

## Facility Access and Shipment Tracking (FAST)

### Release 17.0.0 – External Pre-Release Notes – Version 2

The FAST 17.0.0 Release will be deployed on June 26, 2011. Any changes to the Pre-Release Notes are noted in this document and also in Appendix A (when applicable).

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## Chapter 1 External FAST Users (Customers)

### I. Online User Interface

#### A. General

1. Online drop ship and Origin Entry users will no longer have the horizontal scroll bar on the following pages:
  - *Mail Direction Search – Default and Redirections View* page
  - *Mail Direction Search – Drop Entry Point View* page
  - *Mail Direction Search – Label List View* page
2. Online drop ship and Origin Entry users will now view the **Search** button on the left side of the screen for the following pages:
  - *Mail Direction Search – Default and Redirections View* page
  - *Mail Direction Search – Drop Entry Point View* page
  - *Mail Direction Search – Label List View* page
3. Online drop ship and Origin Entry users will now be required to make a selection on the *Appointment Irregularities* and the *Mail Integrity and Load Irregularities* sections of the *Appointment Closeout* page. Previously, these sections were not required.
4. Online drop ship users will now be required to make a selection on the *Mail Integrity and Load Irregularities* section of the *Manage Unscheduled Arrival* page. Previously, this section was not required.
5. Online drop ship and Origin Entry users will now be able to view the *None* irregularity in FAST. This irregularity will be displayed on the following pages of FAST. Previously, this irregularity was not captured by FAST:
  - *Appointment Closeout* page
  - *Manage Unscheduled Arrivals* page
6. Online drop ship and Origin Entry users will now be able to view any comments entered by Surface Visibility (SV) during the appointment closeout process when the *Other* irregularity is selected.
7. Online drop ship users will now view an additional five Appointment ID textboxes on the *Appointment Closeout* page. Previously, only ten Appointment IDs could be entered.
8. Online Origin Entry users will no longer view the *Multiple Appts Associated to Load* irregularity on the *Mail Integrity and Load Irregularities* section. This irregularity and fifteen Appointment ID textboxes will be displayed on the *Appointment Irregularities* section on the *Appointment Closeout* page for Origin Entry appointments.
9. Online drop ship and Origin Entry users will now view a checkbox associated to the *Multiple Appts Associated to Load* irregularity on the *Appointment Closeout* page.
10. The checkbox associated to the “Only display Stand-Alone Content(s) with a Desired Facility of (NASS Code – Facility Name)” field will automatically be selected on the *Add/Edit Content Information* page. This enhancement will ensure that the number of Stand-Alone contents that are displayed on the *Add/Edit Content Information* page is limited to those of the selected facility. Users will be able to deselect that checkbox and view all Stand-Alone contents.

11. Online drop ship users will no longer receive the “Invalid Sequence Number” error message on the *Search For Existing Recurring Appointment / Request* page when searching for a valid Origin Entry JIT recurring appointment within the drop ship Recurring Appointments module. Users will now receive an error message indicating that the recurring appointment is Origin Entry.
12. Online Origin Entry users will no longer receive the “Invalid Sequence Number” error message on the *Search Existing JIT Recurring Appointment Information* when searching for a valid drop ship recurring appointment within the JIT Recurring module. Users will now receive an error message indicating that the recurring appointment is drop ship.
13. Online users will now be able to download and view the correct early bird and drop ship hours in the Drop Ship Delivery Unit Hours file from the *Drop Ship Product File Download* page. Previously, there was an error with the early bird and drop ship hours displayed.
14. Online drop ship and Origin Entry users will now be able to view the *Photo Copy of PS Form* irregularity and its associated Resolution on the following pages of FAST. Previously, this irregularity was not captured by FAST:
  - Appointment Closeout page
  - Manage Unscheduled Arrival page
  - Scheduler Report page
  - Closeout Data Report page
  - Closeout Data Report – Origin Entry page
15. Online drop ship and Origin Entry users will now receive the “*Warning! The appointment date and time and in-home dates are not in sync with USPS service standards. A shipment with an in-home date range claiming a NDC discount must be scheduled to arrive at the ASF by 16:00, 3 days prior to the second day of the in-home date range.*” message on the *Confirm Content Management Information* page if the ASF In-Home requirement of three days is not met for Standard Mail appointments scheduled at an ASF. Previously, the In-Home requirement for Standard Mail appointments scheduled at an ASF was five days.

## B. Customer / Supplier Agreements

Online users will now be able to view CSAs for Surface Transfer Center (STC) and Terminal Handling Service (THS) facilities. Previously, the STC and THS facilities were not available in the CSA module.

