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## **Hiding in Plain Sight: USPS International Letter Barcodes and Auxiliary Markings**

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### **Introduction**

How does international mail leaving the United States get sorted on automation equipment? Mail recipients in the United States have seen barcodes on their domestic letter mail since 1982. These destination barcodes (originally POSTNET barcodes and then more recently Intelligent Mail Barcodes) are a core feature of the United States Postal Service (USPS) letter mail sorting systems. They allow a single expensive optical character reader operation to place a barcode encoding the destination ZIP Code on the envelope that can be read by multiple inexpensive readers in the downstream sortation operations. However, this does not explain how outgoing international mail is processed.

This paper is a chronological tale of USPS international letter mail barcodes. It starts with precursors - misbarcoded international mail before international barcodes. I then discuss how to read the workhorse POSTNET barcodes to understand where the mail is going, the discovery of the USPS international barcodes and first generation barcoded international ZIP Codes on letter mail. The obscure very low numbered domestic ZIP codes are discussed which were abolished to enable the transformation to second generation barcoded international ZIP Codes on letter mail. With the retirement of POSTNET barcodes, Intelligent Mail Barcodes (IMB) were later introduced for second generation barcoded international ZIP codes on letter mail. In response to my endless queries, I finally received official USPS acknowledgement of these barcodes. Throughout the paper, available auxiliary markings on International mail are illustrated and the paper ends with auxiliary markings on International mail that failed to receive their barcodes.

It took about 6 years to understand the USPS international barcode system because it was not documented in any (known) public resources and even 30 years later very few postal employees are familiar with it. Collectors in the United States rarely see these barcodes because they are only present on outgoing international mail to our foreign correspondents who take them for granted – or on returned undeliverable international mail where they mimic domestic barcodes.

### **Misbarcoded International Mail Before International Barcodes**

Before international barcodes were applied to first class mail, outbound international mail was only barcoded when it was misbarcoded to a domestic address (Figure 1a)<sup>CITE 1</sup>. Here the harried Multi-Position Letter Sorting Machine (MPLSM) operator in 1990 quickly entered the Brazilian postal code 04698 as a US ZIP Code (near Ellsworth, Maine) without noticing the other text on the bottom line. Their red identification mark 'X7' on the back indicated that operator 7 on the red shift on X machine entered the data (Figure 1b).



My favorite missent cover is Figure 2a – the envelope was mailed from New Jersey and addressed to the Netherlands in 1989. However, because the Multi-Position Letter Sorting Machine (MPLSM) operator in 1990 read the Netherlands PO Box Number as a ZIP Code, it made a detour to Truth or Consequences, New Mexico USA where it was backstamped (Figure 2b). The city it was missorted to was aptly named! In both cases, at some point the letters were recognized as international mail, thrown into an international mail sack, and proceeded to their destination without further markings (only registered mail gets detailed documentation of routings).



Figure 1a. International Mail to Brazil Misbarcoded to ZIP Code 04698



Figure 1b. MPLSM Operator identification mark on back of cover



Figure 2a. International Mail to Netherlands Misbarcoded to ZIP Code Truth or Consequences NM



Figure 2b. MPLSM operator red ID 'A4' inverted on left and transit postmark for Truth or Consequences NM 87901

### **Reading POSTNET Barcodes**

The tall/short USPS barcodes shown on these covers are called POSTNET barcodes and were in use from 1982 until a gradual transition between 2006 and 2013 replaced them with the current 4-state Intelligent Mail Barcodes (IMB)<sup>cite 2</sup>. Sometimes the POSTNET barcode is preceded by a printed human readable text version, if not, it can be decoded by eye or by using the on-line POSTNET barcode decoder<sup>CITE 3</sup> I wrote decades ago. POSTNET barcodes were enhanced through the years as technology improved. Initially the 32-bar version encoded only the 5-digit ZIP code identifying a delivery post office like the examples above. Later a 52-bar version encoded the 9-digit ZIP Code of the sector-segment or block face of the delivery address (the side of the city block of the address) and finally the 62-bar version encoded the 11-digit ZIP Code encoded the exact delivery address (the mail slot). A checksum digit added to the barcode enables corrections of single digit errors when the bars are damaged in printing and is reported by my decoder.

### **Scattered Reports of Intentional International Barcodes on Letter Mail 1992-1998**

By 1992 there started to be scattered reports in the Postal Mechanisation Study Circle (UK) of consistent POSTNET barcodes encoding 00144-0000 appearing on International mail to the United Kingdom. In 1993, the modern postal history pioneer Prof. Terry Hines described consistent POSTNET ZIP codes encoding 00148-0000 to Warsaw, Poland where he was working for the year. The USPS did not acknowledge these international barcodes and none of the USPS ZIP code lists reported them. Both of these numbers occurred in a range below the lowest known ZIP code assignments<sup>CITE 4</sup>. For 6 years the puzzle continued with increasing numbers of covers being reported from various countries, but no postal publications or employees from the local post office employees to the Assistant Postmaster General of Automation acknowledged the existence of these markings.

### **International POSTNET Barcodes on Letter Mail Finally Explained**

Finally in July 1998, I sent out another request for information to twenty postal experts including two former Assistant Postmaster Generals that I knew. A philatelist and USPS dead letter office employee, the late Bob Leeman, responded quickly with the only answer (Figure 3).

Subj: Re: POSTNET International Postal Codes

Date: 98-07-11 05:06:34 EDT

From: Rjleenun

To: Dr Quine

This is the type of puzzle I like. I hadn't really thought about the foreign bar codes and didn't know much about them, but I had people I could ask. I knew the foreign mail had been 001-something since the REC [remote video encoding] sites started. They needed something to key this mail to and every other three-digit code is taken. 005 is something in New York (IRS?), 004 belongs to Readers' Digest (it used to go to New York, now its Ohio), 003 is for APO addresses on the east coast, and 002 is for the census and the immigration lottery (with a New Hampshire address).

I asked my supervisor (the 204-8 who does the REC site audits). She knew that the REC site keys 00100 for foreign and 00101 for Canada, but didn't know if they did anything further. When I went running for mail, I stopped at a DBCS [Delivery Barcode Sorter] and asked someone I knew where the foreign mail fell. It was near the Chicago holdouts on another machine (since foreign mail from Grand Rapids goes to Chicago). There was only a handful, but a couple had yellow CFS [Computer Forwarding System] stickers on them and they had bar codes with other numbers (beyond 001).

My next stop was on my way to lunch. I spoke to the supervisor in CFS (she's the wife of the other "loop mail " clerk). She was very helpful. She had the three page list of foreign country bar code numbers and gave it to me (she can print out a new one when she needs it). This is the paragraph at the top of the page: "Mail Forwarded to Foreign Countries Uses a Barcode Unique to the Country/The First 3 Digits are 001, Followed by the 3 Digits Given Below/ Countries Identified By \* Have Special Add-ons - Others are All Zero" (capital letters and lack of periods in the original). On this list, Spain is 340, and Poland is 480. The countries with an asterisk are Canada (010) and Britain (440). I can see Scotland is 448, and Wales is 449. Countries ending in zero seem to be the larger ones, probably so that add-ons can be added on someday.



When I asked her a further question, she was a bit stumped, but suggested we talk to one of the [Computer Forwarding System] CFS clerks about what bar code is printed on a CFS label. This clerk printed a sample label for someone named Jones in Grand Haven, MI 49417 who moved to Germany (I can't spell Viesbaden, she could). I have the yellow label that was printed with 00149-00 (I'm not sure how many 0s were barcoded - the label, attached to a piece of a Hershey Bar box, is in my locker) [Figure 4 below]. She said when someone moves to England or Canada, the system asks for further information, and the bar code must then have more [non-zero] numbers.

I was busy this week, since everyone seems to be on vacation, and there are fewer of us to sort the missorted mail. This meant I couldn't get downstairs to look at mail in automation later in the evening when there was more of it. The foreign mail I sort is the missorted variety; the Mexican and Israeli mail with their 5-digit postal codes, and the mail that that is inexplicably barcoded for a Grand Rapids ZIP code. I did have a couple of foreign letters with sprayed-on bar codes. The numbers sprayed before the bar codes were 00116/0000 for Brazil and 00113/0000 for Venezuela. I don't know who knows the scheme to put these numbers on them. That's the next mystery.

So I have this 3 page list of country codes and a CFS label to send you. I have your address from before, but if you're in Spain, I need to ask where to send it. By the way, I saw Terry Hines on TV once. The History Channel, I believe - he was the skeptical talking head on some occult subject. I was half paying attention when I saw that name on the screen and had to wait to see it again to believe it. I did a search on "modern postal history" a month or so ago, and the *Linn's* site turned up because it lists clubs and journals, and the *MPHJ* [Terry Hines' *Modern Postal History Journal*] with its Chappaqua, NY address is listed. Too bad there's nowhere to print all this information anymore.

I hope this helps. Actually, I was wondering how many "Postal Experts" you sent this message to, and I wanted to get my information in as soon as possible.

Happy trails - Bob Leeman

Figure 3. Bob Leeman July 11, 1998, email explaining USPS International Mail POSTNET Barcodes

Figure 3 is lengthy, but it is a priceless contemporaneous first-person account of the solution of a 6-year philatelic mystery. For clarification, I've added [in brackets]



explanations of terms that may not be obvious. True to his word, Bob sent me his “Hershey wrapper” sample of an international barcode test (Figure 4). (The yellow CFS computerized forwarding system labels are self-adhesive labels that require a substrate to stick to and Bob used the only paper that was available close at hand.) Philatelists are renowned for sharing information and disseminating knowledge – both of these values were reflected in Bob’s letter.

It is interesting that the CFS and the REC (remote video-encoding) systems were the two that revealed the international barcodes. It also makes sense; human beings were looking at international mail and needed to provide an answer to barcode. These barcodes were essential to downstream processes. While the USPS does not sort mail within other countries, the Delivery Barcode Sorters (DBCS) in each location (e.g. from Grand Rapids, MI) must be programmed to direct barcoded international mail to the appropriate hubs (e.g. Chicago) enroute to the correct international port of embarkation (such as JFK, NY for Europe and San Francisco CA for Asia).

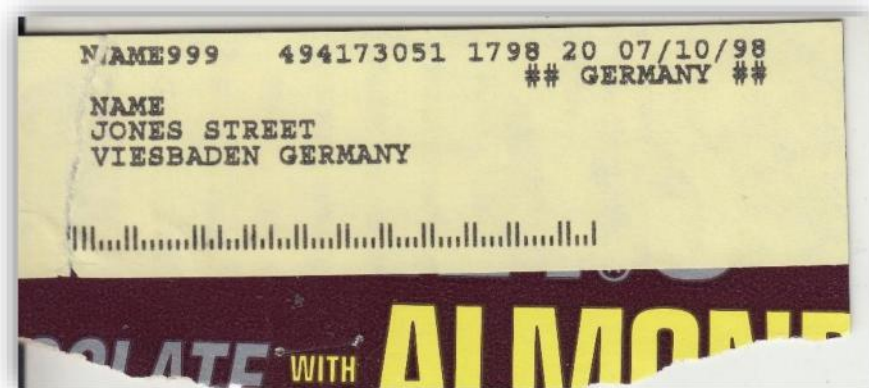


Figure 4. Demonstration Computerized Forwarding System (CFS) of International Barcode encoding 00149-0000

Follow-up email messages later in the week discussed an observation that the international country codes in many cases were the international calling codes for the countries including ‘44’ for United Kingdom and ‘48’ for Poland. However, the pattern was not universal: for example, the country code for Greece is ‘30’ but the barcode was ‘58’ (Table 1). In due course, the full list of country codes arrived in my USPS mailbox. It covered many countries, all beginning with 001, and was quickly published in the *Postal Mechanisation Study Circle* newsletter in 1998<sup>CITE 5</sup>.

