

# Domestic Mail Manual

## Relevant Excerpts from

[http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/dmm300\\_landing.htm](http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/dmm300_landing.htm)

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## 8.0 Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail

### 8.1 General

[7-28-14] Effective July 7, 2014, all content applicable to hazardous, restricted, or perishable mail was removed and incorporated into Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*. Publication 52 can be found on the Postal Explorer website at [pe.usps.com](http://pe.usps.com).

### 8.2 Hazardous Material

[7-28-14] Hazardous material is any article or substance designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) as being capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property during transportation. The provisions concerning hazardous material moved to Publication 52, chapter 3, include mailability restrictions and instructions for:

- a. Explosives.
- b. Gases.
- c. Flammable and combustible liquids.
- d. Flammable solids.
- e. Organic substances, organic peroxides.
- f. Toxic substances and infectious substances.
- g. Radioactive material.
- h. Corrosives.
- i. Miscellaneous.

### 8.3 Restricted Matter

[7-28-14] Restricted matter is an article or substance prohibited or limited by title 18 of the U.S. Code. It also includes matter not otherwise restricted by 18 USC 1716(a) because it may, under conditions encountered in the mail, be injurious to life, health, or property. Examples of the type of restricted matter content moved to Publication 52, chapter 4, include:

- a. Intoxicating liquors.
- b. Firearms.
- c. Knives and sharp instruments.
- d. Liquids, powders and odor-producing materials.
- e. Motor vehicle master keys and locksmithing devices.
- f. Controlled substances and drugs.
- g. Unsolicited promotional samples.

- h. Instruments for use in animal fighting ventures.
- i. Cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

#### **8.4 Perishable Matter**

[7-28-14] Perishable matter is anything that can deteriorate in the mail and thereby lose value, create a health hazard, or cause an obnoxious odor, nuisance, or disturbance, under ordinary mailing conditions. Mailable perishable matter may be sent at the mailer's own risk when it is packaged as required and when it can be delivered within appropriate and reasonable time limits to prevent deterioration. Examples of the type of perishable matter content moved to Publication 52, chapter 5, include:

- a. Animals.
- b. Fresh foods.
- c. Eggs.
- d. Meats and meat products.
- e. Plants.
- f. Nonmailable plant pests, injurious animals and illegally taken fish or wildlife.