

PostalOne!®
Version 20.0.1 – Release Notes

A software upgrade to the May 11th *PostalOne!* 20.0.0 release was deployed June 7, 2009 to remedy issues identified during the testing and deployment of Release 20.0.

These Release Notes describe the contents of the upgrades in Release 20.0.1. These contents contain a description of the more critical Mail.dat issues from Release 20.0 and their resolution.

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1 Mailers

Release 20.0.0 of *PostalOne!* contained major enhancements to the system to support functionality for Full-service implementation. Several critical issues identified after deployment of the functionality was resolved in this Release 20.0.1. The following items describe the issues resolved in Release 20.0.1 that are of interest to external users of *PostalOne!* and any known issues that may have occurred during the testing and deployment of the release.

1.1. General Information

1.1.1. Price Change

PostalOne! was modified to comply with the new prices and structures effective May 11, 2009. A change to Postage Processing was required as a result of the Price Change.

International Postage Processing (Hard Copy)

The system had a validation maximum of 10% for residual mail which was removed for Part B International Surface Airlift (ISAL) for ICM Agreement customers. Residual mail no longer exists in the system therefore, the validation was unnecessary.

1.2. Electronic Documentation

1.2.1. Electronic Documentation (eDoc) Reports

The following section applies for customers participating in electronic data exchange with the United States Postal Service (USPS) to generate eDoc and postage statements, and reflects a change made to an eDoc report.

Version Summary Report

The Version Summary Report was corrected to accurately display the total number of pieces submitted in a mailing from 09-1 Mail.dat jobs. The fix will prevent the information from being repeated.

1.3. Electronic Data Exchange - Mailings

1.3.1. Mail.dat@

This section applies to customers participating in electronic data exchange using Mail.dat as a means of electronic submission.

Mail.dat Processing

Changes to Mail.dat processing of files (upload, validation, etc.) are described as follows:

1. *PostalOne!* was modified to change the validation so that file failures are eliminated that occurred when Standard Mail 09-1 jobs were submitted for Full-service processing without the .csm. Scheduled Induction Date, with the .seg CSA Agreement populated and the .csm USPS Pick up was N.

The processing changes are described as follows:

- a. The system does not require the CSM Scheduled Induction Date and time on a container that is drop-shipped with CSM Entry Point for Entry Discount –Facility not O or T. Optional entry of .csm Scheduled Induction Date and Time shall be accepted.
- b. For a .csm container status ready-to-pay, if .seg CSA Agreement ID is populated and .csm USPS Pick Up is N, for an origin container Entry Point for Entry Discount –Facility is O or T, the

system continues to process the following error message if the .csm Scheduled Induction Date and Time is not provided: "For Full-Service Processing, the .csm Scheduled Induction Date and time is required when the .seg CSA Agreement ID is populated and .csm USPS Pick Up is N."

- c. For .csm container original or preliminary, there is no requirement for the .csm Scheduled Induction Date and Time. Optional entry of .csm Scheduled Induction Date and Time is accepted.
2. The *PostalOne!* system's validation was corrected to eliminate the scheduler ship date error Mailer received because of information in the .csm file on an original job: Schedule Induction date and time required when pickup is Y.
3. The validation that requires the sum of the piece count in the IMR or number of piece records in the PDR to be equal to the piece count for the container ID was changed. This validation was preventing mailers from choosing to put IM barcodes on copies within a mailpiece in all classes of mail (Periodicals firm bundles). The change to the validation no longer results in these files failing and will allow eDoc to generate.

The validation changes are described as follows:

- a. For all classes of mail, the *PostalOne!* system Mail.dat validation allows the sum of the IMR file Piece Count for a Container ID to be within the range of copy count to piece count inclusive for the CSM data for that container ID.
- b. For all classes of mail, the *PostalOne!* system Mail.dat validation allows the number of piece records in the PDR file for a Container ID to be within the range of copy count to piece count inclusive for the CSM data for that container ID.
4. The validation in *PostalOne!* that requires a postage statement mailing date in the .csm file for non-sibling containers for original Mail.dat jobs was modified. This validation change prevents these files from failing and allows eDoc to generate.

The validation changes are described as follows:

For Mail.dat 9-1 files provide the CSM field Postage Statement Mailing date.

- a. The system shall not require the CSM Postage container Mailing Date if the CSM Container Status is Original. There is no need for Postage container Mailing Date because there is no postage container created for this case.
- b. The system shall not require the CSM Postage container Mailing Date if the CSM Container Status is Preliminary. The Postal Service does not use the estimated postage containers generated for this case.
- c. When no CSM Postage container Mailing Date is provided, the system shall use the current system date for the mailing date on the estimated postage containers.
5. The system has changed the validation for the total container weight of the child containers equaling the total container weight of the parent container for Mail.dat jobs.

