

Proposed Functionality for April 2015 Release

PRE RELEASE DOCUMENT- EXTERNAL

This document describes potential changes for the April 2015 release. The content of this document is subject to change until final approval. Some changes described in this document may not be implemented.

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1. Release Summary

This section describes proposed changes for the April 26, 2015 release which impact the *PostalOne!* system or technical specifications. This release is scheduled for deployment in April 2015.

1.1 Postage Statement Changes

Drafts of the new postage statements, minus actual prices, are now available on Postal Explorer at [Postage Stmt Updates 2/6/15](#).

1.2 Mail.dat and Mail.XML Version Support

Module	Mail.dat	Postage Payment and Reporting (eDoc)	Mailer IDs & Customer Registration IDs (MID-CRID)	Full Service Feedback (Data Distribution)	Appointment Scheduling (FAST)
Specifications Supported	14-2 14-2 Errata 14.2.1.5 15-1	15.0 16.0 17.0	12.0A 12.0B 14.0A 16.0	12.0A 12.0B 14.0A 16.0	10.0 12.0A 12.0B 14.0A 16.0

Table 1-1 identifies Mail.dat and Mail.XML specifications supported for Release 41.0.0.

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Table 1-1 Version Support

1.3 Changes to Multiple Mail Classes

1.3.1 Changes to Palletized Periodicals/Standard Flat-Size Mailings

1.3.1.1 Changes to 5 Digit Pallets with Carrier Route Bundles

USPS proposes to provide mailers with pricing incentives, so they will use 5 digit carrier route pallets. A carrier route pallet contains only carrier route (CR) bundles for the same 5 digit.

1.3.2 Flat Sorter Sequencing (FSS) Fine Tuning

USPS proposes incentives for mailers to make operational changes to ensure processing is meeting new requirements. This includes enabling mailers to enter

- FSS scheme sacks and tubs of Standard Mail, Periodicals, and BPM flats at the Destination Flat Sorter Sequencing (DFSS) sites.
- FSS facility containers at DFSS and allow Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) prices for FSS eligible pieces processed at that DFSS site.

1.3.3 Simplify Returns Portfolio

The USPS proposes to streamline and simplify traditional Merchandise Return Service (MRS) by consolidating MRS and USPS Returns into a rebranded and simpler returns product that offers three product options (i.e., First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail and Ground Service), which are to be supported by two payment options (traditional and scan based payment). The annual permit fee payment and annual account maintenance returns fees will also be eliminated for customers who use the USPS to ship outbound packages.

1.4 USPS BlueEarth™ Carbon Accounting

The USPS proposes to update and enhance the existing USPS BlueEarth™ Carbon Accounting report to integrate with customer reports in eVS and BCG to identify carbon emissions greenhouse gases (GHG) associated with customer mailing and shipping activity. The USPS BlueEarth™ Carbon Accounting Statement is an existing customer end report (in both eVS and Business Mailer Entry Unit (BMEU) that is directly affected by the system changes that occur or are made due to price changes/postage statement changes.

1.5 Seamless Acceptance

Calculate and provide the potential postage due on the Mailer Scorecard for mailers in Seamless Parallel status.

Provide the ability to reverse an additional postage assessment if it is initially applied to the wrong permit by a mailer.

1.6 Product Simplification: Extra Services

- The extra service S15 Adult Signature Required will be supported and the eligible classes of mail will be expanded to include First-Class Package Services and Parcel Select Lightweight pieces.
- The extra service S16 Adult Signature Restricted Delivery will be supported and the eligible classes of mail for S16 Adult Signature Restricted Delivery will be expanded to include First-Class Package Services and Parcel Select Lightweight pieces.
- Collect On Delivery will be available with Hold For Pickup and Street Delivery options.
- A new extra service S32 COD Restricted Delivery will be supported.
- Combine the two domestic insurances (Priority Mail Express and Other Classes) into a single table for domestic mail (with the associated pricing per value category).
- Postage Statements 3600 FCM, 3600 PM, 3605 Package Services, 3560 PME, are all updated with line item S7 Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery.
 - Mail.dat and Mail.XML eDoc will allow mapping to S7 Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery
 - A new Extra Service Code provided by Product Tracking and Reporting (PTR) for Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery will be supported.
- Consolidate the three international insurance tables (Global Express Guaranteed, Priority Mail Express International, and Priority Mail International) into two tables for international mail (with associated pricing per value category).
- Eliminate S7 Restricted Delivery as a standalone extra service and rename to Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery available for parcels only.
- Return Receipt for Merchandise extra service will be discontinued.
- A new extra service S31 Insurance Restricted Delivery will be supported.
- Change insurance thresholds to \$500 and include Signature Service automatically for items valued over \$500.
- Policies and price rules will be incorporated into the cost of USP tracking for Market Dominant parcel products.
- Revise the insurance fee structure to add values from \$25,001 to \$50,000. Insurance Threshold will be increased to \$50,000.
- A new extra service S30 Registered Mail Restricted Delivery will be supported.
- Enable reporting of changes to Extra Services by internal and external users.
- The insurance for returns will be restructured to be in alignment with domestic shipping.

- Rename existing extra service S13 from “Special handling” to “Fragile” across postage statements.
- Enable configurable fee for line item S28 Hazardous Material Transportation.
- Support and track the volume of Perishables.
- A new extra service S14 Certified Mail Adult Signature Required will be supported.
- A new extra service S27 Certified Mail Adult Signature Restricted Delivery will be supported.
- A new extra service S10 Certified Mail Restricted Delivery will be supported.