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USPS Mandatory Changes on Tabbing Begin September 8th

The following is a quick overview of what you need to know from our very own George Heinrich, The Postal Professor..

New tabbing regulations for LETTERSIZE BOOKLETS ONLY go into effect on September 8th. A booklet is defined as multiple pages held together with some type of permanent binding. (stitches, staples, glue). There are also new size maximums for lettersize booklets. The maximum size will be 6" high x 10 1/2" long, some booklets with lighter weight covers can only be 9" long. The whole thing is very confusing as different USPS people have their own definition of what a booklet is. I wonder how the clerks will determine the weight of the paper used for the cover, maybe by rubbing it between their finger and thumb? Very scientific!

The tabbing regulations for folded self-mailers (non booklets) remain the same as they are today. However the USPS is currently testing folded self mailers to see if there will be a change in how they must be tabbed sometime in the future. A pdf with all the new rules and a chart (page 10) showing the new regulations is attached to the e-mail version of this issue of PIAMS Weekly News.

Workers' Comp in Colorado

If it ticks you off when you know that your competition isn't paying the required taxes, and/or complying with regulations when you do and ends up "eating your lunch" as a competitor, you may want to take a second look at your work comp carrier. When you do and find that you are working with the "quasi state agency" that is supposed to be the state's Workers' Comp carrier of last resort that is now being scrutinized, you might want to take a look at making a move before the current situation gets any messier. For more than a decade PIAMS has worked with and endorsed Sentry Insurance for Workers' Comp & Business Insurance and continues to do so. Their rates are competitive, they know our industry, and truly take care of claims when they occur. Those who don't play by the rules (or make up their own) eventually have problems which can end up causing problems for those who rely upon them. We encourage you to take a proactive stance and contact Sentry Insurance today. To find the rep in your area call Phillip Stanfield at 720.291.7306.

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