



Version 21.0.0 – Preliminary Release Notes

The *PostalOne!* 21.0.0 Release is scheduled for August 16, 2009. These Release Notes are preliminary to notify you of what is planned for the 21.0.0 release and how it affects the following areas.

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1. Mailers

The primary focus of Release 21.0.0 is software upgrades to the system to correct issues that will stabilize the system and allow further participation in the Full-Service program. The eVS and PRS modules will also be upgraded in this release to support additional customer participation and to add Express Mail as a product. The following items will be included in Release 21.0.0 and are of interest to external users of *PostalOne!*

1.1. General Information

There will be a system-wide modification to change the name of the Priority Mail Regular Flat-Rate box to Regular/Medium Flat-Rate box.

1.2. Data Exchange

1.2.1. Electronic Documentation (eDoc) and Postage Statements

The following changes apply for customers participating in electronic data exchange with the United States Postal Service (USPS) to generate eDoc and postage statements.

eDocumentation Reports

a. General

There are pages from various reports that are missing links to the Help system. These pages (Record of Deposits While Periodicals Pending Report, Balances Report, Transaction Summary Report, Nonprofit Permits Report, Postage Summary page from Dashboard) will have the links restored so users can have direct access to the Help system.

b. Register

The Register report, accessed from the postage statement off the dashboard, is not displaying the sack and pallet counts from the Mail.dat file on the register line item; only the number of sacks for each destination. This issue will be fixed in this release.

c. Reconciliation Report

The Reconciliation Report will correct the display of "Machinable Mixed ADC Presort" pieces in addition to having the "USPS" Processing Due" column restored for viewing by the user.

Electronic Postage Statement Processing

a. Master Statement

Master Statements will be modified to display the line item sections (Part A, Part B, etc.) from the postage statement, including the total pieces, total postage, and total postage affixed.

b. PDF Downloads

The system will be corrected to display the lowest affixed postage price, when applicable, on the PDF download. The system will also resolve the discrepancies on the Net Postage Due displayed on the PDF download of the PS Form 3600 and the postage statement available on the dashboard.

1.2.2. Mail.dat

Mail.dat Processing

Changes will be made to prevent PostalOne! from accepting a cancel and update for a Mail.dat job that was already finalized. This change will prevent a Mail.dat job generated postage statement set as finalized as well as an update/ready to pay statement for the same mailing.

The system will provide the mapping for container type "M" in the csm file to correctly display container type 'P' on the Qualification Report.

The system will remove the CSM and CQT piece validation that requires every CSM to have a CQT record for sibling containers of all presort/class of mail.

The Mail.dat stored procedure for the Qualification Report will be modified to prevent file failures. The system will capture any new file numbers generated by maildatloader to allow this functionality.

The system will be modified to correct the validation between a Mail.dat job submitted with a Verification Facility ZIP+4 in the segment file different from the Mail Facility ID in the location.

PostalOne! will correct the Qualification Report to properly show the rate summary at the end of the report with a Mail.dat submitted job. The Sibling Container Report displayed will be generated for Periodicals jobs only.

Mail.dat Statements

PostalOne! will be modified to correct issues with postage amounts on postage calculated and shown on postage statements. Calculations for Mail.dat file bundle charges will be accurate and the postage amount as displayed on the dashboard will reflect what is displayed on the postage statement in status EST.

Mail.dat MLOCR

a. General

The system attempted to create postage statements for MLOCR One-Pass delete job submissions. The system will be modified to not create postage statements for a delete job submission.

The system will be modified to accept MLOCR First-Class Mail sibling container (pallet, tray or sack) updates after postage statements are in 'Ready to pay' or 'Finalized' status. A combination of MLOCR presort, First-Class Mail and the 'T' container update will be used to allow the addition of sibling containers with a 'T' update for a 'Ready to Pay' or 'Finalized' postage statement.

b. Qualification Report

The system will be modified so that for MLOCR mailings with containers on the Qualification Report that currently display as Container Type 'O' will now display as "P" for pallet.

c. Summary ZIP Destination Report

The Summary ZIP Destination report for MLOCR One-Pass mailings will be corrected to show the plan data and only use the actual data in the # of PCs Difference column.

The system will be modified for MLOCR One-Pass mailings to display the correct planned counts on the Summary ZIP Destination Report. In the past, when an actual count of zero was submitted, the planned count changed to an arbitrary number.

