Guide to USPS Ship

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USPS Ship Overview

USPS Ship significantly improves manifest processing, package pricing, verification, and payment for commercial manifest shippers. USPS Ship features several benefits:

- Support for Connect Local and Connect Local Mail
- Advanced pricing logic automatically corrects rate ingredients within the manifest
- Performing the same validations across channels (Online, APIs, PC Postage and Manifest)
- Providing refunds for overpayment
- Limiting sampling to delivery unit entered packages
- Customizable data feeds

USPS Ship offers streamlined enrollment using a Customer Registration ID (CRID), Mailer ID (MID), and Enterprise Payment Account (EPA). Manifest files are submitted by shippers and validated/auto-corrected by the USPS Ship program. The advanced pricing logic allows the system to automatically correct and price packages. The packages included in the manifest are priced using the submitted rate ingredients (weight, dimensions, entry, packaging) and Negotiation Service Agreements (NSAs) for eligible shippers.

USPS Ship uses manifest data, scan data, and package attributes to validate accurate postage payment. The captured attributes are compared to the manifested attributes to determine if there are discrepancies in postage. Additional postage may be charged or refunded based on this data.

Individual package level details, transaction details, and adjustment details are available for review and download through customizable Informed Visibility® Mail Tracking & Reporting (IV®-MTR) data feeds and USPS Ship online reports in CSV and Excel formats.

USPS Ship Enrollment

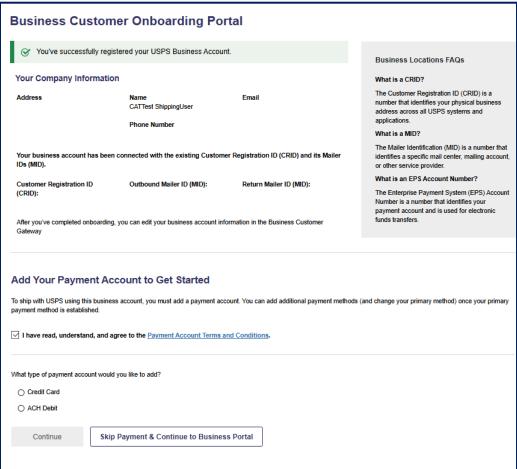
All shippers that wish to participate in the USPS Ship program must enroll via the Customer Onboarding Portal (COP). The following steps must be completed to enroll in USPS Ship:

Create a USPS Business Account

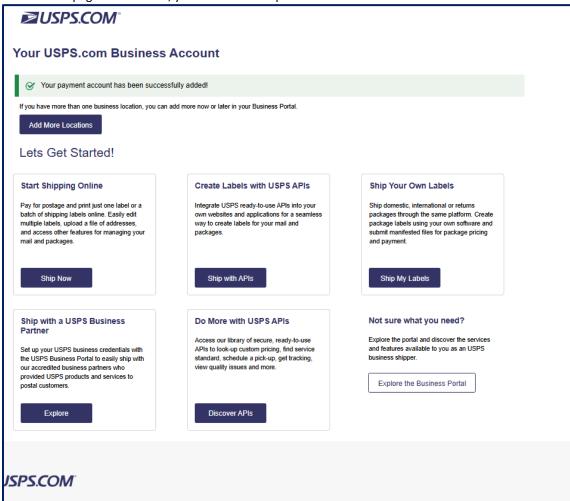
1. Shippers must navigate to the <u>Customer Onboarding Portal</u> to register for a USPS Business Account to begin enrolling in USPS Ship. Create a username, password, enter security information, and enter contact information.



2. In the Business Customer Onboarding Portal, you will need to enter your company's payment information to enroll in USPS Ship.



3. Once a payment method is set up and you are enrolled in USPS Ship, you will be navigated to the "Lets Get Started" page. At this time, you will select "Ship Now".



Subscribe to IV-MTR Data Feeds

Once shippers are enrolled in USPS Ship, they should set up any desired data feeds through the USPS Informed Visibility® Mail Tracking & Reporting (IV®-MTR) application. Instructions for signing up can be found further down in the *IV-MTR Data Feeds* section of this document.

USPS Ship Online Reports Access

Once shippers are enrolled in USPS Ship, they can request access to *USPS Ship Reports* before they begin shipping with USPS. To do so, shippers should login to the BCG and request access to *USPS Ship Reports* under the *Shipping Services* section. Instructions for signing up can be found further down in the *USPS Ship Reports* section of this document.

Manifest Preparation and Submission

USPS Ship customers have several options for generating package labels: using their own or commercial off-the-shelf software, connecting to <u>Click N' Ship</u>, or connecting to <u>USPS APIs</u>.

Customers may create and submit a manifest file (SSF version 1.6, 1.7, or 2.0) including rate ingredients (weight, dimensions, packaging, entry) postage, and payment method for each package to USPS via PDX, SFTP, or AS2. USPS Ship validates the weight, dimensions, entry, and packaging provided in the manifest for each package so that they can be priced appropriately. If the individual packages cannot be priced, then advanced processing logic is used to update the incorrect pricing elements. Details on updated pricing elements can be found in the IV-MTR data feeds.

USPS Ship supports Commercial and Negotiated Service Agreements (NSAs), as well as supporting Sunday/Holiday Delivery. Shippers should work with USPS sales to be approved for either Commercial or NSA pricing.

USPS Ship transactions are applied to the customer's Enterprise Payment Account (ACH Debit or Pre-funded account) on the day the manifest is processed. Enterprise Payment Accounts can be set up during the onboarding process through the Customer Onboarding Portal.

Details for manifest creation can be found in <u>USPS Publication 199</u>. The complete list of valid rate ingredient combinations can be found in <u>USPS Publication 205</u>.

Validations

USPS Ship performs validations for all enrolled shippers. These are performed at the manifest, sampling, and scan levels to confirm entry, weight, dimensions, and other elements of postage payment. Captured attributes are compared to claimed attributes to determine if there are postage differences between the manifest and physical package. If differences are identified, a postage adjustment is generated, and the shipper is charged or refunded for the difference in postage. All adjustments are applied to the shipper's EPA. Shippers can view all adjustments through data extracts and online reports.

Package Quality Noncompliance

Shippers are assessed noncompliance fees when manifests are submitted that have noncompliant pieces that exceed the allowable thresholds. There are three Package Quality validation metrics: Address Quality, Manifest Quality and Barcode Quality. Further information on Package Quality Noncompliance thresholds is in <u>Publication</u> 199, Section 1.2.1 Package Quality Compliance Rules.

Postage for Package Quality Noncompliance will be collected on the 15th of the following month.

