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1.0 Introduction

This document includes planned changes under review for the next pricing structure release scheduled for July 2024. The document is prepared for the mailing software industry based on the knowledge available at the time of printing and any direction found herein is subject to change, including additional structure changes prior to the release. The contents of this document are pre-decisional and subject to change.

Draft Postage Statements marked with revisions will be posted to Postal Explorer [Welcome | Postal Explorer \(usps.com\)](#) as they become available.

Market Dominant Changes

2.0 Matching Nomenclature, Classification Standards to Network Redesign

The US Postal Service is considering making updates to US Postal Service systems and publications to reflect new facility naming conventions. The updates will combine new facility names with current descriptions until network redesign is completed. The proposed updates include:

- Rename NDC to NDC/RPDC (Regional Processing Distribution Center)
- Rename SCF to SCF/LPC (Local Processing Center) for letters and flats
- Rename SCF to SCF/RPDC (Regional Processing & Distribution Center) for packages
- Rename DDU to DDU/SDC (Sorting & Delivery Center)

The following systems and publications will be updated to reflect the new facility names:

- The PostalOne! application including Postal Wizard, Mail.dat and Mail.XML – Postage Statements and Transactions processing
- USPS API, PostalOne!, and USPS Ship Reports
- Labeling Lists - Originating 3 and 5-digit ZIP Code data and destination locations (<https://fast.usps.com/fast/fastApp/resources/labelListFiles.action>)
- Mail Direction Files – Drop Ship mailings must follow the updated Mail Direction for correct entry and redirect locations (<https://fast.usps.com/fast/fastApp/resources/mailDirectionFiles.action>)
- Postage Statements (<https://pe.usps.gov/>)
- Notice 123 Price Files (<https://pe.usps.gov/text/dmm300/Notice123.htm>)
- Mail Classification Schedule

- Online Reporting: Yes - Existing reports will be updated to reflecting new entry facility types.
- Data Feeds: Yes - Existing data feeds will be updated to reflecting new entry facility types
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes - Postage Statements will be updated to reflect the new entry facility types/sorts.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes - Existing facility values will be updated to reflect new entry facility types/sorts.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes - Existing facility values will be updated to reflect new entry facility types/sorts.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes - Existing facility values will be updated to reflect new entry facility types/sorts.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes - Existing facility values will be updated to reflect new entry facility types/sorts.
- WebTools: Yes – Update facility name in API processing
- USPS API: Yes – Update facility name in API processing
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant & Competitive

3.0 CY 2025 Mailing Promotions & Mail Growth Incentives

The US Postal Service is considering continuing support for five promotions in 2025 and two Mail Growth Incentives. The five promotions include 1) Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Promotion, 2) Integrated Technology Promotion, 3) Reply Mail IMbA Promotion, 4) Continuous Contact Promotion, 5) First Class Mail Advertising Promotion. The two incentives are 1) 2025 First-Class Mail Growth Incentive, and 2) 2025 USPS Marketing Mail Growth Incentive.

The features below will be implemented to improve the promotions and incentives processes:

- Introduction of Promotion Add-Ons/Upgrades, concepts that allow customers to earn additional discounts for utilizing methods not available in the base/primary promotions. Add-Ons will be available to use on top of the promotions available with the exception of Reply Mail IMbA. These add-ons include 1) Informed Delivery Add-On, and 2) Sustainability Add-On.
- The Promotions reports (available via Business Customer Gateway) will be made available to the eDoc submitter. This report is available currently to users with access to the Permit used to pay for postage.
- The promotions information on postage statements will be made available as part of the Postage Detail, and Commercial Mailing Details report via IV-MTR subscriptions.
- The required Informed Delivery campaign validation data will transmit in near real-time, allowing a promotion to be created and used in the postage statement the same day.
- The reports related to the Growth Incentives will be centralized in the Mailing Promotions Portal, available via Business Customer Gateway. Currently, these reports are available in the Incentives module.
- Online Reporting: Yes – The Growth Incentive reports will be centralized into the Mailing Promotion Portal.
- Data Feeds: Yes – The data feeds available via IV-MTR will include promotions data
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

4.0 Business Reply Mail (BRM) Simplification

The US Postal Service is considering streamlining Business Reply Mail (BRM) for letters and cards from in a phased approach. The proposal will introduce new separate rates for QBRM letters and cards that are enrolled in Intelligent Barcode Accounting. These IMbA rates will not include an annual account maintenance fee or quarterly fee.

