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1.0 Introduction

On Sunday, October 20, 2019, the United States Postal Service will implement the following software change(s):

- *PostalOne!* System Release 49.2.0.0
- Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) Release 26.2.0.0

These Pre-Release Notes provide the contents of the release and affected subsystems.

The sections titled **Corrections to Known Issues** are derived from External Trouble Reports (ETRs) and Engineering Change Requests (ECRs) for inclusion in these releases.

This document is prepared based on the knowledge available at the time of its publication and any element may be subject to change prior to publication.

2.0 Mail.dat Client Support

Please note the following regarding the Mail.dat client download.

There is a new **required** Mail.dat client version with this release. Users should download Mail.dat client **49.2.0.0_PROD** from the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) using the following path: Mailing Services → Electronic Data Exchange [Go to Service] → Mail.dat download (Windows 32-bit, Windows 64-bit or Solaris). *PostalOne!* System – Enhancements, Updates, and New Functionality

3.0 *PostalOne!* System – Enhancements, Updates, and New Functionality

3.1 Mail Direction File

An errata file will be created for the Mail Direction File (MDF) in order to assist the industry in handling changes to the MDF after publication. The errata file will provide an industry-wide, consistent, and data-driven method to communicate MDF changes that occur outside of the regular MDF publication schedule. Incorporation of the errata file will be optional for users; however, use of the errata file will facilitate more efficient mail induction and delivery.

The MDF errata file will use the existing MDF format. Use of the MDF errata file will enable critical changes to be incorporated into the mail supply chain in a timely manner, allowing staged mail to make use of updated/corrected induction information. The MDF errata file will be available online.

The MDF errata file will have the following characteristics:

- The errata file will be published for Mail Direction Files v1, v2, and v3, and will follow a format similar to the MDF.
- The errata file will be published for each available effective date (past month, current month, next month).
- The errata file will include a version number in the header record.
- The errata file will be published weekly as needed (e.g., weeks with no changes will not have an errata file published).
- The errata file will be published Monday or Tuesday in the weeks it is published.
- The errata file will be cumulative each month:
 - Week 1 errata file will contain week 1 Mail Direction File changes
 - Week 2 errata file will include all changes from the preceding weeks of the month (e.g., both weeks 1 and 2) [20675-R](#)

3.2 Electronic Submission of PS Form 3510 through Postal Wizard

The Business Customer Gateway (BCG) Postal Wizard will be updated to enable users to electronically submit PS Form 3510, *Application for Re-entry or Special Price Request for Periodicals Publication*. The form will be available in the BCG Postal Wizard in the section labeled Complete Customer Service Form.

Customers will enter the following information, and then click Enter to move to the next page:

- Full Title of Publication
- Publication Number (USPS and ISSN) if applicable
- Number of Issues per Year
- Frequency of Issuance
- Post Office Serving Publication (Drop Down Box)
- Publisher's Name and Address of Known Office of Publication (street, unit number, city, state, and ZIP+4).
- Applicant's name
- Applicant's title
- Applicant's phone number
- Applicant's email address

Following entry of the form fields, users will be directed to the next page for selection of one or more options to change publication information (publication frequency, number of issues per year, title, and/or publisher's address), authorization category, or price category.

Publication Information: Entry fields will be provided for users to enter the updated information needed for a change to the publication frequency, number of issues per year, title, and/or publisher's address. A change to the publisher's address only generates a fee if the address moves to a different city.

Authorization Category: Users will have the ability to change the category of authorization for the Periodicals publication. For a change to the authorization category, users will also need to submit PS Form 3500 (no-fee option). The following options will appear with radio buttons allowing selection of the new authorization category:

- general publications
- institutions and societies with general advertising
- institutions and societies with publisher's advertising only
- publications issued by state departments of agriculture
- requester publications
- foreign publications

Price Category: For a change to the price category, radio buttons will be available to enable the user to select Regular, Science-Of-Agriculture, Classroom, or Non-Profit. If Non-Profit is selected, additional radio buttons appear for the user to select the Non-Profit type: religious, philanthropic, educational, labor, scientific, agricultural, veterans, fraternal, or "Other".

Form Submission: Following selection/entry of new options and related information, the user will enter a date for their request, and then click Enter to navigate to a review page, where all selected/entered information is displayed for review. If the information displayed is correct, the user agrees by clicking the button "All information I provided is correct" to submit the form. A message will then appear confirming the submission, and notifying the user that they must submit all the required documentation to their local Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU) within 30 days. (A hyperlink will be provided for users to select from a list of local BMEUs.) The customer checks a box to agree and then clicks Submit to move to the Application Payment page.