Census

Shippers are required to pay the correct postage based on weight and physical dimensions. USPS Ship will break down the physical attribute validation into two separate validations dependent on claimed destination entry type.

Postage for Census, including Census Attribute and Mis-shipped Verification, is aggregated upon package delivery and charged to the EPA.

Census Attribute

Origin, Network Distribution Center (NDC), and Sectional Center Facility (SCF) entered packages will be validated through census verifications based on attributes captured on Mail Processing Equipment (MPE). Some Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) entered packages will also be validated through census verifications. Captured weight and dimensions will be compared to manifested values to check for accuracy; if weights or dimension values fall outside a configurable tolerance, captured values will be used in repricing. Packages will be assessed individually upon receiving a delivery scan and shortpaid/overpaid will be identified based on captured attributes. Charges are aggregated and charged to the EPA.

MisShipped Verification

Shippers must deposit packages at the correct Entry Facility based upon the entry price claimed in the manifest for NDC, SCF or DDU entered packages. USPS Ship validates the location at which a package is first scanned on any USPS equipment is correct based on the entry discount and entry location claimed in the manifest for any destination entry prices claimed. Shippers are required to deposit packages at the correct entry location stated in the manifest. USPS Ships performs the following for the MisShipped verification:

- The first physical scan of the package is compared to the destination entry facility in the manifest
- Destination ZIP Code and Destination Rate Indicator are compared to the Facility Access and Shipment Tracking (FAST), Mail Direction File (MDF), Address, and Parcel files to determine the correct Dropship location
- The ZIP Code of the first physical scan event is compared to the expected Dropship Location
- If the ZIP Code of the first physical scan event does not match the expected Dropship Location, then a MisShipped error is logged
- MisShipped errors are included in the Census Verification

Due to emergency closures or unforeseen circumstances, alternate centers may be identified where shippers may drop mail if the facility identified in the MDF is closed. In these instances, redirection will be published in the form

of Mail Direction Errata files. USPS Ship will ingest these files, identify impacted packages, and remove erroneous errors.

Shippers currently have a 30-day grace period between the Effective Date of the MDF and the Mandatory Usage Date.

To address potential false positives from co-located facilities, if an SCF scan occurs in the same 5-digit ZIP of the DDU at which it should have been scanned, an error will not be logged.

To address concerns over rerouted packages, if a package's first physical scan is downstream from the claimed entry facility, no error will be logged. For example: If the claimed entry in the manifest file is an NDC and the first physical scan occurs at an SCF within that NDC, then no error will be logged.

Postage for MisShipped errors will be collected upon package delivery, and the aggregated charges will be applied to the EPA.

Statistical Quality Assessment (SQA)

Packages entered at DDU sites (excluding ADUS sites) will be randomly sampled for validation and may be assessed additional postage if they exceed the Statistical Quality Assessment (SQA) of 1.5%.

The DDU sampling approach will combine a risk-based sampling model and statistical best practices, including a random sample generator based on manifest volume and a sample audit process to identify system generated samples. Additional samples conducted at the discretion of the USPS employees will be assessed through census verifications.

Extrapolated postage will be applied by using an SQA. The SQA threshold is 1.5%.

The formula used to calculate the SQA is below.

 $\frac{Sampled\ Postage\ -\textit{Manifest Postage}}{\textit{Manifest Postage}}$

Postage for SQA will be collected on the 15th of the following month.

Duplicates

Shippers are required to include unique IMpbs on individual packages within a 120-day period. Duplicate packages are priced using the shipper's monthly average for the Mail Class and Program. USPS Ship implemented a supplemental augmented Machine Learning (ML) model to evaluate additional characteristics of possible duplicate packages in addition to scan type counts to eliminate false positives. Postage for duplicate packages is assessed on the 15th of the following month.

USPS Ship will identify duplicate packages as follows:

- Packages with two or more sets of Arrival at Unit scans (07), En Route (10), and multiple Delivery (01) scans within 120 days without a second associated manifest will be flagged.
- Packages will receive a second level review process that verifies the pieces are truly duplicates. Potential duplicates will be removed under the following conditions:
 - Returned pieces
 - 09 Return to Sender
 - 21 Returned to Sender No Such Number
 - 22 Returned to Sender Insufficient Address
 - 23 Returned to Sender Moved, Left No Address
 - 24 Returned to Sender Forward Expired

- 25 Returned to Sender Address Unknown
- 26 Returned to Sender Vacant
- 27 Returned to Sender Unclaimed
- 28 Returned to Sender Deceased
- 29 Returned to Sender Other
- Forwarded pieces
 - 06 NA Forwarded
- Pieces that have multiple manifest payment records
- Pieces with the following scan events
 - 04 Refused
 - 05 Undeliverable as Addressed
 - 08 Missent
 - 14 Available for Agent Pickup
 - 30 No Access to Delivery Location
 - 31 Return to Sender / Not picked up
 - 32 Disposed by Post Office
 - 33 Sent to Mailer Recovery Center
 - 51 Notice left business closed
- Additional events are excluded from duplicates:
 - Delivery (01) scans sourced from Firmsheet
 - A second (or third, fourth, etc.) manifest is received that matches the second (or third, fourth, etc.) package
 - o Two (or more) AAU (07) scans that happen within 5 minutes of each-other
 - o Two (or more) packages with Delivery (01) scans that meet all the criteria below
 - the exact same event date and time (hh:mm:ss),
 - the same event zip code

Unmanifested Errors

Shippers must submit manifests for all packages that are tendered by USPS. USPS Ship compares package scans to manifests to determine if a manifest exists for the package. If a manifest is not found, an unmanifested warning is triggered. If a manifest is submitted and fails validations, the packages submitted in the manifest will be considered unmanifested until a corrections file addressing the errors is processed.

- USPS Ship will associate every package scan from Mail Processing Equipment (MPE) to a package manifest up to 120 days in the past. If no match is found the package will be flagged as an unmanifested warning.
- USPS Ship will attempt to match manifest records to unmanifested warnings until the 7th of the following month. If no match is found, the unmanifested warning will be upgraded to an unmanifested error and postage will be collected.
 - Unmanifested packages will be priced based on captured package attributes. In the event attributes are not available, averages will be used.
 - Unmanifested packages will be charged at NSA rates if the shipper's percentage of unmanifested packages are within the configurable threshold. If the percentage is outside of the threshold, then the packages will be charged at Commercial Rates.
 - Unmanifested packages will be assigned to a customer based on the Mailer ID embedded in the IMpb.

Shippers have until the 7th of the following month to submit a manifest for the package to prevent unmanifested errors. If the manifest is not submitted, shippers are charged for the unmanifested packages.

Postage for unmanifested packages will be collected on the 15th of the following month.

