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1.0 Introduction

This document describes planned changes under review for the next pricing structure release scheduled for July 2026. The document is prepared for the mailing software industry based on the knowledge available at the time of publication and is subject to change, including additional structure changes, prior to release. The contents of this document are pre-decisional.

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 2027 Mailing Promotions

The Postal Service is considering introducing two new promotions and repeating three promotions and two add-ons from 2026. New promotions under consideration are 1) Impact Messaging and 2) Direct Mail Discovery. Repeat promotions under consideration are Tactile Sensory & Interactive, Integrated Technology, and First-Class Mail Advertising. Add-ons being considered include Informed Delivery and Sustainability.

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 promotional 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
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

3.0 Nomenclature and Labeling List Updates Expansion to Support Network Redesign

The Postal Service is considering continuing its previous network redesign efforts through updates to facility names and other entries in classification standards, any/all publications, and documents and systems. Necessary system and document updates to align with ongoing network redesign implementation include the following:

- Remove the NDC rate category, and change “Mixed NDC” to “Mixed” for Marketing Mail Parcels (Commercial and Nonprofit).
- Change “SCF” to “3-Digit” in Marketing Mail Parcels (Commercial and Nonprofit).
- Eliminate Label Lists L004 and L009.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes – The reports will be updated to support the removal of NDC rate category; the change of “Mixed NDC” to “Mixed” and the change of “SCF” to “3Digit” in Marketing Mail Parcels (Commercial and Nonprofit).
- Data Feeds: Yes – The data feeds available via IV-MTR will be updated to support the proposed changes and align with the removal of the NDC rate category.
- Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: Yes – PS Forms 3602-R/N (Parts G, I, J) will be updated to remove NDC rate category and incorporate the new naming conventions for Mixed and 3-Digit.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – The Mail.dat technical specification and validation will be updated to reflect the removal of NDC rate category and support the new naming conventions for Mixed and 3-Digit.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – The Mail.XML technical specification and validation will be updated to reflect the removal of NDC rate category and support the new naming conventions for Mixed and 3-Digit.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – The rate ingredients will be updated to align with the proposed changes.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes – The rate ingredients will be updated to align with the proposed changes.
- USPS API: Yes – USPS API will be updated to reflect the removal of NDC rate categories and align with the proposed changes.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

4.0 Eliminate ADC Rate Category From Market Dominant Mail Classes

The Postal Service is considering eliminating the ADC/AADC (and SCF where applicable) *rate categories* from First-Class Mail, Marketing Mail and Periodicals and replacing/collapsing them into the existing 3-Digit rate where the 3-Digit rate exists and creating the 3-Digit rate as necessary where it does not exist. This would also include eliminating ADC/AADC *mail preparation* level for First-Class, Marketing Mail, Periodicals, and Bound Printed Matter, and replacing it with an SCF *mail preparation* level where it does not already exist. Mixed ADC/AADC *rates* would be replaced with Mixed, and Mixed ADC/AADC *mail preparation* levels would be replaced with Mixed.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes – The reports will be updated to support the removal of ADC and AADC rate categories.
- Data Feeds: Yes – The data feeds available via IV-MTR will be updated to support the removal of ADC and AADC rate categories.
- Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: Yes – PS Forms 3602 R/N, PS Form 3600 FCM, PS Form 3541 will be updated to remove the ADC rate category and incorporate the new naming conventions of 3-Digit, and Mixed.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – The Mail.dat technical specification and validation will be updated to reflect the removal of the ADC and Mixed AADC rate categories.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – The Mail.XML technical specification and validation will be updated to reflect the removal of the ADC and Mixed AADC rate categories.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – The rate ingredients will be updated to reflect the removal of the ADC and AADC rate categories.

- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes – The rate ingredients will be updated to reflect the removal of the ADC and AADC rate categories.
- USPS API: Yes – USPS API will be updated to reflect the removal of the ADC and AADC rate categories.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

5.0 Marketing Mail Weight Adjustments and Addition of Heavy Printed Matter

The Postal Service is considering increasing the maximum weight for Marketing Mail automation flat-shaped pieces from 16 ounces to 20 ounces and increasing the maximum weight for Carrier Route (CR) flats to 24 ounces.

