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1.0 Introduction

Included in this document are the changes that are under consideration for the next software release scheduled for January 13, 2019. This document is prepared and based on the knowledge available at the time of its publication and any direction found herein is subject to change prior to the release.

The following sections outline the changes to Mail.dat, Mail.XML, Shipping Services File and the Postage Statements. Draft postage statements will be posted on Postal Explorer, <http://pe.usps.com>.

2.0 Applicable Technical Specifications

2.1 Updates to *PostalOne!* eDoc Specification Versions Support

2.1.1 Mail.dat eDoc

The table below depict the Mail.dat specification versions that will be supported with the Release 48.0.0.0:

Mail.dat (eDoc)		
	Current Supported Versions (Prior to Release)	Post-Release Supported Versions
Versions	Prior to Jan 13, 2019	Jan 13, 2019 & onwards
17-1	Supported	¹ Support available for updates to previously submitted Mail.dat jobs. Not supported for new Mail.dat submissions.
17-2	Supported	¹ Support available for updates to previously submitted Mail.dat jobs. Not supported for new Mail.dat submissions.
² 18-1	Supported	² Supported
³ New 19-1	Not Supported	³ Supported
Legend: ¹ Version discontinued ² Version remains supported ³ New Version		

2.1.2 Mail.XML eDoc

The table below depict the Mail.XML specification versions that will be supported with the Release 48.0.0.0:

Mail.XML (eDoc)		
	Current Supported Versions (Prior to Release)	Post-Release Supported Versions
Versions	Prior to Jan 13, 2019	Jan 13, 2019 & onwards
17.0	Supported	¹ Support available for updates to previously submitted Mail.XML jobs. Not supported for new Mail.XML submissions.
19.0	Supported	¹ Support available for updates to previously submitted Mail.XML jobs. Not supported for new Mail.XML submissions.
21.0	² Supported	² Supported
³ New 22.0	Not Supported	³ Supported
Legend: ¹ Version discontinued ² Version remains supported ³ New Version		

2.2 Updates to *PostalOne!* Mail.XML Data Distribution, MID-CRID, and FAST Specification Version Support

The tables below depict the specification versions that will be supported with the Release 48.0.0.0:

Note: there are no changes to supported versions.

	Data Distribution Mail.XML		MID-CRID Mail.XML		FAST Mail.XML	
	Current Supported Versions (Prior to Release)	Post-Release Supported Versions	Current Supported Versions (Prior to Release)	Post-Release Supported Versions	Current Supported Versions (Prior to Release)	Post-Release Supported Versions
Versions	Prior to Jan 13, 2019	Jan 13, 2019 & onwards	Prior to Jan 13, 2019	Jan 13, 2019 & onwards	Prior to Jan 13, 2019	Jan 13, 2019 & onwards
14.0A	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
16.0	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported

2.3 Updates to Electronic Verification (eVS) Specification Version Support

The tables below depict the specification versions that will be supported with the Release 48.0.0.0:

Note: there are no changes to supported versions.

	eVS Shipping Services File Versions Support	
	Pre-Release	Post-Release
	Prior to Jan 13, 2019	Jan 13, 2019 & onwards
Versions		
1.4	Supported	Supported
1.6	Supported	Supported
1.7	Supported	Supported
2.0	Supported	Supported

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3.0 First-Class Package Service (FCPS) Zone Based Pricing BNS 1177

Currently, FCPS pricing for retail, commercial and NSA customers is ounce based. The Postal Service proposes to modify FCPS pricing to be based on ounces and zone traveled.