Table 1. Extract of the list of International ZIP Code Assignments (00144 to 00158)

00144-*000	UNITED KINGDOM
00145-0000	DENMARK
00146-0000	SWEDEN
00147-0000	NORWAY
00148-0000	POLAND
00149-0000	GERMANY
00150-2000	ICELAND
00150-4000	GREENLAND
00150-6000	FAEROE ISLANDS
00150-6000	FAROE ISLANDS
00150-7000	SAINT PIERRE and MIQUELON
00150-8000	SPITZBERGEN
00150-8000	SVALBARD
00151-0000	FINLAND
00152-7000	MOLDAVIA
00153-0000	RUSSIA
00155-2000	CZECH REPUBLIC
00155-4000	HUNGARY
00155-6000	SLOVAKIA
00156-2000	SERBIA
00156-2000	YUGOSLAVIA
00156-3000	SLOVENIA
00156-4000	CROATIA
00156-5000	ROMANIA
00156-6000	BULGARIA
00156-7000	BOSNIA- HERZEGOVINA- YUGOSLAVIA
00156-8000	ALBANIA
00156-9000	MACEDONIA
00157-2000	MALTA
00157-4000	CRETE
00158-0000	GREECE

### **POSTNET Barcodes With First Generation International ZIP Codes on Letter Mail**

Figure 5 is an envelope to Mexico illustrating the first generation International POSTNET barcode 00105-0900 on outgoing mail from the USA. As is often the case, human readable print to the left of the barcode enables postal clerks to sort the mail if the automation equipment fails – and simplifies the decoding task for philatelists.



Figure 5. USA to Mexico With International ZIP Code 00105-0900

An early exotic validation of the country code list was provided by a report in the 1990's in the *Postal Mechanisation Study Circle newsletter* of an envelope addressed to Swansea, England being misbarcoded 00171 which the country code list from Bob Leeman reported as Swaziland in Africa. Sometimes such simple substitution errors help confirm the details. Unfortunately, the original cover is lost to philately, when I reached out recently, the collector who was given it by the original owner did not know where it is.

Despite having only 100 possible 5-digit ZIP Codes for International Mail, the system made do. Some 5-digit ZIP Codes represented multiple countries which were differentiated by subsequent digits in the ZIP Code. For example, five Central American and Caribbean nations shared the 5-digit ZIP Code 00107 and were differentiated in the 6<sup>th</sup> digit as Nicaragua (00107-2000), Costa Rica (00107-4000), Canal Zone (00107-5000), Panama (00107-6000), and Aruba (00107-8000).

Provisions were even made to include the remote island of St. Helena in the South Atlantic (Figure 6). This cover was found open or damaged and resealed officially while entrusted to Royal Mail (the seal that was wrapped over to the back has been digitally unfolded). St. Helena was assigned international ZIP Code 00174-3000 sharing its first 5 digits with distant Angola (00174-2000), Zaire (00174-4000), Congo (00174-6000), and Central African Republic (00174-8000).





Figure 6. USA to St. Helena With International ZIP Code 00174-3000 Found Open or Damaged and Officially resealed.

As Bob noted in his email, POSTNET barcodes for certain countries, such as Canada, could also use digits beyond the first 5 to encode geographical areas within the destination country (Figure 7 and Table 2). This makes great sense. Since Canada parallels the United States to our north, there are many potential ports of embarkation for mail to Canada depending on whether the mail is destined to British Columbia in the west or Nova Scotia in the east. Actually, considerable detail is included in the ZIP Code lists for each region, so the mail is not only getting to the correct port of embarkation but potentially



the USPS is providing Canada Post with a head start in the regional sortation.

The original data I received had a systematic error in the reported Canadian ZIP codes by inserting extra '00' as the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> characters and moving all the following digits further right (Table 2 – red emphasis added). Ingo Nessel provided me with a letter addressed to Brampton, Ontario in Canada and showing a ZIP Code of 00101-2306 (Figure 7). This cover was a much appreciated discovery because it (and hundreds of companion pieces) proved the correct codes make much more sense fitting all the significant data into the first 9 characters (Table 3). When the last two digits of the 9-digit ZIP Code are '00', it signifies a generic "unknown" within that province when insufficient information is available to more precisely barcode the letter. However, some of these covers as early as 1996 had consistent printed human readable (and barcoded) 11-digit ZIP Codes with nonzero numbers for all digits. This means that USPS is barcoding the data to a much finer level of sortation than expected from the data in Table 3 and the full listing of Canadian ZIP Codes in Appendices A and B (Figure 8 has links to digital copies).

Table 2. Partial Extract of Original (Incorrect) International ZIP Code Assignment list within Canada

<i>ZIP Code</i>	<i>Canadian Region</i>
00101- <u>00</u> 12-00	... Nova Scotia
00101- <u>00</u> 12-02	..... Antigonish
00101- <u>00</u> 12-02	..... Dartmouth
00101- <u>00</u> 12-03	..... Halifax
00101- <u>00</u> 12-00	..... Wolfville
00101- <u>00</u> 23-00	... Ontario (other)
00101- <u>00</u> 25-09	..... Amherstburg
00101- <u>00</u> 23-06	..... Brampton

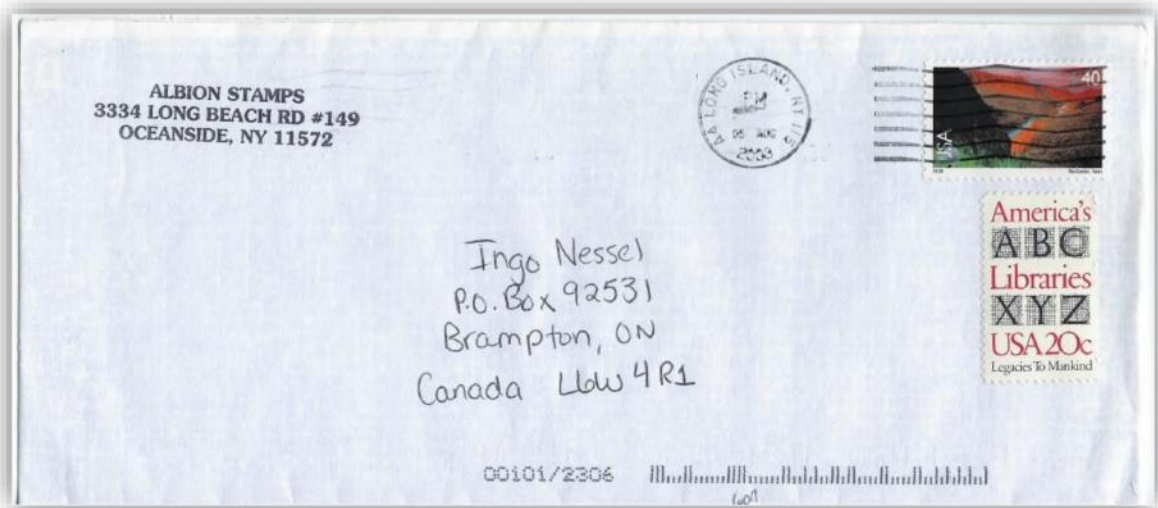


Figure 7. USA to Brampton, Ontario, Canada With International ZIP Code 00101-2306 for Brampton



Appendix A Link



Appendix B Link

Figure 8. QR code links to Appendix A Country List with First and Second Generation USPS International ZIP Codes <https://www.quine.org/pssc-appendix-a.pdf> <sup>CITE 6</sup> and Appendix B. USPS International ZIP Code List With First and Second Generation Countries <https://www.quine.org/pssc-appendix-b.pdf> <sup>CITE 7</sup>

Table 3. Partial Extract of Corrected International ZIP Code Assignments within Canada <sup>CITE 7</sup>

<i>ZIP Code Canadian Region</i>	
00101-1200	... Nova Scotia (unknown)
00101-1202	..... Antigonish
00101-1202	..... Dartmouth
00101-1203	..... Halifax
00101-1200	..... Wolfville
00101-2300	... Ontario (other)
00101-2509	..... Amherstburg
00101-2306	..... Brampton

Figure 9 was philatelically inspired. I used three Stamp Expressions personalized stamps (my young self and the Hale-Bopp comet passing to the left of my house) printed on the Pitney Bowes home printer to mail a letter to a fictitious address in the United Kingdom. The letter was returned as 'address incomplete' which was a polite way of saying the address was a complete fantasy. The special thing about this cover, however, is something that I had no control over. The bottom of the envelope shows a clear outgoing international mail barcode for the United Kingdom 00144-1000 and a clear superimposed domestic return barcode to Connecticut 06801-1631. This is the only example I ever recall seeing of the coexisting barcodes for the two directions. However, having not obscured the outgoing barcode before rebarcoding with the return barcode, I believe it is unlikely the barcode reader could read the return barcode to sort the mail back to me. It probably required manual handling.



Figure 9. Stamp Expressions personalized postage stamps and Pitney Bowes kiosk make-up postage on a return to sender 'address incomplete' cover showing both outgoing and return mail superimposed POSTNET barcodes.

Figures 10a and 10b show a cover sent to Norway which was returned to sender and received back in less than 3 weeks. A large bilingual 'RETUR / RETOUR' handstamp on the front provides the return instruction while a paper label on the back explains it was returned due to an unknown addressee and insufficient address.



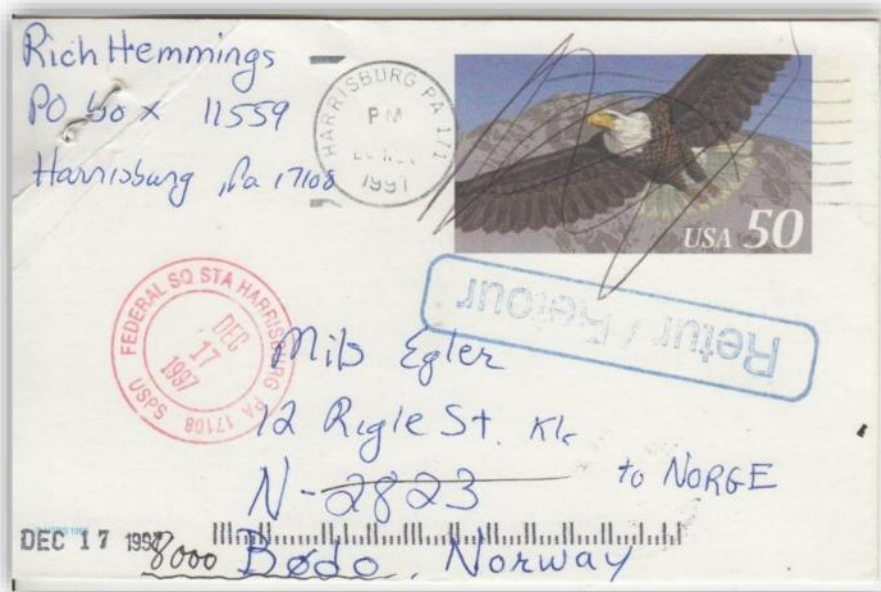


Figure 10a. Norway 00147-0000 in the 1st generation International ZIP Code scheme “RETUR / RETOUR” (Return).