Heavy Printed Matter (HPM) parcels will be introduced for Marketing Mail non-fulfillment parcels, with a weight limit of 15 pounds and separate Commercial versus Nonprofit rates. Per PS, Heavy Printed Matter will be priced at a combined piece/pound rate. Nonpresorted, presorted, and Carrier Route HPM parcels will be required to bear an Intelligent Mail Parcel Barcode (IMpb) and an Intelligent Mail Matrix Barcode (IMmb).

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes – Existing reports will be updated to reflect the proposed changes and continue to report on USPS Marketing Mail mailings.
- Data Feeds: Yes – Existing data feeds will be updated to reflect the proposed changes and continue to report on USPS Marketing Mail mailings.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – PS Forms 3602 R/N will be updated to add HPM and nonpresorted rates.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – The core rates tables for USPS Marketing Mail (3602 R/N); the USPS technical specifications for Mail.dat and validations will be updated to reflect the adjustment of the USPS Marketing Mail rate structure for Flats and Parcels.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – The core rates tables for USPS Marketing Mail (3602 R/N) 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.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes – The rate ingredients will be updated to reflect the proposed changes.
- USPS API: Yes – The pricing API will be updated to reflect the adjustment of the USPS Marketing Mail rate structure for Flats and Parcels.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

6.0 Add 5D/Direct Container and SCF Pallet Discounts to USPS Marketing Mail Heavy Printed Matter

The Postal Service is considering implementing this change in conjunction with adjustments to USPS Marketing Mail weight limits and rate structure. This will add a 5D/Direct Container discount for Carrier Route (CR) Heavy Printed Matter (HPM). Nonpresorted rates would not be eligible for SCF and 5D container discounts. The Postal Service is also considering implementing an SCF Pallet Discount for Presorted and CR HPM. Nonpresorted rates will not apply to this discount. Both the 5D/Direct Container and SCF Pallet discounts are like existing USPS Marketing Mail Flats discounts.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes – All online reports will be updated to report on the new SCF Pallet discounts/Containerization discount for the HPM product.
- Data Feeds: Yes – Data Feeds will be updated to support SCF Pallet discounts/Containerization discount for the HPM product.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – There will be postage statement and SKU changes. New SCF Pallet discounts/containerization discount lines will be added to PS Forms 3602-R/N.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – Validation, Core rate table, and Tech specs will be updated for SCF Pallet discounts/Containerization discount for the HPM product.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – Validation, Core rate table, and Tech Specs will be updated for SCF Pallet discounts/Containerization discount for the HPM product.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

7.0 Restructure Periodicals Outside County Rates

The Postal Service is considering simplifying the Periodicals pricing structure to more closely resemble the USPS Marketing Mail pricing structure. This could include eliminating bundle rates and container rates and introducing SCF Pallet and Delivery Sort container discounts. Piece rates would be adjusted to collapse the barcoded/nonbarcoded rates for Nonmachinable Flats. Nonmachinable Flats will qualify for the Parcels price. ADC Entry will be eliminated.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes – Online reporting will be updated to reflect restructuring of Periodicals Outside County rates.
- Data Feeds: Yes – Data feeds will be updated to reflect restructuring of Periodicals Outside County rates.
- Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: 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
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

8.0 Minimum Volume Requirement for First-Class Cards and First-Class Letters when Combined

Currently First-Class Mail (FCM) cards and FCM letters that are combined in the same mailing are subject to separate minimum presort volume criteria of 500 mailpieces of each mail type (card and letter). The Postal Service is considering allowing any combination of FCM Cards and FCM Letters that total 500 or more pieces to be combined into a mailing and presented for mailing at the presort price. This mail must be presented at the same time and on the same postage statement.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – The validations and class defining preparations will be updated to reflect the required volume criteria of 500 or more pieces for FCM Cards and Letters to be combined into a mailing.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – The validations and class defining preparations will be updated to reflect the required volume criteria of 500 or more pieces for FCM Cards and Letters to be combined into a mailing.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

