

Product Tracking System

Release 11.7.1 Version 1 External Release Notes

The United States Postal Service (USPS) Product Tracking System (PTS) Release 11.7.1 will occur on April 17, 2011. Table updates will be applied during the evening of 4/16/2011 ET. Software changes will be installed beginning 4/17/2011 at 9:00 AM ET and ending by 4/17/2011 5:00 PM 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 11.7.1 is to implement the April price change.

In addition, infrastructure changes will be implemented for an additional Philadelphia NDC ZIP Code, and Shipping Services file v1.5 Hold for Pickup Detail Record 2 warning correction.

The following items will be included in Release 11.7.1 and are of interest to external users who communicate electronically with USPS by sending electronic files containing package information.

1.1 April Price Change

Parcel Select Regional Ground will be a new competitive single piece product as a sub-category of Parcel Select. It will be a new lower priced ground product that will be processed within the standard mail network, and will be eligible for payment via eVS. A USPS tracking barcode (legacy or IMpb) will be required. The mailer will use current Parcel Select Service Type Codes (2 and 3 digit) and current mail classes. New rate indicator 'RG' and delivery option indicator 'R' will be available to support this new product. Customers will be required to use delivery option indicator 'R' and rate indicator 'RG' if mailing Parcel Select Regional Ground. Delivery option 'R' will only be valid with the Parcel Select mail class; the use of other mail classes will result in a warning and will default the delivery option to spaces. See the Postal Explorer at <http://pe.usps.com> to view all the new prices effective in April.

USPS will now allow commercial customers to claim commercial plus pricing for First Class Parcels. To support this, PTS will add four new rate indicators, as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: New Rate Indicators for First Class Parcels

Rate Indicator	Description
UA	ADC under 1 pound
US	Single Piece under 1 pound
U3	3 digit under 1 pound
U5	5 digit under 1 pound

USPS is also introducing new domestic extra service rates effective April 17th.

In addition, to facilitate tracking the types of Open and Distribute container types used by customers, PTS is implementing two new container type codes for the 1.5 and 1.6 manifest files, as shown in Table 2 below. The new container types will be available for use with any IMpb container barcode.

Table 2: New Container Type Codes

Container Type Code	Description
OF	Open and Distribute Full Tray Box
OH	Open and Distribute Half Tray Box

1.3 Infrastructure Changes

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

- **Additional Valid Philadelphia NDC ZIP Code**

PTS, at the request of Engineering, is adding ZIP Code 19116 as a second valid ZIP Code for the Philadelphia NDC for edits on the BMO record. This will result in PTS receiving 'BE' events from this ZIP Code.

- **Shipping Services File v1.5 Hold for Pickup Detail Record 2 Warning Correction**

Some Shipping Services File v1.5 Detail 1 Hold for Pickup (HFP) records were incorrectly receiving a warning stating they needed a Detail 2 record, when they already included a Detail 2 record. This was corrected with this release.