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INDUSTRY**ALERT**

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CASS Cycle O Decision

After review and discussion of the issues involved in performing a CASS Cycle O certification process, a consensus decision of USPS and mailing industry representatives determined there were no compelling reasons or need to undertake a mandatory CASS Cycle O effort at this time. Accordingly, it is proposed that address hygiene software with CASS Cycle N certification will remain valid through July 31, 2019. A decision whether to perform a CASS Cycle O certification effort for implementation, effective August 1, 2019, will be announced prior to August 1, 2017.

To maintain CASS Cycle N certification through July 31, 2019, address hygiene software vendors must submit a request to extend the expiration and listing of their CASS Cycle N-certified product(s) prior to April 30, 2018. The address hygiene software vendor will be required to stipulate in the request that they have not made any logic changes in their software that would have altered the results from their last CASS Cycle N certification test. Should the address hygiene software vendor be unable to stipulate to this effect, they will be required to pass a Stage II test based on CASS Cycle N requirements prior to April 30, 2018 to extend product certification through July 31, 2019.