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General. The SAPMGs for Human Resources, Marketing and Communications, and Administrative Services report directly to the Associate Postmaster General (Systems). The SAPMGs are responsible for the following activities within their assigned areas:

(1) Program planning, direction, and review;

(2) Establishment of policies, procedures, and standards; and

(3) Operational determinations not within the full jurisdiction of field officers.

(b) Groups are divided into departments or offices headed by either Assistant Postmasters General (APMGs) or Directors. The heads of these departments and offices report to and are responsible for assisting the SAPMGs in carrying out their assigned activities.

(c) Certain other Headquarters units report directly to the Postmaster General. These include the Inspection Service Department, headed by the Chief Postal Inspector; the Law Department, headed by the General Counsel, and the Planning Department, headed by an Assistant Postmaster General. The Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General also reports to the Postmaster General.

(d)(1) The Senior Management Committee establishes Postal Service direction and policy, initiates and monitors key programs, prioritizes resource utilization, and serves as the review and approval body for all major plans, programs, and projects. It fosters cross-functional cooperation and develops the strategic plans for the Postal Service.

(2) The Senior Management Committee is made up of the following: The Postmaster General, the Deputy Postmaster General, Associate Postmasters General, the Senior Assistant Postmasters General, General Counsel, Chief Postal Inspector, Assistant Postmaster General, Planning (Secretariat), Assistant Postmaster General, Communications (Observer), Assistant Postmaster General, Government Relations (Observer), Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General (Observer), Secretary to the Board of Governors (Observer), Field Executive (Rotational Basis).

(e) Statements of the functions of the various groups, departments, and offices can be found in Part 224 of this chapter.

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§ 221.7 Postal Regions.

(a) There are five Postal Regions. Each region is headed by a Regional Postmaster General (RPMG) who reports to the Deputy Postmaster General, and has overall responsibility for operational activities (except those reserved to Headquarters) of the Postal Service within the region.

(b) Each RPMG's office includes five functions—Operations Support, Marketing and Communications, Finance, Planning, and Human Resources. Each regional function is headed by a Regional Director who reports to the RPMG.

(c)(1) Postal regions are composed of field divisions headed by field division general managers/postmasters whose organizational units are in turn composed of management sectional centers (MSCs) headed by MSC managers or MSC managers/postmasters, and bulk mail centers (BMCs) headed by BMC managers.

(2) Each field division general manager/postmaster reports to the RPMG, and has line responsibility for postal activities (except those reserved to Headquarters associate offices) in the division area, the MSCs, associate offices, and BMCs within the division area.

(3) Each MSC manager/postmaster reports to a field division general manager/postmaster, and has line responsibility for postal activities (except those reserved to Headquarters and field divisions) within the MSC area.

(4) Each BMC manager reports to a field division general manager/postmaster, and has line responsibility for postal activities (except those reserved to Headquarters and field divisions) within the BMC.

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§ 221.8 Officers.

(a) Except for the Chief Postal Inspector, officers serve at the pleasure

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of the Postmaster General. The following officers are appointed by the Postmaster General:

- (1) Associate Postmaster General;
- (2) Senior Assistant Postmasters General;
- (3) Assistant Postmasters General;
- (4) The General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel;
- (5) The Consumer Advocate;
- (6) The Chief Postal Inspector;
- (7) The Judicial Officer;
- (8) The Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General;
- (9) The Treasurer; and
- (10) The Regional Postmasters General.

(b) The number of SAPMGs and APMGs is set by resolution of the Board of Governors.

(c) The Postmaster General, in consultation with the Governors of the Postal Service, shall appoint the Chief Postal Inspector. With the concurrence of the Governors of the Postal Service, the Postmaster General may remove the Chief Postal Inspector or transfer the Chief Postal Inspector to another position or location in the Postal Service. If the Chief Postal Inspector is removed or transferred, the Postmaster General shall promptly notify both House of Congress in writing of the reasons for such removal or transfer.

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§ 221.9 Postal Service emblem.

The Postal Service emblem, which is identical with the seal, is registered as a trademark and service mark by the U.S. Patent Office. Except for the emblem on official stationery, the emblem must bear one of the following notations: "Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.", "Registered in U.S. Patent Office", or the letter R enclosed within a circle.

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AUTHORITY: 39 U.S.C. 203, 204, 401(2), 402, 403, 404, 409; Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (Pub. L. No. 95-452, as amended), 5 U.S.C. App. 3.

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§ 222.1 Authority for delegation.

(a) The Postmaster General is empowered to authorize any employee or agent of the Service to exercise any function vested in the Postal Service, in the PMG, or in any other Postal Service employee.

(b) The Deputy Postmaster General is the full alternate to the Postmaster General.

(c) When, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, neither the Postmaster General nor the Deputy Postmaster General can act as Postmaster General, the first available official on the following list will do so:

- (1) Associate Postmaster General;
- (2) Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Operations Support.

(d) The Postmaster General has been authorized by the Board of Governors to exercise the powers of the Postal Service to the full extent that such exercise is lawful. See §§3.5 and 4.3 of this chapter.

(e) The Associate Postmasters General; the SAPMGs; the Chief Postal Inspector; the General Counsel; the Assistant Postmaster General, Planning; and the Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General, act for the Postmaster General on assigned matters. These officers are authorized to exercise the powers and functions of the Postal Service under the Postal Reorganization Act, in respect to matters within their area of responsibility, except as limited by law or by the specific terms of their assignment.