

July 2025 Release Overview

Proposed July 2025 Changes CHANGE 1.0

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1.0 Introduction

This document includes planned changes under review for the next pricing structure release scheduled for July 2025. 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 <u>Welcome | Postal Explorer (usps.com)</u> as they become available.

Market Dominant Changes

2.0 Eliminate Marketing Mail Commercial & Nonprofit Automation Basic CR Letters

The US Postal Service is considering eliminating Marketing Mail commercial and nonprofit Automation **Basic** CR letter rates.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes Reports will be updated to reflect the removal of Basic CR rates data for automation letters.
- Data Feeds: Yes Data feeds will be updated to reflect the proposed changes and continue to report on USPS Marketing Mail data.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes PS form 3602-R/N (Part C) and Notice 123 will be updated to remove Basic CR for automation letters.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes Validations, core rate table and the USPS technical specification will be updated to support the removal of the Basic CR rate for automation letters.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes Validations, core rate table and the USPS technical specification will be updated to support the removal of the Basic CR rate for letters.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

3.0 Elimination of BPM Flats/Parcels and Adjustment of Marketing Mail Rate Structure

The US Postal Service is considering eliminating Bound Printed Matter (BPM) Flats and BPM Parcels and expanding Marketing Mail Commercial and Nonprofit rate categories to accommodate the BPM volume. The Marketing Mail Flats weight will be extended to 20 ounces. Marketing Mail Flat Carrier Route product categories will be extended to 24 ounces. A new Commercial and Nonprofit Marketing Mail Parcels rate category "Heavy Printed Matter" (HPM) will be introduced, with a weight limit up to 15 pounds. Nonpresorted rates would be added to both Marketing Mail Flats and Marketing Mail Parcels.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes Existing reports will be updated to reflect the proposed changes and continue to report on Marketing Mail mailings.
- Data Feeds: Yes Existing data feeds will be updated to reflect the proposed changes and continue to report on Marketing Mail mailings.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes PS Form 3602 R/N will be updated to include the removal of BPM references and add HPM and nonpresorted rates; PS Form 3605 - R will be updated to remove BPM Flats and Parcels.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes The core rates tables for Marketing Mail (3602 R/N) Package Services
 and Parcel Select Destination Entry (3605-R); the USPS technical specifications for Mail.dat and
 validations will be updated to reflect the elimination of BPM Flats and Parcels and the
 adjustment of the Marketing Mail rate structure for Flats and Parcels.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes The core rates tables for Marketing Mail (3602 R/N) and Package Services and Parcel Select Destination Entry (3605-R) and the USPS technical specifications for Mail.XML will be updated.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes The rate ingredients will be updated to reflect the proposed changes.
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes The rate ingredients will be updated to reflect the proposed changes.
- WebTools: Yes The rate API will be updated to reflect the elimination of BPM Flats and Parcels and the adjustment of the Marketing Mail rate structure for Flats and Parcels.
- USPS API: Yes The pricing API will be updated to reflect the elimination of BPM Flats and Parcels and the adjustment of the Marketing Mail rate structure for Flats and Parcels.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

4.0 Media and Library Mail Presort Prices Elimination

The US Postal Service is considering eliminating 5-Digit and Basic Media/Library Mail Presort price options. The Single Piece rate will continue to be available for Media and Library Mail mailings. Commercial Mailing and postage rules will remain in place with the single piece pricing being the only pricing options.

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: Yes PS Form 3605-R will be updated to reflect the proposed changes.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes The mappings will be updated to remove 5-Digit and Basic rates for Media and Library Mail mailings, including updates to validations to reject the removed rates.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes The mappings will be updated to remove 5-Digit and Basic rates for Media and Library Mail mailings, including updates to validations to reject the removed rates.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes The rate ingredient mappings will be updated to remove 5-Digit (5D) and Basic (BA) rates for Media Mail and Library Mail mailings.

- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes The rate ingredient mappings will be updated to remove 5-Digit (5D) and Basic (BA) rates for Media Mail and Library Mail mailings.
- WebTools: Yes The Rate API will be updated to remove mappings of 5-Digit and Basic rates for Media Mail and Library Mail.
- USPS API: Yes The Pricing API will be updated to remove mappings of 5-Digit and Basic rates for Media Mail and Library Mail.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

5.0 Marriage Mail Incentive Extension to High Density Plus Letters and Flats

The US Postal Service is considering extending the Marriage Mail Incentive to High Density Plus Letters and Flats.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes The existing reports will be updated to reflect the extension of the Marriage Mail Incentive to High Density Plus Letters and Flats and continue to report on Marketing Mail mailings.
- Data Feeds: Yes The existing data will be updated to reflect the extension of the Marriage Mail Incentive to High Density Plus Letters and Flats and continue to report on Marketing Mail mailings.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes USPS Marketing Mail PS Forms 3602-R/N and Notice 123 will be updated to include new lines for High Density Plus Letters and Flats.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes The Component Characteristics Record will be updated to include an option for the identification of Marriage Mail for High Density Plus Letters and Flats
- Mail.XML changes: Yes The PostageStatementCreateRequest content block will be updated to include an option for the identification of Marriage Mail for High Density Plus Letters and Flats.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No ImpactUSPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

6.0 Updates to USPS Marketing Mail Parcel Dimensions

The US Postal Service is considering publishing the maximum size of a Nonprofit Machinable Parcel in the Mail Classification Schedule and Domestic Mail Manual. This combines the sizes and characteristics of Irregular and Nonmachinable parcels and renames the combined type to "Nonprofit Nonstandard". This will change the stated dimensions of 108 inches length and girth to be 22x18x15 inches and offer prices for Commercial and Nonprofit Origin-entered SCF presorted and nonstandard parcels.

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: No Impact.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes USPS Marketing Mail PS Forms 3602-R/N and Notice 123 will be updated
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No ImpactUSPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

7.0 Combine Plus One and DML Products

The US Postal Service is considering merging Detached Marketing Labels (DML) and Plus One to enhance the value of this product for mailers and simplify the postal product offering. The combined offering can be mailed with either Flats or Letters via elnduction. Flats can be entered at either SCF or DDU with associated Plus One card. Letters with associated Plus One Cards can be entered at SCF only. This will provide standardized (larger) size and increased advertising space. Informed Delivery and Informed Visibility will be available when entered at SCF. This enhanced Plus One product will allow all mailers to use a single product on the same footing.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes Existing reports will continue to report on the updated Plus One data and reflect the removal of DML.
- Data Feeds: Yes Existing data feeds will be updated to report on the updated Plus One data.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes PS Forms 3602-R/N, Notice 123 and SKUs will be updated to remove DML and adjust Plus One for Letters and Flats
- Mail.dat changes: Yes The core rate tables for Marketing Mail (3602 R/N); and the USPS technical specifications for Mail.dat will be updated.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes The core rate tables for Marketing Mail (3602 R/N); and the USPS technical specifications for Mail.XML will be updated.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

8.0 Nomenclature Updates Expansion to Network Redesign

The US Postal Service is considering adjusting facility names to align with network redesign updates. This initiative will continue include updates in classification standards, any/all publications, documents and systems to align with network redesign.

Summary of Application Impacts

Online Reporting: TBD

Data Feeds: TBD

Postage Statement and SKU Changes: TBD

Mail.dat changes: TBDMail.XML changes: TBD

Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: TBD

Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: TBD

WebTools: TBDUSPS API: TBD

 Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant, Competitive, International Market Dominant, International Competitive

9.0 2026 Mailing Promotions

The US Postal Service is considering repeating four promotions and two add-ons from 2025, with the potential to introduce a new Catalog promotion. The repeating promotions would include Tactile Sensory & Interactive, Continuous Contact, Integrated Technology, and First-Class Mail Advertising. The add-ons would include Informed Delivery and Sustainability. In addition to the promotions, the US Postal Service is considering improving testing processes for promotions and automating the access request process for mailers to gain access to the Mailing Promotions Portal (MPP).

