

Letter, Flat or Parcel?

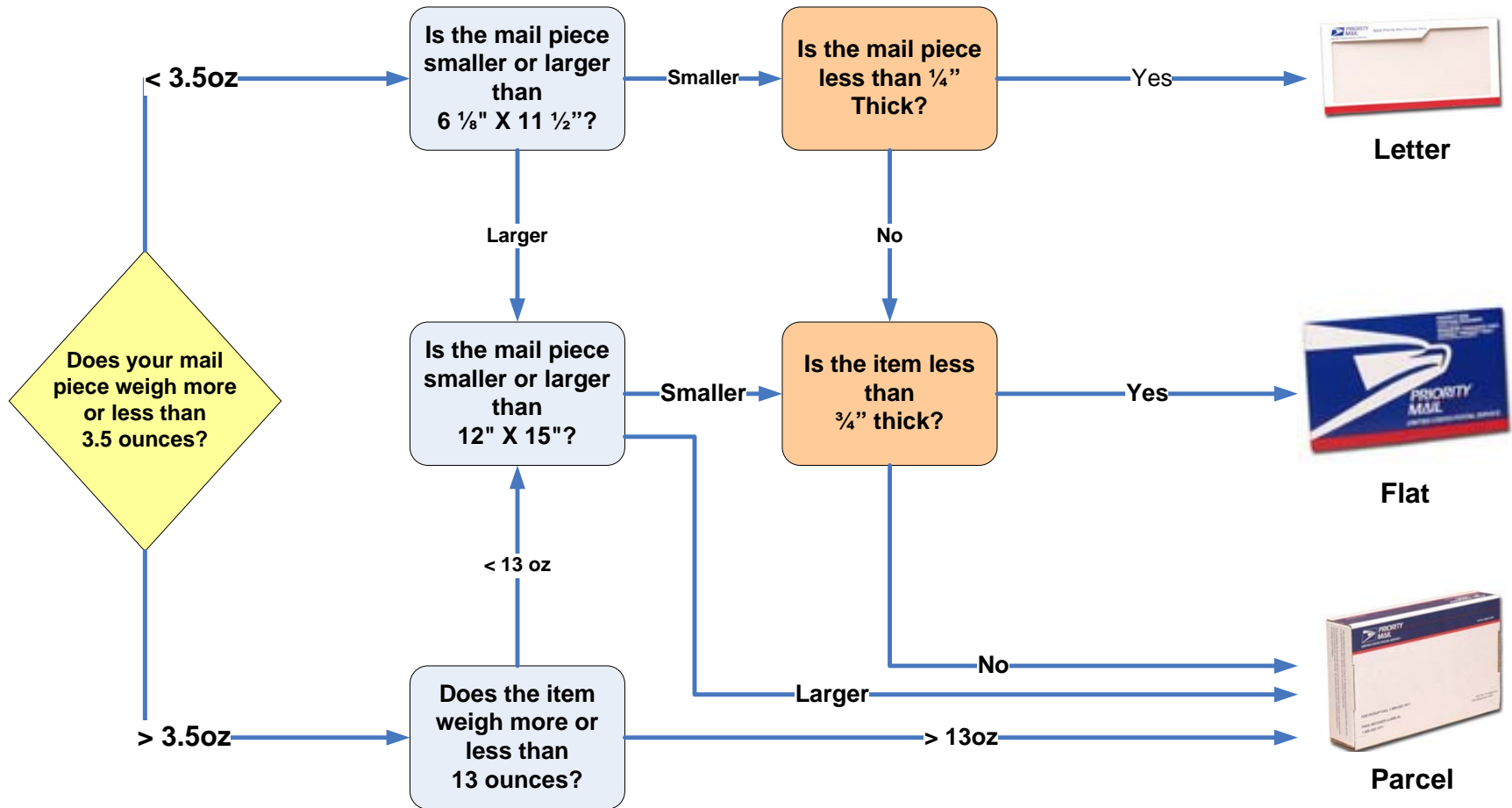
The first step for understanding the new USPS Shaped-Based Rate Program is the difference between a Letter, Flat and Parcel. All FP Mailing Machines and Postage Scales will accommodate the guidelines below.



Dimension/Rule	Letters	Flats*	Parcels
Wt:	>=3.5oz	0>, <=13oz	0>, <=13oz
Length:	5"-11.5"	> Letter, but < Parcel	">=15"
Height/Width:	3.5"-6.125"	> Letter, but < Parcel	>=12"
Thickness:	0.007"-0.25"	> Letter, but < Parcel	>=.75"
Shape:	Rectangular (4 Square corners)	Rectangular (4 Square corners)	Non-Rectangular (Non Square corners)
Rigidity:	Not too rigid	Not too Rigid	Rigid
Thickness Density:	Even Thickness	Even Thickness	Uneven Thickness
Aspect Ratio: (Length/Height):	1.3-2.5	<> 1.3-2.5	No mention

* Note: If **ANY** of the dimensions/rule of a mail piece do not qualify for a letter, then it is automatically rated as a flat or parcel accordingly.

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**FIRST-CLASS MAIL
RATE SCHEDULE 221
LETTERS AND SEALED PARCELS
Rate**

Single-piece

First ounce

Letters \$0.410

Flats 0.800

Parcels 1.130

Additional ounces 0.170

Nonmachinable surcharge 0.170

Qualified Business Reply Mail 0.380