9.0 Change BPM Flats and Parcels Presorted and Carrier Route Price Structure

The Postal Service is considering altering the price structure for presorted and Carrier Route Bound Printed Matter (BPM) flats and parcels to better align it with the price structure for nonpresorted BPM. This will eliminate the piece/pound pricing by removing the Pound Rate and using only a Piece Rate. All BPM will have Weight step/Entry, with Carrier Route (Origin, DSCF, DDU) and Presort (DSCF, DDU, and None Origin), and Commercial customers will be able to more clearly see the mailpiece prices.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: No Impact
- Data Feeds: No Impact
- Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: Yes – Postage Statement Form 3605 (Part A) will be updated to support the new price structure for presorted and Carrier Route Bound Printed Matter (BPM) flats and parcels by removing the Pound Rate and only using a Piece Rate.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – The core rates tables will be updated to reflect the proposed changes.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – The core rates tables will be updated to reflect the proposed changes.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact to the files, but the rate calculations in the back end will be updated.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact to the files, but the rate calculations in the back end will be updated.

- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

10.0 Elimination of Bundling for Marketing Mail Flats Prepared in Tubs

The Postal Service is considering updating mail preparation procedures. Current mail preparation and presort options for preparing Marketing Mail Flats presented in flat tubs allow for submission in bundle form. To align available presort options with current processing operations, the USPS intends to eliminate bundles for Marketing Mail Flats prepared in flat tubs.

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 for Marketing Mail.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – Validations will be updated to reflect the elimination of bundles in tubs for Marketing Mail.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

11.0 Package Barcode Quality Noncompliance Fee for Domestic Market Dominant Parcels

The Postal Service is considering implementing a package barcode quality noncompliance fee for domestic Market Dominant parcels (excluding Heavy Printed Matter and Periodicals parcels) that mirrors the existing fee for domestic Commercial parcels, which are subject to a noncompliance fee when their packages do not satisfy a published set of package barcode quality criteria.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes – All online reports will be updated to report on the Package Quality Noncompliance Fee for all Market Dominant packages.
- Data Feeds: Yes – Data Feeds via IV-MTR will be updated to support the Package Quality Noncompliance Fee for all Market Dominant packages.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – Postage Statement Form 3602-R/N will be updated to reflect the Package Quality Noncompliance Fee for all Market Dominant packages.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – Validations will be updated to support the Package Quality Noncompliance Fee for all Market Dominant packages.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – Validations will be updated to support the Package Quality Noncompliance Fee for all Market Dominant packages.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact

- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

12.0 Overweight/Oversize Domestic Item Fee

The Postal Service is defining the process for pieces that exceed 70 lbs. in weight or 130 inches in combined length and girth. “Overweight” and “Oversize” refer to items that exceed the Postal Service maximums of 70 lbs. in weight or 130 inches in combined length and girth. Details can be found in DMM 601.1.2. This effort will consist of the following changes:

- Packages whose manifested weight exceed 70 lbs. are priced at the 70 lb. price based on zone and assessed the Overweight/Oversize Items Fee.
- Packages whose measured weight exceed 70 lbs. will be assessed the Overweight/Oversize Items Fee.
- Packages whose manifested dimensions exceed 130 inches combined length and girth are priced at the USPS Ground Advantage Oversized price based on zone and assessed the Overweight/Oversize Items Fee.
- Packages whose measured dimensions exceed 130 inches combined length and girth will be assessed the Overweight/Oversize Items Fee.

13.0 Reclassification and Repricing of BPM and HPM Items

The Postal Service is establishing the reclassification and repricing of Bound Printed Matter (BPM) and Heavy Printed Matter (HPM) pieces that exceed the maximum dimensions or weight for the product. This effort will consist of the following changes:

- BPM packages whose manifested dimensions exceed combined length and girth of 108 inches (but are less than 130 inches combined length and girth) will be priced at the commercial USPS Ground Advantage “Oversized Price”* based on the zone.
- BPM packages whose measured dimensions exceed combined length and girth of 108 inches (but are less than 130 inches combined length and girth) will be repriced to the commercial USPS Ground Advantage “Oversized Price”* based on the zone.
- HPM packages whose manifested dimensions exceed girth of 108 inches up to 130 inches combined length and girth will be priced at the commercial USPS Ground Advantage “Oversized Price”* based on the zone.
- HPM packages whose weight exceed 15 lbs. will be priced at the commercial USPS Ground Advantage price based on the zone.

* The “Oversized Price” is for pieces that exceed 108 inches up to 130 inches in length and girth, and is available with USPS Ground Advantage and Parcel Select products.