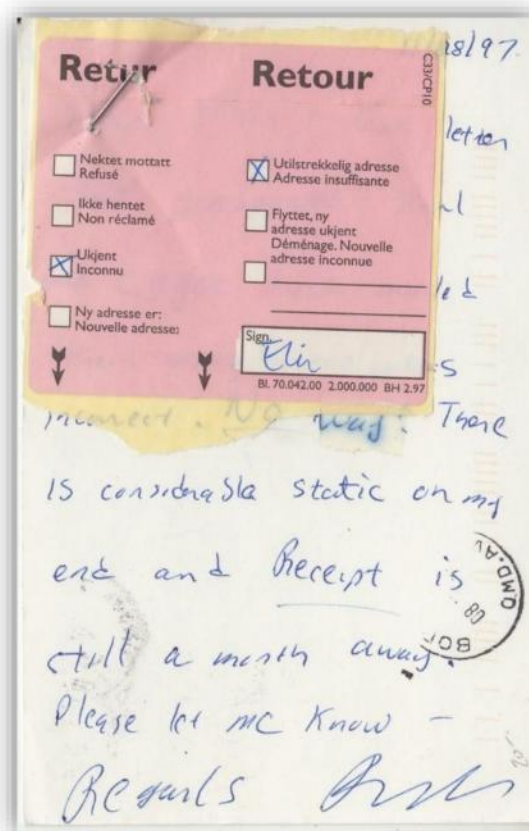


Figure 10b. Norway detailed return to sender explanation on back of cover



Figure 11 shows an international correctly barcoded envelope to the Netherlands. However, the availability of international barcodes did not eliminate the possibility of missent mail. Figure 12 shows another envelope mailed to the same address in the Netherlands but instead barcoded to Bonaire in the Netherlands Antilles in the Caribbean Sea. Apparently the MLOCR or the Remote Encoding Operator saw “Netherlands” selected the ‘Netherlands Antilles’ subset rather than ‘Netherlands’ (Holland). Although the stamps were not cancelled, the fluorescent barcode on the back and the barcode on the front prove the letter went through the USPS. As first class (not registered) mail there are no transit stamps to show the journey this letter experienced. Since the postage paid was 80 cents, my best guess is it was mailed between Jan. 1, 1991, and Dec. 31, 1991, during the 80-cent USPS overseas airmail rate period.



Figure 11. International letter correctly barcoded to Netherlands (00131-0000)



Figure 12. International letter to Netherlands (00131-0000) misbarcoded to Bonaire (00114-3000) in the Netherlands Antilles, Caribbean Sea

Figure 13 is another kind of misbarcoded letter – it has been double barcoded with the same barcode to Austria. Unfortunately, the two barcodes are offset vertically and horizontally so they effectively block a barcode reader from reading either of them.

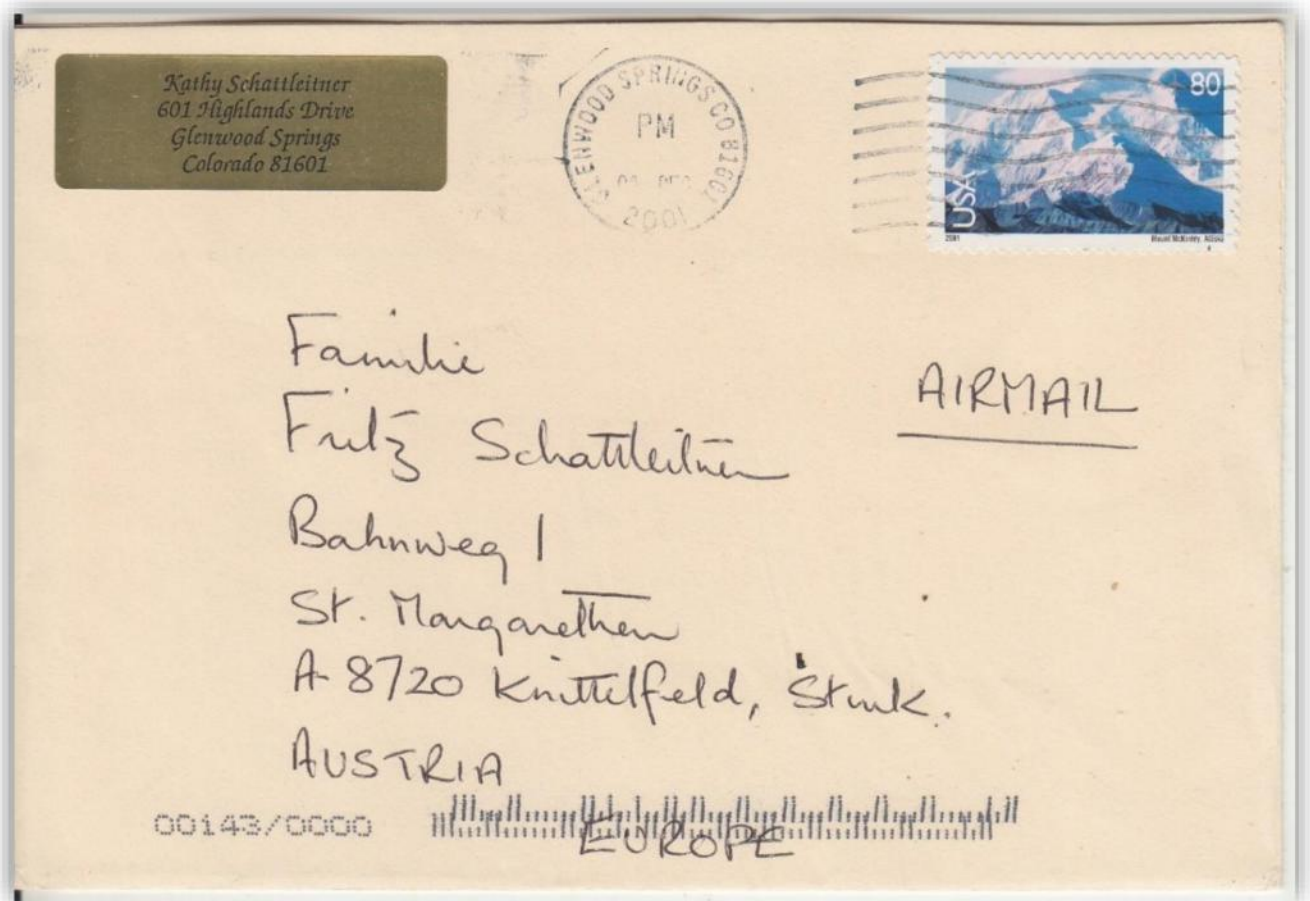


Figure 13. Double barcoded Austria 00143 in 1<sup>st</sup> Generation International ZIP Code

Figure 14 is another example of a misbarcoded letter addressed to Northern Ireland (part of the United Kingdom ZIP Code 00144) but incorrectly barcoded to the Republic of Ireland (newly assigned ZIP Code 00136).

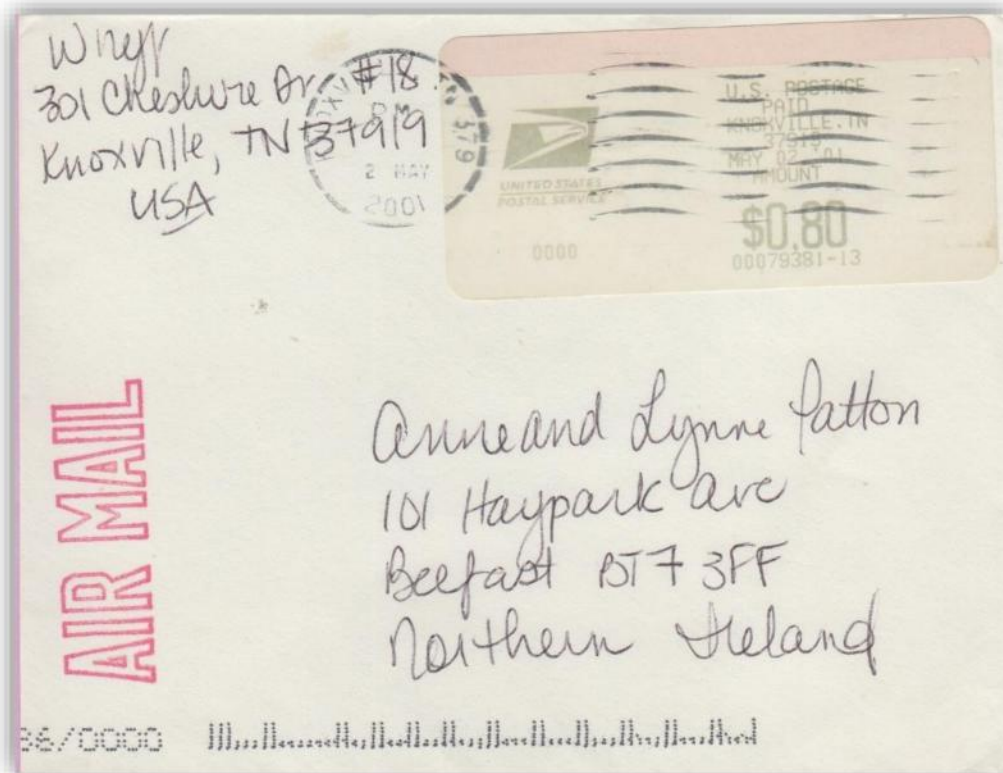


Figure 14. Northern Ireland Mail Belonging in UK 00144 in 1<sup>st</sup> Generation International ZIP Codes misbarcoded to Republic Of Ireland 00136.

Obviously, the availability of International ZIP Codes did not prevent occasional double feeds of letters and other MLOCN mishaps from causing wild barcoding errors such as the Figure 15 cover which was one of many sent to our daughter while she studied in Australia. This cover was misbarcoded to 60156-5508-05 (5 Farmington Court, Lake in the Hills, IL USA). Some conscientious postal clerk tossed the misbarcoded letter into an international mail sack and it made the journey successfully to Australia despite the barcode.





Figure 15. International letter to Australia 00194-3000 misbarcoded to Lake in the Hills, IL USA (60156-5508-05)

### Obscure Very Low Numbered Domestic ZIP Codes

Students of US ZIP Codes may recall that US mainland ZIP Codes start with 01001 in Agawam, MA. Below that, the lowest range of numbers from 00601 to 00999 is assigned to the US Territory of Puerto Rico. However, ZIP Code aficionados (including Bob Leeman in Figure 3) note a few exceptions. The USPS ZIP Code list in 1996 showed two sets of entries (00210 to 00215 and 00401) which no longer exist today (USPS City By ZIP Code)<sup>CITE 4</sup>:

- PORTSMOUTH NH 00210 to 00215 for the National Visa Center applications by region<sup>CITE 8</sup>
- PLEASANTVILLE NY 00401
- READERS DIGEST NY 00401

Two other outlier ZIP Code assignments remain active today (USPS City By ZIP Code).<sup>CITE 4</sup>

- 00501, Holtsville, NY
- 00501, IRS Service Center, NY
- 00544, Holtsville, NY
- 00544, IRS Service Center, NY



## POSTNET Barcodes With Second Generation International ZIP Codes on Letter Mail

Inexplicably, between 2008 and 2010 the International POSTNET barcodes to familiar places changed. These second-generation international barcodes were deployed with the same silence as the first-generation ones. Collectors just started noticing their familiar barcodes for various countries had changed and, upon inquiry, Bob Leeman was able to obtain a local list of the revised country codes. The international barcode numbers were expanded from the 001xx template which allowed for just 100 possible different 5-digit country codes to also use 002xx and 004xx ranges creating a possible 300 different country codes in the first 5 digits. For example, United Kingdom changed from 00144 (Figure 9) to 00122 (Figure 16) and Canada changed from 00101 (Figure 6) to 00229 (Figure 19 into a new expanded range). The new ranges allowed also allowed more detailed geographical assignments within countries to be placed in the additional 4 ZIP Code digits. I published these updates in 2012<sup>CITE 9</sup>. While the expansion of the numerical options was understandable, the reassignment of established countries (some of which even used their telephone dialing code number) to new numbers was baffling – especially when existing countries picked up numbers previous assigned to other countries.

