USPS® Support of IDEAlliance® Specifications

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1. Introduction

The Postal Service® will release software for the PostalOne® and FAST® systems that include IDEAlliance Mail.dat® and Mail.XML™ specification support.

This document contains information on timelines for the Mail.dat and Mail.XML version start and discontinuation dates for the following functionalities:

1. eDoc and Postage Statement Functionality
   a. Mail.dat Job Submissions
   b. Mail.XML Job Submissions
2. Mail. XML Data Distribution Functionality
3. Mail. XML Profile Management (MID-CRID) Functionality
4. Mail. XML FAST Functionality

USPS future support for Mail.dat and Mail.XML may change as we move closer to the January 2015 timeframe.

1.1 Help Desk Contact Information

- For the PostalOne! system – If you have any questions, please contact the PostalOne! Help Desk by email at postalone@usps.gov or by calling 1-800-522-9085.

- For FAST – If you have any questions, please contact the FAST Help Desk by email at fast@usps.com or by calling 1-877-569-6614.
2. Specification Support Timelines
This section lists the Mail.dat and Mail.XML version start and discontinuation dates for PostalOne! releases that introduce new USPS functionality.

2.1 eDoc and Postage Statement Functionality

2.1.1 Mail.dat Job Submissions

January 25, 2015
- USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 14-1 and 14-2
- USPS is anticipated to support Mail.dat 14-2 Errata version 14.2.1.5.

April 26, 2015
- Mail.dat supported versions are 14-2, 14-2 Errata 14.2.1.5, and 15-1*
- USPS will partially support Mail.dat 14-1 submissions after April 26, 2015 for mailings with mailing dates processed before April 26, 2015, and to update previously submitted mailings.

* USPS future support for Mail.dat specific code version will become known as we approach the second 2015 release timeframe.

2.1.2 Mail.XML eDoc - Job Submissions

January 25, 2015
- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 15.0A and 16.0*

April 26, 2015
- Mail.XML supported version are 16.0*, and 17.0X**
- USPS will partially support Mail.XML 15.0 submissions after April 26, 2015 for mailings with mailing dates processed before April 26, 2015, and to update previously submitted mailings.

* Mail.XML 16.0 specification does not support the structure changes made in Mail.XML 17.0X.

** USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the second 2015 release timeframe.

2.2 Data Distribution Functionality

January 25, 2015
- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0

April 26, 2015
- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0*

* USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the second 2015 release timeframe.

2.3 Profiles Functionality

January 25, 2015
- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0
April 26, 2015

- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0*

* USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the second 2015 release timeframe.

2.4 FAST Functionality

January 25, 2015

- USPS will support versions Mail.XML 10.0, 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0

April 26, 2015

- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 10.0, 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0*

* USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the second 2015 release timeframe.