The system will be modified to delete the blank white screen prior to the display of the MLOCR Summary ZIP Destination report and to decrease the time to generate the report.

d. Tray Difference Report

The system will be modified to require the Business Mail Entry Technician to submit the adjustment for the Tray Difference Report prior to Finalizing the postage statement for MLOCR One-Pass mailings.

The system will be modified to display the correct piece counts on the MLOCR One-Pass Tray Difference report. In the past, the Tray Difference plan piece counts did not match the piece counts on the qualification report.

e. Validations

The system will be modified to add a validation for MLOCR One-Pass files. Change jobs designated by a "C" for change job in the hdr statuses, will not be allowed and if sent, will generate an error message.

The system will be modified to meet the current standard that MLOCR Meter stamp mailings must have additional postage specified in the MCR file and all the additional postage permits must be the same permit number. Also, MLOCR permit imprint and precanceled stamp mailings must have additional postage specified in the MCR file and the additional postage permits may be different.

The system will be modified to remove the Container Summary Record (CSM) to Container Quantity Record (CQT) piece count validation. The system will also be modified to limit the requirement that every CSM have a CQT record for sibling containers in any presort or class of mail to MLOCR mailings where the CQT record will be required only if the Container Type in the CSM file equals 'L'. For all other container types, the CQT will be optional.

1.2.3. Postal Wizard

The following changes apply to customers participating in electronic data exchange using the Postal Wizard as a means of electronic submission:

a. General

The Mail.dat Applet will be updated to allow compatibility with the current Microsoft JVM version from Internet Explorer.

There will be a global name change within the system from Priority Mail Regular Flat-Rate Box to Priority Mail Regular/Medium Flat-Rate Box in all instances where the product appears.

Changes will be made to the print functionality within Postal Wizard to allow reports and postage statements to print within a page width. This will also include the Congratulations page generated when a statement is completed.

A spelling error will be corrected on the Consolidated Periodicals postage statement spelling error: Consltd mail statements from Consltd mail statments

b. Data Entry

The system will be modified to allow up to eight (8) digits in the Container fields on the Postage Statements for all mail classes and will allow up to nine (9) digits in the data entry line items for number of pieces.

The system will be modified to provide the mailers with the ability to adjust the Mailer provided date on an Owner submitted combined Periodicals postage statement (billed to the mailer). This functionality would be similar to a single Periodicals statement submitted from the Mailer.

c. Downloads – PDF

The system will correct the PDF download for the PS Form 3541 Periodicals postage statement with an incorrect Limited Circulation discount displayed, and will display the correct discount amount as with the receipt.

The system will also correct the PDF download of finalized pending Periodicals statements to display postage while pending.

d. Express Mail

Mailers will be able to access Transaction reports populated with data from Express Mail transactions submitted by eVS manifests: Transaction Summary, Receipt – R Link, Transaction Reversal, Summary Details – S Link, CAPS Transaction History, Mailing Activity, Mail Clearance, Mail Clearance Condition, Location & Mailer Volume, Mailing Summary, 3083. PostalOne! will provide the reports and downloads in csv, pdf and xls formats for Express Mail with the same processes and environments as are currently used with other permit imprint mail classes. Commercial Base and Commercial Plus rates will be available, as well as all Extra Services available to Express Mail.

e. Navigation and Links

Update the Library “Mailing Guide (DMM 200)” link in the Mailer and Owner Auditor View to “Mailing Guide (DMM 300)”. link to be updated to http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/dmm300_landing.htm

The system will correct navigational features and provide the “Back” button link that is missing on screens such as the Account Verification and Mailer Information pages, when submitting Postage Statement.

A “Home” link will be added in the header of the PostalOne! external eVS, PRS and eDropship views to take the user back to the Business Customer Gateway when selected.

1.3. Business Customer Gateway

1.3.1. Dashboard

The system will be corrected to not display status “Not Reconciled” for the completed jobs on the Reconciliation Report on the dashboard. Master Statements that are finalized (FIN) will have the status of the child statements display the appropriate status instead of UPD. When manual statements are finalized, the system will be corrected to properly close the mailing group so the completed jobs in FIN status will not display on the dashboard.

1.4. Electronic Verification System (eVS)

The following changes affect users participating in the electronic Verification System (eVS) program:

1.4.1. General

a. General

The Timestamp error in the test environment for mailers (TEM) for eVS/PRS customer login used without association with an eVS/PRS participating location will be corrected.

