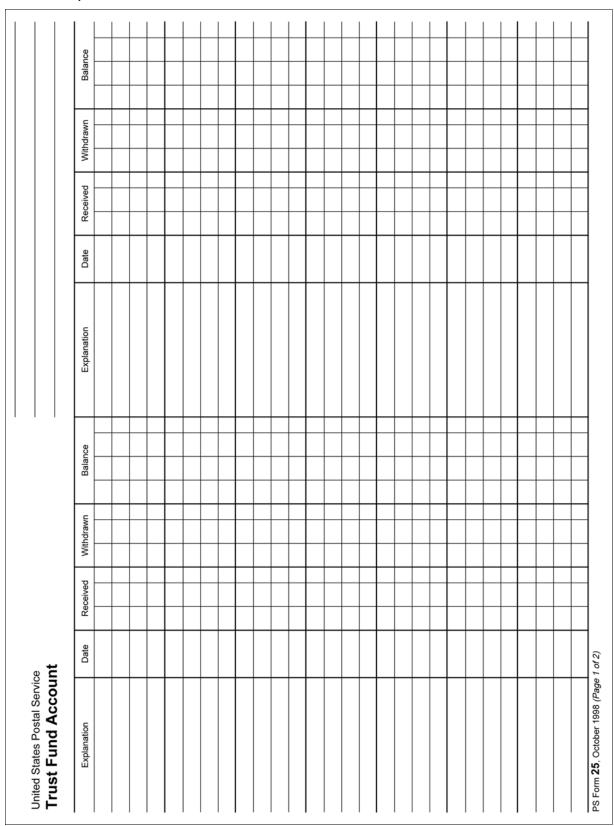


Exhibit 461 (p. 2) **PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account**

Trust Fund Account	United States Postal Service Trust Fund Account								- 1								
Explanation	Date	α.	Received		Withdrawn	nwe	Bal	Balance		Explanation	Date	Re	Received	Withdrawn	uwı	Balance	eou
		_		_		+	+						+	1	_	4	
		_	\perp	_	+	+	+	\perp					+			4	
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- e. Restock the coin tubes with nickels, dimes, and quarters as required.
- f. Refill coin hoppers.
- g. Record on PS Form 25 the quantity and value of coins loaded.
- h. Check self service vending equipment for malfunctions.
- i. Perform module replacement, if needed.
- j. Replace products, including receipt paper, if needed.
- k. Clean interior and exterior of self service vending equipment.
- I. Resupply USPS forms.
- m. Secure and test self service doors.
- n. Test vend when inserting a new product or troubleshooting the self service vending machine.
- o. Perform coin acceptance procedure.
 - (1) Insert a nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar coin from the customer side.
 - (2) Check for the proper reading.
 - (3) Ensure each coin is accepted.
 - (4) Activate the coin return to ensure proper operation.
 - (5) Clear the credit.
- p. Perform bill acceptance procedure.
 - (1) Insert a bill from the customer side.
 - (2) Check for the proper reading on the digital display (if so equipped).
 - (3) Ensure the bill is accepted.
 - (4) Clear the credit.

462.2 Partial Service

A technician performing a partial service will do the following:

- a. Thoroughly inspect the exterior of the self service vending equipment and scale well.
 - **Note:** If, during the inspection, self service vending equipment is discovered to be out-of-service, service it first.
- b. Restock self service vending equipment in accordance with loading procedures contained in the appropriate MS handbook (Appendix B lists referenced handbooks.).
- c. Record on PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account*, the quantity and value of stock loaded.
- d. Remove bills from the stacker and coins from the coin box. Place the bills and coins in a cash bag with a slip of paper identifying the location and machine. Repeat with all machines that are being given a full service.
- e. Restock the coin tubes with nickels, dimes, and guarters as required.
- f. Refill coin hoppers.
- g. Record on PS Form 25 the quantity and value of coins loaded.

- h. Check self service vending equipment for malfunctions.
- i. Perform module replacement, if needed.
- j. Replace needed products, including receipt paper, if needed.
- k. Clean interior and exterior of self service vending equipment.
- I. Secure and test self service doors.

463 Postservicing Procedures

After returning to the domicile office, the servicing person does the following postservicing steps:

- a. Immediately transfer all cash, stamp stock, and equipment from the vehicle to the office work area.
- b. Make arrangements for equipment repairs that are beyond the servicing person's capabilities.
- c. Order required parts by contacting the local maintenance office or Field Maintenance Office.
- d. Prior to making a bank deposit, retain the number of coins required to replenish all assigned self service vending equipment.
- e. Make bank deposits (see subchapter 57).
- f. Process resolution of customer complaints (see subchapter 83).
- g. Requisition stamp stock (see section 534.1).
- h. Complete PS Form 1412, Daily Financial Report (see Exhibit 463).

Note: Servicing personnel logging hours to LDC 46 are required to have access to a portable coin counter and a money bill currency counter at their domicile office to assist with counting coins and bills.

Exhibit 463 **PS Form 1412, Daily Financial Report**

POSTAL SERVICE® Unit or Individual Name				Daily Fina Unit Finance Number (10-digit Unit Finance #)		•
RECEIPTS				STAMP ACCOUNTABILITY		
Description		AIC	\$ Amount	Description	AIC	\$ Amount
Business Reply Mail/Postage Due Ad	Ivance Deposits	053		Opening Balance - Stamp Accountability	840	
Express Mail Advance Deposits		055		Stamp Stock Received (+)	841	
Employee Stamp Credit Overage - (S	PORT Offices -			Stock Adjustment Overage (Amount must = AIC		
Amount must = AIC 650)		057		650 or 699) (+)	843	
Customer Permit Account Advance D	eposits	070		Stock Increase - Revaluation (+)	844	
Special Provisions Locally Managed	Accounts			Stamped Envelope Discount (-)	846	
Advance Deposits		074		Stamp Stock Returned (-)	848	
				Stock Adjustment Shortage (Amount must =		
				AIC 299) (-)	849	
				Stock Decrease - Revaluation (-)	850	
				Total Sales (007-014, 084-089, 090-092, 094-097)	852	
Forever Stamp Sales - Retail Windov	v	007		Closing Balance Stamp Accountability	853	
Forever Stamp Sales - By Internet - I		011		DISBURSEMENTS		
Forever Stamp Sales - Vending		012		DISBURSEMENTS		
Forever Stamp Sales - SPORT Office	26	097		Description	AIC	\$ Amount
Breast Cancer Research Stamp Sale		084		Business Reply Mail/Postage Due Advance	П	
Postage Stock Sales		090		Deposits Withdrawal	453	
Bird Stamp Sales		091		Employee Stamp Credit Overage Withdrawal	457	
Philatelic Product Sales		092		Customer Permit Account Withdrawal	470	
Packaging Product Sales		093		Special Provisions Locally Managed Customer	470	
Stamps by Mail - Internet - Telephone		094		Accounts Withdrawal	474	
/ending Equipment Postage Sales		096		Accounts Withdrawai	4/4	
Value		100		Defend Contained Contained Mater Original	526	
Domestic Money Order Sales	Fee	101		Refund - Spoiled/Unused Customer Meter Strips	526 528	
		102		Refund - Permit, Postage, and Fees	535	
International Money Order Sales	Value	102		Refund of Fees - Retail Services	_	
D	Fee	110		Refund - Postage and Fees	553	
Post Office Postage Meter Sales				Fee Offset - No Fee Money Order	586	
Postage Due Invoices		114		Vending Machine Shortages - (Amount must =		
12 - Month PO Box Rent and Caller S		115		AIC 299)	612	
6 - Month PO Box Rent and Caller Se	ervice Fees	158		Refund - Miscellaneous Nonpostal Revenue	624	
Lobby Services Revenue		123		Financial Differences Shortage	647	
Miscellaneous Nonpostal Revenue		126		Stock Examination Overage - (SPORT Offices -		
Vending Machine Overage - (Amount	t must = AIC	4==		Amount must = AIC 843)	650	
699)		175		Refund - Express Mail	676	
Freedom of Information Fees		198		Stamp Stock Overage Offset - (Amount must =		
Official Licensed Retail Products		231		AIC 843)	699	
Financial Differences Overage		247		Employee Stamp Credit Shortage	767	
Disbursement Sent to ASC		280		Cook Demitted Advance	751	
Stamp Stock Shortage Offset - (Amou	Int must = AIC	200		Cash Remitted Advance	751	
849)		299		Cash Remitted Final	752	
Stamp Credit Shortage Cleared		367		Credit Cards Remitted	762	
				Debit Cards Remitted	772	
Cash Retained on Hand From Prev	ious Report	353		Cash Retained Today	753	
Cash Required	.cao (toport	400		Cash Accounted For	800	
I certify that this is a true statement a	nd the accountal				000	
Signature		,	<u> </u>	Date		

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5 Financial Control

51 Authorized Accounting Procedures

Handbook F-1, *Post Office Accounting Procedures*, covers regulations concerning accounting procedures. Those involved in the accounting procedures for the Self Service Vending Program must read the following chapters of Handbook F-1:

- a. Chapter 1, General Information.
- b. Chapter 4, Managing Accountable Paper.

52 Definition of "Self Service Vending Credit"

A self service vending credit consists of accountable paper and cash that are issued by servicing personnel for use in self service vending equipment.

Note: To the extent possible, self service vending servicing personnel should not have more than one credit.

53 Self Service Products

Self service products are any prepackaged vendible items approved by Headquarters. The field is not authorized to package stamp stock to be used as a self service product.

531 Stamp Stock

Stamp stock is any USPS accountable paper item, e.g., stamps, postal cards, and stamped envelopes.

532 Other Items

Value of initial stock level for vending machine models:

Value of Initial Inventory in Machines

Stamp Stock Reserve		PS 53CMOD/53D	PS 22/22B	PBM 2A	PBM 6	PBM 7	PBSM 624/624B	PCM 1625B
Pennies	100 in roll							
Nickels	40 in roll							
Dimes	50 in roll							
Quarters	40 in roll							
Gold Dollars	bag							
Total Value								

Note: Actual values may be found on the USPS Retail Self Service Web page at http://eagnmnsg10d/ssam/self_service/html/programs/selfservice.htm.

Determination of Self Service Vending Credit Amount

The self service vending credit is minimally defined as the stamp stock and cash assigned to the servicing person. Bait money orders are also assigned.

The amount of stamp stock necessary in a self service vending credit depends on the vending machine models being serviced. To determine the amount, first identify the types of self service vending machines being serviced and the total number of each type. Then, refer to part <u>532</u> to determine the amount of stamp stock required.

533.1 Accountability

The accountability of each vending machine model must equal the amount of stamp stock needed to fully load the machine and the cash required to operate the machine, plus 1 month's average sales.

533.11 Establishing Accountability

The accountability of each vending machine model must equal the amount of stamp stock needed to fully load the machine and the cash required to operate the machine, plus 1 month's average sales. A subaccount must be maintained for each vending machine (see part 552).

533.12 Reducing Accountability

When a servicing employee loses a machine and it is not replaced, the vending accountability credit must be reduced to reflect the loss of that vending machine model, and the subaccount must be closed out with a zero balance (see part 552).

533.2 Contingency Servicing Stock

Once the vending credit has been established, the contingency servicing credit (minimum amount to keep machines operational during an absence) must be secured using the procedures in part <u>561</u>. This contingency servicing credit is part of the total amount of the self service vending credit.

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533.3 Bait Money Orders

Each servicing person must be issued three bait money orders.

A Bait Money Order Control Log must be maintained for all money orders received and issued (see MI AS-220-1999-1). This log may be reproduced locally from <u>Exhibit 533.3</u> and must be kept current.

Exhibit 533.3
Bait Money Order Program Control Log

UNIT ID/FINANCE #:	
POSTAL UNIT:	
ZIP+4 CODE:	
NAME OF ISSUING EMPLOYEE:	

BAIT MONEY ORDER CONTROL LOG

Date	Money Order Serial No.	Money Order Date	Money Order Amount	Signature of Receiving Employee	Date of Receipt	Date Destroyed	Issuing Employed Initials
				550	TROYED BY:_		

534 Initial Stamp Stock Requisition

534.1 Requisition Process

The servicing person has responsibility to do the following steps:

- a. Submit completed PS Form 17, Stamp Requisition/Stamp Return (see Exhibit 534.1), to the custodian of the main/unit reserve stamp stock.
- b. Use the copy of PS Form 17 that is returned with the stamp stock order to verify that the order is complete. (See Handbook F-1, 444.)
- c. Retain the returned copy of PS Form 17.