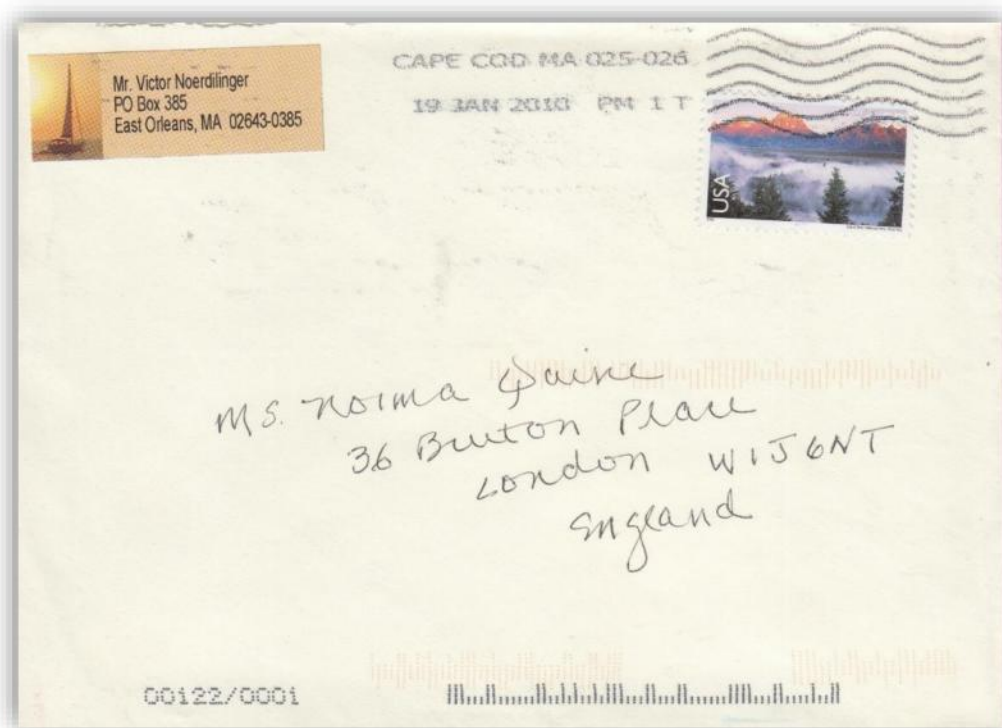


Figure 16. UK mail reassigned to 00122 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation International ZIP Codes

My ongoing effort to obtain information about the International ZIP Codes from USPS officials finally bore fruit in May 2012. I received an email from the USPS Historian, Jenny Lynch, acknowledging the existence of these International ZIP Codes – and of the change to 2<sup>nd</sup> generation barcodes (Figure 17).

From: Jennifer M Lynch USPS, Washington, DC  
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 9:45 AM  
To: Douglas B. Quine  
Subject: RE: Seeking information about USPS Outgoing International POSTNET Barcodes

Hi !

I spoke with someone in International Mail Operations and was told that barcodes, based on "pseudo ZIP Codes," are put on international mail pieces to designate overseas offices of exchange. The barcodes and the information they represent are for internal USPS use only because these offices of exchange can change frequently and with little notification. Also the proper office of exchange may vary by class of mail piece. I was further told that in 2008 the numerical range of these "pseudo ZIP Codes" was expanded from 001 to include 001, 002, and 004 . This change was put in place to accommodate the I-2of5 barcode printed on Postage Validation Imprint (PVI) labels to represent a specific 5-digit pseudo ZIP Code for international mail destinations.

Thank you for your patience in awaiting this information. I hope it is helpful.

- Jenny Lynch  
Historian and Corporate Information Services Manager  
(202) 268-2074

Explore postal history at <http://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal>

Figure 17. Email from USPS Historian regarding International Pseudo-ZIP Codes on International Mail

These changes also resulted in the previously assigned special purpose domestic ZIP Codes in the 002xx and 004xx series being dropped. The old Portsmouth, NH National Visa Center lottery ZIP Codes from 00210 to 00215 for the "DV-97 Diversity Immigrant Visa Program lottery"<sup>CITE 8</sup> which received incoming visa applications from applicants in

different continents were reassigned as international destination barcodes for six African countries (Table 4).

Table 4. Reassigned ZIP Code 002xxx Numbers

<b>ZIP Code</b>	<b>Original National Visa Center CITE 8, Portsmouth, NH incoming mail groups</b>	<b>New (2010) Outgoing International Destinations</b>
00210	DV-97 applicants from Asia	Mali
00211	DV-97 applicants from South America	Niger
00212	DV-97 applicants from Europe	Chad
00213	DV-97 applicants from Africa	Sudan
00214	DV-97 applicants from Oceania	Eritrea
00215	DV-97 applicants from North America	Senegal

Naturally, as with the first-generation International ZIP Code assignments, mail continued to be returned when undeliverable. Figure 18 shows a cover to Japan returned to sender with a French international postal marking 'RETOUR ADRESSE INSUFFISANTE' (Returned to Sender / Insufficient Address). An illegible red Japanese pointing finger return to sender marking is also present.

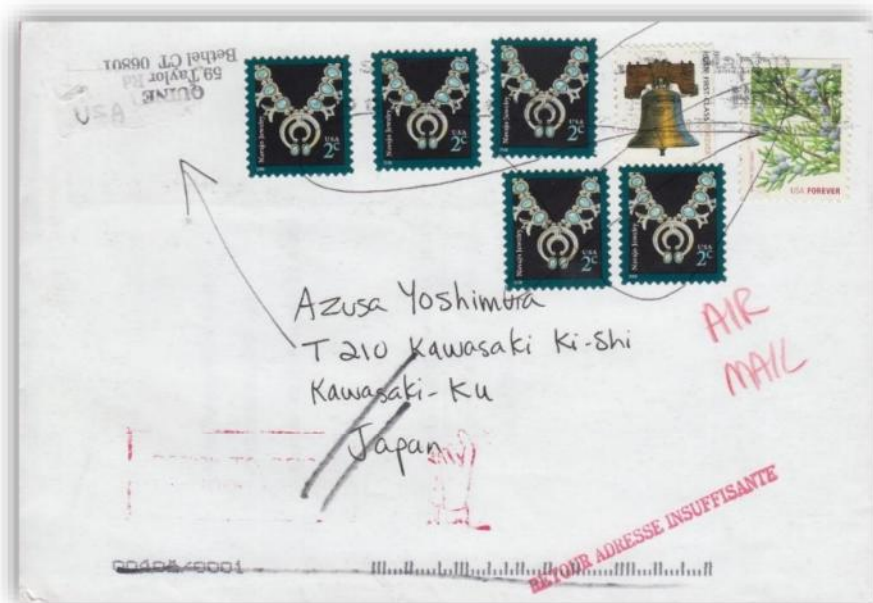


Figure 18. Japan 00408 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation International ZIP Code scheme 'RETOUR ADRESSE INSUFFISANTE' (Returned to Sender / Insufficient Address).



## Intelligent Mail Barcodes (IMB) With Second Generation International ZIP Codes on Letter Mail

Finally, the transition from the legacy (tall/short) POSTNET barcodes to the more powerful Intelligent Mail Barcodes (IMB) occurred in 2010 creating a third set of barcodes on international mail. The IMB uses four symbols (ascending, descending, full, short) enabling twice the data to be stored in the same space. This means the IMB can encode the destination 11-digit ZIP Code as well as mail type, tracking information, serial numbers, and mailer information. While these barcodes cannot be read by eye because of their complex error correction algorithms, these barcodes generally have human readable data printed to the left. If not, the Ashwood Data Smartphone APP <sup>CITE 3</sup> and the Solvoj image capture APP<sup>CITE 3</sup> are available that can read clean barcodes on a light background. For more challenging cases, Bob Matthews has written an online decoder<sup>CITE 3</sup> which can be used by manually entering a letter for each symbol type. The 2<sup>nd</sup> generation numeric assignments continued to be used with the new IMB barcodes and are active to this day.

Figure 19 shows an example of a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation IMB barcode ZIP Code assignment in the new 002xx range: Canada was reassigned from 00101 to 00299 and the added digits '3205' indicate Edmonton Alberta enabling USPS to properly presort the outbound international mail.

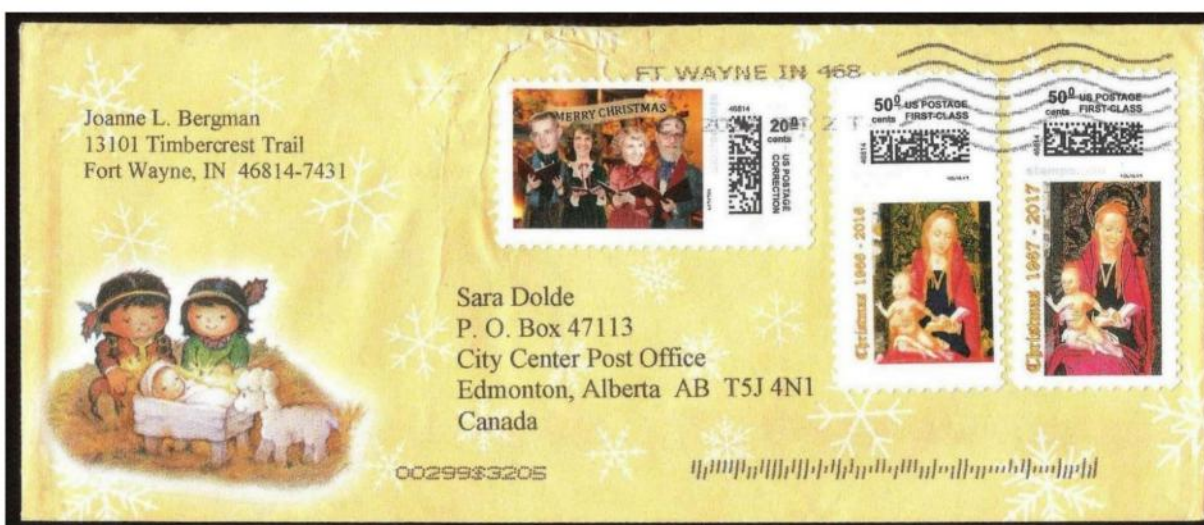


Figure 19. US to Canada (00299-3205) 2<sup>nd</sup> generation International IMB barcode

Figure 20 shows an Intelligent Mail Barcode (IMB) using the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation International ZIP Code assignment for Germany, 00106-0001. The cover has a bilingual label visible in the figure (I'll describe just the international postal language – French – in the text). The 'RETOUR' (return to sender) label stated the return was due to 'Inconnu / Adresse Insuffisante' (unknown / address insufficient). Upon arrival in the USA, the

Figure 21 is a letter sent to a P.O. Box in Frankston, Victoria, Australia and returned as 'NO SUCH BOX'. No official postal markings are seen here although the postal jargon of the endorsement 'RTS NO SUCH BOX' suggests it was applied by a postal clerk. Frankston is a seaside suburb of Melbourne with a population of over 139,000 so it would seem large enough to have official hand stamps. Perhaps this particular issue was not common, so they just handwrote the endorsement. It is interesting to note that somebody marked out the fluorescent unique identifier code on the back of the envelope (not shown) which could have created loop mail by reporting the original destination of Australia to USPS domestic barcode readers ... but they did not mark out the more conspicuous IMB barcode to Australia on the front.