- Postage Statement Changes: First-Class Mail and First-Class Package Service (PS Form 3600 FCM) – Additional lines will be added to support Zone based pricing:
 - o C1 – C9: Commercial Parcels (less than 16 oz.)
 - o C10 – C18: Commercial Parcels-NSA
 - o C19 – C20: Commercial Parcels-NSA (16 oz. and over)
 - o C21 – C28: Retail Parcels (13 oz. or less)
 - o C29 – C36: Retail Parcels (13 oz. or less) from USPS Marketing Mail
- Mail.dat changes: eDoc to require the .cqt Zone value to map to correct price
- Mail.XML changes: eDoc to require the PostageStatementCreateRequest > Zone value to map to correct price
- ICR File: Populate field 19 'Destination Zone' with Zone value to map to correct price.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: SSF to require the following:

Field Name	SSF Record	v1.6 Position	v1.7 Position	v2.0 Position	Description/Example
Entry Facility ZIP Code	H1	053 - 057	053 - 057	7	Must be 5-digits
Destination ZIP Code	D1	047 - 051	047 - 051	6	Must be 5-digits
Domestic Zone	D1	376-377	376-377	39	01, 02, etc.

- Price Change Type/ Product Type: Competitive

BNS 1177

4.0 Change Priority Mail Dimensional Weight Calculation to use Configurable Dimensional Divisor for Zones Local & 1 – 9 BNS 1169

The Postal Service proposes to change the Priority Mail dimensional weight calculation. Dimensional weight is currently only applied to Priority Mail Zones 5-9 and calculated for packages over one cubic foot by dividing the determined cubic volume (length x width x height) by 194. The change proposes to calculate postage based on the greater of the actual weight or the dimensional weight for Priority Mail for all entries and all Zones including Local & 1-9 and dividing the cubic volume by a 166 divisor. Mailers are encouraged to allow for configurable dim divisors in order to support future changes. The application of dimensional pricing across zones would eliminate the balloon pricing from Priority Mail. Negotiated Service Agreements (NSAs) would be allowed to have a configurable dim divisor for each price cell.

- Postage Statement Changes: Priority Mail-Permit Imprint (PS Form 3600 PM) will be modified for the following lines:
 - o A18 – A25: Remove “Balloon Price” column
 - o A18 – A20: Remove grey shading within “Dim-Weight Price” column
 - o D17 – D24: Remove “Balloon Price” column
 - o D17 – D19: Remove grey shading within “Dim-Weight Price” column
- Mail.dat changes: eDoc to require the .mpu MPU Surcharge field to be populated with D = Dim Weight in order to map to correct price
- Mail.XML changes: eDoc to require the SurchargeType field to be populated with D = Dim Weight in order to map to correct price

- ICR File: Use the following Mail Category Codes for identifying Priority Mail dimensional weight pieces

<i>Description</i>	Mail Category	
	Decimal	Hex Value
<i>Dimensional Weight - Retail</i>	7611	1DBB
<i>Dimensional Weight - Commercial Base</i>	7511	1D57
<i>Dimensional Weight - Commercial Plus</i>	7411	1CF3
<i>Dimensional Weight - Contract</i>	7702	1E16

- Shipping Services File Changes: Manifest data will require the following:

<i>Field Name</i>	SSF Record	v1.6 Position	v1.7 Position	v2.0 Position
<i>Length</i>	D1	378 – 382	378 – 382	40
<i>Width</i>	D1	383 – 387	383 – 387	41
<i>Height</i>	D1	388 – 392	388 – 392	42
<i>Dimensional Weight</i>	D1	393 – 398	393 – 398	43

- Price Change Type/ Product Type: Competitive

BNS 1169

5.0 Add Dimensional Weight Pricing for Priority Mail Express for Zones Local & 1 – 9 BNS 1192

The Postal Service proposes to add dimensional pricing for Priority Mail Express. Dimensional weight pricing is currently not applied to Priority Mail Express. The change proposes to calculate postage based on the greater of the actual weight or the dimensional weight for Priority Mail Express for packages over one cubic foot for all entries and all Zones Local & 1-9 and dividing the cubic volume by a 166 divisor. Mailers are encouraged to allow for configurable dim divisors in order to support future changes. Negotiated Service Agreements (NSAs) would be allowed to have a configurable dim divisor for each price cell.