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Exhibit 534.1 PS Form 17, Stamp Requisition/Stamp Return

inance No		Unit ID	Name	of Post Office, Stati	on, or Branch			Postmark
Telephone I	No.		City			State	5-Digit ZIP Code	
		-	76					
Signature o	f Submitter		Regist	ry Number Used				
Signature o	f Shipper			OM 35 25		2 800	en la la cuellation	Date
g				np Requisition e unit. Print clea			Submit ORIGINAL a	and keep a COPY
Signature o	f Witness						GINAL in an enveloped keep a COPY at t	
Type: (Che		ro 450rowerrol I		640 £501		2000 100		- 1-25 (d) 1738
	Schedu	led Order	E	mergency Orde	r Retu	rn Stock	Return f	or Destruction
Do Not Substitute	Item N	lo.	Quantity	Redemption Rate (Destruction)	Dollar Val	ue	Denomination a	nd Description
				700	Total Value	Sign	nature of Person Receivir	ng Stock
			mpleted b		. Juli Falla			ig Clock
•	Stamp D	estructio	n Commit		\$	Sign	nature of Witness	
Method of D	Disposition	Value (In v	vords)		▼		O/SSC USE ONLY DRRECTED VALUE	
	of Destruction				d dianas - d t			Postmark
				was verified and fication and disp			ving method.	
	Committee and			lars.				
Member of	Committee and	Title						
Member of	Committee and	Title						
Melliper of	Committee and	i ilue						

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534.2 Consigning a Credit (Stamp Stock)

When issuing the initial stamp stock, the custodian of the main/unit reserve stamp stock prepares in triplicate PS Form 3369, Consigned Credit Receipt (see Exhibit 534.2a), or PS Form 3369-P, Consigned Credit Receipt (see Exhibit 534.2b), whichever edition of the form is available. When receiving the initial stamp stock, the servicing person signs the Consigned Credit Receipt form and retains one copy. The custodian of the main/unit reserve stamp stock keeps the original and remaining triplicate copy.

Replenishment Process for Stamp Stock

The servicing person has the responsibility to do the following:

- Submit the original PS Form 17, Stamp Requisition/Stamp Return, to the custodian of the main/unit reserve stamp stock of the office, station, or branch.
- b. Use the copy of PS Form 17, returned with the stamp stock order, to verify that the order is complete. (See Handbook F-1, 444.)
- c. Retain the returned copy of PS Form 17.

536 Frequency of Replenishment

The servicing person requisitions stamp stock according to the schedule established by the postmaster, station manager, or custodian of the main/unit reserve stamp stock.

54 Cash Reserve

541 **Definition**

Cash reserve is coins that are kept on hand in the safe for use in self service vending equipment.

542 Determining the Cash Reserve

Cash reserve requirements in the self service vending credit depend on the number of self service vending machines assigned to the servicing person. The district Finance Manager (DFM), in coordination with the vending program coordinator (VPC), authorizes the amount of cash reserve. The DFM may adjust the cash reserve later to meet changing local requirements upon written request.

543 Consigning a Credit

The servicing person's supervisor issues either a PS Form 3369, Consigned Credit Receipt (see Exhibit 534.2a), or a PS Form 3369-P, Consigned Credit Receipt (see Exhibit 534.2b), whichever edition of the form is available, in triplicate for the amount of the cash reserve and keeps the original and one copy. When receiving the initial cash reserve, the servicing person signs the Consigned Credit Receipt and retains the third copy.

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PS Form 3369, Consigned Credit Receipt

Name	Location of Credit	
(Check One)	Credit Amount	
☐ Stamp Credit☐ Cash Credit	Max. Authorized Cash Portion	
Issued by (Signature)	•	Date
I will faithfully account to the U.S. Postal Service for the or recorded on my Daily Financial Reports. I have read the follow to be given funds and accountable paper in Part 434.2 - 434. F-50. Employees and contractors will be held responsible for I to give the best available protection during and after post Withdrawal of official funds for personal use, whether tempora from office, cancellation of contract, and criminal prosecution fi	ing statements and have to 4, Fiscal Handbook, F-1, a cosses of stamps and funds office hours in accordance any or permanent, may sub	peen advised of the priorities of protection and Parts 213 and 220, Fiscal Handbook is from stamp credits resulting from failure with Part 430. Fiscal Handbook, F-1 eject employees or contractors to remova
Signature		Date

Exhibit 534.2b

PS Form 3369-P, Consigned Credit Receipt

Name	Location of Credit		
Check One) Stamp Credit	Credit Amount		
Cash Credit	Maximum Authorized Cash		
ssued by (Signature)	Date	•	
transactions recorded on my Daily Financial Re the priorities of protection to be given to funds <i>Accounting Procedures</i> . Employees and contrastamp or cash credits resulting from failure to	vice for the consigned credit amount shown above or more ports. I have read the following statements and have been accountable paper in Chapter 4 of Handbook F-1, Porectors will be held responsible for losses of stamps and fur give the best available protection during and after business nether temporary or permanent, may subject employees or cound criminal prosecution.	dvised of st Office ands from s hours.	

55 Subaccounts

551 Establishing Subaccounts

Each servicing person should have a single self service vending credit, regardless of the number of locations or vending machines serviced. For recordkeeping purposes, a self service vending credit is divided into subaccounts as follows:

- A separate vending machine subaccount is established for each vending machine to log receipts and withdrawals of cash and stamp stock transactions.
- A vending stock reserve subaccount is established for the stamp stock and cash that is kept in the safe at the servicing person's domicile office. Because all financial transactions pass through it, this subaccount is central to the self service vending credit.

The separate record kept for each subaccount becomes a record of that subaccount's activity. Each subaccount can be examined separately. Separation of the subaccounts permits the examination of any subaccount to determine the amount of loss, if any, from suspected vandalism, equipment malfunction, or theft.

552 Maintaining Subaccount Records

552.1 Using PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account

Records are maintained by means of a simplified accounting system that tracks all accountable transactions within the self service vending credit. This simplified accounting system requires the use of PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account*. The form, with minor modifications, is convenient for maintaining the subaccount records. The entire PS Form 25 is used, leaving one blank line after each day's last entry.

552.2 Initial Preparation For Subaccount Use

The servicing person has the responsibility to prepare PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account*, for use as follows:

- a. Modify each PS Form 25 by ruling out the words, "TRUST FUND ACCOUNT."
- b. Label each PS Form 25 with the subaccount to which it pertains.
 - (1) Label the vending stock reserve subaccount as such.
 - (2) Label each vending machine subaccount with the location name, machine type, and machine serial number.

552.3 Tasks Entered on PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account

552.31 Entering Vending Machine Tasks

Tasks for vending machines are listed (as they occur) in the "explanation" column of PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account* (see Exhibit 552.31 (p.1) and Exhibit 552.31 (p. 2)). The primary tasks are listed in the subaccount as follows:

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- a. Load stock.
- b. Load cash.
- c. Remove stock.
- Remove cash.
- e. Examination adjustment.

In Exhibit 552.31 (p.1), the retail vending credit is established on 10/27, and a total of \$11,297 in stock and cash is placed in the vending stock reserve subaccount. On 11/3, stock and cash is loaded into a machine, leaving a balance in the vending stock reserve subaccount of \$8,380. This is the balancing of the vending stock reserve subaccount. Note that the tasks "Stock Loaded" and "Cash Loaded" result in "Withdrawn" column entries because the stock and cash are taken out of the vending stock reserve subaccount and moved to a vending machine. Exhibit 552.31 (p. 2) shows the vending machine subaccount record. Note that the entries for "Load Stock" and "Load Cash" are in the "Received" column, whereas they were "Withdrawn" entries in the vending stock reserve subaccount record.

552.32 Entering Vending Stock Reserve Tasks

Tasks for the vending stock reserve are listed (as they occur) in the "Explanation" column of PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account* (see Exhibit 552.31). The primary tasks are listed in the subaccount as follows:

- a. Receive stock.
- b. Receive cash.
- c. Stock loaded.
- d. Cash loaded.
- e. Stock removed.
- f. Cash removed.
- g. Cash deposited to bank.
- h. Nonsalable stock submitted for credit.
- i. Bogus/foreign currency/coins submitted for credit to bank or accounting unit.
- j. Examination adjustment.

Exhibit 552.31 (p.1) **Example of Subaccount Entries on PS Form 25**

lending Stoc Your Name)										
Explanation	19 <u>87</u>	R	eceived	١ ١	Wit	thdrawi	n	Bala	nce	
stablish Ret.	Mo., Day									
Gending Credit	10/27									
Gending Credit Receive Stock		9	280	00						
Receive Cash		2	017	00						
Balance	10/27							//	297	00
			L							
tock Loaded	11/3				2	900	∞			
ash Loaded	11/3					17	00			
Balance	11/3							8	380	90

Exhibit 552.31 (p. 2) **Examples of Subaccount Entries on PS Form 25**

Capitol 21 CE-	Mal 72 (3	L 305	(Ja	005)						
Explanation	19 <u>87</u>	Received		19 <u>87</u> Received			Withdrawn		Balance		
F	Mo., Day			\dashv			-				
Established Load Stock	11/3	2	900	00							
Load Cash	11/3		17	00							
Balance	11/3						2	9/7	00		
						1					

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552.4 Subaccount Balances

552.41 Totaling Subaccount Balances

The total of all subaccount balances equals the amount of the self service vending credit as shown on PS Form 1412-A, *Daily Financial Form* (AIC 853).

552.42 Relationship of Subaccount Entries

Each subaccount is independent of other subaccounts and can be examined separately. There is, however, a relationship between the vending stock reserve subaccount and each vending machine subaccount because all vending financial transactions must pass through the vending stock reserve subaccount. A received entry is usually a withdrawn entry in the other. Exhibit 552.42 shows related activities between the vending stock reserve subaccount and the vending machine subaccounts.

Relationship of Subaccount Entries Made on PS Form 25

Vending Stock Reserve Subaccount Entry	Effect on Vending Stock Reserve Subaccount	Effect on Vending Machine Subaccount	Vending Machine Subaccount Entry
Receive Stock	+	N/A	No entry
Receive Cash	+	N/A	No entry
Stock Loaded	-	+	Load stock
Cash Loaded	-	+	Load cash
Stock Removed	+	-	Remove stock
Cash Removed	+	-	Remove cash
Cash Deposited to Bank	-	N/A	No entry
Nonsalable Stock Submitted for Credit	-	N/A	No entry
Bogus/Foreign Currency/Coins Submitted for Credit	N/A	N/A	No entry
Examination ■ Adjustment	-/+	-/+	Examination adjustment

56 Security

561 Cash and Stamp Stock Security

Between servicing visits, the servicing person keeps all cash and stamp stock locked in a safe. Day lock is not considered locked for self service vending accountabilities. The self service vending credit must be maintained separately from any other credit consigned to the servicing person or any other employee.

Vending credit for contingency servicing must be secured separately from all other vending accountable credits in an approved security container along with a PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, listing the exact types and amounts of stamp stock.

Note: Cash or stamp stock not loaded in self service vending equipment must not be stored in the machine or at the location.

561.1 Security Between Servicing Visits

Between servicing visits, the servicing person must keep all cash, bait money orders, and stamp stock locked in a safe. Day lock is not considered locked for self service vending accountabilities. The self service vending credit must be maintained separately from any other credit consigned to the servicing person or any other employee.

Vending credit for contingency servicing must be secured separately from all other vending accountable credits in an approved security container along with a PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, listing the exact types of amounts of stamp stock.

561.2 Security While Servicing Equipment

While servicing self service vending equipment, cash and stamp stock must be kept in places inaccessible to the public and concealed from public view. A separate cash bag must be used for each machine being serviced. Bait money orders must be carried in the cash bags. Cash or stamp stock not loaded in self service vending equipment must not be stored in the vending machine. Cash and stamp stock not loaded in the machine must be returned to the safe at the domicile location.

562 Employee Access

Other than the assigned servicing person, no employee, supervisor, or postmaster shall have access to the self service vending credit except as provided in Handbook F-1, section 372.2, and in the instructions printed on PS Form 3977, *Duplicate Key, Combination, and Password Envelope* (see Exhibit 563).