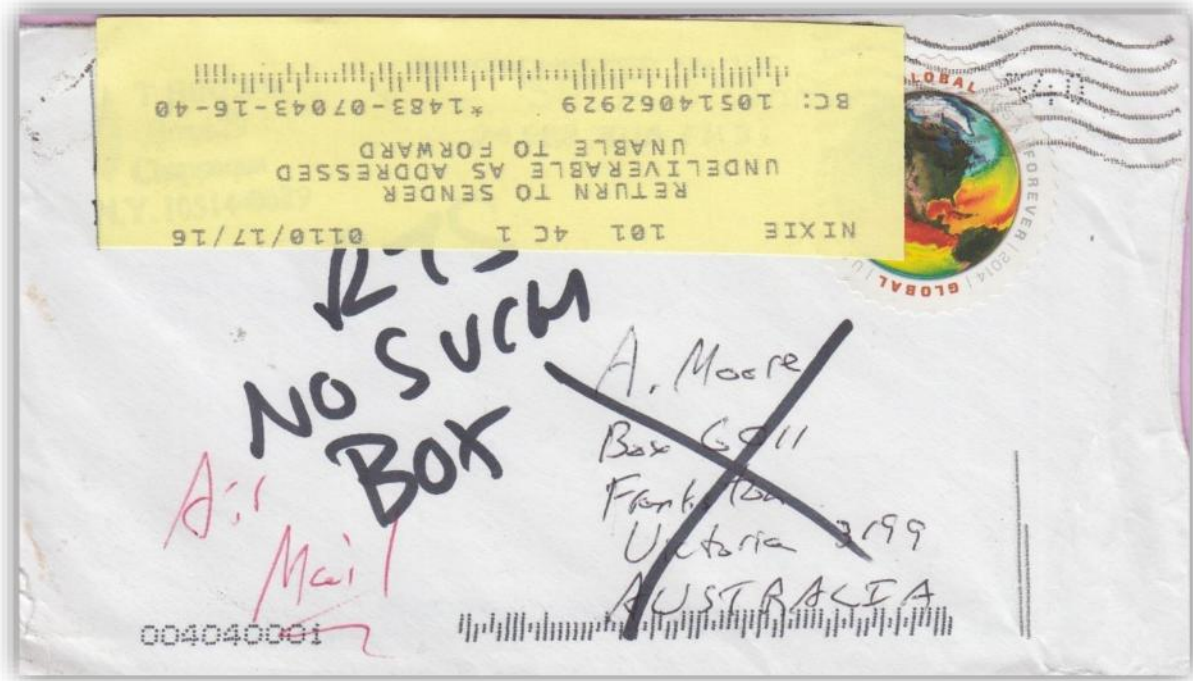


Figure 21. International IMB 00404-0001 Barcode to Australia with Handwritten endorsement RTS NO SUCH BOX

Figure 22 shows a letter mailed from Texas to Japan with a Japanese Post applied red Japanese / English handstamp 'RETURN UNKNOWN' which was confirmed by the letter carrier's personal signature stamp in box 1 and then the supervisor's personal handstamp in box 2. Finally, a blue international French hand stamp 'RETOUR/INCONNU' (Return, Unknown) was applied as well. In the Japanese tradition, the address and the Japanese international country code were struck out with two lines of a marker. On the long journey, the envelope was damaged and soiled and was placed in a USPS 'ambulance bag' for the final leg of the journey to the sender. For some reason, despite the consistent Japanese return to sender explanations in three languages (Japanese, English, French), the CFS clerk in the USA creating the yellow return to sender CFS label entered the cause for return as 'NO MAIL RECEPTACLE' rather than 'ADDRESSEE UNKNOWN'.





Figure 22. Letter to Japan returned as unknown and damaged enroute so USPS placed the envelope in an ambulance bag. Misabeled by CFS as “No Mail Receptacle”.

In 2021 and 2022, Philatelist Peter Elias mailed letters to the foreign philatelic agencies of many national post offices. A number of these letters were returned as undeliverable. It seems unlikely the foreign postal services could not find their own philatelic bureaus. I suspect the letters were returned because COVID-19 had shut down mail service to the other countries or their philatelic bureaus had shut down their operations.

Figure 23 shows a cover to Central African Republic which was barcoded to IMB barcode ZIP Code 00230-9999 (covered by the yellow CFS label) but then intercepted by USPS and returned to sender because ‘SERVICE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED’ to Central African Republic. Obviously, this process took time, the outgoing envelope was postmarked Nov. 3, 2021, the yellow CFS label was affixed on April 5, 2022, and Peter finally docketed the return ‘RECEIVED APR 08, 2022’.

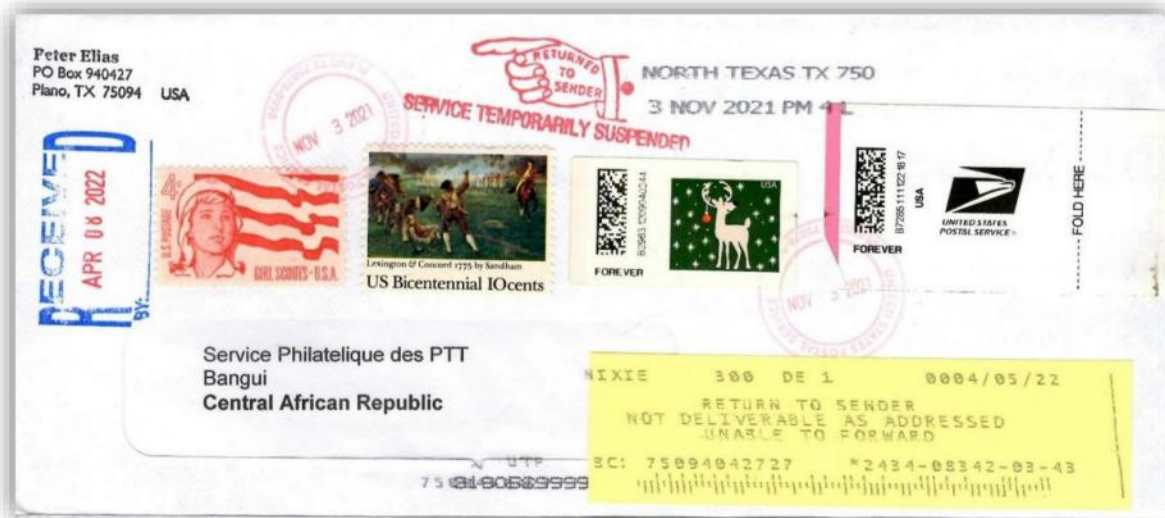


Figure 23. US to Central African Republic (00230-9999) 2<sup>nd</sup> generation International IMB barcode; the 9999 suffix may signify a non-specific location within the country.

Figure 24 shows a cover to Cuba which was barcoded to IMB barcode ZIP Code 00470-0001 (covered by the yellow CFS label). This return was slow, the outgoing envelope was postmarked Jan. 12, 2022, the yellow CFS label was affixed on July 10, 2022, and Peter finally docketed the return 'RECEIVED July 19, 2022'. Lacking Cuban markings, I suspect the mail was probably 'REFUSED' entry because of a COVID-19 service suspension.



Figure 24. US to Cuba (00470-0001) 2<sup>nd</sup> generation International IMB barcode to one of the newly assigned 004xx country codes. Lacking Cuban markings was probably refused entry because of a COVID-19 service suspension.

Figure 25 shows a cover to Denmark which was barcoded to IMB barcode ZIP Code 00125-0000 (covered by the yellow label) and also upside-down was barcoded again which was left intact. This envelope did reach Denmark where it was hand stamped twice



‘POSTNORD CN15 / RETOUR / UNKNOWN’. I’m speculating the philatelic office was closed for COVID-19; I assume Post Denmark could have found their own philatelic bureau even if the address had changed. This return was also slow, the outgoing envelope was postmarked Nov. 3, 2021, and Peter finally docketed the return ‘RECEIVED Feb. 26, 2022’.



Figure 25. US to Denmark (00125-0000) 2<sup>nd</sup> generation International IMB barcode top and bottom of the envelope. Double handstamps ‘POSTNORD CN15 / RETOUR / UNKNOWN/INCONNU’ direct the cover to be returned.

Figure 26 shows a cover to Libya (hand labeled because the address insert is missing) which was barcoded to IMB barcode ZIP Code 00220-0000 (covered by the yellow CFS label). Before leaving the USA, the USPS intercepted the envelope and affixed a pink Label-201C ‘MAIL SERVICE / SUSPENDED / RETURN TO SENDER’ with a pointing finger and instructions to obtain an international postage refund! I assume mail service was suspended due to COVID-19. The CFS label indicates mail was ‘REFUSED’. This return was very slow, the outgoing envelope was postmarked Jan. 12, 2022, and Peter finally docketed the return ‘RECEIVED Sep. 2, 2022’. Perhaps USPS was anticipating a timely resumption of mail service.





Figure 26. US to Libya (00220-0000) 2<sup>nd</sup> generation International IMB barcode (behind CFS label). Pink USPS 'MAIL SERVICE / SUSPENDED / RETURN TO SENDER' label also includes instructions for a postage refund! CFS label indicates mail was "REFUSED".

Figure 27 shows a cover to Papua New Guinea which was barcoded to IMB barcode ZIP Code 00276-0001 (covered by the yellow CFS label). Before leaving the USA, the CFS label indicates mail was 'REFUSED'. I assume mail service was suspended due to COVID-19. This return was very slow, the outgoing envelope was postmarked Nov. 12, 2021, and Peter finally docketed the return 'RECEIVED July 11, 2022'. Perhaps USPS was anticipating a timely resumption of mail service.

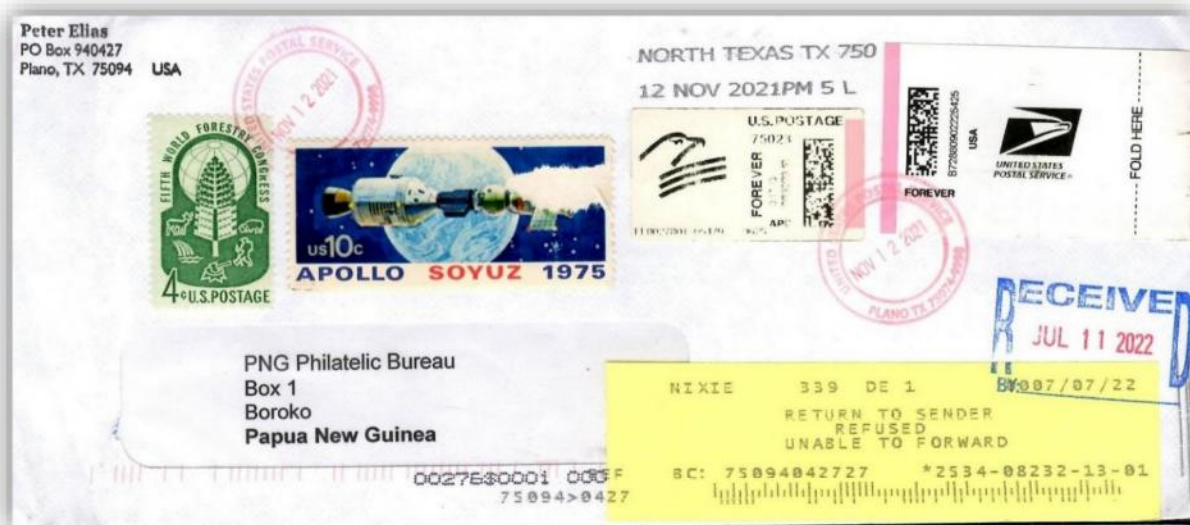


Figure 27. USA to Papua New Guinea (00276-0001) 2<sup>nd</sup> generation International IMB barcode (behind CFS label). CFS label indicates mail was refused.

