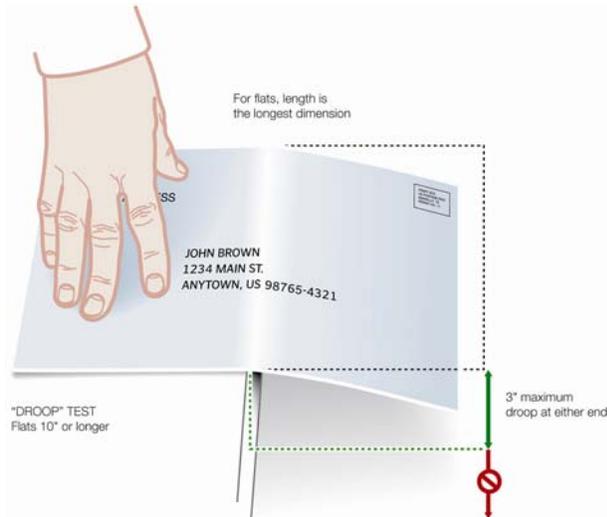


- The piece is mailable as a flat if it does not droop more than 3 inches vertically at either end.

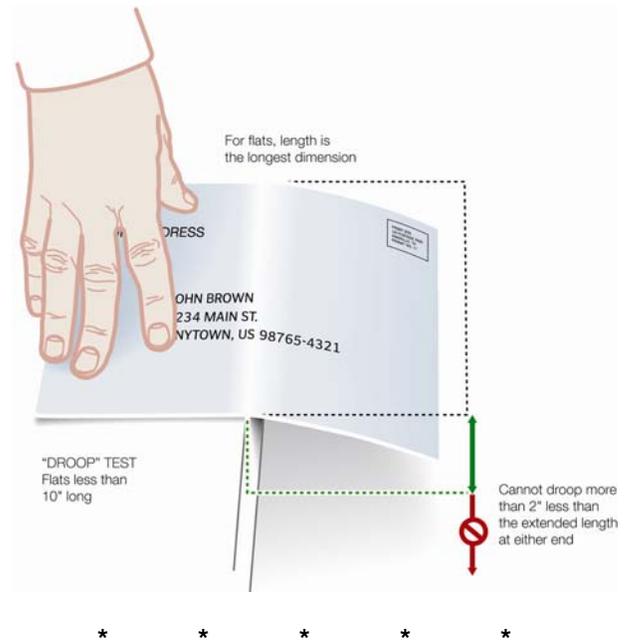
### Exhibit 1.5a Deflection Test—Pieces 10 Inches or Longer



b. For pieces less than 10 inches long (see Exhibit 1.5b):

- Place the piece on a flat surface with the length perpendicular to the edge of the surface and extend the piece one-half of its length off the edge of the surface. Test square-shaped bound flats by placing the bound edge parallel to the edge. Turn the piece around and repeat the process.
- The piece is mailable as a flat if it does not droop more than 2 inches less than the extended length from both ends. For example, a piece 8 inches long would extend 4 inches horizontally off a flat surface. It must not droop more than 2 inches vertically at either end.

### Exhibit 1.5b Deflection Test—Pieces Less Than 10 Inches Long



*[Renumber current 301.3.4 in its entirety as new 1.6 and revise heading and text to extend polywrap standards to all flats as follows:]*

## 1.6 Polywrap Coverings

### 1.6.1 Polywrap Films and Similar Coverings

*[Revise renumbered 1.6.1 as follows:]*

Mailers using polywrap film or similar material to enclose or cover flat-size mailpieces must use a product meeting the standards in 1.6. Polywrapped flat-size pieces mailed as high density or saturation carrier route pieces are not required to meet these polywrap standards. Film approved for use under 1.6.5 must meet the specifications in Exhibit 1.6.1 as follows:

- Films or similar coverings must meet all six properties in Exhibit 1.6.1.
- If the address label is affixed to the outside of the polywrap, the haze property (property 2) does not apply.
- Only products listed as approved on the USPS RIBBS Web site (<http://ribbs.usps.gov>) may be used on flat-size mailpieces.