563 Assigning Responsibility

If an employee is absent and a machine needs emergency servicing, a witness must be present when the machine is placed back in service. A physical count of the inventory does not have to be performed. Procedures applying to the PS Form 3977 must be followed (see <u>Exhibit 563</u>).

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PS Form 3977, Duplicate Key, Combination, and Password Envelope

Employee Nam	e (Print Last, First,	& MI)		Office Name		Machine Location	on		
Stamp and Ca	sh Credit Compar	tments	POS ONE	IRT	Vending Machine	APC®	Other		
	How Many?	Key/Lock Number							
Cash Drawer			LOGON/PASSWOR		COMBINATION N	COMBINATION NUMBER			
Stamp Cabinet			Vending Model Type)	Vending or APC Serial Number				
Safe Compartment			Vending/APC Key		How Many?	Key Serial Number			
Envelope Drawer			Alarm Box Key						
Other			Other						
nation assigned	d to each employee	e. After the duplicate	keys, password, and	l/or combination a	re enclosed, seal the	flap, and both yo	ou (the employee to		
nation assigned whom the conte Give this signed If necessary to When the conte If necessary to cence of one of prepare a new and the designate are supervisor and supervisor and the supervisor and the supervisor are supervisor and supervisor are supervisor and supervisor and supervisor are supervisor and and supervisor and and supervisor and supervisor and and and and and and and and and and	d to each employee ents are assigned) d and postmarked withdraw the conteents are returned, the access to an f the designated witenvelope and place ataed witness must who will be persons	e. After the duplicate and the witness to tenvelope to the appents by the employer the opened enveloped equipment assignetnesses, and each to a the contents and to sign across both flally responsible for it	keys, password, and he sealing must sign ropriate supervisor w e to whom assigned, e should be discarded d to an unavailable er will endorse this enve he old envelope insid aps and affix the post	for combination at across both flaps. ho will be personal this envelope shall and a new nevel employee, the supelope to show date the new envelope mark across the flee a new envelope and envelope to show the flee and envelope	re enclosed, seal the Also, affix a distinct ally responsible for its of the poper must be prepared in the	e flap, and both you and legible postrists protection. resence of a superiod. the contents of this is the assigned in the must be sealed in and postmarked employee is availated.	sword, or security combined the employee to nark across both flaps. ervisor and designee. s envelope in the preserventory. When finalized, d and both the supervisor envelope to the appropriable and surrender the		
nation assigned whom the conte Give this signed of the context of	d to each employee ents are assigned) d and postmarked withdraw the conteents are returned, the access to an f the designated witenvelope and place ataed witness must who will be persons	e. After the duplicate and the witness to tenvelope to the appents by the employer the opened enveloped equipment assignetnesses, and each to a the contents and to sign across both flally responsible for it	keys, password, and he sealing must sign ropriate supervisor w e to whom assigned, e should be discarded d to an unavailable ei will endorse this enve he old envelope insid aps and affix the post ts protection. Prepar	for combination at across both flaps, ho will be personal this envelope shall and a new nevelope to show date the new envelope to show date the new envelope and a new envelope to show date the new envelope the show the flaps and the shows the flaps and the shows the flaps and the shows	re enclosed, seal the Also, affix a distinct ally responsible for its of the poper must be prepared in the	e flap, and both you and legible postrists protection. resence of a superior. the contents of this is the assigned in permust be sealed and postmarked employee is available.	ou (the employee to nark across both flaps. ervisor and designee. s envelope in the pres- erventory. When finalized, d and both the supervisor envelope to the appropr		

57 Bank Deposits

571 Preparing and Making Deposits

571.1 Frequency

The servicing person in CAG A—G offices must deposit cash into the post office bank account from all self service vending equipment every time funds are retrieved from the vending equipment, and no less frequently than twice each month. The servicing person in CAG H—L offices must make a cash deposit every time funds are retrieved from the vending equipment, and at least once each month.

Note: A servicing employee must not drive from his or her domicile to service a remotely located vending machine for the sole purpose of removing cash, except to meet the monthly requirement.

571.2 Procedures

The servicing person makes deposits by registered mail. Bills and coins are prepared in accordance with local deposit procedures. The servicing person has the responsibility to do the following for a bank deposit:

a. Retain the number of coins, approved by the district Finance Manager, needed to maintain all assigned self service vending locations.

- b. Prepare deposit slip in triplicate, listing separately by denomination and the total value of coins and currency, and verify using procedures set forth in Handbook F-1, *Post Office Accounting Procedures*.
- c. Place currency and/or coins in bank bags along with the original and one copy of the deposit slip. Retain third copy of deposit slip for file.
- d. Seal bank bag with USPS seal.
- e. Follow "Preparing Deposit" procedures as identified in Handbook F-1.

572 PS Form 1412, Daily Financial Report

The servicing person prepares in duplicate PS Form 1412, *Daily Financial Report*, each day he or she:

- a. Receives stamp stock.
- b. Returns stamp stock.
- c. Makes deposits.

The servicing person records AIC 199, Phone Cards (Self Service Vending) as a write-in entry on PS Form 1412. The servicing person records vending postcard sales to AIC 096, Vending Equipment Postage Sales.

Note: Handbook F-1, *Post Office Accounting Procedures*, chapter 2, contains the instructions regarding the proper completion of PS Form 1412, *Daily Financial Report*. The servicing person retains the duplicate copy for file.

58 Nonsalable Stock

581 **Definition**

Nonsalable stock consists of the following:

- a. Stamp stock damaged in the operation or testing of self service vending equipment.
- b. Loose stamps.
- c. Small portions of stamp coils removed from self service vending equipment because they would not last until the next servicing visit.
- d. Stamp stock that is obsolete.

582 **Disposition**

582.1 Procedures

582.11 Offices With Standard Field Accounting

The servicing person has the responsibility to do the following:

- a. Affix all loose stamps onto 8 1/2" x 11" paper.
 - **Note:** Under no circumstances is nonsalable stock to be sold to the window service for resale to the public.
- b. Prepare five copies of PS Form 17, Stamp Requisition/Stamp Return (see Exhibit 534.1).

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c. Using registered mail, send the stock to be destroyed, with the original PS Form 17 plus 3 copies, to the stamp destruction committee.

- d. Retain the fifth copy of PS Form 17 for the files.
- Reduce the stamp accountability when the certified PS Form 17 is received.

582.12 Offices Without Standard Field Accounting

For those offices that do not fall under the guidelines for Standard Field Accounting, refer to Handbook F-1, subchapter 45, and follow directions as presented.

582.2 Stamp Destruction Committee

On the day the stock is verified and destroyed, the committee returns the certified original PS Form 17, and one copy to the Stamp Distribution Office (SDO) and one copy to the servicing employee. The committee retains a copy.

59 Bogus and Damaged Monies

591 **Description**

Bogus and damaged monies are identified as follows:

- Counterfeit United States currency or coins.
- b. Genuine United States currency or coins that have been mutilated.
- c. Foreign currency or coins.
- Stage or play money, slugs, tokens, discs, devices, or other items similar in size and shape to any of the lawful currency or coins of the United States.

592 Reporting

The servicing person notifies the postmaster of any items described in section <u>591</u> found in self service vending equipment. The postmaster then notifies the Inspection Service. Unless instructed otherwise, the servicing person keeps any bogus or damaged monies in his or her safe.

593 Coin-like and Bill-like Objects

593.1 **Disposition**

593.11 Objects Needed for Investigation

When items are required for investigative purposes by the Inspection Service, a receipt is issued to the servicing employee. Credit is given for the items as follows:

a. According to the size of coin-like objects, for example, a coin-like object the size of a 25-cent U.S. coin is claimed as 25 cents.

 According to the amount of payoff from bill-like items. When bill-like items are discovered in the machine, it must be tested in that machine to determine the payoff amount, if any.

593.12 Objects Not Needed for Investigation

When the coin-like and bill-like objects are not required for investigative purposes, the servicing person retains them. Credits for these items are given using section <u>593.11</u> as criteria. The objects are retained until the next self service vending credit examination, when the examiner ensures the following:

- a. All coin-like and bill-like objects are given to the designated official for an equivalent amount of credit.
- b. All coin-like and bill-like objects are rendered unusable.
- c. A memorandum is prepared attesting that these items have been rendered unusable. The memorandum must be signed by the examiner and a witness and submitted with PS Form 1412-A, *Daily Financial Form*. The servicing person attaches a copy of the memorandum to the file copy of the PS Form 1412-A.

593.2 Recording Account Entries

When credits are made for shortages that occur from the use of coin-like or bill-like objects, the servicing person makes the following entries to PS Form 1412, *Daily Financial Report:*

- a. The amount of credit given as AIC 612 for all vending shortages.
- b. The same amount as AIC 096, Vending Equipment Sales, to offset the previous entry.

594 Foreign Coins and Currency

594.1 **Disposition**

The servicing person redeems the foreign coins and currency that are required for investigative purposes. The redemption is made at the local bank before the end of each postal quarter. If local banks do not handle foreign exchange transactions, the servicing person follows procedure outlined in Handbook F-1, section 311.1.

594.2 Mutilated Coins and Currency

The servicing person redeems the foreign and/or mutilated foreign coins and/or currency that are not required for investigative purposes. The redemption is made at the local bank before the end of each postal quarter. If local banks do not handle foreign exchange transactions, the servicing person follows procedures outlined in Handbook F-1, section 311.1.

594.3 Recording Account Entries

Handbook F-1, section 311.1, contains the procedures for recording account entries.

6 Examining Self Service Vending Credit

61 Procedure

Supervisory personnel must examine the entire self service vending credit assigned to an employee at least once every 4 months. To avoid setting a pattern, examinations are unannounced and staggered.

611 Supervisor

Supervisory personnel must conduct the examinations, except when a transfer of accountability is from the servicing person to a replacement. This transfer of accountability is required whenever the servicing person goes on vacation or extended leave (when the servicing frequency is greater than the length of absence). The servicing person and replacement conduct this examination, transfer accountability, and forward a copy of PS Form 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination (Exhibit 611) to the servicing employee's supervisor.

Supervisory personnel must conduct bait money order spot checks. While vending equipment is being serviced, supervisory personnel must make unannounced spot checks at least once every 4 months to ensure bait money orders are being used appropriately.

612 Forms Used

PS Form 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination, and PS Form 3294, Cash and Stamp Stock Count and Summary (Exhibit 612) are used when performing self service vending credit examinations.

613 General

PS Form 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination, and PS Form 3294, Cash and Stamp Stock Count and Summary (Exhibit 612) are used when performing self service vending credit examinations. Servicing personnel workhours used during an audit must be recorded on PS Form 8130, Vending Equipment Sales and Service – Daily Activity Log (Exhibit 613), dated October 2003. When completed, this form will remain on file in the location where Web VARS data entry was completed for the current U.S. Postal Service fiscal year plus one (1).