- Online Reporting: Yes – online reports will be updated to reflect the new Business Reply Mail product structure.
- Data Feeds: Yes – Data feeds will be updated to reflect the new Business Reply Mail product structure.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact to Postage Statement. SKU will be updated to reflect the new pricing structure.
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

5.0 USPS Marketing Mail & Bound Printed Matter Catalog Incentive

The US Postal Service is considering creating an incentive for USPS Marketing Mail and Bound Printed Matter catalog mailings. This incentive applies only to mailings identified as catalog as described in the DMM. Postage statements will display the incentive amount. The USPS Marketing Mail Postage Statements PS Forms 3602-R & N already include the checkbox to identify catalog. The Bound Printed Matter Postage Statement PS Form 3605 will be updated to include the checkbox to identify catalog. Mailers that submit mailings via Postal Wizard, eDoc Mail.dat/Mail.XML, or IMsb tool will continue to identify catalogs for USPS Marketing Mail and Bound Printed Matter mailings.

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: Yes – Data Feeds of Postage Statement will include Catalog incentives discount.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – PS Form 3605 (BPM) will be updated to include checkbox for catalog and include display lines for catalog incentive. PS Form 3602-R/N (USPS Marketing Mail) will be updated to include display lines for catalog incentive.
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact – Mail.dat will use existing CCR data to identify catalogs.
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact – Mail.XML will use existing Content data to identify catalogs.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

6.0 Eliminate USPS Marketing Mail Simple Samples

The US Postal Service is considering discontinuing Simple Samples and removing all references to the product from USPS systems, software applications, and publications. Simple Samples are a type of USPS Marketing Parcel that allow mailers to distribute unpackaged product samples weighing up to 16 oz. in “targeted or every door” areas. Mailers will no longer be able to mail Simple Samples through Postal Wizard, Mail.dat or Mail.XML or hardcopy postage statements. Mailers will still be able to mail product samples. Product samples can be mailed using other services such as USPS Ground Advantage, or Parcel Select Destination Entry.

- Online Reporting: No Impact

- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – 3602-R/N Section H and checkbox in header
- Mail.dat: Yes – Validation will be added to not allow rate ingredient combinations used for mapping Simple Samples
- Mail.XML: Yes – Validation will be added to not allow rate ingredient combinations used for mapping Simple Samples
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

7.0 USPS Marketing Mail Flats – Separate Light Weight and Heavy Weight Rate Structures

The US Postal Service is considering updating the pricing structure for USPS Marketing Mail Flats over 4 oz. The current postage for Flats over 4 oz. includes a Piece price and a Pound price. Currently the Piece price is the same for Flats less than or equal to 4oz and for Flats over 4oz and the Pound price only applies to Flats over 4oz and is calculated based on the piece weight above 4oz. The proposal will create a revised price table for Flats over 4oz where there will be a separate Piece price from Flats less than or equal to 4oz, and the Pound price will be multiplied by the total weight in pounds, including the piece weight below 4oz . The Price File and Notice 123 will be updated to reflect the new Piece price table for Flats over 4oz. Postal Wizard, Mail.dat and Mail.XML will use the new price structure to calculate postage for Flat pieces over 4 oz. Mailers must implement the new pricing structure to calculate postage for Flats over 4 oz.

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact – use existing piece weight fields to identify the weight of the piece
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact – use existing piece weight fields to identify the weight of the piece
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

8.0 Election Mail Official Ballot Mail Updates

The US Postal Service is considering differentiating, tracking, and measuring Election Mail - Official Ballot Mail from all other types of Election Mail – in eDoc, Mail.dat, Mail.XML, Postal Wizard and IMsb Tool. Today PostalOne! eDoc, Mail.dat, Mail.XML, Postal Wizard, IMsb Tool and Postage Statements 3600-FCM, 3600-PM, and 3602-R/N, 3602-EZ/NZ have two checkboxes: one to identify Political Campaign

Mailings and the other to identify all Official Election Mail, including Ballots. The PostalOne! Election Mail checkbox does not differentiate Official Ballot Mail from all other types of Election Mail. The Election Mail checkbox will be separated into two check boxes for Official Ballots and Non-Ballot Materials. This will improve discrete tracking of all Official Ballot Mail volume (Ballot Mailpieces with/without IMbs; or Ballot Mailpieces with IMbs but without a Ballot Mail Service Type Identifier) to differentiate it from all other Election Mail.