Application Payment Page: The Application Payment page allows customers to pay their non-refundable Re-Entry fee (\$85.00) with their Enterprise Payment System (EPS) account. A drop-down menu is provided for customers to select from the EPS accounts they are authorized to use. The user checks a dialog box that states that they are aware that they will not receive a refund even if their application for re-entry is denied. The customer then clicks Submit to complete the payment. A message is displayed informing the user that the application is complete and payment is received (trust account) or pending (debit account), along with the EPS transaction number for the payment. A message is also displayed reminding the customer that their physical submission is due to the BMEU and can be mailed or submitted in person. [20596-R](#)

3.3 Scan Based Payment (SBP) Support for Package Platform

The *PostalOne!* Scan Based Payment (SBP) system will support mailer profile transition to Package Platform. To accommodate this, the SBP user interface will be enhanced to allow the capture of a transition date associated with the Package Platform account status. This will enable an entire SBP mailer profile to be transitioned to Package Platform. Currently, this transition can only be done through a manual process. [13494 \(20820-R\)](#)

4.0 *PostalOne!* System - Corrections to Known Issues

4.1 Electronic Data Exchange

- Mail.dat validation will be updated to correct a logic error affecting submissions to delete containers for mixed payment (Enterprise Payment System (EPS) and non-EPS) statements. Currently in this scenario, the Mail.dat job submission fails with error code 3838: "This postage statement is "in progress" by the USPS and cannot be canceled or deleted". The error is being generated because these postage statements are "frozen" (Freeze Indicator = "Y"), which prevents statements from being canceled or deleted. As a result of the issue, users may not be able to reuse the impacted containers. [13461 \(20796-R\)](#)
- Mail.dat validation processing will be updated to modify error code 4135 to support USPS Marketing Mail enclosures within a Periodical submission in a mixed class submission (Segment File (.seg) class 6). Currently, validation 4135 ("The .mpa USPS Publication Number field must be populated when the .mpu Mail Piece Unit - Class field is populated with 2 = Periodicals and the .seg Class Defining Preparation field is populated with 6 = Std/Bound Printed Matter/Periodicals Co-Mailings") prevents the acceptance of this scenario. [13474 \(20821-R\)](#)
- The *PostalOne!* System dashboard will be updated to display mail.dat and mail.xml validation errors using the correct permit number. For Mail.dat error 7096 and Mail.XML error 9288, users currently see the permit numbers associated with the master statement rather than the child statement. This affects the permit information displayed, including permit balance.
 - Mail.dat error 7096 - The permit balance of the .mpa Permit Number [] and Permit ZIP+4 [] provided will be negative after postage statement processing.
 - Mail.XML error 9288 - The balance associated to the PermitNumber [] and PermitZIP+4 [] provided in the PermitHolderData block will be negative after Postage Statement processing. [13388 \(20825-R\)](#)

4.2 Electronic Verification System (eVS®)

The *PostalOne!* eVS System will be updated to add retry functionality to the unused label refund process for EPS account holders. The system will automatically retry failed refunds. If an automated unused label refund to EPS fails and there is no retry mechanism, the refund will remain in error status indefinitely without manual intervention. [13511](#)

4.3 Performance Based Verification (PBV)

For postage statements with affixed postage (i.e., permit holder permit type is Precanceled Stamp (PC), Metered (MT), or Official Mail Accounting System Metered (OM)), performance based verification will be updated to properly evaluate weigh verification. Currently, for statements with affixed postage checked in through the Self Service Terminal (SST), weigh verification is incorrectly being assessed as required for all statements, even though it should not be required for statements with affixed postage. As a result, the statements are not able to be finalized through the SST because the weigh verification is required to be performed by the Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU) clerk. [13465 \(20792-R\)](#)

4.4 Postal Wizard

- Postal Wizard will be updated to correct an issue that is currently preventing some eligible Destination Delivery Units (DDU) from being populated for Postal Wizard submissions using eInduction. As a result, Business Customer Gateway (BCG) mailers submitting postage statements for eInduction using Postal Wizard are unable to create Registers for their eInduction containers destined for DDU entry. As a temporary workaround until the issue is resolved, impacted users can submit the statements using Mail.dat or Mail.XML instead. [13452 \(20794-R\)](#)
- Postal Wizard will be updated to correct a logic defect that currently prevents users from receiving Informed Visibility (IV) scans for postage statements submitted via the Postal Wizard. As a temporary workaround until the issue is resolved, impacted users can submit statements using Mail.dat or Mail.XML instead. [13460 \(20795-R\)](#)

4.5 Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP)

The *PostalOne!* System will add additional mapping records into the database so that Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) can pull correct pieces and/or pound postage based on sampled weight when determining the adjusted rate for the Postage Adjustment Factor (PAF) calculation. SASP currently relies on an assessment mapping for this purpose. The only record provided from the current map for a piece/pound line is within a higher weight range. This issue has the potential to affect USPS Marketing Mail Letters and Flats, First Class Letters and Flats, and Bound Printed Matter Nonpresorted Flats by calculating an inaccurate PAF for pieces and/or pound postage. [13487 \(20824-R\)](#)

5.0 Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) – Enhancements, Updates, and New Functionality

5.1 By/For Mailer ID (MID) Validation

By/For Mailer ID (MID) Validation will be updated in Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) to properly account for leading zeros that are added to some valid 6-digit Mailer IDs (MIDs). This will enable the validation of 6-digit MIDs and 9-digit MIDs to occur at the same time with fewer improper By/For errors reported when the e-Doc is submitted to SASP. As a result, more accurate charges can be given to the customer, and fewer manual corrections made to their accounts. [4991-S \(2741-R\)](#)

6.0 Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) – Corrections to Known Issues

6.1 Mail Irregularity Report

Data tables used by the SASP Mail Irregularity summarization process will be updated to distinguish between mail irregularity piece errors that exist for the same mailing job but have different mail owners and/or mail preparers. Currently, the summarization process encounters an error when it attempts to store the mail irregularity data for this scenario. As a result of the mail irregularity summary data being incomplete, the Mailer Scorecard can show a mismatch between the summary and detail counts. [4982-S](#)

7.0 Document History

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