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes The existing reports will continue to report on the promotions data.
- 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
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact

WebTools: No ImpactUSPS API: No Impact

Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

10.0 2026 Mail Growth Incentives

The US Postal Service is considering offering the Mail Growth Incentives again in CY 2026, with enhancements leveraging lessons learned from the CY 2024 incentives to improve incentive management and the customer experience. The enhancements include, but are not limited to, changing the baseline period to the calendar year before the baseline period (CY2025 for Mail Growth Incentive 2026); improving reporting to provide greater visibility into credit usage for customers, MSPs and the USPS Program Office; and streamlining USPS Program Office management.

Summary of Application Impacts

Online Reporting: No Impact

Data Feeds: No Impact

Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact

Mail.dat changes: No ImpactMail.XML changes: No Impact

• Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact

• Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact

WebTools: No ImpactUSPS API: No Impact

Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

11.0 SCF Pallet Discount for First Class Mail

The US Postal Service is considering changing Sectional Center Facility pallet discounts for First Class mail cards, letters and flats to mirror the current SCF Pallet discounts for Marketing Mail. To support this initiative, Mailing Standards will develop preparation rules and update the DMM to support the preparation of containerized FCM trays. Palletized mail may be entered at origin or at the destination facility, though all will pay origin prices and be cross docked to transportation further into the USPS network.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes Existing reports will be updated to report the SCF Pallet card, letter, and flat discounts for FCM data.
- Data Feeds: Yes Existing data will be updated to include the SCF Pallet discount for FCM.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes PS Form 3600-FCM and Notice 123 will be updated to support the SCF pallet discount.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes Core rate table, validations and USPS technical specification update to support the SCF pallet discount for FCM.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes Core rate table, validations and the USPS technical specification will be updated to support the SCF pallet discount for FCM.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact

WebTools: No Impact

USPS API: No Impact

Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

12.0 Eliminate Bundling for FCM Flats Prepared in Tubs

The US Postal Service is considering eliminating First-Class Mail Flats bundles in tubs and only allowing loose pieces. This will ensure that the presort level and pricing for First-Class Mail Flats align with the presort level of the tubs. Each First-Class Mail Flat tub will be required to contain a minimum of 50 pieces.

Summary of Application Impacts

Online Reporting: No Impact

Data Feeds: No Impact

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: Yes Validations will be updated to reflect the elimination of bundles in tubs and only allow loose pieces.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes Validations will be updated to reflect the elimination of bundles in tubs and only allow loose pieces.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No ImpactUSPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

13.0 Eliminate DNDC Discount for Marketing Mail, Periodicals and Bound Printed Matter

The US Postal Service is considering eliminating mail entry at NDCs along with the DNDC discount. Mailers who currently prepare NDC volume and claim the DNDC discount will be offered three options in the future state – mixed pallets for Origin Entry (no entry discount); DSCF entry discount; or DDU entry discount.

- Online Reporting: Yes Existing reports will be updated to support elimination of the DNDC discounts for Marketing Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services (BPM) data for letters, flats, and parcels.
- Data Feeds: Yes Existing data feeds will be updated to support elimination of the DNDC Discount for Marketing Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services (BPM) data.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes PS Forms 3605-R, 3602R/N, and 3541 will be updated to reflect the elimination of the DNDC Discount.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes The core rate tables for Marketing Mail (3602 R/N), Periodicals (3541), and Package Services (3605-R) and validations; and the USPS technical specifications for Mail.dat will be updated.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes The core rates tables for Marketing Mail (3602 R/N), Periodicals (3541), and Package Services (3605-R) and validations; and the USPS technical specifications for Mail.XML will be updated.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes The SSF will be updated to remove DNDC references for containers; and the rate ingredients associated to the DNDC discount will be updated.
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes The ICR will be updated to remove DNDC references for containers; and the rate ingredients associated to the DNDC discount will be updated.
- WebTools: Yes The Rate API will be updated to remove mappings of DNDC Discount type from Marketing Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services (BPM).
- USPS API: Yes The Pricing API will be updated to remove the mappings of DNDC Discount type from Marketing Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services (BPM).
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

Competitive Changes

14.0 Nonstandard Fee and Dimension Noncompliance Fee Updates

The US Postal Service is considering updating the rules for package Nonstandard Fee structures. These fees are applicable to Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, USPS Ground Advantage, USPS Connect Local and Parcel Select packages based on the following criteria:

The Nonstandard Fee is currently charged for packages meeting the following criteria:

- a) Length greater than 22 inches but less than or equal to 30 inches.
- b) Length greater than 30 inches.
- c) Cubic volume greater than 2 cubic ft.