The system will use the Transaction ID as the CAPS customer reference number.

b. Express Mail

Express Mail will be added to eVS using existing processes that are setup with Product Tracking System (PTS), PostalOne!, STATS File, and Intelligent Mail Device (IMD) Sample File processing used with other mail classes. Extra Services such as COD, Return Receipt and Express Mail Insurance for Letters, Flats, Express Mail Parcels will apply to the Express Mail product in eVS. The rate indicators will be: Single-piece Rate and Flat-Rate Envelope for Post Office to Addressee and Hold for Pickup. The system will recognize pieces with either the 128 or Postnet barcode. The manifest zone in the Detail record will be validated against the zone from the Entry Facility in the Header record and Destination ZIP codes in each detail record to ensure the zone is correct for accurate postage calculation. The eVS reports (Manifest Summary Report, Postage Statement Summary Postage Statement Detail, Postage Statement Variance Report, Postage

Statement, Manifest Confirmation Report, Manifest Error Report, Monthly Account and Sampling Summary Report) will be updated to include Express Mail data

The system will add Express Mail to Sample file processing (Single-Piece Rate and Flat-Rate Envelope for Post Office to Addressee and Hold for Pickup, Extra Services Return Receipts, COD and Insured). eVS will include Express Mail sampling data when calculating the postage adjustment from the sampling postage adjustment factor. The PAF calculation for Express Mail will be separated from any other mail class and grouped by itself. The calculation result will be added to the total PAF amount as the current monthly process dictates. The Sample reports (Manifest/Sample Metrics (Master Overview) Report, Sample Volume by Facility Report, Individual Mailer Snapshot (Current Month), Sampling Reports (13), Postage Discrepancy Report, Package Summary Report) will also be modified to include Express Mail data.

To identify a mailer as authorized to mail Express Mail, the Corporate Site Admin screen will be modified to add Express Mail Commercial Price or Express Mail Commercial Plus Price for eVS Admin to select; the selection will be defaulted to EM Commercial Price. The postage for Manifested pieces, unmanifested pieces, and sampled pieces will be calculated based on selection. Express Mail will also be added to the Customized Shipping Service Contract program as a product, and will include sampled pieces and missing manifest samples.

1.4.2. Validation

eVS will accept raw files from PTS, including all pieces with errors and warnings, which will enable the system to collect postage for those pieces that did not have postage originally assessed. An average price for that mail class will be used to determine the postage amount.

The system will verify that the zones are correct in manifest records for Parcel Post, Parcel Select, Bound Printed Matter and Express Mail.

1.4.3. Reports

The system will correct the error received when reports are accessed for a company that is not an eVS or PRS participant. Users will be redirected to the Business Customer Gateway when the logout link is clicked.

Manifest Error Report

eVS will use the rate ingredients submitted by the mailers to calculate the actual postage due as part of the Manifest Error adjustment for manifest error records that appear in the Manifest Detail Error report due to an invalid PIC or STC, rather than use the average postage per piece charge. The Manifest Detail Error report will include a column for the "Transmission Date" of the PIC.

1.5. Parcel Return Service (PRS)

The following change affects users participating in the Parcel Return Service program:

1.5.1. General

Priority Mail Commercial Plus will be added to PRS and will have the same functionality as Priority Mail Commercial Base. There will be changes in PRS for Return Delivery Unit (RDU), Return Bulk Mail Center (RBMC), Priority Mail Commercial Plus, Priority Mail Commercial Base and Single-Piece pages to provide

users with an enhanced look and feel. These pages include the Postage Review page, the Postage Final page (confirmation of postage submitted), the Print page (final postage details to be printed), the Error page (displays user errors occurred in postage entry), and the System Error page (displays system errors occurred during PRS processing).

Single-piece and oversized entries will be added to the Return Delivery Unit page.

1.5.2. Validation

The system will verify that the zones are correct in manifest records for Parcel Select Return [Parcel Return Services (PRS)], and Priority Mail Return [Parcel Return Services (PRS)] 389

1.5.3. Reports

The system will correct the error received when reports are accessed for a company that is not an eVS or PRS participant. Users will be redirected to the Business Customer Gateway when the logout link is clicked.

Missing Manifest Summary Report

The Manifest Mailing Link on the Missing Manifest Summary Report in PRS will be modified to display the necessary information about the mailer and applicable data on the Monthly Account Summary page.

Package Summary Report

The PRS Package Summary Report accessed via the Double Payment Discrepancy Report will be corrected to show the package information when the PIC is selected instead of displaying a blank report.

NOTE: If you have any questions or need any assistance regarding the *PostalOne!*® system please contact our *PostalOne!*® Help Desk at **1 – 800 – 522 – 9085**.