14.0 Adding Prices and Fees to New NCOA+ API

Currently, Change of Address information is distributed to licensed users via data files, with updates occurring weekly or monthly depending on the specific license selected. Looking ahead, USPS is considering modernizing the fulfillment process by delivering this data through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), offering enhanced accessibility and efficiency for users.

14.1 NCOA+ API (National Change of Address data)

USPS plans to release a new Change of Address API in July 2026. Documentation is available at [National Change of Address - API | PostalPro](#). This API represents a significant advancement over existing file-based products, offering enhanced features and improved accessibility which includes:

- **Increased frequency of data updates:** Data will be updated daily. This improvement ensures that users have access to the most current information regarding additions, modifications, and other updates in the change of address database, delivering near-real-time accuracy and reliability.
- **Streamlined Reporting Requirements:** Users will no longer need to submit Processing Acknowledgement Forms; instead, validation will be accomplished by collecting the mailer ID during API calls. This process will be aligned with both mailing and shipping documentation to confirm appropriate use of the mailer ID for mailing and shipping activities. Additionally, Customer Service Logs will no longer be required, as USPS will automatically gather all necessary statistics and usage data directly through API activity, eliminating the need for manual log submissions.
- **Record-level subscriptions:** Users will be able to subscribe to individual change of address updates and receive real-time notifications. This capability enables seamless integration into existing systems, allowing organizations to automate workflows and respond promptly to changes or updates in address data.

To support these advanced capabilities and uphold proper usage and intellectual property compliance, USPS will implement updated access control policies. Paid access to the NCOA+ API will be introduced, including a monthly subscription fee. Companies must enter into a signed license agreement with USPS, outlining permissible use and conditions for API access. Only organizations with a valid license agreement will be eligible for paid access under the specific terms set forth. The enhanced NCOA+ API will be accessible exclusively through the USPS API platform.

14.2 License Agreements and Invoicing

NCOA+ API requests will be invoiced monthly based on the fee structure as described in the license agreement.

- To obtain access to NCOA+ API, users will need to create an Enterprise Payment Account and fund it with a trust or ACH payment method. Users will include a payment token including the Enterprise Payment Account from their license agreement in the NCOA+ API request.
- Users will incur a monthly charge based on their monthly volume tier, debited from the Enterprise Payment Account linked to the license agreement, reflecting as "NCOA+ API" transaction. Throughout the month, users will be able to view their projected invoice on the business portal.

Example:

Transaction ID	Date (ET)	Due Date	Amount	Transaction Type	Description	Detail	Refund Reason	EPS Account Number	EPS Account Nickname	EPS Business Location	Payment Method	Original Transaction ID	Available Balance	ACH Withdrawal ID	Permit Number	Permit Type	Shipper Business Location
24505463	9/31/2025 10:57:57 PM	9/31/2025	-599	PURCHASE	Tracking API Fee	89,572		1000000701		20482591	TRUST		919043.13				

Summary of Application Impacts

- Business Portal: New online report to view projected usage.
- Enterprise Payment System (EPS): Updated online reports
- Online Reporting: No impact
- Data Feeds: Updated data feeds with "NCOA+ API Usage Fee" transactions.
- Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: There will be a new NCOA+ pricing tier.
- Mail.dat changes: No impact
- Mail.XML changes: No impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No impact
- USPS API: Users will include a payment token in the NCOA+ API request.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

Competitive Changes

15.0 Modify GA Cubic Soft-Pack Tiers and Modify PM and GA Cubic Maximum Dimension

The Postal Service is considering modifying the cubic tier measurements for USPS Ground Advantage (GA) soft-packs and padded envelopes to align with Priority Mail (PM) tiers and increasing the maximum allowable length for all cubic from 18 to 22 inches. There are currently 10 cubic tiers for GA soft-packs and padded envelopes, and 5 tiers for PM soft-packs and padded envelopes. This will make the tier measurements the same across both products. Changes may include, but are not limited to the DMM, Notice 123, USPS.com, RSS, PTR, upstream/downstream systems, and reference tables.

