

(b) *When in glass bottles holding more than 4 ounces, the total quantity sent in one parcel shall not exceed 16 ounces liquid measure.* The bottle must be very strong and must be inclosed in a block or tube of metal, wood, papier-mâché or similar material; and there must be provided between the bottle and the block or tube a cushion of cotton, felt, or other absorbent. The block or tube, if of wood or papier-mâché, must be at least one-eighth of an inch thick for bottles holding 8 ounces or less, and at least three-sixteenths of an inch thick for bottles holding more than 8 ounces. The block or tube must be rendered watertight by an application on the inside of paraffin or other suitable substance and must be closed by a screw-top cover with sufficient screw threads to require at least one and one-half complete turns before it will come off. The cover must be provided with a washer, so that no liquid could escape if the bottle should be broken. Any number of bottles separately packed as herein prescribed may be included in a single package if the limit of weight and size for fourth-class matter be not exceeded.

(c) *Bottles containing liquid* may also be packed in strong and tight receptacles of wood, metal, or waterproof corrugated pasteboard. Space must be left all around the bottle, which must be filled with bran, sawdust, or other absorbent material in sufficient quantity to absorb all the liquid if the bottle should get broken.

(d) *When in a metal container,* the weight limit of the parcel is the same as for other fourth-class matter. The container must be securely sealed and inclosed in a strong box.

(e) When in parcels weighing more than 20 pounds, mailable liquids in securely sealed glass bottles or metal cans will be accepted for mailing to offices in the first and second zones when packed in strong boxes and surrounded with sawdust or other suitable substances to protect the contents from breakage. All such packages to be marked "FRAGILE—THIS SIDE UP," or with similar inscriptions and to be transported outside of mail bags.

All packages containing liquid must be marked "FRAGILE."

Fragile Articles.—Articles easily broken must be very securely wrapped for safe transmission. Among such articles are: Amber, cakes, candies, chalk, china, combs, clocks, delicate mechanisms, fans, flowers, fountain pens, hats, instruments of precision, millinery, musical instruments, pipes, plaster-of-paris articles, plumes, pottery, porcelain, phonographs and phonograph records, test tubes, typewriters, watches, wax articles, etc.

Glass, crockery, fragile toys, and other fragile articles must be so packed as to prevent the escape of particles or pieces from the packages if broken in transit.

Cigars should be packed in a manner to prevent damage by shock or jar.

Maps, drawings, paintings, etc., must be suitably protected with stout material to prevent damage. When not flat, they should be rolled around a stout stick and carefully wrapped or inclosed in a strong pasteboard tube.

All such articles should be marked "FRAGILE."

Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when so packed in a basket or other container as to prevent damage to other mail.

Eggs will be accepted for mailing regardless of distance, when each egg is separately wrapped and surrounded with excelsior, cotton, or other suitable material and packed in a strong container made of double-faced corrugated pasteboard, metal, wood, or other suitable material and wrapped so that nothing can escape from the package. All such parcels shall be labeled "EGGS."

Eggs in parcels weighing more than 20 pounds will be accepted for mailing to offices in the first and second zones when packed in crates, boxes, baskets, or other containers having tight bottoms to prevent the escape of anything from the packages and so constructed as properly to protect the contents. Such packages to be marked "EGGS—THIS SIDE UP," and to be transported outside of mail bags.

Perishable Articles.—Parcels containing perishable articles shall be marked "PERISHABLE." It is advisable that such parcels be sent as special-delivery matter by affixing stamps for the special-delivery fee in addition to the regular postage, thus expediting their delivery. Articles likely to spoil within the time reasonably required for transportation and delivery shall not be accepted for mailing.

Butter, lard, and perishable articles, such as fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries, and articles of a similar nature which decay quickly, when so packed or wrapped as to prevent damage to other mail, will be accepted for local delivery either at the office of mailing or on any rural route starting therefrom. When inclosed in an inner cover and a strong outer cover of wood, metal, heavy corrugated pasteboard, or other suitable material, and wrapped so that nothing can escape from the package, they will be accepted for mailing to all offices to which in the ordinary course of mail they can be sent without spoiling.

Butter, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, and other perishable articles in parcels weighing more than 20 pounds will be accepted for mailing to offices in the first and second zones when suitably wrapped or inclosed and packed in crates, boxes, or other suitable containers having tight bottoms to prevent the escape of anything from the package, and so constructed as properly to protect the contents. All such parcels to be transported outside of mail bags.

Vegetables and fruits which do not decay quickly will be accepted for mailing to any zone if packed so as to prevent damage to other mail.

Forwarding and Return.—A new prepayment of postage at the rate applicable between forwarding office and the one to which fourth-class matter is to be forwarded must be made by the addressee or by some one for him each time it is forwarded. A new prepayment must likewise be made before undeliverable fourth-class matter may be returned to the sender.

Requests for Further Information should be addressed as follows:

Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Classification, relative to the classification and admissibility of matter as parcel post mail, rates of postage, limit of weight and size, permissible inclosures and additions, attaching communications to parcels, etc., and for additional copies of this circular.

Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Registered Mails, relative to the insurance and "C. O. D." features.

Second Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Railway Mail Service, relative to the admissibility to the mails and wrapping of matter which from its form or character would be liable to injure the mails or the person of postal employees.