

Product Tracking System

Release 11.5.2 Version 1 External Release Notes

The United States Postal Service (USPS) Product Tracking System (PTS) Release 11.5.2 will occur on February 14, 2011. Table updates will be applied during the evening of 2/12/2011 ET. Software changes will be installed beginning the evening of 2/12/2011 ET and ending the morning of 2/14/2011 ET. These Release Notes are prepared to notify you of the changes that will be implemented and how they will affect the following areas.

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1. Mailers and Shippers

The primary focus of PTS Release 11.5.2 is to implement changes for the POS Prepaid Extra Services Workflow, and to add Palestine as a trading partner.

The following items will be included in Release 11.5.2 and are of interest to external users who communicate electronically with USPS by sending electronic files containing package information.

1.1 Add Trading Partner Palestine

USPS would like to start trading EMSEVT tracking events with Palestine. The PTS trading partner's Web page will need to have Palestine as an option, to be able to set up Palestine's GXS (Global Exchange System) mailbox information. With this release, Palestine will be added as an option to the Trading Partners Web page. The country code for Palestine will be 'PS'.

1.2 Infrastructure Change

The following infrastructure change is being implemented with this release. This change is transparent to customers. However, infrastructure changes enhance and correct USPS services and processes, or are implemented in preparation for future improvements:

- A change is being made to PTS to post a partial acceptance record – defined by an 'A' or 'E' transaction type in the ACP (acceptance) record – without waiting to complete the record with a complete '03' or 'MA' record, for 'Returns' type items. This change is needed in order to reduce the number of partial acceptances that post without the system being able to determine a scheduled delivery date. 'Returns' type items are identified by service type codes that are specific to returns.