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'MAILING ONLINE' GOES GLOBAL ***International addresses now accepted***

Washington, D.C. – Customers using NetPost’s Mailing Online now can send mail internationally.

Mailing Online, a powerful printing and mailing service, combines the speed of the Internet with the effectiveness of traditional mail. Mailing Online offers an array of printing and mailing options to customize orders. With a few clicks of the mouse, customers can upload their document and address list and Mailing Online takes care of the rest: printing, folding, inserting, addressing, and applying the postage to each piece. Each piece is professionally prepared and mailed the next business day, if submitted by 1:30PM, EST.

This year, the U.S. Postal Service expanded delivery options for Mailing Online to include international addresses. Delivery had been limited to domestic addresses. Customers now only have to add a “country field” to their address lists before submitting the final mail piece and complete address database.

“Many small business owners are expanding into foreign markets or offering products overseas. Giving customers the option of sending the direct mail pieces they create through Mailing Online overseas is one more way the Postal Service is responding to the needs of our customers,” said Nick Barranca, Vice President, Product Development.

Mailing Online is quick, easy and convenient. Customers log on to ***usps.com*** at a time that is convenient for them, and create direct mail pieces from their laptops and work or home computers. With this service, a mailing can be scheduled up to a month in advance and can be sent using First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, and Nonprofit Mail (for qualified mailers and materials) and now at international rates.

Every piece of mail for domestic addresses also gets a discounted postage rate, as they are presorted and qualify for mixed Automated Area Distribution Center (AADC) rates. The types of mail pieces available through Mailing Online include booklets, postcards, letters, newsletters and self-mailers. Graphics and photos also can be added to each piece for higher effect. Color printing options also are available with full color highlights in red, blue, green and magenta, as well as black and white.

“No matter what your mailing needs might be, the Postal Service has a quick and easy solution available online for our customers,” Barranca said.

Users can also send important documents via Certified Mail. Certified Mail features enable a customer to choose Return Receipt and Restricted Delivery options. Return Receipt is one way to confirm proof of delivery, requiring the recipient to sign for the mail. Restricted Delivery limits delivery to only the addressee, and usually is used for the delivery of private or classified documents.

For more information or to sign up as a Mailing Online customer, go to ***usps.com/netpost or contact Customer Care at: 866-665-2787.***

Since 1775, the Postal Service and its predecessor, the Post Office Department, has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits more than 144 million homes and businesses every day and is the only service provider delivering to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of \$70 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mailing and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume—some 212 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves seven million customers each day at its 37,000 retail locations nationwide.