

It has come to our attention the Post Office is requesting new "Special Handling Fees" for shipments of poultry through the mail. You can read the proposal on-line at the Federal Register: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/04/24/2013-09603/new-mailing-standards-for-live-animals-and-special-handling>

This fee would add \$9.00 to shipments of 10 pounds or less and \$11.95 for shipments over 10 pounds.

Bird Shippers of America would not have known about this proposed change except for a reporter, that follows the Federal Register, called me for a comment.

Now is the time to act, the comment period ends next Friday May 24, 2013.

You may wish to send a comment letter to you senator And representative.

You can email your letter to ProductClassification@usps.com subject line "Live Animals" or mail it to the below address. Be sure and include the date, your name, address, and phone number

The Manager, Product Classification

U.S. Postal Service

475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4446

Washington, DC 20260-5015

RE: 39 CFR Part 111 New Mailing Standards for Live Animals and Special Handling

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to voice my concerns about the proposed changes to the New Mailing Standards for Live Animals. [Explain who you are and why you raise poultry]

This proposal would increase the postage amount on our shipments by \$9 to \$11.95 per box. [Describe why you purchase poultry through the mail, how this additional cost will affect you and your purchasing of poultry.]

Within the proposal it describes the additional cost but does not describe the additional services we will receive for this fee. [Describe any problems you have had in the past and services you expect.]

I feel that this rate increase is excessive and request that it not be implemented.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

[Your name]