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: Yes – Data Feeds for Postage Statement will be updated to include the new election mail designation for election mail - official ballot and election mail – non-ballot mail
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – The following Postage Statement will be updated to include tracking of Election Mail – Official Ballot Mail and Non-Ballot Election Mail: PS Form 3600-FCM, PS Form 3600-PM, PS Form 3602-R/N, and 3602-EZ/NZ.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – new CCR code will be created to track Official Ballot Mail separately from all other types of Election Mail
- Mail.XML changes: Yes - new CCR code will be created to track Official Ballot Mail separately from all other types of Election Mail
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes - track Official Election Mail Ballots from all other types of Election Mail.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

9.0 Enlarge Maximum Size for Plus One

The US Postal Service is considering increasing the maximum size for the Plus One product from 6"x9.5" to 6"x11". The larger size will allow more space on the card for additional print and/or larger pictures. The larger size will also reward loyal Plus One mailers with the ability to send larger cards at the same price.

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact – Existing rate category value will be used to identify Plus One pieces.
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact – Existing rate category value will be used to identify Plus One pieces.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

10.0 USPS Marketing Mail Carrier Route Auto Letter Optional Tray

Preparation Update

The US Postal Service is considering supporting a new tray preparation option for specific products within USPS Marketing Mail Automation Carrier Route Letter mail - this includes High Density & High Density Plus. This tray preparation option will allow these letters to be prepared as 5-Digit Mixed Carrier Route trays destined to the same 5-Digit. This option will allow mailers to compile letter trays with pieces (including residual pieces) to more than one Carrier Route, thus enabling preparation of fuller trays reducing mail preparation and processing times. Currently, mailings are required to sort letters with the same Carrier Route in walk sequence to trays or to sort the eligible Carrier Route pieces to a lower-level Carrier Route tray. E-documentation must validate that minimum carrier route piece requirements (125 pieces for HD & 300 pieces for HD+) in 5-digit trays are achieved by a single mail owner defined by single individual MID for each carrier route. (Must identify the number pieces prepared for each carrier route by mail owner and pay the appropriate rate)

- Online Reporting: Yes – Existing qualification reports will be updated to reflect mailings with optional tray preparation.
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact – Existing USPS Marketing Mail PS Form 3602-R/N will continue to be used to support this new tray preparation.
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact – Existing Mail.dat sort values will be used to allow this optional tray preparation.
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact – Existing Mail.XML sort values will be used to allow this optional tray preparation.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

Competitive Changes

11.0 Premium Forwarding Service Local (PFS-L) Updates

The US Postal Service is considering automating the sorting of pieces to be forwarded as part of Premium Forwarding Service Local (PFS-L). The current PFS-L product supports forwarding of mail from P.O. Box to addresses within the same/local ZIP Code. The product may be expanded to support forwarding to encompass additional ZIP Codes. This will include enhancements to enable self-service tasks online (via BCG or USPS.com depending on the type of customer: commercial or retail) such as updating payment information or performing renewal.

- Online Reporting: Yes – reports will be made available on PFS-Local via USPS.com
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact – update existing interface with PFS and eVS; no external impact.
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

12.0 Electronic Verification System (eVS) Retirement and Shipper Migration to USPS Ship

In a proposed rule published in the Federal Register on November 28, 2023, which can be accessed at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/11/28/2023-26160/electronic-verification-system-migrated-to-usps-ship>, the US Postal Service proposed “to require the use of USPS Ship for the acceptance and payment of all commercial domestic and international parcel mailings” and proposed to discontinue eVS. Comments on that proposed rule are due December 28, 2023. In the proposed rule, the Postal Service proposed to implement USPS Ship by February 1, 2025. While not clearly stated in that proposed rule, the proposal would involve current eVS customers being migrated to USPS Ship and continuing to process postage via USPS Ship Manifest. Based on the current postage and payment policy (USPS Publication 205 and USPS DMM 604), the postage payment must be made for each mailing before entering physical mail pieces into the mailstream and before mail pieces are released for processing.