## C. ELLS Label List

1. Online users will now be able to download and view data in the “L603 – Origin Entry NDC – Parcels” Label List from the *Label List Files* page. Previously, this Label List was listed as the “L603 ADCs – Irregular Standard Mail Parcels” Label List.
2. Online users will now be able to download and view data in the “L604 – Standard Mail Letters and Flats, Package Services Flats” Label List from the *Label List Files* page. Previously, this Label List was listed as the “L604 Originating ADCs – Irregular Standard Mail Parcels” Label List.

## II. FAST Web Services

Mail.XML Version 10.0 will be supported as part of this release. The Postal Service Mail.XML Technical Specification outlines functionality and business rules needed to implement Mail.XML Version 8.0B and Mail.XML Version 10.0 for FAST Web Services via the *PostalOne!* system. Please refer to the Postal Service Mail.XML Technical Specification for Appointment Scheduling (FAST) ([PDF](#)) for more information. The FAST application will continue to support Mail.XML Version 8.0B along with Mail.XML Version 10.0, while **Mail.XML 6.0D will be discontinued on October 28, 2011**. Please note that Schedulers must complete testing for Mail.XML Version 8.0B or Mail.XML Version 10.0 prior to utilizing Web Services in FAST. For more

information about FAST Web Services and Web Services testing, please contact the *PostalOne!* Help Desk test team at [postalone@usps.gov](mailto:postalone@usps.gov).

#### **A. Mail XML 6.0D**

DeliveryAppointmentCancelCreate Message

Web Services customers utilizing the DeliveryAppointmentCancelCreate message to release the containers of drop ship appointments that are No Shows within the set time limit will no longer receive "1015 – Appointment Date does not match the requested Appointment Date". Customers will now be able to release the containers for drop shop appointments that are No Shows.

#### **B. Mail XML 8.0B**

##### 1. DeliveryApptUpdate Message

Web Services customers utilizing the DeliveryApptUpdate message containing a seven-position dropsite key in the Facility Number field will no longer receive "314 – You have experienced an error with the application. Please contact your FAST or Web Services system administrator for assistance". Customers will be able to enter a seven-position dropsite key in the Facility Number field.

##### 2. DeliveryAppointmentCancelCreate Message

Web Services customers utilizing the DeliveryAppointmentCancelCreate message to release the containers of drop ship appointments that are No Shows within the set time limit will no longer receive "1015 – Appointment Date does not match the requested Appointment Date". Customers will now be able to release the containers for drop shop appointments that are No Shows.

#### **C. Mail XML 10.0 - New Fields and Functionality for Existing Messages**

##### 1. Mail.XML Version 10.0 Delivery Appointment Create Request/Response, Delivery Appointment Query Request/Response, Delivery Appointment Update Request/Response, Delivery Appointment Cancel Request/Response, and Delivery Appointment Cancel Create Request/Response will support the following functionality:

- Ability to associate a Stand-Alone content to an appointment by using the ConsigneeContentID
- Ability to determine whether the appointment is drop ship or Origin Entry.
- Ability to provide the Mail Preparer ID, Mail Preparer CRID, Mail Owner ID and /or Mail Owner CRID fields when provided.
- Ability to provide the Content ID, Mail Content Name, and other content/container fields in the response message when a content is rejected.
- Ability to reuse a Stand-Alone content that was previously associated to an appointment once the appointment is cancelled.
- Ability to support the Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and the Intelligent Mail tray barcode (IMtb) for bedloaded sacks and trays.

##### 2. Mail.XML Version 10.0 Delivery Appointment Shell Cancel Request/Response, Delivery Appointment Shell Update Request/Response and the Delivery Appointment Shell Create Request/Response will support the following functionality:

- Ability to determine whether the appointment shell is drop ship or Origin Entry.

##### 3. Mail.XML Version 10.0 Delivery Content Create Request/Response will support the following functionality:

- Ability to determine whether the content is drop ship or Origin Entry.

