## DOMESTIC PARCEL POST-FOURTH-CLASS MATTEK

Fourth-class Matter Embraces that known as domestic parcel-post mail, and includes merchandise, farm anc factory products, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions, and plants, books (including catalogs), also miscellaneous printed matter weighing more than four pounds, and all other mailable matte. not embraced in the first, second and third classes

The limit of weight for parcels for local delivery and for delivery at other post offices within the first, second and third zones is seventy pounds. The limit of weight for parcels intended for delivery in other than the first, second and third zones is fifty pounds, except that parcels for the American Expeditionary Forces must not weigh over seven pounds

The limit of size is 84 inches in length and girth combined.

## WAR-STAMP TAX

Effective December 1, 1917, parcels on which the postage amounts to 25 cents or more are subject to a tax of one cent for each 25 cents or fractional part thereof. This tax must be paid by the sender by special internal revenue stamps affixed to the parcels; postage stamps are not valid for this purpose. The internal revenue stamps must be canceled by the sender by placing or causing to be placed thereon, with ink, tiis written or stamped initials, together with the date upon which the stamps are attached or used. In no case, however, should the sender cancel postage stamps affixed to parcels, such stamps must be canceled only by postal employees.

The tax is not applicable to parcels on which the postage amounts to less than 25 cents. On a parcel subject to 25 cents postage the tax is one cent; on parcels on which the postage amounts to from 26 to 50 cents the tax is two cents each and so on.

The War-Stamp Tax does not apply to parcels for foreign countries, nor to parcels for Porto Rico, the Philippines, Canal Zone, Virgin Islands of the United States, Guam, Tutuila and Manua, and other Islands of the Samoan group be longing to the United States, United States Naval Vessels and the United States Expeditionary Forces.

In determining the amount of postage on which the tax shall be based, the fees paid for special-delivery and insurancro or C, O. D. services shall not be counted.

Internal Revenue Stamps for use in paying the war tax are sold at the General Post Office and all stations.
Parcels will not be accepted for mailing unless both the required postage and tax are fully prepaid.
Rates of Postage on Fourth-class or Parcel-Post Matter-To Be Fully Prepaid-Unsealed-are as follows:
(a) Parcels weighing four ounces or less, except books, seeds, plants, etc ${ }_{\circ}$, one cent for each ounce or fraction thereof, *ny distance.
(b) Parcels weighing eight ounces or less containing books, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants, one cens for each two ounces or fraction thereof, regardless of distance.
(c) Parcels weighing more than eight ounces containing books, seeds, plants, etc., parcels of miscellaneous printed matter weighing more than four pounds, and all other parcels of fourth-class matter weighing more than four ounces are chargeable, according to distance or zone, at the pound rates shown in the following table, a fraction of a pound being considered a full pound:

| Local from any Post Office | ZONES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 1st and 2d <br> (Up to 150 miles) | $\begin{gathered} \text { 3d } \\ \text { (150 to } 300 \\ \text { miles) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4th } \\ & \text { (300 to } 600 \\ & \text { miles) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 5th } \\ & \text { (600 to } 1,000 \\ & \text { miles) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 6th } \\ & \text { (1,000 to } 1,400 \\ & \text { miles) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yth } \\ & \text { (1,400 to } 1,800 \\ & \text { miles }) \end{aligned}$ | Btis SOver 1,800 nilies) |
| Five cents for | Five cents for | Six cents for | Seven cents | Eight cents | Nine cents for | Eleven cents | Twelve cents |
| the first pound | the first pound | the first pound | for the first | for the irst | the first pound | for the first | for each pound |
| and One cent | and One cent for each ad- | and Two cents | pound and Four cents for | pound and Six | and Eight cents for each | pound and | or fraction |
| for each additional Two | for each additional pound | for each ad- | Four cents for each addi- | cents for each additional | cents for each additional | Ten cents for each addi- | thereof. |
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Parcelis for U. S. Naval Vessels.-Parcels for United States n.val vessels, addressed care of Postmaster, New York, N. Y., or care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California, which are subject to the zone rates, are mailable at the rates of postage applicable between the post office of mailing and New York or San Francisco, as the case may be, and wiij be postansmitted to the vessels without additional charge for postage.

Parcels mailed at New York, N. Y., care of Postmaster, New York, N. Y., will be accepted whem prepaid at the local tate.

Parcels for American Expeditionary Forces.-Limit of weight, seven pounds. Postage, twelve cente a poupd except parcels weighing four ounces or less and except books, seeds, plants, etc., weighing eight ounces or less

Parcels maj̈ not be registered, insured or sent C. O. D.
For further information regarding manner of addressing, wrapping, prohibited matter, see circular "MAIL FOR OR FROM AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN EUROPE."

Seeds, Cuttings, Bulbs, Etc.-The rate of postage on parcels of seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants, weighing eight ounces or less, is one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, regardless of distancs? ae pancais weiakiaif weighing eight ounces eight ounces the pound rates show? in the table on page 1 apply.

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