Unmanifested Fees

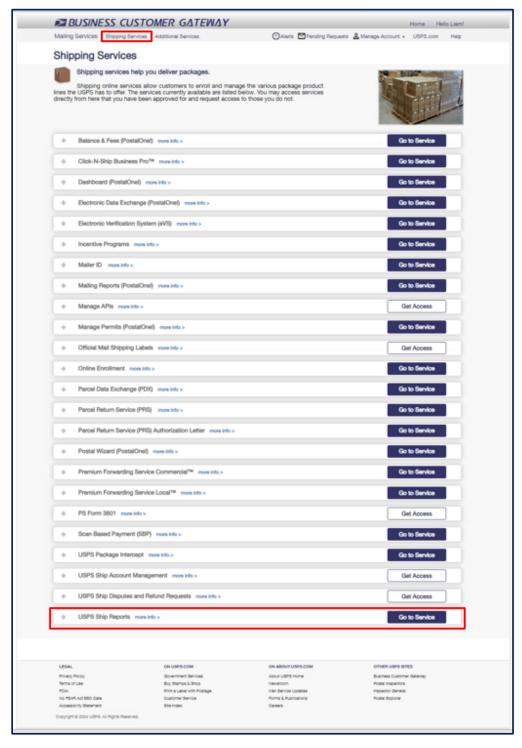
USPS Ship calculates the percentage of unmanifested packages (unmanifested ratio) for the combination of CRID, Program (Outbound), Mail Class, Month and Year for each shipper to determine if the shipper's unmanifested packages are above the threshold (initially set to 4%). If the Unmanifested Ration is above the threshold, then an Unmanifested fee will be applied to all unmanifested packages.

Shippers with NSAs must maintain a 0.25% unmanifested ratio to maintain their NSA pricing for the unmanifested packages.

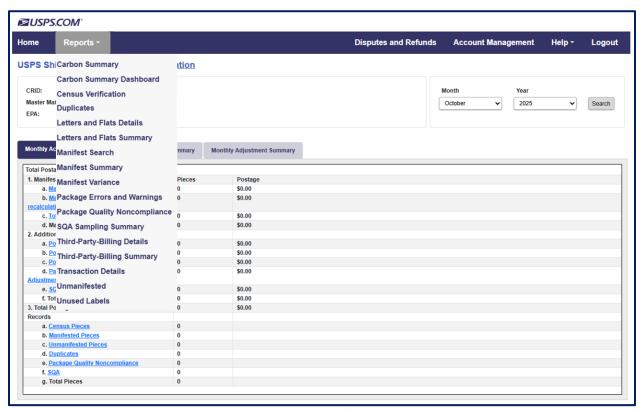
The unmanifested fee will be collected on the 15th of the following month.

USPS Ship Reports

USPS Ship data is available to shippers through external online reports. Shippers must enroll in the USPS Ship Reports service through the BCG to access the reports. They must have access to an EPS Account and must be assigned to a role in EPS to view the online reports in USPS Ship.



Upon selecting the "Go to Service" button the shippers will be navigated to the USPS Ship Home page.



Shippers can search for data based on the date range and sort/filter by Mailer Name, Permit #, EPA, MID, CRID, Status, and Type. All reports are exportable in CSV and Excel format. Reports are generated in near real-time as data is processed. The monthly adjustment reports are generated when the adjustment is charged to the shipper's EPA. Shippers will be able to view information for their manifests and adjustments in the reports:

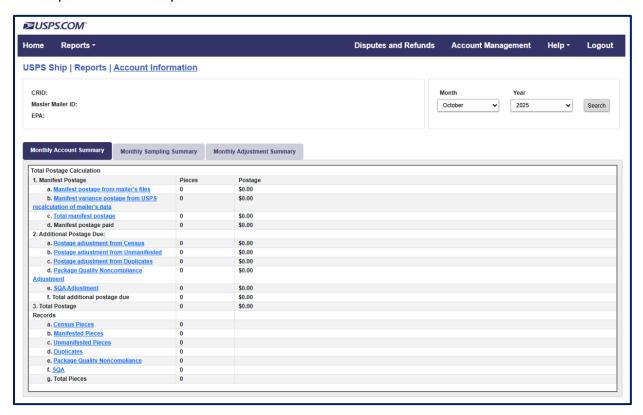
- Manifest Information
 - Manifest Search
 - Manifest Summary
 - Manifest Variance
 - Transaction Details
 - Unused Labels
- Adjustment Information
 - Census Verification
 - Duplicates
 - o Package Errors and Warnings
 - Package Quality Noncompliance
 - SQA Sampling Summary
 - Unmanifested

Additional information for these online reports is included below.

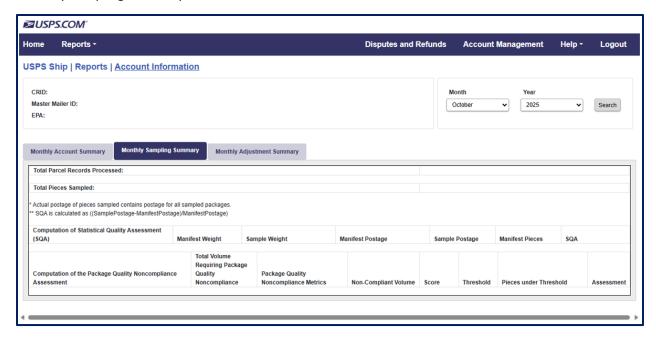
Account Information

Account Information Report: displays the shippers Monthly Account Summary, Monthly Sampling Summary, and Monthly Adjustment Summary to provide shippers with their current monthly outlook in near real-time.