- Ability to provide the Mail Preparer ID, Mail Preparer CRID, Mail Owner ID and /or Mail Owner Scheduler CRID fields when provided.
  - Ability to provide the Content ID, Mail Content Name, and other content/container fields in the response message when a content is rejected.
  - Ability to support the Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and the Intelligent Mail tray barcode (IMtb) for bedloaded sacks and trays.
4. Mail.XML Version 10.0 Delivery Content Query Request/Response will support the following functionality:
- Ability to search for content that has been updated between two specified dates
  - Ability to support the Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and the Intelligent Mail tray barcode (IMtb) for bedloaded sacks and trays.
5. Mail.XML Version 10.0 Delivery Content Update Request/Response will support the following functionality:
- Ability to provide the Content ID, Mail Content Name, and other content/container fields in the response message when a content is rejected.
  - Ability to support the Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and the Intelligent Mail tray barcode (IMtb) for bedloaded sacks and trays.
6. Mail.XML Version 10.0 Delivery Content Cancel Request/Response will support the following functionality:
- Ability to determine whether the content is drop ship or Origin Entry.
7. Mail.XML Version 10.0 Recurring Appointment Query Request/Response will support the following functionality:
- Ability to search for content that has been updated between two specified dates.
  - Ability to determine the status of the Recurring Appointment.
  - Ability to support the Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and the Intelligent Mail tray barcode (IMtb) for bedloaded sacks and trays.
8. Mail.XML Version 10.0 Partner Appointment Query Request/Response will support the following functionality:
- Ability to provide the appointment logistics information of a non-associated user.
  - Ability to provide the appointment logistics information if the appointment is an appointment shell.
  - Ability to search for content that has been updated between two specified dates.
  - Ability to support the Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) and the Intelligent Mail tray barcode (IMtb) for bedloaded sacks and trays.
9. In addition, Mail.XML 10.0 will support the following functionality:
- Support for three versions of IDEAlliance Mail.XML specifications – Mail.XML 6.0D, Mail.XML 8.0B, and Mail.XML 10.0 (Please note that Mail.XML 6.0D will no longer be supported by FAST past a future to be determined date. Customers will need to migrate to Mail.XML 8.0B or Mail.XML 10.0. For additional information, please contact the PostalOne! Help Desk team at [postalone@usps.gov](mailto:postalone@usps.gov) for additional information).

#### **D. Mail.XML 10.0 - New Messages**

1. Mail.XML Version 10.0 will incorporate the Stale Content Query Request/Response message which will support the following functionality:
  - Ability to search for all stale (content that is 30 days or older and has not been associated to an appointment) Stand-Alone contents.
  - Ability to provide users with push messages that will contain the ContentID and number of days the content has been Stale (Notification Push Message).
  - Ability to provide users with push messages that will contain any updates and /or cancellation information and the number of days their content has been Stale (Delivery Push Message).
2. Mail.XML Version 10.0 will incorporate the Partner Content Assignment Request/Response message which will support the following functionality:
  - Ability to change the current Logistics Scheduler of a Stand-Alone content to another Scheduler.
3. Mail.XML Version 10.0 will incorporate the Delivery Content Update Delivery Request/Response message which will support the following functionality:
  - Ability to allow users to query for contents that have been updated and/or associated to an appointment.
  - Ability to provide users with any updates and/or cancellation information related to their content.
  - Ability to provide users with push messages that will contain the ContentID and AppointmentID information related to their content (Notification Push Message).
  - Ability to provide users with push messages that will contain any updates and/or cancellation information related to their content (Delivery Push Message).

## Appendix A – Changes to Version 17.0.0

The following table represents the changes from the previous version of the Pre-Release Notes for the FAST 17.0.0 Release.

Note: Section numbers referenced below reflect numbers after additions/deletions have been made and may not correspond with the section numbers of the original (or revised) document. Minor grammatical and spelling changes made are not included in the table below.

Section	Change Type	Description
I.A.5	Modification	5. Online drop ship and Origin Entry users will now be able to view the <i>None</i> irregularity in FAST. This irregularity will be displayed on the following pages of FAST. Previously, this irregularity was not captured by FAST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Appointment Closeout</i> page</li> <li>• <i>Manage Unscheduled Arrivals</i> page</li> </ul>
I. A.15	Addition	15. Online drop ship and Origin Entry users will now receive the “ <i>Warning! The appointment date and time and in-home dates are not in sync with USPS service standards. A shipment with an in-home date range claiming a NDC discount must be scheduled to arrive at the ASF by 16:00, 3 days prior to the second day of the in-home date range.</i> ” message on the <i>Confirm Content Management Information</i> page if the ASF In-Home requirement of three days is not met for Standard Mail appointments scheduled at an ASF. Previously, the In-Home requirement for Standard Mail appointments scheduled at an ASF was five days.
I.B.	Addition	<p><b>B. Customer / Supplier Agreements</b></p> Online users will now be able to view CSAs for Surface Transfer Center (STC) and Terminal Handling Service (THS) facilities. Previously, the STC and THS facilities were not available in the CSA module.