The validation changes are described as follows:

- a. For all classes of mail, the *PostalOne!* system Mail.dat validation omits the requirement for the CSM container weight of the children containers to add up to the CSM weight of the parent container.
6. *PostalOne!* was modified to move unsuccessful files from Mail.dat 08-2 file errors into the unsuccessful folder. Mail.dat version files 08-2 that are validated in either the batch or client application are treated by the system as 09-1 and will generate the correct 08-2 errors.
7. The validation performed related to updates submitted post finalization was rejecting Mail.dat files even though the container statuses are all of type "T" for Transportation. The client application validation was modified to allow transportation updates after the postage statement has been finalized.

8. Mail.dat processing was modified to correctly generate Postage Statements for some MPU/SEG/CSM combinations. Jobs with multiple MPUs having the same MPU Id and associated with different segments now generate a postage statement. The system discontinued the generation of additional child postage statements with no pieces or postage for Mail.dat jobs that have no CQT records corresponding to a MPU and Container combination.

MLOCR

The change to Mail.dat processing of MLOCR files is described as follows:

The system was modified to correctly process MLOCR One-Pass jobs with multiple postage payment methods (metered, precanceled, and permit imprint pieces) and generate the necessary MLOCR One-Pass electronic documentation.

The processing change is described as follows:

Only one qualification report will generate for an MLOCR or MLOCR One-Pass job. The Summary ZIP Destination Report will generate and must be for multiple postage payment methods (Metered, precanceled stamp, and permit imprint pieces). The same number of child statements shown will be as in the Master Statement and the pieces on the Master Statement will be the same as on the Display screen. Additionally, the system will display the totals correctly.

Known Issue: The system was not able to fully correct and successfully test these changes with MLOCR or MLOCR One-Pass jobs with multiple payment methods for deployment in this release. This feature will be remedied during the next maintenance window, scheduled to occur within the next week.

Bound Printed Matter

The change to Mail.dat processing of Bound Printed Matter files is described as follows:

The system was modified to recognize the correct zone values in position 33 of the cqt file in a Mail.dat 09-1 Bound Printed Matter Flats job.

The processing change is described as follows:

The *PostalOne!* system will validate that the Zone field of the .cqt file in the Mail.dat version 09-1 contains only the characters: S, D, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or N. This is a required field.

First-Class Mail

The change to Mail.dat processing of First-Class Mail is described as follows:

An error was received on Mail.dat version 08-2 First-Class Mail letter jobs weighing .05 with rates in the file L1, L2, and S, which are not Letter paid as flat. The system was modified to correct this error received that stated Letters weighing more than 3.3 oz and up to 3.5 oz and Paid as Non Auto Flats is not available at this time through Mail.dat.

Pending Periodicals

The changes to Mail.dat processing of pending Periodicals files are described as follows:

1. The system will be modified to correctly charge pending Periodicals postage for firm bundles on the Standard Mail postage container as 5 digit non-automation pieces. This is for Mailer submitted pending Periodicals Mail.dat 09-1 jobs containing First-Class Mail nonincidental enclosures, Standard Mail nonincidental enclosures, and firm bundles.

The proposed resolution of the issue follows:

For Mail.dat 9-1 and future versions, the system shall compute the pending period Standard Mail postage container amount by considering each copy in the firm bundle to be a mailpiece. The price

for each of these firm bundle mailpieces shall be for the price category 5-digit, PS Form 3602 non-automation Flats Part E or non-automation Letters Part D, the weight of the copy, and the entry level of the copy.

Known Issue: The system is not correctly processing Mail.dat pending Periodicals jobs with First-Class Mail nonincidental enclosures and Standard Mail nonincidental enclosures and firm bundles. This issue was not fully corrected and successfully tested for implementation in this release. This feature will be remedied during the next maintenance window, scheduled to occur within the next week.

2. *PostalOne!* was modified to no longer charge postage for the firm bundles on the number of addressed pieces instead of the number of copies for 09-1 pending Periodicals with firm bundles jobs.

1.4. Business Customer Gateway

The new Business Customer Gateway (BCG) replaced the previous National & Premier Accounts page in Release 20.0.0. The Business Customer Gateway gives mailers a single landing point to access the Postal Service's online business offerings, including access to the Dashboard and the Testing Environment for Mailers (TEM).

Changes made within the BCG during this release are described as follows:

1.4.1. Dashboard

The system was modified to drop or rebuild/recreate existing indexes on dashboard tables to improve the batch process performance.

1.4.2. Test Environment for Mailers (TEM)

The Test Environment for Mailers (TEM) is not configured for new locations to be added through the BSA approval process. The system is therefore set up to copy location data from the Production database to the TEM database on a scheduled frequency to allow new locations to become inserted in lieu of user driven process to add new locations to TEM.

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**.