- Postage Statement Changes: Electronic Verification System-Permit Imprint (PS Form 3560) will be modified for the following lines:
 - o A12 – A19: Add lines for Dimensional Weight
 - o B12 – B19: Add lines for Hold For Pickup Dimensional Weight
 - o C12 – C19: Add lines for NSA Only Dimensional Weight
 - o D12 – D19: Add lines for NSA Only Hold For Pickup Dimensional Weight
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- ICR File: Use the following Mail Category Codes for identifying Priority Mail Express dimensional weight pieces

<i>Description</i>	Mail Category	
	Decimal	Hex Value
<i>Dimensional Weight - Retail PME</i>	7314	1C92
<i>Dimensional Weight - Commercial Base PME</i>	7311	1C8F
<i>Dimensional Weight - Commercial Plus PME</i>	7312	1C90
<i>Dimensional Weight - Contract PME</i>	7313	1C91

- Shipping Services File Changes Manifest data will require the following:

Field Name	SSF Record	v1.6 Position	v1.7 Position	v2.0 Position
<i>Length</i>	D1	378 – 382	378 – 382	40
<i>Width</i>	D1	383 – 387	383 – 387	41
<i>Height</i>	D1	388 – 392	388 – 392	42
<i>Dimensional Weight</i>	D1	393 – 398	393 – 398	43

- Price Change Type/ Product Type: Competitive
BNS 1192

6.0 Add Dimensional Weight Pricing for Parcel Select for Zones Local & 1 – 9 BNS 1193

The Postal Service proposes to add dimensional pricing for Parcel Select. Dimensional weight pricing is currently not applied to Parcel Select. The change proposes to calculate postage based on the greater of the actual weight or the dimensional weight by dividing the cubic volume by a 166 divisor for the following products:

- Parcel Select for packages over one cubic foot for all entries and all Zones 1-5
- Parcel Select Ground packages over one cubic foot for all Zones 1-9

Mailers are encouraged to allow for configurable dim divisors in order to support future changes. The application of dimensional pricing across zones would eliminate the balloon pricing from Parcel Select and Parcel Select Ground. Negotiated Service Agreements (NSAs) would be allowed to have a configurable dim divisor for each price cell.

- Postage Statement Changes: Package Services (PS Form 3605) will be modified for the following lines:
 - o C20 – C32: Replace “Balloon” description with “Dimensional”
 - o D17 – D24: Replace “Balloon” description with “Dimensional”
- Postage Statement Changes: PS Form 3605 for Parcel Select Ground mail will replace Balloon pricing with Dimensional pricing for Zones 1 – 9.
- Mail.dat changes: eDoc to require the .mpu MPU Surcharge field to be populated with D = Dim Weight in order to map to correct price
- Mail.XML changes: eDoc to require the SurchargeType field to be populated with D = Dim Weight in order to map to correct price
- ICR File: Use the following Mail Category Codes for identifying Parcel Select dimensional weight pieces

	Mail Category	
Description	Decimal	Hex Value
<i>Parcel Select - Ground Dimensional Weight COMM</i>	4551	11C7
<i>Parcel Select - Ground Dimensional Weight Contract</i>	4554	11CA

- Shipping Services File Changes: New Rate Ingredients to support Rectangular Dimensional 3-Digit, 5-Digit, and Non-Rectangular Dimensional 3-Digit, 5-Digit, and remove Balloon. Additionally, manifest data will require the following:

Field Name	SSF Record	v1.6 Position	v1.7 Position	v2.0 Position
<i>Length</i>	D1	378 – 382	378 – 382	40
<i>Width</i>	D1	383 – 387	383 – 387	41
<i>Height</i>	D1	388 – 392	388 – 392	42
<i>Dimensional Weight</i>	D1	393 – 398	393 – 398	43

- Price Change Type/ Product Type: Competitive
BNS 1193

7.0 Re-Categorize Flats over 15.994 oz. from First Class Mail International (FCMI) to First Class Package International Service (FCPIS) BNS 1217

The Postal Service proposes to designate FCMI flat pieces that are over 15.994 oz. to parcels as FCPIS and apply FCPIS pricing to the pieces. Currently, flats up to 4 pounds can be entered as FCMI flats. As proposed, for FCMI flats that are over 15.994 oz., the Postal Service applications will not process those as FCMI and will request the mailer to enter those pieces as parcels under FCPIS pricing.