Pending completion of the Federal Register rulemaking process, the following updates may be made to support the retirement of eVS:

- The Business Customer Gateway will offer self-service migration from eVS to USPS Ship. This includes migration and activation of the eVS Mailer Profile.
- The USPS Ship application will be updated to provide legacy extracts that eVS currently supports. These extracts will be available via USPS Data Transfer Service (DTS) and IV-MTR. The extracts will also be available in their legacy format for eVS customers via USPS Ship, and in Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Applicability Statement 2 (AS2) formats. Extract types include:

- Postage Statement
- Accounts Payable Service (APS)
- Enterprise Payment Service Reconciliation
- Duplicate Reconciliation
- Unmanifested Reconciliation
- IMpb Non-Compliance Outbound and Return Reconciliation
- Unused Labels Reconciliation
- Census Reconciliation
- The USPS Ship onboarding and migration details will be available at USPS Postal Pro: <https://postalpro.usps.com/shipping/ppc>.
- USPS Label API - Shippers may use the USPS Label API in one of two following ways:
 - Use the USPS Label API to only generate Intelligent Mail Barcodes (IMpb) and label data (Domestic and International mail). The label data generated by the USPS Label API will not include the label image; customers will create their own label image using the IMpb from the USPS Label API. The Barcode (IMpb) that was retrieved from the USPS Label API will then be included in the Manifest and the shipper will send the Manifest to USPS for postage processing.
 - Use the USPS Label API to generate Intelligent Mail Barcodes (IMpb) and to process payment via Manifest (automatic process via USPS Label API).
- USPS API: Documentation on relevant APIs is outlined below:
 - USPS APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/>
 - A list of available APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/apis>
 - Instructions for enrolling in USPS APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/getting-started>
 - The Domestic Label API can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/api/71>. There are three versions of the Domestic USPS Label API. Version 3.0 is the latest version; new customers must use version 3.0 as earlier versions are for legacy support only.
 - The International Label API can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/api/75>. There are three versions of the International USPS Label API. Version 3.0 is the latest version; new customers must use version 3.0 as earlier versions are for legacy support only.
- Online Reporting: Yes – Shippers will be able to view the reports on their package transactions in USPS Ship. The online reporting currently available via Business Customer Gateway > PostalOne! dashboard will not be available.
- Data Feeds: Yes – The USPS Ship data extracts will be available for package transactions processed via USPS Ship. The eVS data extracts including Payment Extracts will not be available.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – The Postage Statements that are available under eVS will no longer be generated in eVS and will be available as Postage Statement extracts via USPS Ship.
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact

- WebTools: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive/Market Dominant

13.0 Revisions to Minimum Dimensions for Outbound and Inbound Letter-Post Packet Rolls

The US Postal Service is considering implementing the Universal Postal Union’s (UPU’s) planned updates to dimensions for Letter-post packet rolls. This UPU update was established in the Convention Regulations and is effective August 1, 2024. To be compliant, the US Postal Service is considering revising the minimum dimensions for outbound and inbound Letter-post services. For outbound services, the revisions must be reflected in published mailing standards, any international Negotiated Service Agreements (NSAs) and related documentation that include these services, and in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) listings for these services. Following are the impacted outbound services:

- First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS)
- Commercial ePacket (CeP) (which is available only through international NSAs)
- International Priority Airmail (IPA)
- International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)

For inbound Letter-post service, the revised dimensions must be reflected in the MCS listing. The following are the current and revised dimensions:

Current:	Length	Length Plus Twice the Diameter
Minimum	4 inches	6.75 inches
Maximum	36 inches	42 inches

Table 1 – Current Dimensions

Revised	Length	Length Plus Twice the Diameter
Minimum	8.25 inches	12 inches
Maximum	36 inches	42 inches

Table 2 – Revised Dimensions

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact

- Price Change Type / Product Type: International Competitive

14.0 Updates for USPS Returns – Labels, Publications, and Systems

The US Postal Service is considering updating all Return Labels to remove the word “SERVICE”. The US Postal Service is also considering updating USPS Return to remove the “s” from Returns. All systems, publications, manuals, and platforms will be updated to reflect the name changes.

