

# LICENSING ANNOUNCEMENT

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## DISCONTINUATION OF THE DIRECTDPV PRODUCT

**Primary Audience:** All DPV® Licensees

**What:**

It is the intention of the USPS® to retire the DirectDPV Product, **effective September 30, 2016**. Use of this table was optional.

DirectDPV reduces the amount of redundant processing of CASS™ ZIP + 4® coded and DPV confirmed records where the Postal Service™ knows no change has occurred. By implementing DirectDPV as a prescreening process helps to determine if another lookup is needed or to advise that the address is valid.

Since DirectDPV has been rarely used since it was offered in 2007, the USPS will not transition the file from SHA-1 to SHA-256 technology in January 2016. The transition to SHA-256 technology is due to mandate by the Office of Inspection General (OIG) to adapt to the SHA-256 technology since the SHA-1 algorithm does not comply with current USPS security policies. The SHA-1 version of DirectDPV will continue to be available on a monthly basis until its targeted retirement date of September 30, 2016.

The retirement of DirectDPV does not affect the functionality of DPV. By using CASS Certified™ software, you will continue to receive ZIP + 4/DPV confirmed addresses as a result of DPV processing. Mailers will also continue to qualify for automation discounts rates by processing their mailing lists through CASS Certified software.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please submit them in writing to [ncoalink@usps.gov](mailto:ncoalink@usps.gov).