- Postage Statement Changes: International Mail (PS Form 3700), FCMI flats will be allowed up to 15.994 oz., instead of up to 4 pounds. Applies to lines:
 - o A3 – A12: Letters (up to 3.5 ounces) and Flats (up to 15.994 ounces)
- Mail.dat changes: No impact
- Mail.XML changes: No impact
- ICR File: No impact
- Shipping Services File Changes: No impact
- Price Change Type/Product Type: Market Dominant

BNS 1217

8.0 Postage Statement Updates BNS 1171

The Postal Service proposes to make corrections and updates to the postage statements as detailed below:

1. First-Class Mail and First-Class Package Service (PS Form 3600-FCM)
 - a. Additional lines will be added to support Zone based pricing:
 - i. C1 – C9: Commercial Parcels (less than 16 oz.)
 - ii. C10 – C18: Commercial Parcels-NSA
 - iii. C19 – C20: Commercial Parcels-NSA (16 oz. and over)
 - iv. C21 – C28: Retail Parcels (13 oz. or less)
 - v. C29 – C36: Retail Parcels (13 oz. or less) from USPS Marketing Mail
2. Priority Mail-Permit Imprint (PS Form 3600-PM)
 - a. “Balloon” column will be removed from the following lines:
 - i. A18 – A25: Dimensional Prices
 - ii. D17 – D24: Dimensional Prices-NSA
 - b. “Dim-Weight Price” will be allowed for the following lines:
 - i. A18 – A20: Dimensional Prices
 - ii. D17 – D19: Dimensional Prices-NSA
 - c. Change Part F, page 11, update number for row currently E48-Zone 9 to F48-Zone 9.
3. Electronic Verification System-Permit Imprint (PS Form 3560)
 - a. Lines will be added to support Dimensional Weight:
 - i. A12 – A19: Add lines for Dimensional Weight
 - ii. B12 – B19: Add lines for Hold For Pickup Dimensional Weight

- iii. C12 – C19: Add lines for NSA Only Dimensional Weight
 - iv. D12 – D19: Add lines for NSA Only Hold For Pickup Dimensional Weight
- 4. Package Services (PS Form 3605)
 - a. Existing lines' descriptions will be modified to support Dimensional Weight:
 - i. C20 – C32: Replace “Balloon” description with “Dimensional”
 - ii. D17 – D24: Replace “Balloon” description with “Dimensional”
- 5. International Mail (PS Form 3700)
 - a. Prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release
 - b. FCMI flats will be allowed up to 15.994 oz., instead of up to 4 pounds. Applies to lines:
 - i. A3 – A12: Letters (up to 3.5 ounces) and Flats (up to 15.994 ounces)
- 6. USPS Marketing Mail-Easy Nonautomation Letters, Cards, or Flats (PS Form 3602-EZ)
 - a. Prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release
 - b. Update title from USPS Marketing Mail-Easy Nonautomation letters, cards or flats to USPS Marketing Mail-Easy Nonautomation letters or flat.
- 7. Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail (PS Form 3602-N)
 - a. Prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release
- 8. Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail Easy-Nonautomation Letters or Flats (PS Form 3602-NZ)
 - a. Prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release
- 9. USPS Marketing Mail (PS Form 3602-R)
 - a. Prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release
- 10. Periodicals (PS Form 3541)
 - a. Prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release
 - Postage Statement Changes: Statements will be updated as previously described
 - Mail.dat changes: For 3600FCM, eDoc to require the .cqt Zone value to map to correct price
 - Mail.XML changes: For 3600FCM, eDoc to require the PostageStatementCreateRequest > Zone value to map to correct price
 - ICR File: No impact
 - Shipping Services File Changes: For 3600-PM, 3605, 3560 Dim Weight related changes, Manifest data will require dimensions and dimensional rate indicators (DR – dimensional rectangular or DN – dimensional non-rectangular). Detail Record 1 – Length, Width, Height, Dimensional Weight
 - Price Change Type/ Product Type: Market Dominant & Competitive
BNS 1171

9.0 Fee for Non-mailable Parcels Found in the Mailstream BNS 1158

The Postal Service proposes to establish a fee for non-mailable overweight parcels found in the mailstream which must be paid by either the sender or receiver. The sender or receiver will be required to pick up the non-mailable overweight piece from the postal location where it is found. Packages found to be over the 70 pound limit would be required to pay a To-Be-Determined flat fee at Retail Unit (in addition to the postage already paid). The sender or receiver (depending on where it is in the network) would need to be notified of the fee and that they must pick up the package within To-Be-Determined business days. If the package is not picked up within To-Be-Determined days, the package is considered abandoned (unless sender or receiver made special arrangements).

