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The United States Postal Service (USPS) Product Tracking System (PTS) Release 12.4.2 will occur on January 1, 2012. Table updates will be applied during the late evening of 12/31/2011 ET, while the software changes will be installed beginning at 9am ET on 1/1/2012. 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 12.4.2 is to implement supporting changes for the January 1, 2012 price change. These enhancements include support for the new Parcel Select Lightweight class of mail.

The following items will be included in Release 12.4.2 and are of interest to external users who communicate electronically with USPS by sending electronic files containing package information.

1.1 New Parcel Select Lightweight Class of Mail

The USPS January 2012 Price Change introduces the new Parcel Select Lightweight class of mail. Parcel Select Lightweight will be a new lightweight product option under Parcel Select.

For complete information on the January 2012 Price Change, visit the Pricing Page at <http://www.usps.com/prices/>.

1.1.1 New CS Group ID

A new CS group ID is being added for Standard Mail Marketing, as described in the following table.

Table 1 – New CS Group ID for Standard Mail Marketing

CS Group ID	Description
2004	Standard Mail Marketing

1.1.2 New Class of Mail

The new Parcel Select Lightweight class of mail, LW, will be available for use with any 2-digit service type code that currently allows an SA ('Standard Mail') class of mail. The new Parcel Select Lightweight class of mail will also be available for use in combination with 3-digit service type codes associated with the SA class of mail. The attributes for the new Parcel Select Lightweight class of mail are described in the following table.

Table 2 – Attributes for New Parcel Select Lightweight Class of Mail

Attribute Description	Value
Class of Mail	LW
Description	Parcel Select Lightweight
POD Expire Days Count	30
Rate Ingredient Visibility	YES
Max Days Unclaimed	15
Internet Display Description	Package Services
CS Group ID	2003

1.1.3 New Rate Indicators

Four new rate indicators will be created for use with the new Parcel Select Lightweight class of mail. These new rate indicators will only be available with Parcel Select Lightweight, and will be allowed for Parcel Select Lightweight mail pieces that have a weight greater than zero and less than or equal to 16 ounces. The new rate indicators are described in the following table.

Table 3 – New Rate Indicators for Parcel Select Lightweight

Rate Indicator	Description
BB	Mixed NDC Rate
DC	NDC Rate
DE	SCF Rate
DF	5-Digit Rate

1.1.4 New Service Type Codes

Sixteen new service type codes will be created for use with the new Parcel Select Lightweight class of mail. In addition, the system will allow use of these new service type codes with the existing SA class of mail. The new service type codes are described in the following table.

Table 4 – New Service Type Codes for Parcel Select Lightweight

Service Type Code	Description
707	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance > \$200
708	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance > \$200 Delivery Confirmation
709	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance > \$200 Return Receipt
743	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance > \$200 with Restricted Delivery
744	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance > \$200 RRE
745	Parcel Select Light Weight Delivery Confirmation Insurance <= \$200
746	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance <= \$200
747	Parcel Select Light Weight Delivery Confirmation with Special Handling
748	Parcel Select Light Weight Delivery Confirmation
749	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance > \$200 Return Receipt/RRE
784	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance > \$200 Return Receipt with Restricted Delivery
785	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance > \$200 Return Receipt/RRE with Restricted Delivery
786	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance <= \$200 Return Receipt for Merchandise
787	Parcel Select Light Weight Return Receipt for Merchandise
788	Parcel Select Light Weight Delivery Confirmation Return Receipt for Merchandise
789	Parcel Select Light Weight