The Nonstandard Fee will now also include the Package Characteristics as a criterion:

- a) Cylindrical tubes or rolls.
- b) A can, or wooden or metal box.
- c) A parcel containing more than 24 ounces of liquid in glass containers, or 1 gallon or more of liquid in metal or plastic containers (see DMM 601.3.4).
- d) Other (e.g., parcels prepared under DMM sections 601.3.0 and DMM 601.4.0. with contents that may cause the parcel to roll or not maintain the integrity of the packaging during processing)

The assessment for packages may result in following Nonstandard Fees being charged:

- a) Nonstandard Fee for one of two Length criteria (noted above)
- b) Nonstandard Fee for Volume criteria (noted above)
- c) Nonstandard Fee for Package Characteristics criteria (noted above)
- d) Nonstandard Fee Length + Volume
- e) Nonstandard Fee Package Characteristics + Volume

Note: Only the greater of the two: Length vs. Package Characteristics may be assessed per package. The Dimension Noncompliance Fee will reflect the changes to the Nonstandard Fee criteria. This update will include identification of Package Characteristics in the Manifest.

Summary of Application Impacts

Online Reporting: Yes – The online reports will be updated to include identification of type of assessment for each package.

Data Feeds: Yes – The IV-MTR data feeds will need to include the identification of type of assessment for each package.

Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: Yes – Part S will include lines for four Nonstandard Fee types. These Part S lines will be included in the following statements: PS Forms 3600 FC (USPS Ground Advantage), PS Form 3600 PM (Priority Mail Express), PS Form 3605 (Parcel Select), and PS Form 3560 (Priority Mail Express. Note: this form is only automatically generated by the eVS application). Notice 123 will be updated to reflect these changes.

Mail.dat changes: Yes -

o The SFR Service Codes will be updated as follows:

- § L1 = Nonstandard Fee if Dimension is within first *defined range (inches)'.
- § L2 = Nonstandard Fee if Dimension is within second *defined range (inches)'.
- § L3 = Nonstandard Fee if Package Characteristics is amongst *defined characteristics (list of package characteristics).
- § L4 = Nonstandard Fee if Package Volume is within *defined range (cu. ft.)'.

Refer to Appendix A – Nonstandard Fee Updates for detailed information on Nonstandard Fee implementation.

o The CCR Characteristic Type (allowing value of C = Content) and Characteristic will be updated to include the following values:

§ P1 = Parcel Tube or Roll

§ P2 = Parcel Can, Wood or Metal Box

- § P3 = Parcel Liquid
- § P4 = Parcel Packaging and Preparation
- Mail.XML changes: Yes –
- o The PostageStatementCreateRequest > ServiceCodes will be updated as follows:
- § L1 = Nonstandard Fee if Dimension is within first *defined range (inches)'.
- § L2 = Nonstandard Fee if Dimension is within second *defined range (inches)'.
- § L3 = Nonstandard Fee if Package Characteristics is amongst *defined characteristics (list of package characteristics).
- § L4 = Nonstandard Fee if Package Volume is within *defined range (cu. ft.)'.

Refer to Appendix A – Nonstandard Fee Updates for detailed information on Nonstandard Fee implementation.