Exhibit 611 (p. 1) PS Form 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ® Post Office Name						Person's Na	Examination Today's Date			
OUT OFFICE TARTE					o o r r r s m g r	0.000	1000,000			
quipm	ent Location				Examiner's	Name (Ty	pe or Print,)		Exam Date
	p Vending Machine, Bookle									
Line		Coil	Coil	Coil	Coil	Coil	Coil	Coil	Coil	Total
1	Present Counter Reading									Add All
2	Counter Reading When Coil Was Inserted									Line 8 Entries
3	Stamps Dispensed (Line 1 minus line 2)									Horizontally
4	Value of One Stamp	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	& Diago Tatal
5	Value of Stamps Dispensed (Line 3 times line 4)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Place Total Amount
6	Initial Value of Coil	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Here
7	Value of Stamps Dispensed (From line 5)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	▼
8	Value of Stamps Left in Coil (Line 6 minus line 7)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
9	Selection No. 1	lBooklets @ :	\$		Booklet pric	∟ е)				
10										
11	Selection No. 2									
12	Selection No. 4				Booklet prid					
13	Total Value of Loose Stamps in Vending Machine									
14	Total Value of Coin Mechanism Co									
15	Total Value of Coins in Hoppers (#1) \$ + (#2) \$ + (#3) \$ + (#4) \$									
16	Total Value of Coin Box	, \		*			(//-/) -			
17	Total Value of Bills in Machine									
18	Total Value of Display Items (If ac	tual sample)								
19	Vending Machine Total (A		through	18)					_	
	l Currency Changer	100 0	unougn	,,,,						
20	Total Value of All Coins in Coin Ho	pper								
21	Total Value of Coins in Coin Escro	w Buckets								
22	Total Value of Bills in Machine									
23	Small Currency Changer 1	otal (Add I	ines 20 ti	hrough 22	?) —				—	
Servicir	ng Person's Signature					Signature				<u> </u>
Remark	ks									

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Line	Spiral Number	Item Description	Unit	Quantity	A Spiral Total	Spiral	Item Description	Unit	Quantity	B Spiral Total	Spiral Number	Item Description	Unit	Quantity	C Spiral Total
24	1F					4C					7R				
25	1R					4R					8F				
26	2F					5F					8R				
27	2C					5C					9F				
28	2R					5R					9R				
29	3F					6F					10F				
30	3С					6C					10R				
31	3R					6R									
32	4F					7F									
33	Subto	tal of Column	A —	•		Sub	total of Column	в 🚽	•		Subt	otal of Column	c —	•	
34	Post	al Commod	lity M	achin	e Subtota	l (Add	the subtotals	from	ine 33	3)———			▶		
35	Total	Value of Coin I	Mechar	nism Co	ins										
36	Total	Value of Coin I	Вох												
37	Total	Value of Bills in	n Mach	ine											
38	Total	Value of Displa	ay Items	s (If acti	ual sample)										
39	Post	al Commod	lity M	achin	e Total (A	dd line	s 34 through	38)—					▶		
Ven	Postal Commodity Machine Total (Add lines 34 through 38) ding Stock Reserve														
40	Total	Value of Reser	rve Coil	Stock				49	_	5	¢ Coins	s x \$0.05			
41	Total	Value of Reser	rve Boo	klet Sto	ock			50	_	1	0¢ Coi	ns x \$0.10			
42	Total	Value of Reser	rve Env	elope S	Stock			51	_	2	5¢ Coi	ns x \$0.25			
43	Total	Value of Reser	rve Pos	tal Card	d Stock			52	_	\$	1.00 C	oins/Bills x \$1.0	00		
44	Total	Value of Reser	rve Con	nmemo	rative Stock			53	_	\$	5.00 Bi	lls x \$5.00			
45	Total	Value of Other	Stamp	Stock				54	_	\$	10.00 E	Bills x \$10.00			
46	Total	Value of Nonsa	alable S	Stock				55	_	\$	20.00 E	3ills x \$20.00			
47	_	1¢	Coins	x \$0.01	l			56	Bogu	s and Damage	ed Mon	ies			
48	Subto	tal, Lines 40 th	rough 4	47 —	—			57	Subto	otal, Lines 49 t	hrough	56 —	>		
58	Ven	ding Stock	Rese	rve To	otal (Add I	ines 4	8 and 57)	_					▶		
		ion Recap			00 15	2)									
59	Sub	total (Add li	nes 1	9, 23,	39, and 58							"" ===			
	TE: C	omplete line	es 60			-	Subtotals fro				<u> </u>	all lines 59)			
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Type of Accountability	Stock Cas		ined/Reserve 🗌 (Other (Specify)		
Name of Employee	Clerk ID No.		Name		Unit ID No.	Date of Exam	ination
Summary of (Attach a preliminary F	Accountability Form 1412 if applica	able)		С	ash and Cash Iten (Cash Details O		
Total Cash and Cash Items on Hand (Line 33)	Col. I		Col. II	Denomi- nation	Quantity	Amoun	it
Add Back Paid Out Items (Disbursements): 2. Refunds			·	\$100.00			
3. Other				\$50.00			
4. Other				\$20.00			
5. Other			Tot. 2 thru 5, Col. I	\$10.00			
6. Cash That Was Available Before Paid Outs			1 + 5, Col. II	\$5.00			
Less Cash Represented by Accountability tems Other Than Stamp Stock (Receipts):			· ·	\$2.00			
7. Money Order Vouchers				\$1.00			
3. Forms 3544				0.50			
9. COD Tags				0.25			
10. Customer Meters, Forms 3603				0.25			
11. Post Office Meters/PVI (Forms 3602-PO & current readings)				0.10			<u> </u>
12. Box Rents, Forms 1538				0.05			-
13. Retail Packaging Products				0.01			<u> </u>
14. Other				26. Total	Cash		
15. Other					nal and Business s, Total		
16. Other			Tot. 7 thru 16, Col. I	28. Gover	nment Checks,		
To. Other					Money Orders,		
17. Cash Portion of Stamp Credit			6 - 16, Col. II	Total 30. Trave	ler's Checks,		-
ADD:				Total			-
18. Stamp Stock as Counted19. Envelope Discount, Forms 3220					/Debit/PPC Card pts, Total		
20. Stock in Transit			Tot. 18 thru 20, Col. I	32. Other	(Describe)		
(Returned but still in accountability)				33. Total	Cash and Cash		
21. Total Cash and Stamp Stock			Total 17 + 20, Col. II		on Hand items 26 thru 32		
22. Opening Balance Stamps, AIC 840, or Cash Retained, AIC 353							
23. Difference			21 - 22, Col. II				
24. Amount of Tolerance for this Credit							
25. Action Taken When Out of Tolerance	Γrust		se 🗌 Form 571				

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1¢	2¢	3¢	4¢	5¢	10¢
\$ 20¢	\$ 22¢	\$ 23¢	\$ 30¢	\$ 32¢	\$ 33¢
\$ 40¢	\$ 46¢	\$ 50¢	\$ 55¢	\$ 60¢	\$ 75¢
**************************************	\$ 78¢	\$ \$1.00	\$ \$2.00	\$ \$3.20	\$ \$5.00
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
\$ First Class Rate ¢	\$ FC Rate 2nd oz.	\$ FC Rate 2 oz¢	\$ \$P.S.A.	\$ \$P.S.A.	\$ \$P.S.A.
	\$ Express Mail Rate \$	\$ Priority Rate \$	\$ \$Books	\$ Books	\$ \$Books
	\$ FC Rate Coils \$	\$ FC Rate Coils \$	\$ \$Coils	\$ Coils	\$ \$ Coils
\$	\$ uary 1999 (<i>Page 2 of 4</i>)	\$	\$	\$	\$

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	s, Cards, and Other Sta				
FC Envelopes	# 6 ¾ Window	# 10 Window	# 6 3/4 Prec. Reg.	# 10 Prec. Reg.	#63/4 Prec. Window
¢	\$Box	\$ Box	\$Box	\$Box	\$Box
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	# 10 Prec. Window \$ Box				
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
FC Rate Cards	Cards-Reply	Int'l Cards	Int'l Cards		
\$	\$	s	\$	\$	\$
Aerogrammes ¢	Reply Coupons	\$ Bird			
\$	\$	\$	\$ Use This Space for Co	\$ omputations	\$
\$	\$	\$			
\$	\$	\$			
	Redeemed Stock		-		
\$	\$				
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Exhibit 612 (p. 4) **PS Form 3294, Retail Vending Credit Examination**

Inventory of E	mployees' Cre	dit Containe	rs (Ann	ual)				
Equipment		Cash Drav	wer	Stamp Cabin	et	Safe Compartmen	nt Envelope Drawer	
Equipment Numb	er							
Number of Keys								
			Summa	ry of Main/Rese	rve Stoo	k Accountability		
Stamp Stock on I	Hand per Count		\$				☐ Inventory Items Are C Corrected	Correct or Have Been
Stamp Stock per	Form 3958							
Difference	Over	☐ Short						
Action Taken		☐ Trust		□s	uspense		☐ Form 571	
E		Lastina		erification of A	counta	ble Forms	N. A.F.	
Form No.		Last Issued	per Forn	n 1412			Next Form on Han	d
1538								
3210								
3544								
3582-C								
3602-PO								
3603								
				Verification of		Orders		
Domestic	Are they issued	in sequence?	\	∕es □ N	0			
Bait	Are they in good	d condition?		∕es □ N	0			
International	Are they issued	in sequence?						
			Veri	fication of Form	s 3977 ((Semi-Annual)		
Are signatures	current?		_ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	∕es □ N	0			
Are envelopes	sealed and postm	arked?						
				Verification of C	Other Ite	ems (List)		
Notes, etc.:								
I have examined	this stamp credit:				I agree	to the count:		
	nature of Supervisor	r)		(Date)		(Signature o	f Employee)	(Date)
PS Form 3294 , .		-		12007		(-igrataro o		1-210/

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		שא אווא	Daily Activity Log									-		
Location Information	uo			Š	Servicing Employee Information	loyee Inform	nation			L	Monthly	Monthly Workhour Totals	tals	Miles Driven and Misc. Costs
ZIP + 4		Servicing Employee Name	oyee Name		Serv	Servicing Employee ID Number	e ID Number	_		Month 7	Month Total Office Workhours Hours	forkhours Minutes		Miles Driven
Location Name	Type Code	Work Address			Tele	Telephone Number				Month 7	Month Total Service Workhours Hours	Workhours		
Street Address		City and State			Che	Check One SSPC Tech		Sup	Supervisor	Month 1	Month Total Travel Time Hours			Misc. Cost
City and State		ZIP + 4			Clerk		(If other provide) Title:		Other:	Month 7	Month Total Overtime Workhours	e Workhours		
Machine Serial #:			W	Model Code:		Mode	Model Name/Type		1000		Add	De	Delete	
a. Service Date			H	\parallel	\prod	H	H	H						Month Totals
b. Office			\dagger	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
d. Travel Time			\dagger	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
e. Overtime														
f. Sales														
g. Transactions					$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{1}{1}$	\dashv				$\frac{1}{1}$			
h. Out-of-Service	$\left\ \cdot \right\ $		1	\dashv	+	\dashv	\dashv	+	$\frac{1}{2}$	+	-		-	
Machine Serial #:			×	Model Code:	-	Mod	Model Name/Type:	e:		-	Add	De	Delete	
a. Service Date					+	+	+				+	+		Month Totals
b. Office			+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
c. Service	+		\dagger	+	+	+	+	+	<u> </u>	+	+	+		
G. Havel lime	 -	†	\dagger	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
e. Overtime				+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	
a. Transactions			t		+	+	+	+		<u> </u>	_	_		
Dut-of-Service			\dagger				+							
Machine Serial #:			×	Model Code:		Mode	Model Name/Type:				Add	De	Delete	
a. Service Date					\vdash	-				L				Month Totals
b. Office					-	_				_	_	_		
c. Service														
d. Travel Time														
e. Overtime														
f. Sales														
g. Transactions														
h. Out-of-Service	-			1	+	+	+	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	-		
Machine Serial #:			W	Model Code:		Mod	Model Name/Type				Add	De	Delete	
a. Service Date						+								Month Totals
b. Office														
c. Service														
d. Travel Time														
e. Overtime														
f. Sales														
g. Transactions			-											
h Out of Copyion														