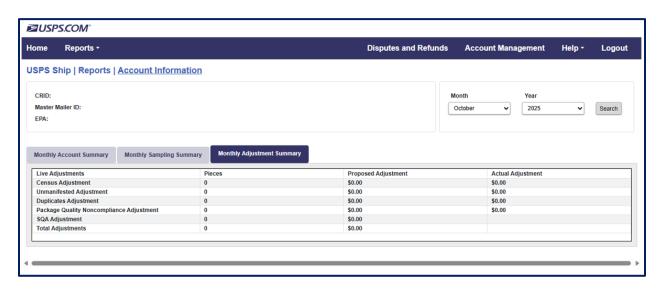
Monthly Account Summary



Monthly Sampling Summary

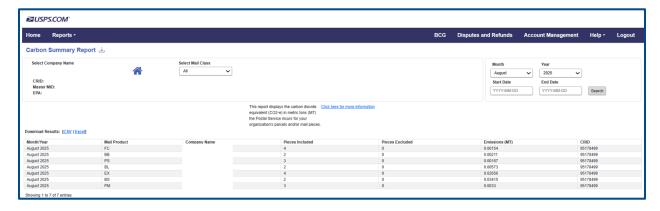


Monthly Adjustment Summary



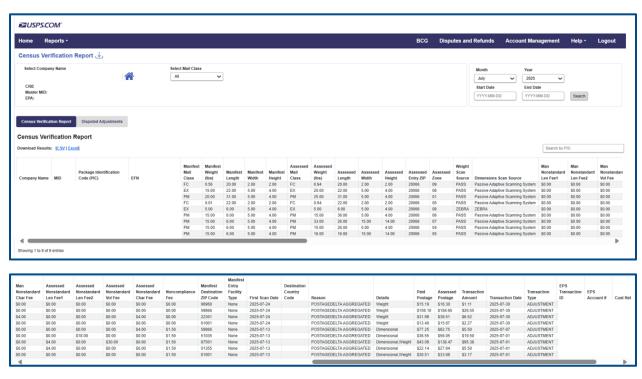
Carbon Summary Report

Carbon Summary: displays the carbon dioxide impact (in metric tons) that the USPS incurs for a shipper's parcels.



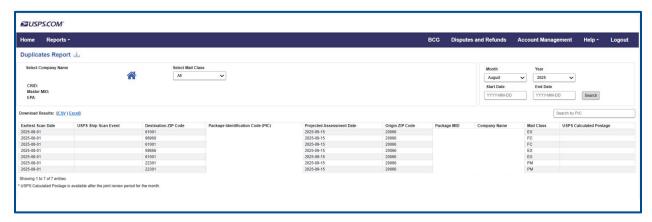
Census Verification Report

Census Verification Report: displays a list of packages that include census errors due to incorrect packaging, weight, dimensions, entry/zone discrepancies.



Duplicates Report

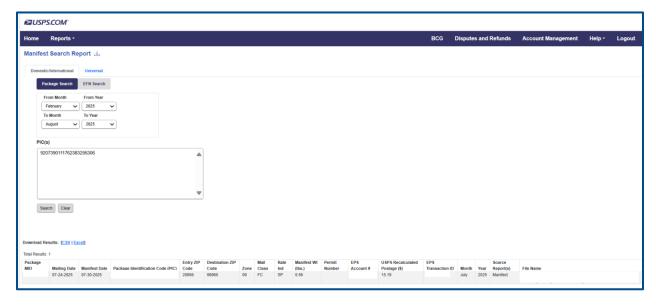
Duplicates Report: displays a list of packages that were identified as duplicates. A duplicate package is flagged when multiple packages have the same Tracking Number within a 120-day window, and they are not paid for.



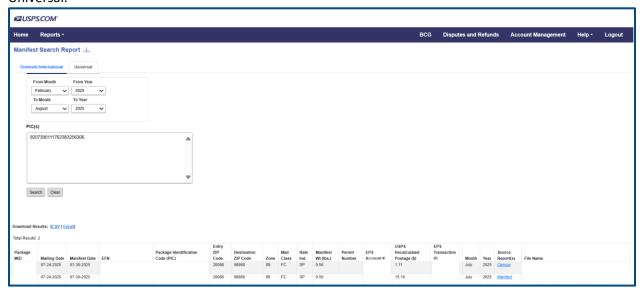
Manifest Search Report

Manifest Search Report displays PIC(s) or EFN(s) files to view packages that have been manifested.

Domestic/International: Package Search

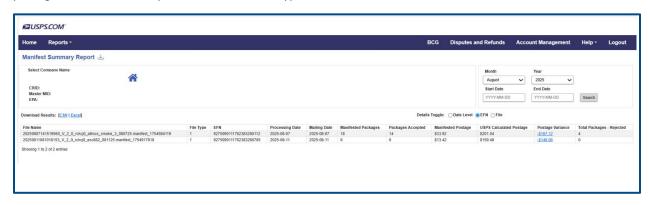


Universal:



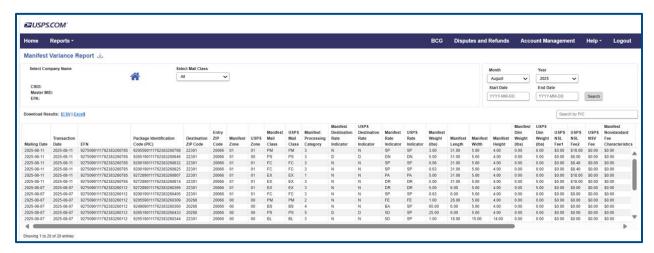
Manifest Summary Report

Manifest Summary Report: displays the total number of packages, total postage, and postage variance for all packages submitted for a specific EFN, Date, File Type.



Manifest Variance Report

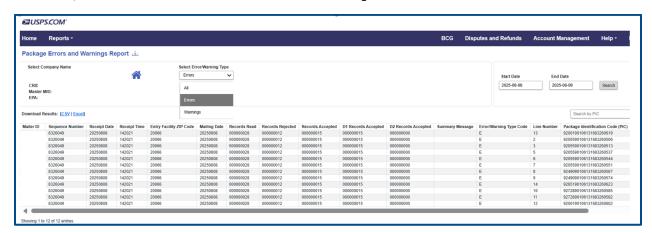
Manifest Variance Report: displays a list of packages and the difference between manifested postage and USPS calculated postage.

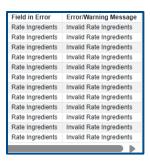


Manifest Surcharge	Manifest Extra Serv	Manifest Total Postage	USPS Extra Serv	USPS Total Postage	Total Variance
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.42	\$18.00	\$26.43	\$18.01
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$6.00	\$12.17	\$11.17
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$8.40	\$12.60	\$11.60
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$8.40	\$13.78	\$12.78
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$18.00	\$47.25	\$46.25
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$18.00	\$47.25	\$46.25
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$29.25	\$28.25
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$5.38	\$4.38
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.05	\$0.00	\$9.70	\$1.65
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$52.47	\$51.47
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$18.34	\$17.34
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$4.25	\$3.25

Package Errors and Warnings Report

Package Errors and Warnings Report: displays all packages that were accepted and rejected by EFN. For packages with errors, there will be additional details on errors and warnings.