- o The PostageStatementCreateRequest > CharacteristicContent will be updated to include the following values:
- § P1 = Parcel Tube or Roll
- § P2 = Parcel Can, Wood or Metal Box
- § P3 = Parcel Liquid
- § P4 = Parcel Packaging and Preparation
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes -
- o New Extra Service Codes will be issued to identify the updated Nonstandard Fee types. Refer to Appendix A Nonstandard Fee Updates for detailed information on Nonstandard Fee implementation.
- § ESC 879 = Package Characteristics
- § ESC 886 = Package Characteristics + Package Volume > 2 cu. ft.
- o The Processing Category field will include values to determine the Package Characteristics
- § D = Parcel Tube or Roll
- § B = Parcel Can, Wood or Metal Box
- § L = Parcel Liquid
- § P = Parcel Packaging and Preparation
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes -
- o New Extra Service Codes will be issued to identify the updated Nonstandard Fee types. Refer to Appendix A Nonstandard Fee Updates for detailed information on Nonstandard Fee implementation.
- § ESC 879 = Package Characteristics
- § ESC 886 = Package Characteristics + Package Volume > 2 cu. ft.
- o The Processing Category field will include values to determine the Package Characteristics
- § D = Parcel Tube or Roll
- § B = Parcel Can, Wood or Metal Box
- § L = Parcel Liquid
- § P = Parcel Packaging and Preparation
- WebTools: Yes Domestic Rate Calculator API will be updated to include the Nonstandard Fee updates. The Rate Response will be updated to include the Nonstandard Fee related information.
- USPS API: Yes Domestic Prices API will be updated to include the Fees for Nonstandard Fee updates.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

15.0 Sealing Ground Advantage Commercial from Inspection & Permitting PII Contents

The US Postal Service is considering changing the MCS to seal Ground Advantage Commercial against inspection to permit contents with PII.

- 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

• Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact

WebTools: No ImpactUSPS API: No Impact

Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

16.0 Updates to PMOD & PMEOD Services – Sack Preparation and Processing

The US Postal Service is considering eliminating the opening of sacks at mail processing and allowing mailable hazardous materials in sacks. To update the Priority Mail Open and Distribute (PMOD) Service to eliminate open & distribute sacks from being opened in Mail Processing facilities, we will update the DMM (and other documents) to state that open & distribute sacks must be prepared as 5-digit only. To eliminate hazmat from PMOD and Priority Mail Express Open and Distribute (PMEOD) open & distribute sacks, we will update the DMM (and other documents) to state that open & distribute sacks may not contain hazmat.

Summary of Application Impacts

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 No impact on file format, but validation logic will be updated to support the proposed changes.
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes No impact on file format, but validation logic will be updated to support the proposed changes.

WebTools: No Impact

USPS API: No Impact

Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

17.0 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 the 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).

18.0 Applicable Technical Specifications

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

18.1.1 Mail.dat eDoc

The below table depicts the Mail.dat specification versions that will be supported with the July 2025 release.

PostalOne! 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			
23-2	Supported	Supported	Supported			
24-1 (New Errata)	-	Supported	Supported			
24-2	-	Supported	Supported			

Note: *Final version(s) of Mail.dat to be supported will be determined based on discussion with DTAC.

Table 1 - PostalOne! System Mail.dat (eDoc) Version Support

Table is for reference only.

18.1.2 Mail.XML eDoc

The below table depicts the Mail.XML specification versions that will be supported with the July 2025 release.

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
25.3	-	Supported	Supported – for updates only
25.4	-	Supported	Supported – for updates only
26.1	-	Supported	Supported – for updates only
26.2	Supported	Supported	Supported
27.0	_	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 2 - Postal

PostalOne! System Mail.XML (eDoc) Version Support

Table is for reference only.

18.2 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 2025 release.

	Data Distribution Mail.XML		MID-CRID Ma	ail.XML	FAST Mail.XML	
Versions	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 3 – PostalOne! System Mail.XML Data Distribution, MID-CRID, and FAST Specification Version Support

Table is for reference only.

18.2.1 Updates to Shipping Services File (SSF) Version Support

The below table depicts the specification versions that will be supported with the July 2025 release.

eVS Shipping Services File Version Support						
VersionsVersions Supported Prior to ReleaseVersions Supported on and A Release						
1.6	Supported	Supported				
1.7	Supported	Supported				
2.0	Supported	Supported				

Note: No change to currently supported versions. New rate ingredients (or combinations of existing rates) may be required to support the proposed changes.