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		Р	INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING S 8130 VENDING SALES AND SERVICE DAILY ACTIVITY LOG					
Reporting Period In	nformat	<u>ion</u>	Enter the month and fiscal year for the machine	activity b	eing r	ecord		
Changes in VESS I	nforma	tion Che	eck the boxes for location, equipment, or servicing emp	loyee and	enter	the a	ppropriate char	nges.
ocation Information	<u>on</u>						Location (Code
ADE CITY / S	NAME E	Enter a location name Enter the street addres Enter the city and state	e of the location.			Postal Postal Postal	Main Office Station	Code BR MO ST PS AV
Servicing Employe			e code from the Location Type Codes list to the right.			Bank		BK
			The ID number is assigned by VESS automatically. Contact the Distriprogram administrator for the number assigned.	ict VESS			ation ment Store	CL CO DS
	TELL	ADDRESS CITY / STATE ZIP+4	Enter the city and state where the servicing employee is domiciled.		te box.	Hospita Hotel Post Of Supern	ment Location	GS GL HP HT PE SM
		JOB TITLE	Check the appropriate box. If 'OTHER', include title and pay level.			Mall Misc. /	Other	MA MI
Month Totals						Military		ML
TOTAL SERVICE TRAV	HOURS EL TIME DRIVEN	Enter the sum total r		Model <u>Code</u> 118 119	Num V-356 V-356	nber 04D 04C	Model Name PS-53D PS-53C MOD	Type SVM SVM
Machine Informat	tion	and months of record.		120 121	V-35		PS-22 PS-22B	SVM SVM
		SERIAL NUMBER	Enter the serial number located on the boiler plate identification tag	206	V-10		PBM-6	BVM
	мо	MODEL CODE DEL NAME / TYPE	affixed to the machine. Enter the appropriate model code from the list to the right. Enter the appropriate model name / type from the list to the right. Check the appropriate box to add or delete a machine.	207 208 307 308 601 602	V-100 V-350 V-350 V-350 V-350	65F 08B 08C 08D	PBM2A PBM-7 PCM-1625A PCM-1625B PBSM-624 PBSM-624B	BVM BVM MCM MCM BSM BSM
ENTER SERVICE DAT ENTER THE NUMBER		ICE WORKHOURS	Enter the service date for each day service activities are performer Office hours are the number of hours and minutes spent counting requisitions, performing accounting functions, auditing, depositing failed subassemblies, and providing customer service including rei	i. currency, pre currency, arr	paring anging	deposit	s and stock	
ENTER THE NUMBER			Service workhours are the number of hours and minutes spent ser cash, replacing modules (troubleshooting), and general housekeep	oing.	uipmen	t by loa	ding stock, collecting	g
E. ENTER THE NUMBER	R OF OVE	RTIME HOURS	Enter the time in hours and minutes spent in transit to this machine Postal overtime pay is a premium pay to eligible employees for wo service day or forty paid hours in any one service week.		l after e	ight pai	d hours in any one	
. ENTER SALES AMOUI J. <u>WHEN REQUESTED</u> ,			"Sales" = "products sold" x "the price" (See PO-102, Chapter 7) Enter the total number of transactions generated by the correspone (Rotall Vending Operation and Marketing Handbook, PO- for a particular machine.	ding machine 102, for instru	during actions	the acc	counting period. itoring transactions	
n. ENTER THE OUT-OF-	-SERVICE	CODE	The out-of-service code is the four-digit code based on the followin of days a machine is out-of-service. The second two digits are based on the following t					r
		MONTHLY TOTALS	Total rows f through h, left to right, for each machine listed. Enter (Make entries for items "g" and "h" only when applicable.)	he sum in th	e appro	priate N	MONTHLY TOTALS	block.
1 = Validator TI 2 = Coin Mech m 3 = Controller for di with the properties of the pr	achine wa or four day igits indica as for a de	o digits indicate the as OUT-OF-SERVICE s. The second two te the primary reason efective controller.						
8 = Other In	operative turing the m UT-OF-SE	a machine is for various reasons nonth, indicate the ERVICE code you feel redominant in the nn.					RETENTION When completed t form will remain or file in the location where VESS data entry was complet for the current Fisc Year plus 1.	his 1
						- 1	real plus I.	- 1

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62 Examining the Reserve Stock

The servicing employee must enter the count to one PS Form 3294, *Cash and Stamp Stock Count and Summary*, and the supervisor must enter an independent count to a separate PS Form 3294. Both must verify count item by item and resolve discrepancies after the entire vending reserve stock has been counted. After verification, the servicing person and supervisor make the following entries to separate PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination* (see Exhibit 611).

- a. Lines 40 through 44: Total dollar value for each item listed.
- b. Line 45: Total value of other stamp stock not listed.
- c. Line 46: Total value of nonsalable stock (subchapter <u>58</u>).
- d. Line 47: Total value of 1¢ cash denomination.
- e. Line 48: Subtotal, Add Lines 40 through 47.
- f. Lines 49 through 55: Total value of each other cash denomination.
- g. Line 56: Total value of all bogus and damaged monies (subchapter 59).
- h. Line 57: Subtotal, Add Lines 49 through 56.
- i. Line 58: Vending Stock Reserve Total, Add Lines 48 and 57.

PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account, Entry

The amount on line 58 of PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, should equal the vending reserve stock subaccount closing balance shown on PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account*. The servicing person and supervisor make an entry on PS Form 25 indicating examination date and actual balance of the vending reserve stock, as counted, and initial the form. They attach PS Form 3294, *Cash and Stamp Stock Count and Summary*, to PS Form 3293.

63 Examining the Self Service Vending Machine

631 Supplies

The following items are required for self service vending machine examinations:

- a. Sufficient empty cash bags to collect uncounted coins and bills.
- b. PS Forms 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination, and 3294, Cash and Stamp Stock Count and Summary.
- c. Coins from the vending stock reserve, after the vending stock reserve examination. These coins will replenish the uncounted coins that are removed during the examination.

632 Preliminary Examination

For each vending machine, the servicing employee must enter the count to one PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, and the supervisor must enter an independent count to a separate PS Form 3293. Both must verify count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

Note: This preliminary count does not include cash collected from the coin boxes and bill acceptors of the vending machine. This cash is counted at a location where counting machines are available and security is adequate (usually the domicile office of the servicing person).

633 Examination

633.1 Postal Stamp Machines (PSM)

633.11 Coils

To determine the value of stamps remaining on each coil, the servicing employee and supervisor enter the following information onto separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination* (see Exhibit 611 (p. 1)):

- a. Line 1: Present counter reading.
- b. Line 2: Counter reading when coil was inserted (see section 462.1b).
- c. Line 3: Stamps dispensed (line 1 minus line 2).
- d. Line 4: Value of one stamp vended from that module.
- e. Line 5: Value of stamps dispensed (line 3 times line 4).
- f. Line 6: Initial value of coil.
- g. Line 7: Value of stamps dispensed (from line 5).
- h. Line 8: Value of stamps left in coil (line 6 minus line 7).
- i. Repeat steps 1 through 8 for each module of the machine.
- j. Add all Line 8 columns across and enter in the total column box.
- k. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.12 Loose Stamps

The servicing person and supervisor enter on line 13 of separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, the total value of loose stamps in the machine. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.13 Coin Mechanism

The servicing person and supervisor enter on line 14 of separate PS Forms 3293 the total value of coins in the coin mechanism. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.14 Coin Hoppers

The servicing person and supervisor do the following to count the coins in the coin hoppers:

a. Place all coins into separate cash bags.

- b. Identify each cash bag by inserting a slip of paper with machine number, type, date, and location.
- c. Fill coin hoppers with coins that were previously counted in the vending stock reserve. Do not reenter the value of these previously counted coins on PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*.
- d. Count all previously uncounted coins and enter the value of each coin hopper on line 15 of separate PS Forms 3293. Total all coin hoppers across and enter in the total column.

Note: If coin counting machines are not available at the location and adequate security is not possible, the servicing person and supervisor count these coins in a different location (usually the domicile office of the servicing person).

e. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.15 Coin Box and Bill Acceptor

The servicing person and supervisor do the following to count the cash in the coin box and bill acceptor:

- a. Place all coins into a cash bag.
- b. Place all bills into a cash bag.
- c. Identify each cash bag by inserting a slip of paper with machine number, type, date, and location.
- d. Make an independent count of this previously uncounted cash and enter the following onto separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination:*
 - (1) Line 16: Total value of coin box.
 - (2) Line 17: Total value of bills in machine.

Note: If counting machines are not available at the location and adequate security is not possible, the servicing person and supervisor count these coins and bills in a different location (usually the domicile office of the servicing person).

e. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.16 Other PS Form 3293 Entries

Onto separate PS Forms 3293, the servicing person and the supervisor do the following:

- a. Line 18: Enter total value of display items, if actual samples.
- b. Line 19: Enter vending machine total by adding the totals for lines 8 through 18.
- c. Both servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.17 **PS Form 25 Entry**

The amount on line 19 of PS Form 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination, should equal the vending machine subaccount closing balance shown on PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account. The supervisor and servicing person make

an entry on PS Form 25 indicating examination date and actual balance of machine as counted, and initials the form.

633.2 Postal Booklet Machine (PBM)

633.21 Booklets

To determine the value of booklets remaining in the machine, the servicing employee and supervisor enter the following information onto separate Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination* (see Exhibit 611 (p. 1)):

- a. Line 9, Selection No 1: Quantity of booklets.
- b. Line 9, Booklet Price: Price of a single booklet.
- c. Line 9, Total: Multiply the quantity by the price and enter in the right column.
- d. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.22 Loose Stamps

The servicing person and supervisor enter on line 13 of separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, the total value of loose stamps in the machine. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.23 Coin Mechanism

The servicing person and supervisor enter on line 14 of separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, the total value of coins in the coin mechanism. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.24 Coin Hoppers

The servicing person and supervisor do the following to count the coins in the coin hoppers:

- a. Place all coins into separate cash bags.
- b. Identify each cash bag by inserting a slip of paper with machine number, type, date, and location.
- c. Fill coin hoppers with coins that were previously counted in the vending stock reserve. Do not reenter the value of these previously counted coins on PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*.
- d. Count these previously uncounted coins and enter the value of each coin hopper on line 15 of separate PS Forms 3293. Total all coin hoppers across and enter in the total column.

Note: If coin counting machines are not available at the location and adequate security is not possible, the servicing person and supervisor count these coins in a different location (usually the domicile office of the servicing person).

e. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.25 Coin Box and Bill Acceptor

The servicing person and supervisor do the following to count the cash in the coin box and bill acceptor:

- a. Place all coins into a cash bag.
- b. Place all bills into a cash bag.
- c. Identify each cash bag by inserting a slip of paper with machine number, type, date, and location.
- d. Make an independent count of this previously uncounted cash and enter the following onto separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination:*
 - (1) Line 16: Total value of coin box.
 - (2) Line 17: Total value of bills in machine.

Note: If counting machines are not available at the location and adequate security is not possible, the servicing person and supervisor count these coins and bills in a different location (usually the domicile office of the servicing person).

e. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.26 Other PS Form 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination, Entries

Onto separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, the servicing person and the supervisor do the following:

- a. Line 18: Enter total value of display items, if actual samples.
- b. Line 19: Enter vending machine total by adding lines 8 through 18.
- c. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.27 PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account, Entry

The amount on line 19 of PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, should equal the vending machine subaccount closing balance shown on PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account*. The supervisor and servicing person make an entry on PS Form 25 indicating examination date and actual balance of machine as counted, and initials the form.

633.3 Postal Booklet/Stamp Machine (PBSM)

633.31 Coils

To determine the value of stamps remaining on each coil, the servicing employee and supervisor enter the following information onto separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination* (see Exhibit 611 (p. 1)):

- a. Line 1: Present counter reading.
- b. Line 2: Counter reading when coil was inserted (see section 462.1b.).
- c. Line 3: Stamps dispensed (line 1 minus line 2).
- d. Line 4: Value of one stamp vended from that module.
- e. Line 5: Value of stamps dispensed (line 3 times line 4).
- f. Line 6: Initial value of coil.

- g. Line 7: Value of stamps dispensed (from line 5).
- h. Line 8: Value of stamps left in coil (line 6 minus line 7).
- i. Repeat steps 1 through 8 for each module of the machine.
- j. Add all line 8 columns across and enter in the total column box.
- k. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.32 Booklets

To determine the value of booklets remaining in the machine, the servicing employee and supervisor enter the following information onto separate Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination:*

- a. Line 9, Selection No 1: Quantity of booklets.
- b. Line 9, Booklet Price: Price of a single booklet.
- c. Line 9, Total: Multiply the quantity by the price and enter in the right column.
- d. Lines 10-12: Repeat items a through c of the above procedures for each selection.
- Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.33 Loose Stamps

The servicing person and supervisor enter on line 13 of separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, the total value of loose stamps in the machine. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.34 Coin Mechanism

The servicing person and supervisor enter on line 14 of separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, the total value of coins in the coin mechanism. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.35 Coin Hoppers

The servicing person and supervisor do the following to count the coins in the coin hoppers:

- a. Place all coins into separate cash bags.
- b. Identify each cash bag by inserting a slip of paper with machine number, type, date, and location.
- c. Fill coin hoppers with coins that were previously counted in the vending stock reserve. Do not reenter the value of these previously counted coins on PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*.
- d. Count these previously uncounted coins and enter the value of each coin hopper on line 15 of separate PS Forms 3293. Total all coin hoppers across and enter in the total column.