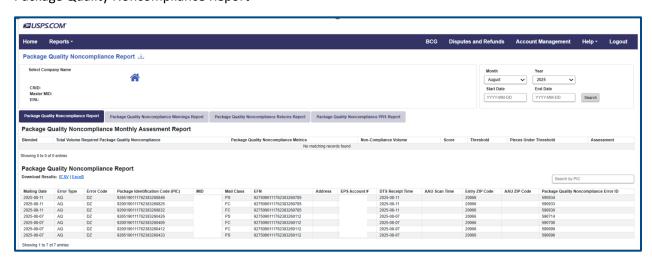




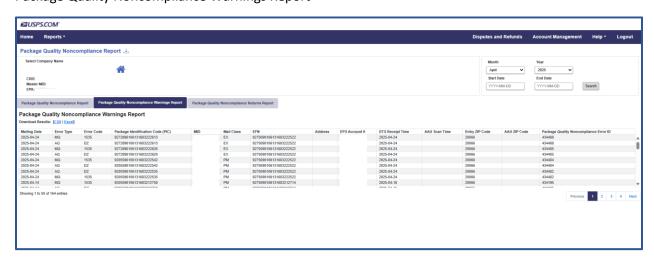
Package Quality Noncompliance Report

Package Quality Noncompliance Report: displays a list of packages that were flagged IMpb Compliance Types.

Package Quality Noncompliance Report



Package Quality Noncompliance Warnings Report

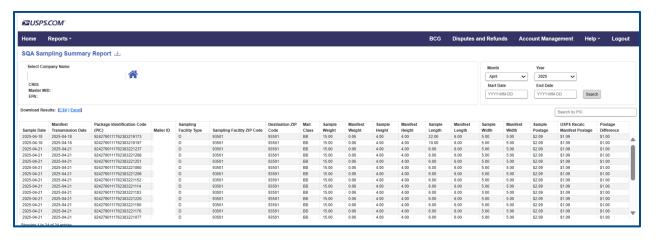


Package Quality Noncompliance Returns Report



SQA Sampling Summary Report

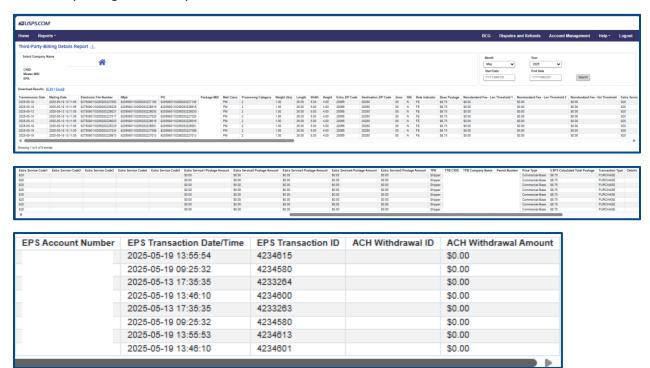
SQA Sampling Summary Report: displays a comparison of the manifested weight, dimensions, mail class and the sampled weight, dimensions, mail class along with the postage variance as a result of sampling.



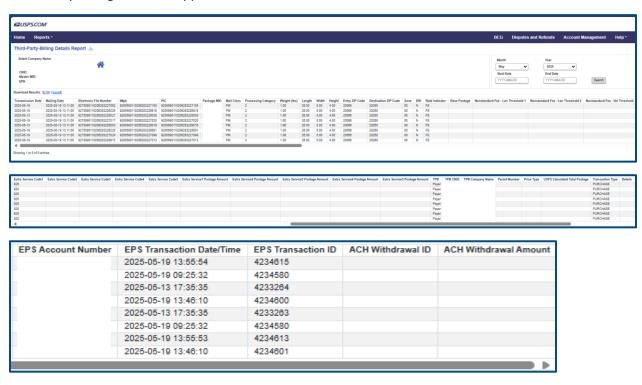
Third Party Billing Details Report

Third Party Billing Details Report: displays billing and transaction details for the Third Party Billing payer and shipper.

Third Party Billing Details: Payer



Third Party Billing Details: Shipper



Third Party Billing Summary Report

Third Party Billing Summary Report: displays summarized information for the Third Party Billing payer and shipper.

Third Party Billing Summary: Payer

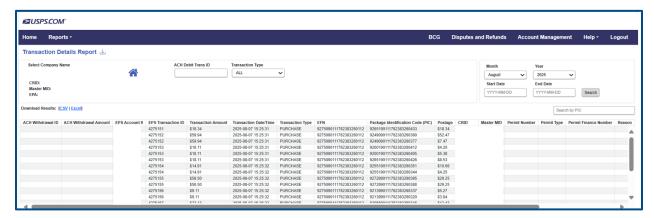


Third Party Billing Summary: Shipper



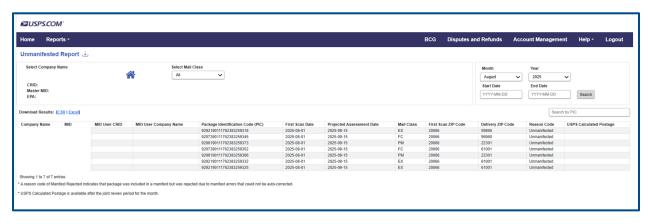
Transaction Details Report

Transaction Details Report: provides the ability to search for transactions associated to a debit transaction ID or for a company over a given period.



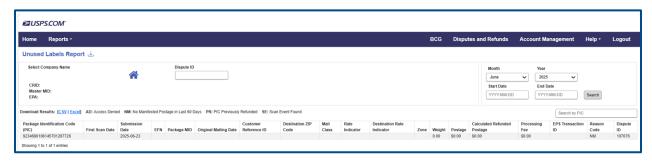
Unmanifested Report

Unmanifested Report: displays a list of packages that have scans with no manifest. If/when a manifest is received, the package is removed from the report.



Unused Labels Report

Unused Labels Report: provides a list of packages that were submitted for an unused label refund request.



IV-MTR Data Feeds

USPS Ship data is available to shippers through Informed Visibility® Mail Tracking & Reporting (IV-MTR). IV-MTR enables shippers to customize data feeds, provides multiple data file formats and delivery methods, enables roles and permissions to determine a shipper's data visibility, and offers flexible data delegation to receive and provide data visibility.

Shippers must enroll in IV-MTR for a CRID through Business Customer Gateway (BCG). The first user to request access to the IV-MTR service will become the Business Service Administrator (BSA). BSAs can grant access to other users, control data visibility, manage data delegation, and manage user roles and permissions. Shippers have the option to subscribe to various feeds, select data elements for each feed, select the frequency of each feed, select file format, and delivery destinations. Detailed Instructions for accessing IV-MTR can be found at Applying for Access to Informed Visibility Mail Tracking & Reporting on PostalPro. Detailed instructions for customizing data feeds can be found at Orientation Training for Informed Visibility Mail Tracking & Reporting on PostalPro.