Figure 28 shows a cover to Singapore which was barcoded to IMB barcode ZIP Code 00437-0001 (covered by the yellow CFS label). A Singapore Post 'REASON FOR NON-

DELIVERY' label with a green validation handstamp dated Feb. 14, 2022, directs the envelope to be returned to sender. The USPS yellow CFS label reports the piece as 'NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED / UNABLE TO FORWARD'. I suspect COVID-19 lockdown was the issue. This return was very slow, the outgoing envelope was postmarked Jan. 12, 2022, and Peter finally docketed the return 'RECEIVED July 28, 2022'. Perhaps USPS was anticipating a timely resumption of mail service.



Figure 28. US to Singapore (00437-0001) 2<sup>nd</sup> generation International IMB barcode with Singapore Post and USPS auxiliary markings

Figure 29. shows a cover to United Arab Emirates which was barcoded to IMB barcode 00195-0001. A large purple United Arab Emirates bilingual (English / Arabic) handstamp with a logo 'RETURN TO SENDER CN15 / DELIVERY CENTER – DUBAI / UNKNOWN' directs the envelope to be returned to sender. Since the Denmark cover handstamp also referenced "CN15", I speculate "CN15" may be an international form number for 'RETURN TO SENDER'. The USPS yellow CFS label reports the piece as 'NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED / UNABLE TO FORWARD'. The cover was originally postmarked Nov. 12, 2021, and Peter finally docketed the return on May 26, 2022. Again, I find it implausible the revenue producing Philatelic Bureau was unknown to the Postal Service, I suspect COVID-19 lockdown was the issue.





Figure 29. US to United Arab Emirates (00195-0001) 2<sup>nd</sup> generation International IMB barcode with return to sender auxiliary markings

### Returned Letter Mail with No USPS International Barcodes

Finally, some international envelopes were observed which did not receive international ZIP Code barcodes. Figure 30 to Brunei was intercepted by USPS and hand stamped 'RETURNED TO SENDER / SERVICE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED' with a pointing finger. Although the CFS label reports 'ATTEMPTED – NOT KNOWN' there are no Brunei markings on the cover so it may have been held by USPS until they concluded mail service would not be restored in a timely manner. The cover was mailed Nov. 3, 2021, the CFS label was applied Mar. 11, 2022, and the return was docketed by Peter on Mar. 14, 2022.



Figure 30. US International mail to Brunei which USPS apparently intercepted before international barcoding or shipment and marked "RETURNED TO SENDER / SERVICE SUSPENDED"

Figure 31. shows a non-barcoded cover to Hong Kong which received a large purple Hong



Kong trilingual (Chinese / English / French) handstamp “RETURN CN15 / NO SAUCH PERSON”. Like the Denmark and United Arab Emirates covers, the handstamp also references “CN15” suggesting “CN15” may be an international form number for “RETURN TO SENDER”. The USPS yellow CFS label reports the piece as “NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED / UNABLE TO FORWARD”. The cover was originally postmarked Nov. 8, 2021, and Peter finally docketed the return on Feb. 8, 2022. Again, I find it implausible the revenue producing Hong Kong Post Stamps was unknown to the Postal Service, I suspect COVID-19 lockdown was the issue.



Figure 31. USA International Mail to Hong Kong without USPS International Barcode and endorsed in Hong Kong was returned to sender because NO SUCH PERSON and INCOMPLETE ADDRESS

Figure 32 shows a non-barcoded cover to Thailand which received a purple Thai handstamp in English ‘RETURN TO SENDER / UNABLE TO FORWARD’. An arrow with a Thai word inside (presumably ‘RETURN’) pointed to the return address while a separate blue checklist in Thai covered by the yellow CFS label also explained the reason for return. The cover was originally postmarked Nov. 12, 2021, and Peter finally docketed the return on May 2, 2022. Again, I find it implausible the revenue producing Philatelic Division was unknown to the Postal Service and suspect COVID-19 lockdown was the issue.



Figure 32. USA International Mail to Thailand without USPS International Barcode and endorsed in Thailand RETURN TO SENDER / UNABLE TO FORWARD and also a Thai language checklist of causes and an arrow marking pointing to the return address.

## Conclusions

USA outgoing international mail carries under-appreciated ZIP Code barcodes which enable international mail to be processed within the USA and to be directed for embarkation to their destinations. When international mail is undeliverable, a variety of USPS and international auxiliary markings explain the reasons for the return to sender and provide fertile ground for study. This paper describes the discovery of the USPS 1st and 2nd generation International ZIP Code Barcode programs by the philatelic community. After more than 30 years, there are still no official USPS publications on the topic. On October 15, 2024, the USPS responded to my Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information about USPS International Barcodes saying, “*despite a diligent search, we were unable to locate any documents that would be responsive to my request*”. The complete 1st and 2nd generation Grand Rapids CFS ZIP Code lists from Bob Leeman have been tabulated by country name and ZIP Code and cross-indexed at my website<sup>CITE 6 and CITE 7</sup> and in Appendices A and B (with URL links in Figure 8).

Philatelists outside of the USA see these covers every day on their incoming mail from the USA but they are poorly known within the USA. Much remains to be done including refining the basic International ZIP Code barcode chronology. First, what is the earliest known usage? Second, when in 2008 was the switchover from first generation to second generation codes? It must have been a traumatic event with mail enroute and conflicting meanings between the old and new codes. There was also a transition from the two state POSTNET barcodes to IMB barcodes. However, since this transition in the USA was slow (from 2006 to 2013) and since the two barcode formats both encode the same destination data, they probably had a long period of overlap. Finally, it would be interesting to know how small an area the newly reported here 11-digit ZIP Codes represent in Canada. The USPS lists show 9-digit codes for cities so presumably the two additional digits would encode neighborhoods or carrier routes.



Apparently, the USPS wants these barcodes maintained as an internal process. USPS has not shared information about these barcodes with mailers even though international mail processing could be sped up if the barcodes were preprinted by mailers. USPS International ZIP Codes are clearly a rich field for international philatelic cooperative research. I welcome any USPS International ZIP Code updates or corrections.

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# APPENDIX A:

Country (1st and 2nd Generation)	ZIP Code 1st Generation	ZIP Code 2nd Generation
Aden	00166-9000	00196-0000
Afghanistan	00181-2000	00180-0000
Albania	00156-8000	00149-0000
Algeria	00161-6000	00203-0000
Andorra	00135-6000	00117-0000
Angola	00174-2000	00244-0000
Anguilla	00110-2000	00486-0000
Antigua and Barbuda	00110-9000	00487-0000
Argentina	00117-0000	00456-0000
Armenia	00137-9000	00159-0000
Aruba	00107-8000	00467-0000
Ascension Island	00175-7000	00266-0000
Australia	00194-0000	00404-0000
Australia (Melbourne)	00194-3000	00405-0000
Australia (New South Wales) ?	00194-1000	00404-0000
Australia (Sydney)	00194-2000	00404-0000
Austria	00143-0000	00113-0000
Azerbaijan	00180-8000	00158-0000
Azores	00140-6000	00120-0000
Bahamas	00108-3000	00471-0000
Bahrain	00166-3000	00193-0000
Balearic Islands	00134-0000	00117-0000
Bangladesh	00181-4000	00173-0000
Barbados	00109-2000	00479-0000
Belarus (Byelorussia)	00137-5000	00135-0000
Belgium	00132-0000	00108-0000
Belize	00106-4000	00460-0000
Benin	00177-6000	00226-0000
Bermuda	00108-7000	00199-0000
Bhutan	00183-6000	00171-0000
Bolivia	00114-4000	00453-0000
Bonaire	00114-3000	00484-0000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	00156-7000	00143-0000
Botswana	00172-6000	00250-0000
Brazil	00116-0000	00450-0000
British Virgin Islands	00108-8000	00485-0000
Brunei Darussalam	00193-4000	00431-0000
Bulgaria	00156-6000	00147-0000

Burkina Faso (Upper Volta)	00178-4000	00224-0000
Burma (Myanmar)	00185-2000	00429-0000
Burundi	00170-9000	00242-0000
Byelorussia (Belarus)	00137-5000	00135-0000
Caicos Island	00109-9000	00473-0000
Cambodia	00185-8000	00426-0000
Cameroon	00175-4000	00228-0000
Canada	00101-0000	00299-0000 to 9999
... Alberta (other)	00101-3200	00299-3200 to 3299
..... Calgary	00101-3202	00299-3202
..... Edmonton	00101-3205	00299-3205
..... Lethbridge	00101-3201	00299-3201
... British Columbia (other)	00101-3400	00299-3400 to 3499
..... Burnaby	00101-3405	00299-3405
..... Nelson	00101-3401	00299-3401
..... Prince George	00101-3402	00299-3402
..... Vancouver	00101-3406	00299-3406
..... Victoria	00101-3400	00299-3400
... Manitoba (other)	00101-2900	00299-2900 to 2999
..... Brandon	00101-2907	00299-2907
..... St. Laurent	00101-2900	00299-2900
..... Winnipeg	00101-2903	00299-2903
... New Brunswick (other)	00101-1500	00299-1500 to 1599
..... Fredericton	00101-1503	00299-1503
..... Moncton	00101-1501	00299-1501
..... Sackville	00101-1500	00299-1500
..... Saint John	00101-1502	00299-1502
... Newfoundland & Labrador (other)	00101-1100	00299-1100 to 1199
..... Grand Forks	00101-1102	00299-1102
..... St. Johns	00101-1101	00299-1101
... Northwest Territories / Nunavut	00101-3600	00299-3600 to 3699
..... Yellowknife	00101-3601	00299-3601
... Nova Scotia (other)	00101-1200	00299-1200 to 1299
..... Antigonish	00101-1202	00299-1202
..... Dartmouth	00101-1202	00299-1202
..... Halifax	00101-1203	00299-1203
..... Wolfville	00101-1200	00299-1200

... Ontario (other)	00101-2300	00299-2200 to 2799
..... Amherstburg	00101-2509	00299-2509
..... Brampton	00101-2306	00299-2306
..... Brantford	00101-2300	00299-2300
..... Burlington	00101-2307	00299-2307
..... Chatham	00101-2507	00299-2507
..... Concord	00101-2304	00299-2304
..... Don Mills	00101-2404	00299-2404
..... Etobicoke	00101-2408	00299-2408
..... Florence	00101-2400	00299-2400
..... Guelph	00101-2501	00299-2501
..... Hamilton	00101-2308	00299-2308
..... Kingston	00101-2207	00299-2207
..... Kitchner	00101-2502	00299-2502
..... London	00101-2505	00299-2505
..... Mississauga	00101-2304	00299-2304
..... Niagara Falls	00101-2302	00299-2302
..... North Bay	00101-2700	00299-2700
..... North York	00101-2401	00299-2401
..... Oakville	00101-2306	00299-2306
..... Oshawa	00101-2401	00299-2401
..... Ottawa	00101-2200	00299-2200
..... Owen Sound	00101-2504	00299-2504
..... Peterborough	00101-2209	00299-2209
..... Sault Sainte Marie	00101-2706	00299-2706
..... Scarborough	00101-2401	00299-2401
..... St. Catharines	00101-2302	00299-2302
..... Sudbury	00101-2700	00299-2700
..... Toronto	00101-2404	00299-2404
..... Thunder Bay	00101-2707	00299-2707
..... Wallaceburg	00101-2508	00299-2508
..... Waterloo	00101-2502	00299-2502
..... Weston	00101-2409	00299-2409
..... Willowdale	00101-2401	00299-2401
..... Windsor	00101-2508	00299-2508
... Prince Edward Island (others)	00101-1300	00299-1300 to 1399
..... Charlottetown	00101-1301	00299-1301
... Quebec (other)	00101-1800	00299-1700 to 2199
..... Chicoutimi	00101-1707	00299-1707
..... Laprarie	00101-2100	00299-2100
..... Laval	00101-1807	00299-1807