- Postage Statement Changes: None
- Mail.dat changes: No impact

- Mail.XML changes: No impact
- ICR File: No impact
- Shipping Services File Changes: No impact
- Price Change Type/ Product Type: Competitive & Market Dominant

BNS 1158

10.0 Small Parcel Forwarding Fee BNS 1225

The Postal Service proposes to introduce a flat fee that will allow for Postal Service to forward small parcels of USPS Marketing Mail or Parcel Select Lightweight. These parcels will be forwarded to the address on file when the information is available in Change-of-Address (COA). The fee would be collected via Address Management system (AMS) prior to mailing, as part of Ancillary Service Endorsement flat fee.

- Postage Statement Changes: None
- Mail.dat changes: No impact
- Mail.XML changes: No impact
- ICR File: No impact
- Shipping Services File Changes: No impact
- Price Change Type/Product Type: Competitive

BNS 1225

11.0 Extended Permanent Mail Forwarding BNS 1062

The Postal Service proposes to allow mailers to elect to extend the forwarding period for an additional period of time for a fee. This fee can be paid online and at a Retail Unit. Currently, customers who submit change of address (COA) orders, to have mail forwarded, receive forwarding for 12 months. After the 12-month period, the COA is active for another 6 months. After that the mail is wasted or returned to sender. The Postal Automated Redirection System (PARS) and Computerized Forwarding System (CFS) systems will be enhanced to support the extended forwarding period in 6 month increments. The Internet Change of Address (ICOA) and the Call Center applications will also be enhanced to allow customers with active COAs on file to sign-up for the service. Forwarding is available for all classes of mail subject to the corresponding conditions described in [DMM 507 section 1.0](#).

- Postage Statement Changes: None
- Mail.dat changes: No impact
- Mail.XML changes: No impact
- ICR File: No impact
- Shipping Services File Changes: No impact
- Price Change Type/ Product Type: Competitive & Market Dominant

BNS 1062

12.0 Periodicals Address Corrections for Alternative Addressed Nonsubscriber-Nonrequester Copies BNS 1037

The Postal Service proposes to allow Periodical Publishers to use one of four new Service Type IDs (STIDs) in the Intelligent Mail barcode (IMb) to opt-out of receiving address-related notifications. Currently, Periodicals Publishers receive the notification (via PS Form 3579 or electronic Address Correction Service) for Undeliverable as Addressed (UAA) Periodicals with occupant or exceptional addresses that are undeliverable for address-related reasons.

The proposed STIDs are listed below:

- i. STID 146 – Periodical – No Address Corrections – Full Service – with IV MTR
- ii. STID 147 – Periodical – No Address Corrections – Full Service – without IV MTR
- iii. STID 148 – Periodical – No Address Corrections – Basic/Non-Auto – with IV MTR
- iv. STID 149 – Periodical – No Address Corrections – Basic/Non-Auto – without IV MTR

Publishers that use one of the above four Periodical STIDs in the IMb, with authorized Alternative Addressing formats, will no longer receive address-related notices. When processed by Postal Automated Redirection System (PARS), Computerized Forwarding System (CFS) or Remote Forwarding System (RFS), the piece will be discarded with no notice to the publisher.

- Postage Statement Changes: None
- Mail.dat changes: No impact
- Mail.XML changes: No impact
- ICR File: No impact
- Shipping Services File Changes: No impact
- Price Change Type/ Product Type: Market Dominant

BNS 1037

13.0 Mailing Promotion Support BNS 1197, BNS 1195

The Postal Service proposes to support the Mailing Promotions that were active in 2017 – Mobile Shopping, Tactile Sensory & Interactive Engagement, Emerging & Advanced Technology, Personalized Color Transpromo, and Earned Value.