The following data feeds are available via IV-MTR. **Detailed data field descriptions for each data feed can be found in the <u>USPS Ship Data Dictionary</u>.**

Census Attributes

Includes a list of packages charged additional postage due to a mismatch between the pricing elements from the manifest and from processing for packaging, weight, dimensions, or entry/zone.

Duplicate Packages

Includes a list of packages that were identified as duplicates and were not initially paid for and have been assessed postage. Includes warnings, warning removals, and error confirmations in the duplicate IMpb data feeds.

Package Quality Noncompliance Daily Assessment

Includes the summary of the daily threshold for Package Quality Noncompliance/IMpb (% of packages in error).

Package Quality Noncompliance Error Details

Includes packages that have an error for Barcode Quality, Address Quality, or Manifest Quality.

Package Quality Noncompliance Monthly Assessment

Includes assessment details on Barcode Quality, Address Quality, or Manifest Quality for the month.

Package Quality Noncompliance Monthly Transaction

Includes packages that exceed threshold for Barcode Quality, Address Quality, or Manifest Quality.

Outbound Transaction Payment Details

Displays a list of individual package charges that were aggregated into a single EPS transaction; updating to include ACH withdrawal amount; include Third Party Billing (TPB) Indicator, TPB CRID, TPB Company Name.

Package Errors and Warnings (PEW)

Includes a breakdown of package level rate ingredients (i.e. extra service) used to calculate total postage charged. The extract includes Enterprise Payment System (EPS) transaction information and, where applicable, the ACH Debit Transaction ID.

Package Transaction Details

Includes a breakdown of package level rate ingredients (i.e. extra service) used to calculate total postage charged. The extract includes Enterprise Payment System (EPS) transaction information and, where applicable, the ACH Debit Transaction ID.

Platform Commission Report

Details on Connect eCommerce commission payments for participating platforms.

Pricing Notification

Includes the IMpb and rate elements that were used to price the package.

SQA Monthly Assessment

Includes the Statistical Quality Adjustment (SQA) for DDU entry that will be charged for the month.

SQA Monthly Transaction

Includes the Statistical Quality Analysis (SQA) for DDU entry that was charged for the month.

SQA Package Level Details

Includes the manifested pricing elements and sample pricing elements that were used for the Statistical Quality Analysis (SQA) for DDU entry.

Transaction Details Report

Displays a list of individual package charges that were aggregated into a single EPS transaction.

Unmanifested Packages

Includes a list of packages that were not initially paid for and have been assessed postage. A package is identified as unmanifested when a scan is received without a corresponding manifest. Include warnings, warning removals, and error confirmations in the pieces without a manifest data feed.

Unused Label Refund Request

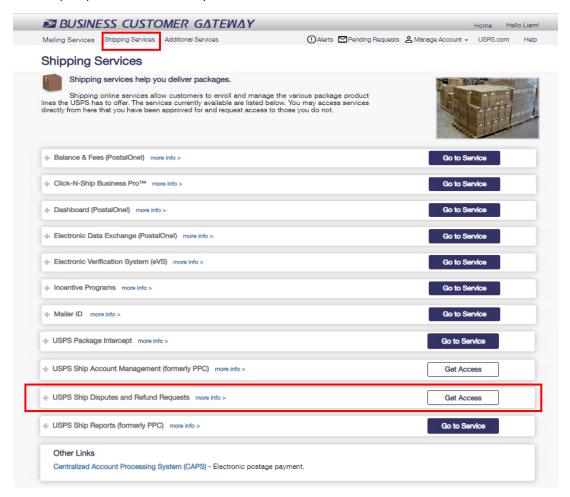
Includes the unused labels that were submitted for a refund and the rejection reason (if applicable).

Variance

Displays the packages with postage discrepancies calculated between manifested pricing elements and manifest postage provided in the manifest.

Disputes and Refund Requests

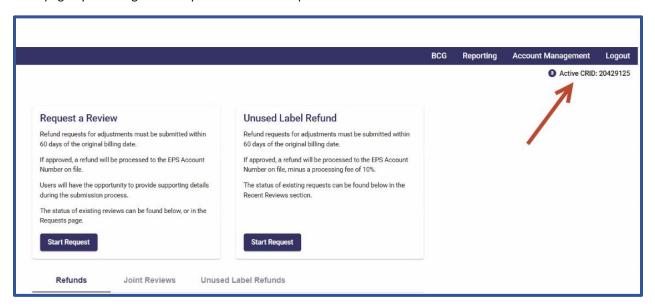
Shippers can initiate disputes for adjustments that were applied and charged through USPS Ship by accessing the USPS Ship Disputes and Refund Requests service on the BCG.

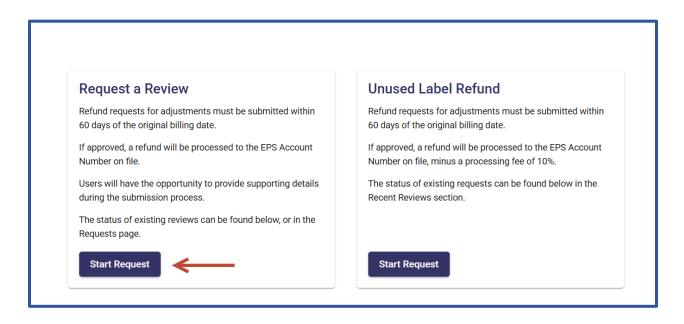


To start a dispute, a shipper must prepare a text file that consists of one or more EPS transactions and PIC(s)/Tracking Number(s) to be included in the dispute. This information can be found in the Commercial Mailing and Shipping Details report in EPS. Once the list of transactions and Tracking Number that are going to be disputed has been prepared, the shipper may initiate a dispute. Shippers must upload a text file that includes a list of packages to be reviewed. USPS Ship performs validations to ensure that the list is formatted correctly, and a transaction exists for the Tracking Numbers in question. Shippers will have the opportunity to provide supporting details during the submission process. A USPS Analyst reviews the dispute to determine if it is valid and should be approved. If the dispute is approved, then the shipper's EPS Account will be refunded. The status of each dispute is available in the application for shippers to review within the application.

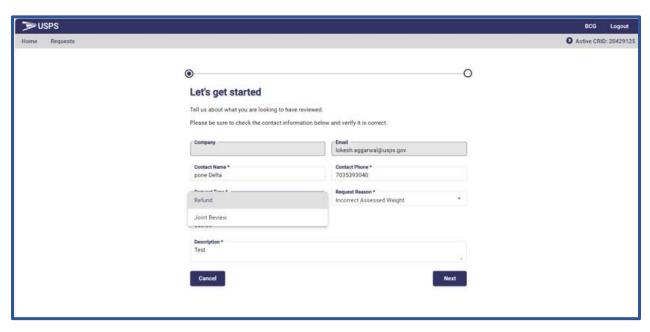
Refund requests for adjustments must be submitted within 60 days of the original billing.