- Online Reporting: Yes – Report for USPS Ship will be updated to reflect the update to the product names.
- Data Feeds: Yes – Data Feeds for USPS Ship will be updated to reflect the update to the product names.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – The SSF will be updated to reflect the updated names of the USPS Returns products.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes – The SSF will be updated to reflect the updated names of the USPS Returns products.
- WebTools: Yes – Label generated by WebTools will be updated product names for USPS Returns.
- USPS API: Yes – Label generated by USPS API will be updated product names for USPS Returns.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

15.0 Migration to USPS API Platform Requirements

The US Postal Service is considering requiring integration with the USPS APIs Labels API for label generation and payment for Global Direct Entry (GDE) shippers and WebTools customers. Today, shippers can use WebTools or third-party solutions to create labels for pieces entering the Postal Service network. This change provides a more secure method of label and manifest generation. All shippers must adhere to the current postage and payment policy (USPS Publication 205 and USPS DMM 604). Postage payment must be made for each shipment prior to entry of the physical packages into the Postal Service network.

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – USPS APIs generates the Shipping Partner Event File (SPEF) and SSF at the time of label creation.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No changes to the current process.
- WebTools: Yes – No longer supported; all customers must migrate to the USPS API platform.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

- USPS API: Yes – Documentation on relevant APIs is outlined below:
 - o USPS APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/>
 - o A list of available APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/apis>
 - o Instructions for enrolling in USPS APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/getting-started>
 - o The Domestic Label API can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/api/71>. There are three versions of the Domestic USPS Label API. Version 3.0 is the latest version; new customers must use version 3.0 as earlier versions are for legacy support only.
 - o The International Label API can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/api/75>. There are three versions of the International USPS Label API. Version 3.0 is the latest version; new customers must use version 3.0 as earlier versions are for legacy support only.

16.0 Payment Prior to Entry Requirements

Today the Postal Service's postage and payment policy (USPS Publication 205 and USPS DMM 604) requires postage payment for each shipment prior to entry of the physical packages into the Postage Service network. Consistent with existing policies, shippers who do not use USPS APIs or authorized vendors must submit a Shipping Services File (SSF) or Shipping Partner Event File (SPEF) prior to shipment tendering to the Postal Service. The Postal Service intends to begin enforcement of payment documentation prior to mailing. Any packages that bear a shipping label or permit imprint indicating that postage has been paid but do not have valid proof of payment prior to entry may be considered abandoned.

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Adjustment to frequency of SSF submissions
- Shipping Partner Event File Changes: Adjustment to frequency of SPEF submissions
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No changes to the current process.
- WebTools: No longer supported; all customers must migrate to the USPS API platform.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive
- USPS API: No Impact; shipper may integrate with the USPS Labels API for label data, image, and manifest (SPEF and SSF) generation to meet timely payment documentation requirements. Documentation on relevant APIs is outlined below:
 - o USPS APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/>.
 - o A list of available APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/apis>.
 - o Instructions for enrolling in USPS APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/getting-started>.
 - o The Domestic Label API can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/api/71>. There are three versions of the Domestic USPS Label API. Version 3.0 is the latest version; new customers must use version 3.0 as earlier versions are for legacy support only.

- o The International Label API can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/api/75>. There are three versions of the International USPS Label API. Version 3.0 is the latest version; new customers must use version 3.0 as earlier versions are for legacy support only.

17.0 USPS Ground Advantage Retail Oversized and Dimensional Pricing

The US Postal Service is considering applying prices for Oversized and Dimensional weight to the USPS Ground Advantage Retail postage statement. Oversized and Dimensional weight prices are applied currently to Commercial shipping. Postage Statement 3600-FCM Part C, USPS Ground Advantage - Retail will include Oversized and Dimensional Weight.