Note: If coin counting machines are not available at the location and adequate security is not possible, the servicing person and supervisor count these coins in a different location (usually the domicile office of the servicing person).

e. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.36 Coin Box and Bill Acceptor

The servicing person and supervisor do the following to count the cash in the coin box and bill acceptor:

- a. Place all coins into a cash bag.
- b. Place all bills into a cash bag.
- c. Identify each cash bag by inserting a slip of paper with machine number, type, date, and location.
- d. Make an independent count of this previously uncounted cash and enter the following in separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination:*
 - (1) Line 16: Total value of coin box.
 - (2) Line 17: Total value of bills in machine.

Note: If counting machines are not available at the location and adequate security is not possible, the servicing person and supervisor count these coins and bills in a different location (usually the domicile office of the servicing person).

e. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.37 Other PS Form 3293 Entries

Onto separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, the servicing person and the supervisor do the following:

- a. Line 18: Enter total value of display items, if actual samples.
- b. Line 19: Enter Vending Machine Total by adding the totals for lines 8 through 18.
- c. Both servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.38 PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account, Entry

The amount on line 19 of PS Form 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination, should equal the vending machine subaccount closing balance shown on PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account. The supervisor and servicing person make an entry on PS Form 25 indicating examination date and actual balance of machine as counted, and initials the form.

633.4 Postal Commodity Machine (PCM)

633.41 Products

The supervisor and servicing employee do the following to conduct an examination on a multi-commodity machine:

- a. Count all products in each spiral, one spiral at a time, beginning with spiral 1F and ending with spiral 10R.
- b. Enter on the corresponding lines 24 through 32 on separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination* (see Exhibit 611 (p. 2)), the item description, unit price, and quantity.

- c. Multiply the unit price and the quantity to get the total dollar value of that spiral's contents. Enter that amount in the spiral total column.
- d. Enter on line 33 of PS Form 3293 the subtotals for spiral columns A, B, and C for lines 24 through 32.
- e. Enter on line 34 of PS Form 3293 the total value of the products in the multi-commodity machine by adding the subtotals from line 33.

633.42 Coin Mechanism

The servicing person and supervisor enter on line 35 of separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, the total value of coins in the coin mechanism. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.43 Coin Hoppers

The servicing person and supervisor do the following to count the coins in the coin hoppers:

- a. Place all coins into separate cash bags.
- b. Identify each cash bag by inserting a slip of paper with machine number, type, date, and location.
- c. Fill coin hoppers with coins that were previously counted in the vending stock reserve. Do not reenter the value of these previously counted coins on PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*.
- d. Count these previously uncounted coins and enter the value of all coin hoppers on line 36 of separate PS Forms 3293.

Note: If coin counting machines are not available at the location and adequate security is not possible, the servicing person and supervisor count these coins in a different location (usually the domicile office of the servicing person).

e. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.44 Bill Acceptor

The servicing person and supervisor do the following to count the cash in the bill acceptor:

- a. Place all bills into a cash bag.
- b. Identify cash bag by inserting a slip of paper with machine number, type, date, and location.
- c. Make an independent count of this previously uncounted cash and enter on line 36 of separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*.

Note: If counting machines are not available at the location and adequate security is not possible, the servicing person and supervisor count these bills in a different location (usually the domicile office of the servicing person).

d. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.45 Display Items

The servicing person and supervisor enter on line 38 of separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, the total value of actual display items in the machine. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.46 Other PS Form 3293 Entries

Onto separate PS Forms 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, the servicing person and the supervisor do the following:

- a. Line 39: Enter vending machine total by adding lines 34 through 38.
- b. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

633.47 **PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account, Entry**

The amount on line 19 of PS Form 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination, should equal the vending machine subaccount closing balance shown on PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account. The supervisor and servicing person make an entry on PS Form 25 indicating examination date and actual balance of machine as counted, and initials the form.

633.5 Small Currency Changer

633.51 Uncounted Cash

The servicing person and supervisor do the following to count the cash in the coin hopper and bill acceptor:

- a. Place all coins from the coin hopper into a cash bag.
- b. Place all bills in a cash bag.
- c. Identify each cash bag by inserting a slip of paper with machine number, type, date, and location.
- d. Count the coins in the escrow buckets and enter on line 21 on separate Forms 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination (see Exhibit 611 (p. 1)).
- e. Fill small currency changer with coins that were previously counted in the vending stock reserve. Do not reenter the value of these previously counted coins on PS Form 3293.
- f. Count the previously uncounted coin hopper contents and enter on line 20 and the total value of the bill acceptor contents and enter on line 22 of separate PS Forms 3293.

Note: If coin counting machines are not available at the location and adequate security is not possible, the servicing person and supervisor count these coins and bills in a different location (usually the domicile office of the servicing person).

- g. Enter on line 23 the total dollar value of lines 20 through 22.
- h. Both the servicing person and supervisor must verify this count item by item and resolve discrepancies.

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633.6 PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account, Entry

The amount on line 23 of PS Form 3293, Retail Vending Credit Examination, should equal the small currency changer subaccount closing balance shown on PS Form 25, Trust Fund Account. The supervisor and servicing person make an entry on PS Form 25 indicating examination date and actual balance of machine as counted, and initials the form.

633.7 Completing the Examination

Following examinations of all machines, the servicing person and supervisor do the following on their respective PS Forms 3293 (see Exhibit 611 (p. 2)):

- a. Line 59: Add lines 19, 23, 39, and 58.
- b. Line 60: Add the subtotals of all other PS Forms 3293.
- c. Line 61: Add grand subtotals of lines 59 and 60 to get to the grand subtotal.
- d. Line 62: Record the value of unresolved complaints.
- e. Line 63: Subtract line 62 from line 61.
- f. Line 64: Record the accountability from PS Form 1412-A, *Daily Financial Form* (AIC 853 and AIC 753).
- g. Line 65: Record the overage/shortage (the difference between lines 63 and 64).
- After both the servicing person and supervisor have verified the count item by item and resolved discrepancies, they must sign and date each of the PS Forms 3293.

The servicing employee and the supervisor must sign both copies of the PS Forms 3293. The servicing person's supervisor maintains the completed PS Forms 3293 for 2 years.

64 Self Service Vending Credit Adjustments

641 General

After every examination, adjustments to the self service vending credit are made on PS Form 1412-A, *Daily Financial Form*, to reflect the actual balance of stock and cash as counted.

642 Overages

642.1 Causes

Overages can be caused by errors in examination procedures, errors on PS Form 17, *Stamp Requisition/Stamp Return*, or any other procedural errors that can be documented. Under normal circumstances, an examination of self service vending credit does not result in a net overage.

642.2 Action

642.21 Less Than \$100

When the overage is less than \$100, a recount is not required.

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642.22 **\$100 or More**

When an overage of \$100 or more exists, the servicing person and supervisor must recount.

642.3 Adjustments

642.31 Overage of Less Than \$100

The following steps are taken for a net overage of any amount less than \$100:

- a. The servicing person records the amount as an entry to AIC 175, Vending Machine Overages, on PS Form 1412, *Daily Financial Report* (see Exhibit 463). This will bring the credit back into balance, and no further adjustment is necessary.
- b. The servicing person's supervisor issues PS Form 3544, *USPS Receipt* for Money or Services (Exhibit 642.31), giving the original to the servicing person, attaching one copy to PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, and keeping one copy for the file.
- c. Cash overages are submitted to the bank on the same business day of the examination.

Exhibit 642.31

PS Form 3544, USPS Receipt for Money or Services

Post Office		Station		Receipt Number
P.O. Receipt for Mor	ney	Finance Number	Unit ID	AIC Number
Receipt for: (indicate purpose)				Amount \$
Received from: (show address only when receipt is mailed)			Permit Number	or SSN (Employees only)
P.O. Box/Caller Servicustomer name:	vice Fees	be updated if it is		cation for Post Office Box or Caller Service, mus s pertaining to P.O. Boxes, see rules for use of PS Form 1093. AIC Number
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642.32 Overage of \$100 or More

The following steps are taken for a net overage of any amount of \$100 or more:

a. The servicing person records the amount as an entry to AIC 175, Vending Machine Overages, on PS Form 1412, *Daily Financial Report.*

- This will bring the credit back into balance, and no further adjustment is necessary.
- b. The servicing person's supervisor issues PS Form 3544, *USPS Receipt for Money or Services* (Exhibit 642.31), giving the original to the servicing person, attaching one copy to PS Form 3293, *Retail Vending Credit Examination*, and keeping one copy for the file.
- c. The servicing person's supervisor also reports the overage to the Inspection Service on PS Form 571, *Discrepancy of \$100 or More in Financial Responsibility* (Exhibit 642.32).
- d. Cash overages are submitted to the bank on the same business day of the examination.

Exhibit 642.32

PS Form 571, Discrepancy of \$100 or More in Financial Responsibility

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643 Shortages

643.1 Causes

643.11 Machine Malfunction

Normally, losses are due to machine malfunction and are quickly discovered by one of the following:

- a. Customers report a machine malfunction.
- b. During the servicing of self service vending equipment, the servicing person discovers:
 - (1) A machine malfunction.
 - (2) A shortage of both stock and funds in a particular machine.

643.12 Other Operational Problems

Servicing personnel do not have complete personal control, at all times, of the assigned credit; therefore, shortages must be assumed to be the result of machine malfunction, unless the following can be determined:

- a. Fire, theft, robbery, errors on PS Forms 17, Stamp Requisition/Stamp Return, customer refunds, acceptance of bogus and/or foreign coin-like and bill-like objects, or any other procedural errors.
- b. The loss was the direct result of negligence on the part of the servicing personnel.
- c. Theft, embezzlement, etc., by the servicing person with sufficient evidence to prefer charges.

643.2 Action

643.21 Less Than \$100

When the shortage is less than \$100, a recount is not required.

643.22 **\$100 or More**

When a shortage of \$100 or more exists, the servicing person and supervisor must recount.

643.23 Losses Due to Machine Malfunctions

If it is determined that a major loss from a machine malfunction has occurred, the servicing person and supervisor conduct an examination on that machine. The results are compared to the last balance entry on PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account,* with the difference being submitted as a claim for loss (see section 642.32, item c.). As soon as the examination is completed, PS Form 25 must be documented with all adjustments and circumstances.

643.24 Losses Due to Fire, Theft, or Robbery

Losses due to fire, theft, or robbery must be documented and brought to the attention of the postmaster and Inspection Service. The servicing person and supervisor conduct an examination on that machine. The results are compared to the last balance entry on PS Form 25, *Trust Fund Account*, with the difference being submitted as a claim for loss (see section 642.32, item c.). As soon as the examination is completed, PS Form 25 must be documented with all adjustments and circumstances.

643.25 Losses Due to Negligence, Theft, or Embezzlement

The Inspection Service determines what action to take in cases of loss due to negligence, theft, or embezzlement.

643.26 Losses Due to Other Causes

If section <u>643.1</u> does not identify the cause of a shortage of \$100 or more, the servicing person and supervisor must conduct a recount of the credit and subaccount before making any adjustment to the self service vending credit.

643.3 Adjustments

643.31 All Shortages

When a shortage of \$100 or more exists, the following steps are taken:

- The servicing person records all losses as an entry to AIC 612, Vending Machine Shortages, on PS Form 1412, Daily Financial Report.
- b. The servicing person's supervisor reports the shortage to the Inspection Service on PS Form 571, *Discrepancy of \$100 or More in Financial Responsibility.*

65 PS Form 3368, Stamp Credit Examination Record

Upon completion of the examination, the servicing person's supervisor enters the results on PS Form 3368, *Stamp Credit Examination Record* (Exhibit 65 (p. 1) and Exhibit 65 (p. 2)). Enter the last date for completion of the next examination as required by the National Agreement in the appropriate column.

Exhibit 65 (p. 1) PS Form 3368, Stamp Credit Examination Record

	F		- 0:	Location	lenote excessive cash.	Line numbers are from	n Form 328
name of	Employee			Location			
Date of Count	Counted by (Name)	Stamp Credit Accountability COB Previous Duty Day Line 17 Col. 11	Stock Accounted for Line 15 Col. 11	Cash Portion * Line 12 Col. 11	Overage + Shortage - Line 18 Col. 11	Remarks	Next Count not Lat than
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Exhibit 65 (p. 2) **PS Form 3368, Stamp Credit Examination Record**

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7 Reporting

71 Web Vending Activity Reporting System (Web VARS)

711 Purpose

In 1986, a nationwide computerized reporting system for the vending program became operational. The original name for this system was the Vending Equipment Inventory System (VEINS). In 1988, this system became the Vending Equipment Service System (VESS). In 2005, the Web Vending Activity Reporting System (Web VARS) was deployed to replace Vending Equipment Service System (VESS).