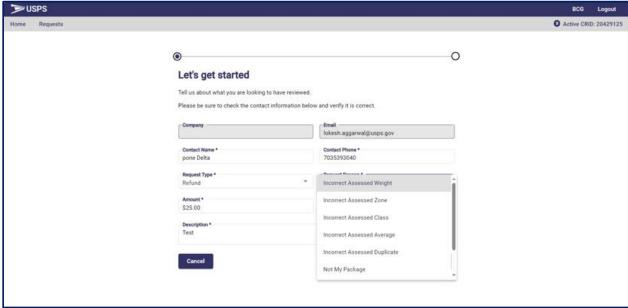
<u>Step 1 – USPS Ship Disputes and Refunds Homepage</u> – Click 'Active CRID' and select the correct CRID for the dispute. Shippers have the option to submit a Single or Bulk Dispute request via the Disputes and Refunds Homepage by selecting 'Start Request' under the Request a Review menu.



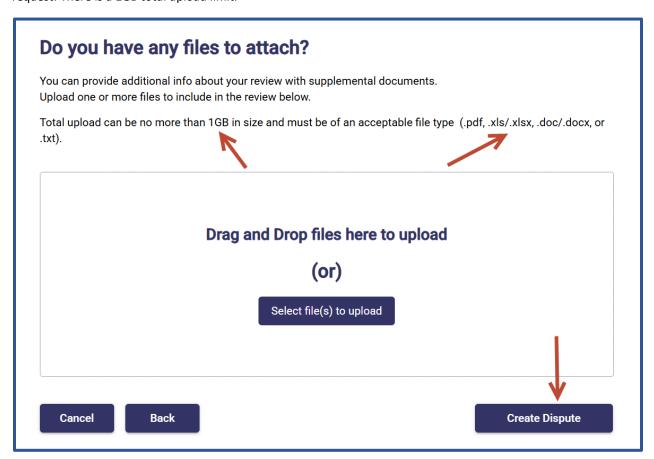


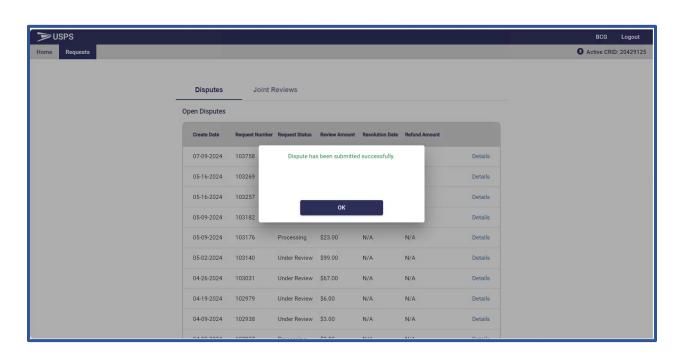
<u>Step 2 – Select Request Type -</u> Select Refund from the request type drop down and provide a Request Reason, Amount (\$), and a brief Description of the reason for a refund. Select Next to proceed to the next page when the correct Information is entered.





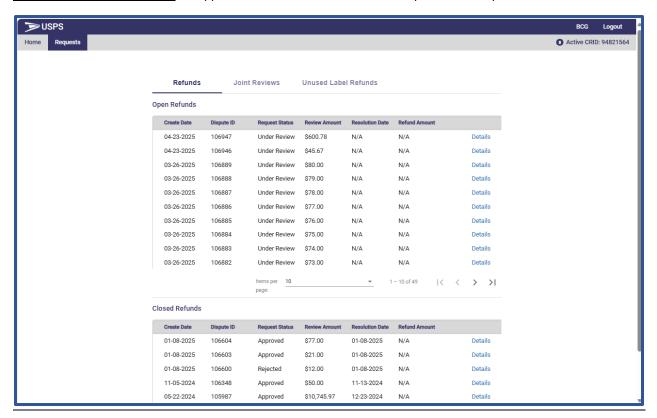
<u>Step 3 – Upload File Page</u> – Shippers have the option to upload multiple file(s) one at a time to support the Refund request. There is a 1GB total upload limit.





After the files are uploaded and the Refund request is submitted, a USPS employee will begin reviewing the request.

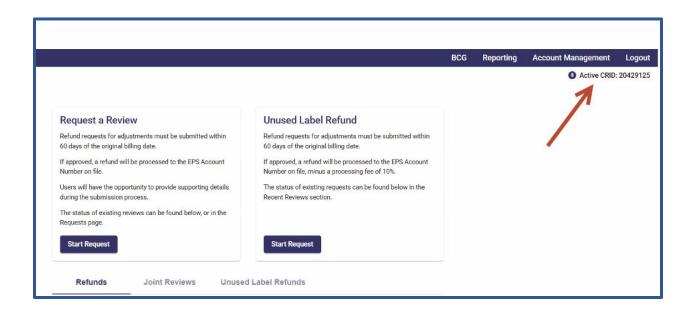
<u>Step 5 – Review Request Page</u> – Shippers can review the status of their requests in the Open Refunds table.

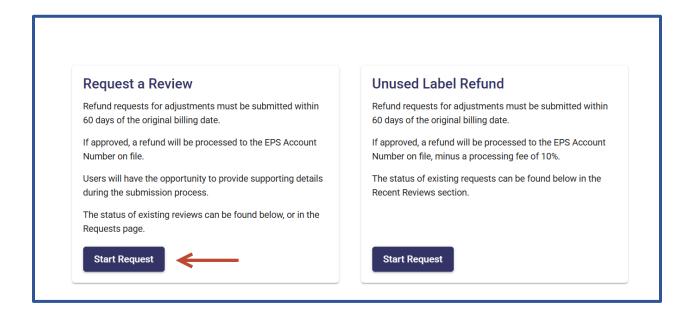


Joint Reviews

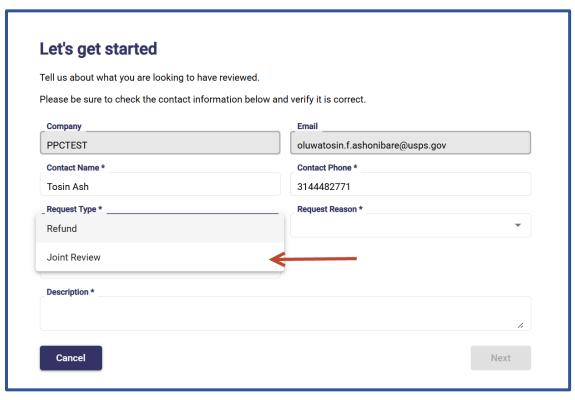
Shippers can initiate a Joint Review for a pending assessment by accessing the USPS Ship Disputes and Refund Requests service on the BCG.