Table 2 lists the requirements and objectives for modifying the cubic measurements

Table 2 Requirements and Objectives

Requirement	Objective
Eliminate cubic tiers for .6 through 1.0 cubic feet, for GA Commercial Cubic pricing, for Soft-Packs/Padded Envelopes.	Cubic tiers for GA and Priority Mail (PM) Soft-Packs/Padded Envelopes will be the same.
Modify the measurements for the GA Commercial Cubic tiers for Soft-Packs/Padded Envelopes, to match the measurements of PM Commercial Cubic.	Cubic tiers for GA and Priority Mail (PM) Soft-Packs/Padded Envelopes will be the same.

Increase the maximum allowable length for all GA and PM Commercial Cubic (GA and PM, boxes and Soft-Packs/Padded Envelopes) to 22 inches.

Cubic measurements will meet customer needs for longer, machinable items.

Table 3 lists the current and proposed USPS Ground Advantage cubic measurement tiers.

Table 3 Current and Proposed USPS Ground Advantage Cubic Measurement Tiers

Cubic Tier	Current Measurement (L + W)	Proposed Measurement (L + W)
0.1	0" up to 16"	0" up to 21"
0.2	16" up to 21"	21" up to 27"
0.3	21" up to 24"	27" up to 31"
0.4	24" up to 26"	31" up to 34"
0.5	26" up to 28"	34" up to 36"
0.6	28" up to 30"	Remove
0.7	30" up to 32"	Remove
0.8	32" up to 34"	Remove
0.9	34" up to 35"	Remove
1.0	35" up to 36"	Remove

Certain dimension combinations do not qualify for Cubic mailing rates.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes – Reporting will be updated to reflect the updated measurements for Ground Advantage Cubic tiers and the removal of Cubic tiers 0.6 through 1.0 cubic feet for Soft-Packs/Padded envelopes.
- Data Feeds: Yes – Data feeds will be updated to reflect the updated measurements for Ground Advantage Cubic tiers and the removal of Cubic tiers 0.6 through 1.0 cubic feet for Soft-Packs/Padded envelopes.
- Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: Yes – Postage statement 3600 FCM (Part C) will be updated to reflect the removal of Cubic tiers 0.6 through 1.0 cubic feet for Soft-Packs/Padded envelopes.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – The core rate tables and validations will be updated to reflect the removal of Cubic tiers 0.6 through 1.0 cubic feet for Soft-Packs/Padded envelopes.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – The core rate tables and validations will be updated to reflect the removal of Cubic tiers 0.6 through 1.0 cubic feet for Soft-Packs/Padded envelopes.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – The rate ingredients will be updated to support the elimination of Cubic tiers 0.6 through 1.0 cubic feet for Soft-Packs/Padded envelopes and the measurements updates.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes – The rate ingredients will be updated to support the elimination of Cubic tiers 0.6 through 1.0 cubic feet for Soft-Packs/Padded envelopes and the measurements updates.
- USPS API: No impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive, International Competitive

16.0 Adding Prices and Fees to New Addressing API

Currently, USPS Address Standardization is accessible to licensed users via the AMS API, DPV and DSF2 license agreements, or the USPS Addressing API. Moving forward, USPS is considering enriching the Addressing API with advanced address matching algorithms, expanded address attribute data, and more frequent updates. Access to these enhanced services will be subject to a fee.

16.1 Enhancements

In July 2026, the USPS Addressing API will undergo significant enhancements aimed at delivering greater accuracy, richer data, and improved integration capabilities. Detailed Specs on the Addressing API are available at [Addresses 3.0 | devportal](#) and [Addressing API Specifications | PostalPro](#).

Key enhancements include:

- **Increased Frequency of Data Updates:** The USPS Addressing API will begin offering daily data refreshes, ensuring users have near-real-time access to additions, modifications, and updates within the USPS Address Management Database. These timely updates will support improved address validation and boost operational efficiency for mailing and shipping activities.
- **Advanced Address Matching Logic:** The API will feature upgraded address matching algorithms, including enhanced parsing and normalization routines. These improvements will enable more accurate identification, correction, and standardization of submitted addresses, reduce false negatives and increase successful matches to the Address Management Database.
- **Additional Value-Added Services:** The enhanced Addressing API will provide comprehensive address indicators from the DSF2 and DPV files, offering valuable insights for each address. These indicators include status (active/no-state), delivery mode (curb-side delivery, door-slot delivery, or centralized, or Neighborhood Delivery and Collection Unit), business/residential indicator, CMRA (Commercial Mail Receiving Agency), PBSA (PO Box Street Address), drop indicator, seasonal indicator, occupied/vacant code indicator, non-delivery days, non-secure delivery, educational indicator, and latitude and longitude coordinates.
- **Address Subscription Availability:** Users will have the ability to subscribe to address updates and receive notifications. This functionality allows for seamless integration, enabling organizations to automate workflows and respond immediately to changes or updates in address data.