Web VARS is an online database developed by the Wilkes-Barre Information Systems Solutions Center (WBISSC). Web VARS tracks data related to USPS vending activities, including equipment inventories, product sales, costs, and maintenance. Web VARS is an effective management tool that tracks costs in relation to sales. The system is maintained at the Eagan Computer Operations Center.

In Web VARS, information is available about location, district, area, and national vending activities. The Web VARS database stores vending sales information, hours spent supporting vending equipment, equipment type, equipment location, and information on servicing employees. User options include data entry, administration, broadcast messaging, and reports.

712 Procedures

Each employee servicing self-service vending equipment must use Web VARS to complete an electronic PS Form 8130, *Vending Equipment Sales and Service Daily Activity Log*, detailing the equipment serviced and maintained on the day the vending machine is serviced. Timely and accurate reporting is critical. Employee compliance with these requirements will be monitored.

Data entry users for the Web VARS are required to input data monthly. Timely and accurate updating of Web VARS is critical to the integrity of Web VARS. Employee compliance with these requirements will be monitored.

713 Form Retention

A hard copy of PS Form 8130 will remain on file in the location where Web VARS data entry was completed for the current Postal Service fiscal year plus one (1).

The Web VARS database stores vending sales information, hours spent supporting vending equipment, equipment type, equipment location, and information on servicing employees. Web VARS will retain 5 years of data available to users.

714 Requesting Web VARS Access

Permission to access Web VARS is granted through completion of an eAccess application. The approving supervisor grants the access level. A completed eAccess "Responsibility Statement" must be on file for all Web VARS users at the location where Web VARS data entry is completed. (See *Web VARS User Guide*, chapter 1.)

Web VARS has unique authorization levels according to user role.

Authorization Level Sample Position Titles

Program Administrator	Vending Program Manager
Area Coordinator	Area Retail Manager
Developer	Software Designer
District Coordinator	Retail Manager, Retail Specialist
Data Entry	Retail Specialist; other positions as assigned
Servicing Personnel	SSPC Tech, SSA, Postmaster, other positions as assigned
District Supervisor	Supervisor, Customer Service
Observer	Read Only at this time, any level

Note: A VESS logon cannot be used in Web VARS.

715 Training

For Web VARS training, use the Web VARS User Guide (see 721).

72 Vending Activity Reporting System User Guide

721 **Purpose**

The Web Vending Activity Reporting System (Web VARS) User Guide is designed to provide a detailed explanation of the purpose of Web VARS and to provide complete and comprehensive Web VARS instructions. Each chapter includes step-by-step instructions on how to use Web VARS and other reporting systems relating to vending. Chapters 1 through 7 of the User Guide are dedicated to Web VARS. Additional chapters address other systems related to vending.

You can access the User Guide at http://eagnmnsg10d/VFO/vfo_WebVARSTrainingGuide.htm or from the Blue Page:

- a. Go to http://blue.usps.gov.
- b. Click on Inside USPS.
- c. In the left-hand column, under "Operations," click on *Delivery and Retail.*

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d. In the left-hand column, under "Retail Svc Network/Access," click on Retail Service Equipment.

- e. In the left-hand column, under "Retail Service Equipment," click on *Vending Operations.*
- f. Under "Manuals and Handbooks," click on Web VARS User Guide.

You will need a password to log on to Web VARS. You can access the User Guide from the Web VARS Home Screen by clicking on the *Help* tab.

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8 Handling Customer Complaints, Claims, and Reimbursements

81 Guidelines for Handling Complaints

811 General

Customers may submit complaints, such as equipment malfunction, loss of money or stamps, or empty equipment, in person, by telephone, by mail, or by e-mail. Employees record complaints concerning vending reimbursements on PS Form 5445, *Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request* (Exhibit 811). PS Form 5445 is used to process and document the reimbursement process, provide a receipt to the customer, and provide written proof of the reimbursement itself for vending servicing employees. If the customer initiates a complaint in person, *the customer* must completely fill out and sign the unshaded portion of the form. If the customer makes the complaint by telephone, mail, or e-mail, *the employee* accepting the complaint fills out the unshaded portion of the form and signs in the "Sign Here" block.

In addition, customer vending complaints will come from the We Want to Know program (Notice 4314-C, *We Want To Know*). The WWTK program receives complaints, records them, documents their status, and processes them to specific locations for resolution. Customers can initiate complaints in person at the Post Office, by telephone at 800-ASK-USPS, or by visiting www.usps.com.

Vending Reimbursements — Guidelines for Recording Vending Reimbursements on PS Form 5445

Record all customer claims for losses of money and/or stamps for any reason, including malfunctioning and/or empty vending equipment, on PS Form 5445, *Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request* (Exhibit 811).

Exhibit 811 **PS Form 5445, Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request**

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812.1 Person Completing PS Form 5445 Completes Unshaded Portion

- a. "Name."
- b. "Address."
- c. "Daytime Phone No."
- d. "Amount of Loss."
- e. "Date of Loss." (If the request is other than in person, the date, if unknown, will be the date of the telephone call, e-mail, or letter requesting a reimbursement.)
- f. "Time of Loss." (If the request is other than in person, the time, if unknown, will be the time of the telephone call, e-mail, or letter requesting a reimbursement.)
- g. "Machine ID." (A six-digit number on the front of the vending machine.)
- h. "What happened?"
 - (1) "Did not receive product."
 - (2) "Incorrect change given."
 - (3) "Did not register/jammed."
 - (4) "No change given."
 - (5) "No credit shown."
 - (6) "Money not returned."
 - (7) "Currency lost."
 - (8) "Coin lost."
 - (9) "Credit/debit lost."
 - (10) "Other."
- i. "Comments." (If the request is other than in person, note whether the request was by telephone, e-mail, or letter.)
- j. "SIGN HERE." (The customer or the person completing the unshaded portion of the form.)
- k. "Date Signed." (Date that the person signed the unshaded portion of the form.)

Sales and Services Associate (SSA) or Other Employee Providing Reimbursement Completes "For Postal Service Use" Shaded Portion

- a. "Paid By." (Printed name of Postal Service employee making the payment.)
- b. "Date." (Date that the payment is made to the customer.)
- c. "Action Taken."
 - (1) "Paid."
 - (2) "Not Paid."
 - (3) "Cash."
- d. "Call Date." (Date that the call was made for approval of the reimbursement.)

- e. "Call Time." (Time that the call was made for approval of the reimbursement.)
- f. "Amount Paid." (Limit is \$40.)
- g. "Supervisor Initials." (Required for amounts more than \$20.)
- h. "Sales and Services Associate Signature."
- i. "Vending Employee Signature."

82 Reimbursing Money to Customers

Vending reimbursements are made in **cash.** If a vending reimbursement is to be mailed, a **no-fee postal money order** must be used.

821 Complaints Registered in Person

821.1 Acceptance

An SSA may accept complaints from customers and pay reimbursements involving no-vend claims, unless the servicing person is available. Prior to resolution, the SSA or supervisor verifies the complaint by the following procedures:

- a. Accompanies the customer to the self service vending machine.
- b. Examines for:
 - (1) Items caught in the dispensing area of the machine.
 - (2) Customer not understanding correct machine operation.

821.2 **Resolution**

821.21 By Sales and Services Associate (SSA)

If the machine is not functioning properly, the SSA performs the following procedures:

- a. Place Label 6, *Vending Equipment Out of Order*, on the malfunctioning machine.
- b. **Immediately** notify the vending servicing employee or the supervisor.
- Ask the customer to completely fill out the unshaded portion of PS Form 5445, Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request (see Exhibit 811), in order to receive reimbursement.
- d. Review PS Form 5445 for completeness of customer information including the customer's signature.
- e. Verify the information entered with the Customer ID and annotate in the Comments section of the form "ID Verified."
- f. Complete the shaded portion of PS Form 5445 ("For Postal Service Use") filling in his or her name, the date, and the action taken. Include the amount paid. Sign the form where indicated. Obtain the supervisor's initialed approval for reimbursements of more than \$20.

g. Reimburse the customer's loss with **cash**. If the customer wants to purchase a product, process and record that as a separate transaction **after** the cash reimbursement transaction is completed.

Note: A supervisor must approve reimbursements of more than \$20.00.

- h. Give sheet 2 (customer copy) to the customer as a vending reimbursement receipt.
- i. Retain the original (sales and services associate/vending employee copy) to use as a receipt to the vending service employee for their reimbursement of the SSA credit after the SSA has paid a vending reimbursement. In this situation the SSA will retain the original PS Form 5445, Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request, in the cash credit until reimbursement by a vending servicing employee. The SSA may increase his or her cash retained by the collective amount of all PS Forms 5445 until vending servicing employee reimbursement occurs.
- j. Exchange PS Form 5445 (original copy) for cash with the vending servicing employee.

Note: In the above sequence of events, failure to ensure proper completion of the PS Form 5445 by the customer may lead to non-reimbursement from the vending servicing employee.

821.22 By Vending Servicing Employee

The vending servicing employee resolves the complaint as follows:

- a. If the no-vend complaint is verified, issue a reimbursement to the customer. That reimbursement will be in **cash**. If the customer wants to purchase a product, process and record that as a separate transaction **after** completing the cash reimbursement transaction.
- b. If the no-vend complaint cannot be verified, follow these procedures:
 - (1) Ask the customer to completely fill out the unshaded portion of PS Form 5445, Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request (see <u>Exhibit 811</u>), in order to receive reimbursement.
 - (2) Review PS Form 5445 for completeness of customer information including the customer's signature.
 - (3) Verify the information entered with the Customer ID and annotate in the *Comments* section of the form "ID Verified."
 - (4) Complete the shaded portion of PS Form 5445 ("For Postal Service Use") filling in employee name, the date, and the action taken. Include the amount paid. Sign the form where indicated.
 - (5) Reimburse the customer's loss with **cash.** If the customer wants to purchase a product, process and record that as a separate transaction **after** completing the cash reimbursement transaction.
 - (6) Forward sheet 2 (customer copy) to the customer as a vending reimbursement receipt.
 - (7) Retain the original (sales and services associate/vending employee copy) as a record of the transaction for future credit

- examinations. PS Form 5445 is not included as part of the actual credit count, but as documentation of reimbursement activity.
- (8) Retain the original (sales and services associate/vending employee copy) as a record of the transaction. PS Form 5445 is not included as part of the actual credit count, but as documentation of reimbursement activity.

Note: PS Forms 5445 that are not completed in full by customers being serviced by the SSA, may lead to non-acceptance and reimbursement from the vending servicing employee.

822 Complaints Registered by Telephone

822.1 Acceptance

The employee accepting the complaint does the following:

- Record the complaint on the unshaded portion of PS Form 5445,
 Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request (see Exhibit 811).
 - (1) Enter "Telephone Request" in the *Comments* section of the form.
- Inform the customer that a reimbursement will be mailed after the vending servicing employee processes the request for a reimbursement.
- c. Forward both copies of PS Form 5445 to the vending servicing employee for payment to the customer.

822.2 Resolution

Upon receipt of PS Form 5445, *Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request,* the vending servicing employee follows these procedures:

- a. Investigate the complaint as soon as possible.
- b. Fill out and sign the shaded portion of PS Form 5445 ("For Postal Service Use").
- c. Dispatch the vending reimbursement by purchasing a postal money order, together with sheet 2 (customer copy) of PS Form 5445, the next regular mail delivery day.
- d. Retain the original (sales and services associate/vending employee copy). Staple the receipt for the postal money order to the Postal Service receipt to PS Form 5445. PS Form 5445 is not included as part of the actual credit count, but as documentation of reimbursement activity.

823 Complaints Registered by Mail

823.1 Acceptance

The employee accepting the complaint sent in the mail does the following:

- a. Complete the unshaded portion of PS Form 5445, *Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request* (see Exhibit 811).
 - (1) Enter "Mail Request" or "e-Mail Request" in the *Comments* section of the form.

b. Forward both copies of PS Form 5445 to the vending servicing employee for payment to the customer.