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – Postage Statement 3600-FCM part C, Ground Advantage – Retail. Postage Statement 3600-FCM part C, Ground Advantage – Retail will include Oversized and Dimensional Weight.
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact – Mail.dat will use the existing value to identify Oversized and Dimensional.
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact – Mail.XML will use the existing value to identify Oversized and Dimensional.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes
- WebTools: Yes – Postage calculated by WebTools will include updated pricing for USPS Ground Advantage Retail
- USPS API: Yes – Postage calculated by USPS API will include updated pricing for USPS Ground Advantage Retail
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

18.0 Expand Domestic Competitive Shipping Products Zone Chart

The US Postal Service is considering creating an additional zone (10) in pricing tables for all Competitive full-network shipping products. This includes Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, and USPS Ground Advantage products. The Zone 10 will be applied primarily to mailings from contiguous USA states to offshore ZIP Codes. Zone 10 pricing excludes Alaska Bypass, Alaska LOR (USPS Ground Advantage), and APO/DPO ZIP Codes. The Zone Chart Matrix product will be updated to implement Zone 10 in the one-character field (as a value of X). A separate rate structure will be implemented to allow Flat Rate Products (Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express) to have a separate price for Zone 10 and also for Zone 9 which includes the Freely Associated States (FAS).

- Online Reporting: No Impact – Existing report will show updated zone values.
- Data Feeds: No Impact – Existing data feeds will show updated zone values when applicable.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – All competitive shipping products, PS Form 3600-PM, and PS Form 3600-FCM. The forms will be updated to include Zone 10.
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact – Use existing value to create new pricing map.
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact – Use existing value to create new pricing map.

- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – Use new rate and ingredient to create map.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact – Use existing data element and a new value of 10 to support the new zones.
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

19.0 Mail.dat Client Support

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

There is a new **required** Mail.dat client with this release. Users should download Mail.dat client 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).

20.0 Applicable Technical Specifications

20.1 Updates to *PostalOne!* System eDoc Specification Versions Support

20.1.1 Mail.dat eDoc

The below table depicts the Mail.dat specification versions that will be supported with the July 2024 release.

<i>PostalOne!</i> System Mail.dat (eDoc) Version Support			
Versions	Versions Supported Prior to Deployment Date	Versions Supported Deployment Date to Price Change Effective Date	Post-Price Change - Versions Supported on and after Price Change Effective Date
23-1 (*New Errata*)	Supported	Supported	Supported
24-1 (*New Errata*)	Supported	Supported	Supported
Note: *Final version(s) of Mail.dat to be supported will be determined based on discussion with DTAC.			

Table 3 – *PostalOne!* System Mail.dat (eDoc) Version Support

20.1.2 Mail.XML eDoc

The below table depicts the Mail.XML specification versions that will be supported with the July 2024 release.

<i>PostalOne! System Mail.XML (eDoc) Version Support</i>			
Versions	Versions Supported Prior to Deployment Date	Versions Supported Deployment Date to Price Change Effective Date	Post-Price Change – Versions Supported on and after Price Change Effective Date
25.4	Supported	Supported	Supported – for updates only
26.2	Supported	Supported	Supported – for updates only
25.5	–	Supported	Supported
26.3	–	Supported	Supported

**Final version(s) of Mail.XML to be supported will be determined based on discussion with DTAC.
Note: New Mail.XML WSDLs will be posted on PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com/> as they become available.*

Table 4 – PostalOne! System Mail.XML (eDoc) Version Support

20.2 Updates to PostalOne! System Mail.XML Data Distribution, Mailer ID – Customer Registration ID (MID-CRID), and Facilities Access and Shipment Tracking (FAST) Specification Version Support

The below table depicts the specification versions that will be supported with the July 2024 release.

Versions	Data Distribution Mail.XML		MID-CRID Mail.XML		FAST Mail.XML	
	Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Deployment Date)	Post-Release Supported Versions	Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Deployment Date)	Post-Release Supported Versions	Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Deployment Date)	Post-Release Supported Versions
14.0 A	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
16.0	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported

***Note:** No change to currently supported versions.*

Table 5 – PostalOne! System Mail.XML Data Distribution, MID-CRID, and FAST Specification Version Support

20.2.1 Updates to Shipping Services File (SSF) Version Support

The below table depicts the specification versions that will be supported with the July 2024 release.

eVS Shipping Services File Version Support		
Versions	Versions Supported Prior to Release	Versions Supported on and After Release
1.6	Supported	Supported
1.7	Supported	Supported
2.0	Supported	Supported
<p>Note: No change to currently supported versions. New rate ingredients (or combinations of existing rates) may be required to support the proposed changes.</p>		

Table 6 – Electronic Verification System (eVS) Shipping Services File Version Support

21.0 Document History

Date	Section	Description
1/16/2024	20.0	Mail.dat 22 removed from table
1/16/2024	7.0	Language changed