Table 4 - Electronic Verification System (eVS) Shipping Services File Version Support

Table is for reference only.

Appendix A - Nonstandard Fee Updates

Nonstandard Fee Implementation - Current

File Type	Field	22 < Length <= 30 (unit: inches)	Length > 30 (unit: inches)	Volume > 2 (unit: cu. Ft.)	22 < Length <= 30 (unit: inches) AND Volume > 2 (unit: cu. Ft.)	Length > 30 (Unit: inches) AND Volume > 2 (unit: cu. Ft.)
Mail.dat	Service Type	L1	L2	L3	L1 and L4	L2 and L4
Mail.XML	Service Code	L1	L2	L3	L1 and L4	L2 and L4
Shipping Services File (SSF)	Extra Service Code	881	882	883	884 OR 881 and 883	885 OR 882 and 883
Indicium Creation Record (ICR) file	Extra Service Code	881	882	883	884 OR 881 and 883	885 OR 882 and 883

Table 5 – Current Nonstandard Fee Implementation

Nonstandard Fee Implementation - Proposed

File Type	Field	22 < Length <= 30 (unit: inches)	Length > 30 (unit: inches)	Volume > 2 (unit: cu. Ft.)	Package Characteristics Cylindrical tubes or rolls, can, wooden box, metal box, more than 24 oz. liquid, etc.	LENGTH AND VOLUME 22 < Length <= 30 (unit: inches) AND Volume > 2 (unit: cu. Ft.) OR Length > 30 (Unit: inches) AND Volume > 2 (unit: cu. Ft.)	CHARACTERISTIC AND VOLUME Volume > 2 (unit: cu. Ft.) AND Package Characteristics
Mail.dat	Service Type	L1	L2	L3	L3	L1 and L4 OR L2 and L4	L3 and L4
Mail.XML	Service Code	L1	L2	L3	L3	L1 and L4 OR L2 and L4	L3 and L4
Shipping Services File (SSF)	Extra Service Code	881	882	883	New ESC 879	884 (or 881 and 883) OR 885 (or 882 and 883)	886 (or 879 and 883)
Indicium Creation Record (ICR) file	Extra Service Code	881	882	883	New ESC 879	884 (or 881 and 883) OR 885 (or 882 and 883)	886 (or 879 and 883)

Table 6 - Proposed Nonstandard Fee Implementation

Three Types of Nonstandard Fee - Proposed

The below image demonstrates the dimensional weight and the four types of nonstandard fees.

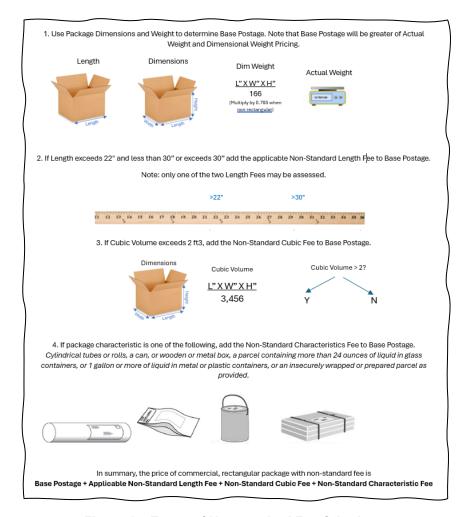


Figure 1 - Types of Nonstandard Fee Criteria

Package Attributes

Packages shipped by USPS will be assessed based on data within the following files. In addition to data provided by customers, USPS will use the scan and sample data from mail processing equipment to assess the fees.

- Shipping Services Files (SSF) for permit imprint shippers that use SSF to pay for packages
 - o Length, Width, Height, Processing Category
 - o Extra Service Fees, Extra Service Codes
- Indicium Creation Records (ICR) for PC Postage vendors that use ICR to pay for packages
 - Length, Width, Height, Processing Category
 - Extra Service Fees, Extra Service Codes
- Mail.dat for permit imprint shippers that use Mail.dat to pay for packages
 - SFR/ServiceCode
 - CCT/Characteristics
 - Mail Piece Unit Length, Width, Thickness

19.0 Document History

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