823.2 Resolution

823.21 By Servicing Person

Upon receipt of PS Form 5445, *Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request*, the vending servicing employee will follow these procedures:

- a. Investigate the complaint as soon as possible.
- b. Fill out and sign the shaded portion of PS Form 5445 ("For Postal Service Use").
- c. Dispatch the vending reimbursement by purchasing a postal money order and sending it, together with sheet 2 (customer copy) of PS Form 5445, the next regular mail delivery day.
- d. Retain the original (sales and services associate/vending employee copy). Staple the receipt for the postal money order to the Postal Service receipt to PS Form 5445. PS Form 5445 is not included as part of the actual credit count, but as documentation of reimbursement activity.

823.22 By Postmaster or Designee

The postmaster or designee may answer a written complaint by telephone or in writing. If the complaint requires a reimbursement, the written response may include the reimbursement. The vending servicing employee will purchase a postal money order and will retain the original PS Form 5445 (sales and services associate/vending employee copy) to use as a receipt. Staple the receipt for the postal money order to the original PS Form 5445. PS Form 5445 is not included as part of the actual credit count, but as documentation of reimbursement activity.

83 Resolving Other Complaints

The vending servicing employee must resolve all other complaints regarding self service vending equipment. For such complaints, including selection varieties, types of vending equipment, cleanliness of equipment, etc., vending servicing personnel must bring any action required for resolution to the attention of the supervisor for appropriate action.

84 Retaining Complaint Records

The vending servicing person retains the completed originals (sales and services associate/vending employee copy) of PS Form 5445, *Stamp Vending Machine Reimbursement Request.* PS Form 5445 is not included as part of the actual credit count, but as documentation of reimbursement activity. The forms are attached to the credit examinations and retained for a period of 2 years.

Note: PS Forms 5445 shown in part <u>821</u>, Complaints Registered in Person, that are not completed in full by customers being serviced by the SSA, that are subsequently not accepted by the vending servicing employee, will be retained for a period of 2 years.

Appendix A

Glossary

Accountable Paper. Items with inherent value, such as postage stamps, stamped envelopes, postal and stamped cards, philatelic products, treasury checks, blank money order forms, and unsold items awaiting destruction.

Accountable Paper Custodian. The postal employee in charge of the accountable paper inventory.

Accountable Paper Custodian. An accounting entry made after a retail vending credit examination to reflect actual balance of stock and cash as counted.

Automated Enrollment System. A computer-based training enrollment network with links between the Technical Training Center in Norman, OK, and all MSC and divisional PEDCs.

Bill Acceptor. A modular assembly that may be incorporated into or added to a piece of retail vending equipment to accept and validate genuine U.S. bill currency.

Bogus Monies. Counterfeit money, foreign money, or other items similar in size and shape to lawful U.S. currency.

Booklet Vending Machine (BVM)A vending machine that has the capability of dispensing stamp booklets.

Cash Reserve. The coins that are kept on hand in the safe for use in retail vending equipment.

Coin Box. The part of a retail vending machine that receives the coins inserted by customers.

Coin Hopper. A subassembly of a small currency changer used to hold coins.

Coin Mechanism. A subassembly used in vending machines to receive, validate, and credit coins inserted into the machine. Also responsible for the returning of change due at the end of a transaction.

Commodity. Any item offered to the public through a vending machine.

Consumer Service Card. The official form provided for customers' use in registering information requests, suggestions, problems, and compliments.

DFM. District Finance Manager.

Domicile Office. The office to which servicing personnel are assigned.

Escrow Bucket. A part of a subassembly on the small currency changer used to hold the correct number of coins to be dispensed on the next transaction.

EVA. Economic Value Added.

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Excess. Any equipment, supplies, or repair parts over and above the foreseeable needs of the facility or organization accountable for it.

EXSEL Report. Excess Serviceable Equipment List, the report containing information on idle or excess equipment.

Field Maintenance Offices (FMO). An office that performs maintenance work, which is not the responsibility of the GSA or a lessor, at associated post offices and other facilities.

Faceplate. The retail vending machine front piece that is exposed to the customer.

Full Servicing. The completing of all tasks to inspect, restock (and account for), check, and clean retail vending equipment.

Idle. A broad term that refers to all property, consumable supplies and repair parts as well as equipment that is not being used because it is either not needed (excess), not yet needed, or not yet installed (restricted use), surplus, obsolete, or in need of repair.

Jackpot. The unintentional vending of more than the programmed amount of a product on a given vend.

Location. (See retail vending equipment location.)

Main Reserve Stock. The stamps, stamped paper, and philatelic products received by a post office that have not been consigned to the main office window unit, stations, branches, or window clerks.

Maintenance Series (MS). Handbooks used for servicing and maintaining postal equipment. Handbooks are referred to MS <number> where number is the specific handbook referenced.

Master Module. A stamp vending module used in the stamp vending machine.

Maintenance Technical Support Center (MTSC). Organization responsible for issuing Modification Work Orders, Software Maintenance Orders and Maintenance Management Orders; staff and maintain help desk, 24 hours, seven days a week for all maintenance personnel.

Multi-commodity Machine (MCM). A vending machine that has the capability to dispense multiple varieties of postal commodities.

Modification Work Orders (MWO). Maintenance orders periodically by Maintenance Technical Support Center, Maintenance Policies and Program providing new information on servicing and maintaining equipment. MWO often will provide replacement parts, number and instructions for fulfilling procedures stipulated in transmittal.

Month. A designated calender period that forms 1/12th of the postal fiscal year.

Nonpostal Site. A piece of property that is not owned by the U.S. Postal Service.

Nonsalable Stock. Stamp stock that is damaged, detached, or obsolete, or stamp coil remnants that are insufficient for vending.

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No-Vend ClaimA report from a customer that money and/or products were not received from a vending machine.

Overage. The dollar amount above the accountable amount shown on PS Form 1412 at the conclusion of a retail vending credit examination.

Partial Servicing. The restocking of monies, stamps, and stamp booklets and completing of associated accounting procedures. Done between full servicing.

Postal Employee Development Center (PEDC). Field units located in specific postal facilities that provide area wide training and development support services for all USPS personnel on a continuing basis. They are equipped with self-instructional material and audiovisual equipment for scheme training and other professional development.

Postal Site. A piece of property that is owned by the U.S. Postal Service.

Postservicing Procedures. The tasks that are performed after a servicing visit. Usually takes place at the domicile office.

Pre-servicing Procedures. The preparation of servicing materials and supplies before the servicing visit is made. Usually takes place at the domicile office.

Program Management. The administration of a program by execution of instructions, memos, and handbooks pertaining to the program.

Retail Vending Credit. Accountable paper and cash issued to servicing personnel for use in retail vending equipment.

Retail Vending Equipment. All current models in the four family types (i.e., SVM, BVM, MCM, and SCC).

Retail Vending Equipment Location. The space at a postal or nonpostal site that contains retail vending equipment.

Retail Vending Program. The program that provides retail vending services to the public by cooperative effort at the local, divisional, and national levels.

Screenline. The recessed installation of equipment into a wall.

SDM. Stamp dispensing module.

Self Service Postal Center (SSPC). A retail vending machine configuration that includes, at a minimum, an MCM, SVM or BVM, and SCC and/or bill acceptor.

Servicing Employee. A postal clerical employee assigned to support retail vending equipment when a servicing technician is not authorized.

Servicing Person. The postal clerical employee assigned to support retail vending equipment. May be a servicing technician or a servicing employee.

Servicing Personnel. The inclusive term for all postal clerical employees that are assigned to support retail vending equipment.

Servicing Technician. Self-Service Postal Center Technician (SSPC Technician).

Shakedown Period. The time required to gain familiarity with machine operation and to establish an average revenue for a month.

Shortage. The dollar amount below the accountable amount shown on PS Form 1412 at the conclusion of a retail vending credit examination.

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Small Currency Changer (SCC). A vending machine with the capability to accept genuine U.S. bills, validate them, and dispense change in exchange for the inserted bill.

Stamp Stock. Any USPS accountable paper item such as stamps, stamped cards, and stamped envelopes.

Stamp Vending Machine (SVM). A vending machine that has multiple modules capable of dispensing varying quantities of stamps from a coil from each module.

Stamp Vending Unit. A configuration of retail vending equipment made up of a stamp vending machine, a booklet vending machine, and a small currency changer. Usually installed in postal locations.

Subaccounts. The historical accounting record kept on the financial transactions that pass through a retail vending credit.

Transactional-based Criteria. The criteria used to determine if a change should be made in the types and/or number of machines in existing locations.

Unit Reserve Stock. The stamps, stamped paper, and philatelic products received by a main office window unit, stations, or branch that have not been consigned to a window clerk.

Vending Machine Subaccount. The historical accounting record kept on each retail vending machine. It logs receipts and withdrawals of cash and stamp stock transactions.

Vending Stock Reserve. The stamp stock and cash that is kept in the safe for use in retail vending equipment.

Vending Stock Reserve Subaccount. The historical accounting record kept on stamp stock and cash that is kept in the safe.

Vending Program Coordinator (VPC). The person in the office responsible for vending operations. This could be a vending supervisor, retail specialist, window clerk, or postmaster.

VESS Report. Vending Equipment Sales and Service system report generated in the month Revenue Reporting by Location format that provides information for monitoring revenue and workhour costs.

Voice of the Business (VOB). An assessment involving traditional measures of financial success to determine which progress is possible and desirable taking into consideration the current health of the business, opportunities in the market, and strength of the competition.

Voice of the Customer (VOC). An assessment of customer needs and desires in the markets USPS services and their satisfaction with services relative to other service available in those markets.

Voice of the Employee (VOE). An assessment of USPS employee issues that will strength the company, shape the business future, and improve employees' role in its success.

Appendix B

Applicable Maintenance Series Handbooks

Handbook Number	Title	Order Number
MS-101	Small Stamp Machine PS-53C	7610-01-000-9235
MS-102	Booklet Vending Machine PBM-2	7610-03-000-9285
MS-103	Stamp Vending Machine PS-53D	7610-03-000-9318
MS-105	Small Currency Changer SCC-3	7610-01-000-9237
MS-107	Stamp Vending Machine PS-86	7610-01-000-9239
MS-111	Postal Booklet Vending Machine PBM-2A and PBM-6	7610-01-000-9286
MS-113	Booklet Vending Machine PBM 1 (Opal manual)	7610-03-000-3619
MS-114	Booklet Vending Machine PBM 1A (Opal manual)	7610-03-000-3620
MS-115	Postal Commodity Machine, PCM-21 Family	7610-02-000-9059

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Appendix C

Maintenance Overhaul and Technical Service Center

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25	Trust Fund Account	7530-01-000-9502	432, 461, 462.1, 462.2, 552.1, 552.2, 552.3, 552.31, 552.32, 552.42, 621, 633.17, 633.27, 633.38, 633.47, 633.6, 643.23, 643.24
571	Discrepancy of \$100 or More in Financial Responsibility	7530-02-000-7223	642.32, 643.31
1412	Daily Financial Report	7530-01-000-9295	143.5, 256.1, 256.2, 463, 552.41, 572, 593.12, 593.2, 633.7, 641, 642.31, 642.32, 643.31, Appendix A
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2018	Duplicate Key Inventory/Combination/PIN	7530-04-000-5309	<u>431.1</u> , <u>432</u>
3293	Retail Vending Credit Examination	7530-02-000-7447	431.1, 431.2, 561, 561.1, 611, 612, 613, 62, 621, 632, 633.14, 633.16, 633.17, 633.24, 633.26, 633.27, 633.35, 633.37, 633.38, 633.41, 633.43, 633.45, 633.47, 633.51, 633.6, 642.31, 642.32
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3369-P	Consigned Credit Receipt	See online version at http://blue.usps.gov/formmgmt/forms/htm.	534.2, 543
3544	Post Office Receipt for Money	7530-03-000-3768	<u>642.31</u> , <u>642.32</u>
5445	Stamp Vending Machine Refund Request	7530-05-000-4885	14, 461, 811, 812, 812.1, 821.21, 821.22, 822.1, 822.2, 823.1, 823.21, 823.22, 84

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	8130	Vending Equipment Sales and Service – Daily Activity Log	7530-02-000-9839	143.5, 164.1, 164.3, 164.4, 336, 613, 712, 713
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I	LAB 223-E	Stamp Vending Machine Labels	7690-03-000-9084	<u>151.223</u>
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