A new Mailing Promotion related to Informed Delivery (ID) campaigns, and enhancements to existing Earned Value promotion will be supported.

a) Enhancements – Earned Value

The Earned Value Promotion will update how credit is provided to Earned Value Promotion mailers. Currently, the Earned Value Promotion provides participants with earned credits based on qualifying Business Reply Mail (BRM)/Courtesy Reply Mail (CRM), and Share Mail cards and letters, with an Intelligent Mail barcode (IMb). The proposal is to compare BRM/CRM and Share Mail volumes from the period of January through April 2019, to the same period in previous year 2018, and determine change in volume based on a 95% threshold. As a result, the credit calculation process will change as follows:

- i. Repeat Mailers (Mailers who have previously participated in the Earned Value promotion)
 - i. A decline in volume (below 95% threshold) - will not qualify for any credit for the current period/year.
 - ii. An increase or same volume (above 95% threshold) - will continue to receive a credit (currently set at \$0.03 per piece)
- ii. New Participants (Mailers who enroll in Earned Value Promotion for the first time) will be able to receive a credit (currently set at \$0.03 per piece) for the current year.

b) New Promotion - Informed Delivery (ID)

The Informed Delivery (ID) Promotion will allow an upfront 2% discount on eligible postage, where a mailing has an associated ID campaign in an active/submitted state in the ID application, or submitted as part of the Mail.dat/Mail.XML eDoc. The Postal Service applications will perform two part reconciliation:

- i. The initial verification would take place at the time of postage statement submission and finalization. The *PostalOne!* application will confirm if an ID campaign exists in a

submitted or active state in the ID application, or if the campaign creation is submitted as part of the Mail.dat/Mail.XML eDoc along with the postage statement. If a campaign existence or submission is not verified the Promotion will not be applied.

- ii. The post Campaign validation would take place after the ID campaign processing is complete. The Program Registration application will report if the campaign was completed in Informed Delivery Mailer Portal. If the campaign processing is not completed as expected and/or the campaign is canceled prior to the scheduled end date of the campaign, then the discounts would be removed by Program Office as adjustments.

- Postage Statement Changes: None
- Mail.dat changes: Changes to support Informed Delivery promotion:
 - o a) Use existing Component Characteristic Record (.ccr), value of PI = Informed Delivery.
 - o b) Add a value to .rms Serial Grouping to allow a value I = Campaign Information Only.
- Mail.XML changes: Changes to support Informed Delivery promotion:
 - o a) Use existing MailCharacteristic, value of PI = Informed Delivery.
 - o b) Add a value to CampaignData SerialGrouping field to allow a value of I = Campaign Information Only.
- ICR File: No impact
- Shipping Services File Changes: No impact
- Price Change Type/Product type: Competitive & Market Dominant

BNS 1197

14.0 Premium Forwarding Service (PFS) - Local for P.O. Boxes BNS 1216

The Postal Service proposes to provide the PFS – Local service for consumers using P.O. Boxes. The online enrollment process and forwarding postage processing will be applied to mail/parcels forwarded from P.O. Boxes. A new online annual enrollment Fee will be added to register for PFS – Local. In addition to the annual fee, Postage is applied to the daily reshipment(s). Forwarding is available for all classes of mail subject to the corresponding conditions described in [DMM 507 section 1.0](#)

Note: For Premium Forwarding Service the mail is packaged and forwarded using Priority Mail. If the mailpiece is Priority Mail Express (PME) piece then, it is forwarded separately as PME. In some cases if an FCM mailpiece does not fit the PM package then the FMC mailpiece is forwarded individually. USPS Marketing Mail is always forwarded as part of PM packaged mail.

- Postage Statement Changes: None
- Mail.dat changes: No impact
- Mail.XML changes: No impact
- ICR File: No impact
- Shipping Services File Changes: No impact
- Price Change Type/Product type: Competitive

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