..... Lennoxville	00101-2101	00299-2101
..... Montreal	00101-1803	00299-1803
..... Quebec City	00101-1700	00299-1700
..... Rimouski	00101-1705	00299-1705
..... Sainte Foy	00101-1701	00299-1701
..... Sainte Therese	00101-2100	00299-2100
..... Sept Isles	00101-1704	00299-1704
..... Sherbrooke	00101-2101	00299-2101
..... St. Jean	00101-2100	00299-2100
..... Trois Rivieres	00101-1708	00299-1708
... Saskatchewan (other)	00101-3100	00299-3100 to 3199
..... Regina	00101-3104	00299-3104
..... Saskatoon	00101-3107	00299-3107
... Yukon Territories (other)	00101-3700	00299-3700 to 3799
..... White Horse	00101-3701	00299-3701
Canal Zone	00107-5000	00466-0000
Canary Islands	00140-5000	00117-0000
Cape Verde (Cabo Verde)	00179-7000	00259-0000
Cayman Islands	00108-9000	00469-0000
Central African Republic	00174-8000	00230-0000
Ceylon (Sri Lanka)	00183-2000	00170-0000
Chad	00175-2000	00212-0000
Channel Islands	00144-0000	00122-0000
Chile	00118-0000	00457-0000
China (Peoples Rep of China)	00184-0000	00418-0000
Christmas Island		00281-0000
Columbia	00115-0000	00445-0000
Comoros Islands	00170-7000	00265-0000
Congo (Brazzaville) Rep.	00174-6000	00236-0000
Congo (Kinshasa) Dem.	00174-4000	00237-0000
Cook Islands	00198-4000	00277-0000
Corsica	00135-7000	00110-0000
Costa Rica	00107-4000	00465-0000
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	00178-6000	00221-0000
Crete	00157-4000	00150-0000
Croatia	00156-4000	00142-0000
Cuba	00108-2000	00470-0000
Curacao	00114-3000	00484-0000
Cyprus	00157-6000	00153-0000
Czech Republic	00155-2000	00138-0000
Denmark	00145-0000	00125-0000
Djibouti (Somaliland)	00162-6000	00227-0000

Dominica	00109-8000	00476-0000
Dominican Republic	00108-6000	00475-0000
East Timor	00193-8000	00414-0000
Easter Island (Chile)	00118-0000	00457-0000
Ecuador	00112-8000	00458-0000
Egypt	00160-0000	00206-0000
El Salvador	00106-8000	00463-0000
England (United Kingdom)	00144-0000	00122-0000
Equatorial Guinea	00175-8000	00229-0000
Eritrea	00170-3000	00214-0000
Estonia	00137-2000	00132-0000
Ethiopia	00170-2000	00231-0000
Falkland Islands	00114-9000	00444-0000
Faroe Islands	00150-6000	00161-0000
Fiji	00196-4000	00274-0000
Finland	00151-0000	00118-0000
Formosa (Taiwan)	00188-0000	00423-0000
France	00133-0000	00110-0000
French Guiana	00112-6000	00449-0000
French Polynesia	00196-6000	00271-0000
Gabon	00175-6000	00235-0000
Gambia	00179-6000	00216-0000
Georgia	00137-8000	00151-0000
Germany	00149-0000	00106-0000
Ghana	00178-2000	00222-0000
Gibraltar	00140-4000	00119-0000
Gilbert Islands (Kiribati)	00197-8000	00282-0000
Great Britain (United Kingdom)	00144-0000	00122-0000
Greece	00158-0000	00150-0000
Greenland	00150-4000	00111-0000
Grenada	00109-4000	00482-0000
Grenadines	00110-3000	00480-0000
Guadeloupe	00110-8000	00488-0000
Guatemala	00106-2000	00461-0000
Guinea	00179-4000	00219-0000
Guinea Bissau	00179-5000	00217-0000
Guyana	00112-2000	00447-0000
Haiti	00108-5000	00474-0000
Herzegovina	00156-7000	00143-0000
Holland	00131-0000	00107-0000
Honduras	00106-6000	00462-0000
Hong Kong	00187-0000	00422-0000

Hungary	00155-4000	00140-0000
Iceland	00150-2000	00104-0000
India	00182-0000	00174-0000
India (Sikkim)	00183-8000	00174-0000
Indonesia	00193-6000	00433-0000
Iran	00168-0000	00181-0000
Iraq	00167-0000	00183-0000
Ireland	00136-0000	00126-0000
Isle of Man	00144-0000	00122-0000
Israel	00164-0000	00186-0000
Italy	00139-0000	00114-0000
Ivory Coast	00178-6000	00221-0000
Jamaica	00108-4000	00468-0000
Japan	00189-0000	00408-0000
Japan (Osaka)	00189-0000	00409-0000
Japan (Tokyo)	00189-0000	00408-0000
Jordan	00163-6000	00184-0000
Kampuchea	00198-2000	00426-0000
Kazakhstan	00180-2000	00156-0000
Kenya	00170-4000	00240-0000
Kirghizia	00180-5000	00129-0000
Kiribati (Tarawa)	00197-8000	00282-0000
Kiritimati Christmas Island		00281-0000
Korea, North	00190-4000	00415-0000
Korea, South	00190-2000	00438-0000
Kosovo		00131-0000
Kuwait	00166-2000	00192-0000
Kyrgyzstan (Kyrgyz Rep.)	00180-9000	00129-0000
Laos	00185-4000	00428-0000
Latvia	00137-3000	00133-0000
Lebanon	00163-2000	00185-0000
Lesotho	00171-5000	00257-0000
Liberia	00178-8000	00205-0000
Libya	00161-2000	00220-0000
Liechtenstein	00135-3000	00112-0000
Lithuania	00137-4000	00134-0000
Luxembourg	00135-2000	00109-0000
Macau	00185-3000	00424-0000
Macedonia	00156-9000	00148-0000
Madagascar	00171-8000	00260-0000
Madeira Islands	00140-3000	00120-0000
Malawi	00171-4000	00247-0000
Malaysia	00193-2000	00436-0000



Maldives	00183-4000	00434-0000
Mali	00177-4000	00210-0000
Malta	00157-2000	00121-0000
Martinique	00110-6000	00477-0000
Mauritania	00161-9000	00209-0000
Mauritius	00171-9000	00261-0000
Mayotte		00160-0000
Mexico	00105-0000	00495-0000
Micronesia	00195-0000	
Moldavia	00152-7000	00145-0000
Monaco	00135-4000	00116-0000
Mongolia	00190-6000	00416-0000
Monte Carlo	00135-4000	00116-0000
Montenegro	00156-2000	00154-0000
Montserrat	00110-4000	00489-0000
Morocco	00161-8000	00201-0000
Mozambique	00171-6000	00249-0000
Myanmar (Burma)	00185-2000	00429-0000
Namibia	00172-8000	00251-0000
Nauru	00198-6000	00278-0000
Nepal	00181-8000	00430-0000
Netherlands	00131-0000	00107-0000
Netherlands Antilles / West Indies	00100-0000	00484-0000
Nevis	00109-7000	00490-0000
New Caledonia	00197-7000	00272-0000
New Guinea (Papua)	00196-2000	00276-0000
New Zealand	00199-0000	00401-0000
Nicaragua	00107-2000	00464-0000
Niger	00177-2000	00211-0000
Nigeria	00176-0000	00225-0000
Niue Island		00402-0000
Norfolk Island		00272-0000
North Korea	00190-4000	00415-0000
Northern Ireland	00144-0000	00122-0000
Norway	00147-0000	00103-0000
Oman	00166-8000	00196-0000
Pakistan	00181-6000	00179-0000
Panama	00107-6000	00466-0000
Papua New Guinea	00196-2000	00276-0000
Paraguay	00114-6000	00454-0000
Peru	00114-2000	00452-0000
Philippines	00191-0000	00432-0000

Pitcairn Islands	00196-7000	00401-0000
Poland	00148-0000	00136-0000
Portugal	00140-2000	00120-0000
Qatar	00166-4000	00194-0000
Reunion	00171-3000	00264-0000
Romania	00156-5000	00146-0000
Russia	00153-0000	00127-0000
Rwanda	00170-8000	00241-0000
Saba	00110-1000	00483-0000
Saint Barthelemy / Saint Barts	00110-8000	00488-0000
Saint Christopher	00109-7000	00490-0000
Saint Eustatius	00110-1000	00483-0000
Saint Helena	00174-3000	00267-0000
Saint Kitts	00110-7000	00490-0000
Saint Lucia	00110-5000	00478-0000
Saint Martin	00110-8000	00488-0000
Saint Pierre et Miquelon	00101-4000	00285-0000
Saint Vincent & The Grenadines	00110-3000	00480-0000
San Marino	00135-9000	00114-0000
Santa Cruz Islands	00197-4000	00275-0000
Sao Tome and Principe	00175-9000	00233-0000
Saudi Arabia	00165-0000	00189-0000
Scotland (United Kingdom)	00144-8000	00122-0000
Senegal	00179-8000	00215-0000
Serbia	00156-2000	00144-0000
Seychelles	00170-5000	00262-0000
Sierra Leone	00179-2000	00218-0000
Sikkim (India)	00183-8000	00174-0000
Singapore	00192-0000	00437-0000
Sint Maarten	00110-1000	00483-0000
Slovakia (Slovak Republic)	00155-6000	00139-0000
Slovenia	00156-3000	00141-0000
Solomon Islands	00197-4000	00275-0000
Somalia	00162-4000	00232-0000
South Africa	00173-0000	00255-0000
South Korea	00190-2000	00438-0000
Spain	00134-0000	00117-0000
Spitzbergen (Svalbard)	00150-8000	00103-0000
Sri Lanka (Ceylon)	00183-2000	00170-0000
Sudan	00162-2000	00213-0000
Suriname	00112-4000	00448-0000
Svalbard (Spitzbergen)	00150-8000	00103-0000

Swaziland	00171-7000	00253-0000
Sweden	00146-0000	00102-0000
Switzerland	00141-0000	00112-0000
Syria	00163-4000	00182-0000
Tahiti	00196-6000	00271-0000
Taiwan ROC	00188-0000	00423-0000
Tajikistan	00180-6000	00155-0000
Tanzania	00171-2000	00243-0000
Thailand	00186-0000	00425-0000
Tibet		00418-0000
Togo	00177-8000	00223-0000
Tonga	00196-8000	00279-0000
Trinidad and Tobago	00109-6000	00481-0000
Tristan da Cunha	00172-9000	00255-0000
Tunisia	00161-4000	00204-0000
Turkey	00169-0000	00152-0000
Turkmenistan	00180-7000	00130-0000
Turks and Caicos Islands	00109-9000	00473-0000
Tuvalu	00197-5000	00283-0000
Uganda	00170-6000	00238-0000
Ukraine	00137-6000	00137-0000
United Arab Emirates	00166-6000	00195-0000
United Kingdom	00144-0000	00122-0000
United Kingdom (London)	00144-0200	00122-0000
United Kingdom (not London)	00144-0100	00122-0000
Upper Volta (Burkina Faso)	00178-4000	00224-0000
Uruguay	00114-8000	00455-0000
Uzbekistan	00180-4000	00157-0000
Vanuatu	00197-6000	00273-0000
Vatican City	00135-8000	00115-0000
Venezuela	00113-0000	00446-0000
Vietnam	00185-7000	00427-0000
Wales (United Kingdom)	00144-9000	00122-0000
Wallis and Fortuna Islands	00196-5000	00272-0000
Western Sahara		00202-0000
Western Samoa	00197-2000	00280-0000
Yemen Peoples Republic	00166-9000	00197-0000
Yugoslavia	00156-2000	00144-0000
Zaire (Congo-Kinshasa) Dem.	00174-4000	00237-0000
Zambia	00172-4000	00245-0000
Zimbabwe	00172-2000	00248-0000