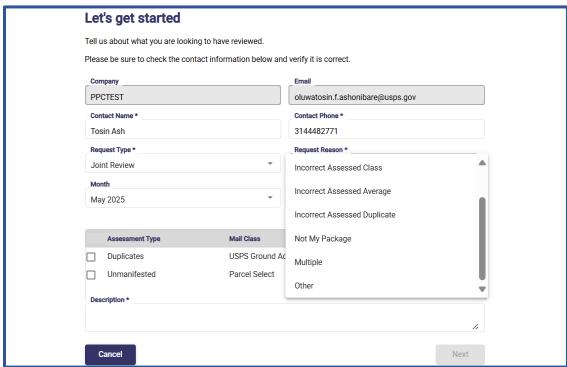
<u>Step 1 – USPS Ship Disputes and Refunds Homepage</u> – Click 'Active CRID' and select the correct CRID for the dispute. Shippers have the option to submit a Joint Review request via the Disputes and Refunds Homepage by selecting 'Start Request' under the Request a Review menu.



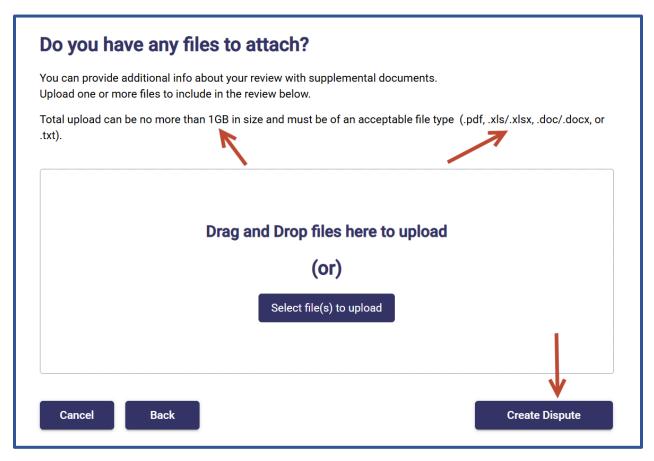


<u>Step 2 – Request Joint Review</u> - Select Joint Review from the Request Type dropdown, enter a reason for the Joint Review, and select the pending assessments for the previous month that they would like to have reviewed. Shippers will only be allowed to initiate a Joint Review if there is a pending assessment available on the screen.





<u>Step 3 – Upload File Page</u> – Shippers have the option to upload multiple file(s) one at a time to support the Refund request. There is a 1GB total upload limit.



After the files are uploaded and the Joint Review request is submitted, a USPS employee will begin reviewing the request.

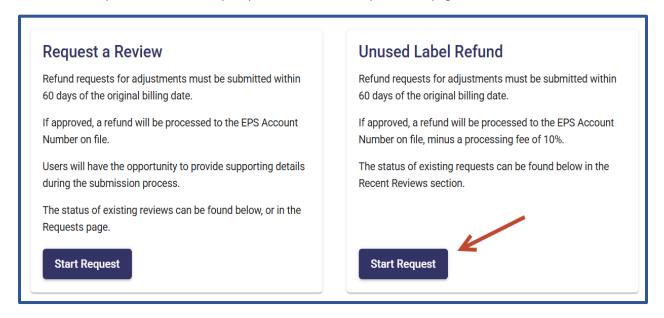
<u>Step 4 – Review Request Page</u> – Shippers can review the status of their requests in the Open Joint Reviews table.



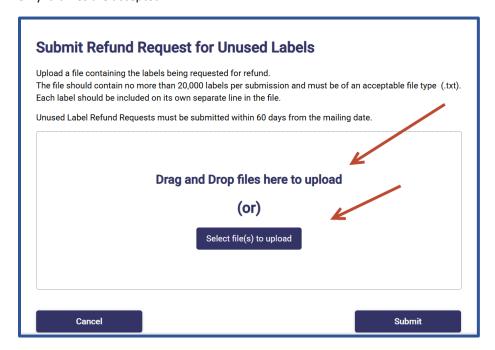
Unused Labels

Shippers can submit an Unused Label Refund Request through the USPS Ship Disputes and Refunds application for labels that were included in a Shipping Services File and charged to the EPA but not actually shipped.

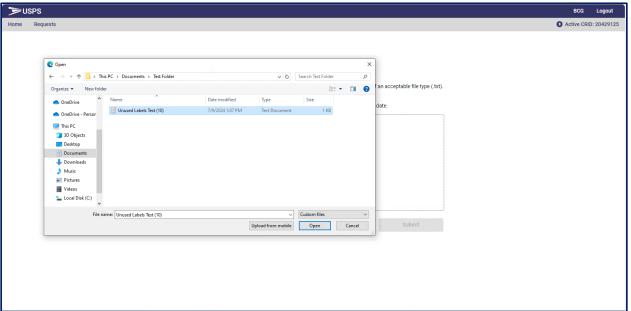
<u>Step 1 – USPS Ship Disputes and Refund Requests Homepage</u> – Shippers have the option to submit an Unused Label Refund request via the USPS Ship Disputes and Refunds Request Homepage



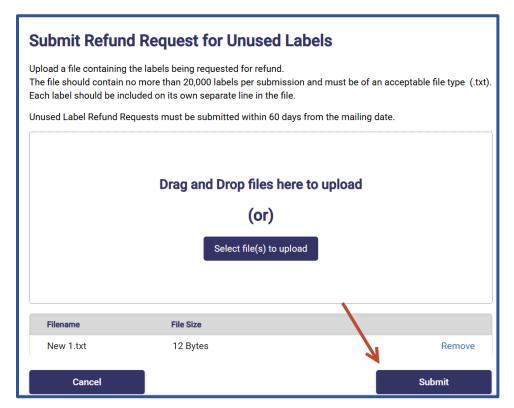
<u>Step 2 - Upload File Page</u> – Shippers must upload a file containing the labels being requested for a refund. Note: Only .txt files are accepted.



<u>Step 3 - File Explorer Pop Up Page</u> – Shippers can upload a text file by selecting the file from file explorer. The text file must include valid Transaction ID(s) for the packages to be reviewed.



<u>Step 4 – Submit Uploaded Files</u> – When shippers select the 'Submit' button, the successful submission page is displayed.



<u>Step 5 – Review Request Page</u> – Shippers can review the status of their requests in the Unused Labels Refunds table.