To support these advanced capabilities and ensure proper usage and intellectual property compliance, USPS will implement updated access control policies. Paid access to the Addressing API will be introduced, subject to the following conditions:

- **License Agreement Requirement:** Companies must enter into a signed API License agreement with USPS, outlining permissible use and additional conditions for API access.
- **Restricted Access:** Only organizations with a valid license agreement will be eligible for access, as stipulated in the agreement.
- **Monthly Subscription Fee:** Access will require payment of a monthly fee, available upon request of an order form.
- **Platform Availability:** The enhanced Addressing API will be accessible exclusively through the USPS API platform.

16.2 License Agreements and Invoicing

Addressing API requests will be **invoiced monthly based on the customer's transaction** –based fee as described in the license agreement

- To obtain access to Addressing API, users will need to create an Enterprise Payment Account and fund it with a trust or ACH payment method. Users will include a payment token including

the Enterprise Payment Account from their API License agreement in the Addressing API request.

- Users will incur a monthly charge based on their monthly volume tier. The payment will be debited from the Enterprise Payment Account linked to the license agreement, reflecting as "Addressing API" transaction. Throughout the month, users will be able to view their projected invoice on the business portal.

Example:

Transaction ID	Date (ET)	Due Date	Amount	Transaction Type	Description	Detail	Refund Reason	EPS Account Number	EPS Account Nickname	EPS Business Location	Payment Method	Original Transaction ID	Available Balance	ACH Withdrawal ID	Permit Number	Permit Type	Shipper Business Location
24505463	9/31/2025 10:57:57 PM	9/31/2025	-599	PURCHASE	Tracking API Fee	89,572		1000000701		20482591	TRUST		919043.13				

Summary of Application Impacts

- Business Portal: New online report to view projected usage.
- Enterprise Payment System (EPS): Updated online reports.
- Online Reporting: No impact
- Data Feeds: Updated data feeds with "Addressing API Usage Fee" transactions.
- Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: There will be a new Addressing pricing tier.
- Mail.dat changes: No impact
- Mail.XML changes: No impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No impact
- USPS API: User Authorization will be added to the Addressing and Subscriptions – Addressing endpoints. Users will include a payment token in the Addressing API request.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive, International Competitive

17.0 Domestic HAZMAT Handling and Noncompliance Fees

To avoid penalties and shipping bans imposed upon domestic USPS shipments that require air transportation by our air shipping partners, and to reduce risk to personnel or property, the Postal Service is considering implementing a Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) handling fee and a HAZMAT noncompliance fee for domestic packages containing HAZMAT. The intent is to deter shippers from entering packages containing HAZMAT without properly identifying these packages with the correct Service Type Code (STC), Extra Service Code (ESC), Service Icon, Service Banner Text, Barcode Banner Text, and Department of Transportation (DOT) markings. There will be two fees:

- Handling Fee – would apply to all domestic retail and commercial packages containing HAZMAT. The fee would be charged at the time of mailing and applied to Priority Mail Express (PME), Priority Mail (PM), USPS Ground Advantage (GA), and Parcel Select (PS). The Handling Fee would mirror the Lives and Perishable Handling fees currently found in the DMM and Notice 123, in each eligible products listing.
- Noncompliance Fee – would apply to domestic commercial HAZMAT packages containing incorrect or mismatched STC, ESC, Service Icon, Service Banner Text, Barcode Banner Text, or DOT markings. The fee would be charged on a monthly basis and would follow the same assessment process/timeline as Package Quality Compliance validations. Current Package Quality Compliance HAZMAT validations would be separated into a stand-alone category of "HAZMAT Noncompliance Fee" validations and would be enhanced to include validations for all

of the above elements (STC, ESC, Service Icon, etc.). Unlike the current Barcode Quality (BQ), Address Quality (AQ), and Manifest Quality (MQ) Package Quality Compliance validations, HAZMAT Noncompliance Fee validations would be “per piece”, with no threshold.