## APPENDIX B:

### USPS International ZIP Code List With First and Second Generation Countries

<b><u>ZIP CODES</u></b> <b><u>1st and 2nd Gen.</u></b>	<b><u>Country - 1st</u></b> <b><u>Generation</u></b>	<b><u>Country - 2nd Generation</u></b>
00100-0000	Netherlands Antilles	
00101-0000	Canada	
00101-3200	... Alberta	
00101-3202	..... Calgary	
00101-3205	..... Edmonton	
00101-3201	..... Lethbridge	
00101-3400	... British Columbia	
00101-3405	..... Burnaby	
00101-3401	..... Nelson	
00101-3402	..... Prince George	
00101-3406	..... Vancouver	
00101-3400	..... Victoria	
00101-2900	... Manitoba	
00101-2907	..... Brandon	
00101-2900	..... St. Laurent	
00101-2903	..... Winnipeg	
00101-1500	... New Brunswick	
00101-1503	..... Fredericton	
00101-1501	..... Moncton	
00101-1500	..... Sackville	
00101-1502	..... Saint John	
00101-1100	... Newfoundland & Labrador	
00101-1102	..... Grand Forks	
00101-1101	..... St. Johns	
00101-3600	... Northwest Territories / Nunavut	
00101-3601	..... Yellowknife	
00101-1200	... Nova Scotia	
00101-1202	..... Antigonish	
00101-1202	..... Dartmouth	
00101-1203	..... Halifax	
00101-1200	..... Wolfville	
00101-2300	... Ontario	
00101-2509	..... Amherstburg	
00101-2306	..... Brampton	
00101-2300	..... Brantford	
00101-2307	..... Burlington	
00101-2507	..... Chatham	

00101-2304	..... Concord	
00101-2404	..... Don Mills	
00101-2408	..... Etobicoke	
00101-2400	..... Florence	
00101-2501	..... Guelph	
00101-2308	..... Hamilton	
00101-2207	..... Kingston	
00101-2502	..... Kitchner	
00101-2505	..... London	
00101-2304	..... Mississauga	
00101-2302	..... Niagara Falls	
00101-2700	..... North Bay	
00101-2401	..... North York	
00101-2306	..... Oakville	
00101-2401	..... Oshawa	
00101-2200	..... Ottawa	
00101-2504	..... Owen Sound	
00101-2209	..... Peterborough	
00101-2706	..... Sault Sainte Marie	
00101-2401	..... Scarborough	
00101-2302	..... St. Catharines	
00101-2700	..... Sudbury	
00101-2404	..... Toronto	
00101-2707	..... Thunder Bay	
00101-2508	..... Wallaceburg	
00101-2502	..... Waterloo	
00101-2409	..... Weston	
00101-2401	..... Willowdale	
00101-2508	..... Windsor	
00101-1300	... Prince Edward Island	
00101-1301	..... Charlottetown	
00101-1800	... Quebec	
00101-1707	..... Chicoutimi	
00101-2100	..... Laprarie	
00101-1807	..... Laval	
00101-2101	..... Lennoxville	
00101-1803	..... Montreal	
00101-1700	..... Quebec City	
00101-1705	..... Rimouski	
00101-1701	..... Sainte Foy	
00101-2100	..... Sainte Therese	
00101-1704	..... Sept Isles	
00101-2101	..... Sherbrooke	

00101-2100	..... St. Jean	
00101-1708	..... Trois Rivieres	
00101-3100	... Saskatchewan	
00101-3104	..... Regina	
00101-3107	..... Saskatoon	
00101-3700	... Yukon Territories	
00101-3701	..... White Horse	
00102-0000		Sweden
00103-0000		Norway
00104-0000		Iceland
00105-0000	Mexico	
00106-0000		Germany
00106-0001		Germany
00106-2000	Guatemala	
00106-4000	Belize	
00106-6000	Honduras	
00106-8000	El Salvador	
00106-8040	El Salvador	
00107-0000		Netherlands (Holland)
00107-2000	Nicaragua	
00107-4000	Costa Rica	
00107-4040	Costa Rica	
00107-5000	Canal Zone	
00107-5040	Canal Zone	
00107-6000	Panama	
00107-8000	Aruba	
00108-0000		Belgium
00108-2000	Cuba	
00108-2040	Cuba	
00108-3000	Bahamas	
00108-4000	Jamaica	
00108-5000	Haiti	
00108-6000	Dominican Republic	
00108-6040	Dominican Republic	
00108-7000	Bermuda	
00108-8000	British Virgin Islands	
00108-9000	Cayman Islands	
00108-9000	Grand Cayman Island	
00109-0000		Luxembourg
00109-2000	Barbados	
00109-4000	Grenada	
00109-6000	Trinidad and Tobago	
00109-7000	Nevis	



00109-7000	Saint Christopher	
00109-8000	Dominica	
00109-8040	Dominica	
00109-9000	Grand Turks Island	
00109-9000	Turks & Caicos Islands	
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00110-0000		France
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00110-1000	Saint Eustatius	
00110-1000	Sint Maarten	
00110-2000	Anguilla	
00110-3000	Saint Vincent & The Grenadines	
00110-4000	Montserrat	
00110-5000	Saint Lucia	
00110-6000	Martinique	
00110-7000	Saint Kitts	
00110-8000	Guadeloupe	
00110-8000	Saint Martin	
00110-9000	Antigua and Barbuda	
00111-0000		Greenland
00112-0000		Liechtenstein
00112-0000		Switzerland
00112-2000	Guyana	
00112-4000	Suriname	
00112-6000	French Guiana	
00112-8000	Ecuador	
00112-8040	Ecuador	
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00114-0000		Italy
00114-0000		San Marino
00114-2000	Peru	
00114-3000	Bonaire	
00114-3000	Curacao	
00114-3040	Curacao	
00114-4000	Bolivia	
00114-6000	Paraguay	
00114-8000	Uruguay	
00114-9000	Falkland Islands	
00115-0000	Columbia	Vatican City
00115-0040	Columbia	
00116-0000	Brazil	Monaco
00116-0000	Brazil	Monte Carlo

00116-9000	Amazonia	
00117-0000	Argentina	Andorra
00117-0000	Argentina	Balearic Islands
00117-0000	Argentina	Canary Islands
00117-0000	Argentina	Spain
00118-0000	Chile	Finland
00118-0040	Chile	
00118-0040	Easter Island	
00119-0000		Gibraltar
00120-0000		Azores
00120-0000		Madeira Islands
00120-0000		Portugal
00121-0000		Malta
00122-0000		Channel Islands
00122-0000		Isle of Man
00122-0000		Northern Ireland
00122-0000		Scotland
00122-0000		United Kingdom
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00122-0000		Wales
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00133-0000	France	Latvia
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00135-4000	Monaco	
00135-4000	Monte Carlo	
00135-6000	Andorra	
00135-7000	Corsica	
00135-7040	Corsica	
00135-8000	Vatican City	
00135-9000	San Marino	
00136-0000	Ireland	Poland

00136-0040	Ireland	
00137-0000		Ukraine
00137-2000	Estonia	
00137-2040	Estonia	
00137-3000	Latvia	
00137-4000	Lithuania	
00137-5000	Belarus	
00137-5000	Byelorussia	
00137-6000	Ukraine	
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00137-8000	Georgia	
00137-9000	Armenia	
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00140-2000	Portugal	
00140-3000	Madeira Islands	
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00140-5000	Canary Islands	
00140-5040	Canary Islands	
00140-6000	Azores	
00141-0000	Switzerland	Slovenia
00142-0000		Croatia
00143-0000	Austria	Bosnia and Herzegovina
00144-0000	Channel Islands	Serbia, Yugoslavia
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00144-0200	United Kingdom (London)	
00144-8000	Scotland	
00144-9000	Wales	
00145-0000	Denmark	Moldavia
00145-0040	Denmark	
00146-0000	Sweden	Romania
00147-0000	Norway	Bulgaria
00148-0000	Poland	Macedonia
00149-0000	Germany	Albania
00149-0040	Germany	
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00150-2000	Iceland	



00150-4000	Greenland	
00150-6000	Faroe Islands	
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00150-8000	Spitzbergen	
00150-8000	Svalbard	
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00152-7000	Moldavia	
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00156-4040	Croatia	
00156-5000	Romania	
00156-6000	Bulgaria	
00156-7000	Bosnia and Herzegovina	
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00156-9000	Macedonia	
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00157-6000	Cyprus	
00157-6040	Cyprus	
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00161-4000	Tunisia	
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00166-3000	Bahrain	
00166-4000	Qatar	
00166-6000	United Arab Emirates	
00166-8000	Oman	
00166-9000	Aden	
00166-9000	Yemen Peoples Republic	
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00168-0000	Iran	
00169-0000	Turkey	
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00170-4000	Kenya	
00170-5000	Seychelles	
00170-6000	Uganda	
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00171-9000	Mauritius	
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00172-9000	Tristan da Cunha	
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00174-4000	Zaire	
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00175-2000	Chad	
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00175-6000	Gabon	
00175-7000	Ascension Island	
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00177-8000	Togo	
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00179-4000	Guinea	
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00179-6000	Gambia	
00179-7000	Cape Verde Islands	
00179-7040	Cape Verde Islands	
00179-8000	Senegal	
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00180-4000	Uzbekistan	
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00180-6000	Tajikistan	



00180-7000	Turkmenistan	
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00181-2000	Afghanistan	
00181-4000	Bangladesh	
00181-6000	Pakistan	
00181-8000	Nepal	
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00185-4000	Laos	
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00188-0000	Taiwan (Republic of China)	
00189-0000	Japan	Saudi Arabia
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00190-6000	Mongolia	
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00193-4000	Brunei Darussalam	
00193-6000	Indonesia	
00193-8000	East Timor	
00193-8040	East Timor	
00194-0000	Australia	Qatar
00194-2000	Australia (Sydney)	
00194-3000	Australia (Melbourne)	
00195-0000		United Arab Emirates

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00196-4000	Fiji	
00196-5000	Wallis and Futuna Islands	
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00196-6000	Tahiti	
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00197-4000	Solomon Islands	
00197-5000	Turks and Caicos Islands	
00197-6000	Vanuatu	
00197-7000	New Caledonia	
00197-8000	Gilbert Islands	
00197-8000	Kiribati	
00198-2000	Kampuchea	
00198-4000	Cook Islands	
00198-6000	Nauru	
00199-0000	New Zealand	Bermuda
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00202-0000		Western Sahara
00203-0000		Algeria
00204-0000		Tunisia
00205-0000		Liberia
00206-0000		Egypt
00209-0000		Mauritania
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00215-0000	US Visa Center, Portsmouth, NH	Senegal
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00217-0000		Guinea Bissau
00218-0000		Sierra Leone
00219-0000		Guinea Bissau

00220-0000		Libya
00221-0000		Ivory Coast
00222-0000		Ghana
00223-0000		Togo
00224-0000		Burkina Faso (Upper Volta)
00225-0000		Nigeria
00226-0000		Benin
00227-0000		Djibouti
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