Summary of Application Impacts

- Online Reporting: Yes – Reporting will be updated to reflect the new fees – HAZMAT Handling fee (domestic commercial and retail) and the HAZMAT Noncompliance fee (domestic commercial)
- Data Feeds: Yes – Data feeds will be updated to reflect the new fees – HAZMAT Handling fee (domestic commercial and retail) and the HAZMAT Noncompliance fee (domestic commercial).
- Postage Statement, SKU Changes, and Notice 123: Yes – Postage statements 3600 FCM, 3600 PM, 3605-R, and 3560 will be updated to reflect both the HAZMAT Handling fee and the HAZMAT Noncompliance fee.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – The core rate tables and validations will be updated to reflect the addition of the HAZMAT fees.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – The core rate tables and validations will be updated to reflect the addition of the HAZMAT fees.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: USPS will have a new transaction code for the ICR file and PAF file for the Hazmat noncompliance fee.
- USPS API: Yes – USPS API will be updated to align with the proposed HAZMAT changes.
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

18.0 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).

19.0 Applicable Technical Specifications

19.1 Updates to *PostalOne!* System eDoc Specification Version Support

19.1.1 Mail.dat eDoc

Note: For the latest technical specifications, please see the July 2026 Price Change Release Notes when published

The table below depicts the Mail.dat specification versions that will be supported with the July 2026 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
25-1 (New Errata)	–	Supported	Supported
26-1 (New Errata)	–	Supported	Supported

Note: *Final versions(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.

19.1.2 Mail.XML eDoc

Note: For the latest technical specifications, please see the July 2026 Price Change Release Notes when published

The table below depicts the Mail.XML specification versions that will be supported with the July 2026 release.

Table 2 – PostalOne! System Mail.XML (eDoc) Version Support

Table is for reference only.

<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
28.0	Supported	Supported	Supported only for Updates
28.2	Supported	Supported	Supported**
29.0	Supported	Supported	Supported**
29.1	–	Supported	Supported

**Final version(s) of Mail.XML to be supported will be determined based on discussion with DTAC.
 **Does not include support for new features.
 Note: New Mail.XML WSDLs will be posted on PostalPro at <http://postalpro.usps.com/> as they become available.*

19.2 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

Note: For the latest technical specifications, please see the July 2026 Price Change Release Notes when published

The table below depicts the specification versions that will be supported with the July 2026 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
28.0	–	–	–	–	–	–

Note: No change to currently supported versions for DD, MID-CRID, or FAST

Table 3 – *PostalOne!* System Mail.XML Data Distribution, MID-CRID, and FAST Specification Version Support

Table is for reference only.

19.2.1 Updates to Shipping Services File (SSF) Version Support

Note: For the latest technical specifications, please see the July 2026 Price Change Release Notes when published

The table below depicts the specification versions that will be supported with the July 2026 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

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.

20.0 Document History

Date	Section	Description
2/17/2026	8	Deleted "Postage Statement Enhancements – Next Phase" section.
2/17/2026	10	Added "Change BPM Flats and Parcels Presorted and Carrier Route Price Structure" section.
2/17/2026	11	Added "Elimination of Bundling for Marketing Mail Flats Prepared in Tubs" section.
2/17/2026	12	Added "Package Quality Noncompliance Fee for Market Dominant Mail" section
2/17/2026	15	Added "Adding Prices and Fees to New NCOA+ API" section.
2/17/2026	16	Added "Adding Prices and Fees to New Addressing API" section.
2/17/2026	17	Added "HAZMAT Handling and Noncompliance Fees" section.
2/17/2026	8	Renamed "Change Eligibility Standards to for FC Cards and FC Letters Combined in Mailing" to "Minimum Volume Requirement for First Class Cards and First Class Letters when Combined in a Mailing"
2/23/2026	12	Split "Overweight/Oversize Domestic Item Fee" into two sections: - 12.0 "Oversize/Overweight Domestic Item Fee" - 13.0 "Reclassification and Repricing of BPM and HPM Items"
2/24/2026	15	Changed title to "Modify GA Cubic Soft-Pack Tiers and Modify PM and GA Cubic Maximum Dimension"
2/24/2026	5	Updated language to delete non-automation flats.