

**MAC™ / MAC Gold™ Advisory**  
**Cycle O Electronic Test Deck/file Return**  
**January 2013**

The BMA Certification Department MAC™ Group requests that Software Developers complete and return their electronic test deck within 21 calendar days from the **Date Sent** on the MAC™ Cover Sheet to allow the Group adequate processing time of MAC Test Deck/files. The January 2013 [MAC / MAC Gold Technical Guide](#) also reflects this date extension guidance.

If for any reason that time proves insufficient, we highly encourage MAC/MAC Gold™ Software Developers to send us an email to [Ncsc, Manifest - Memphis, TN \(manifest\\_ncsc@usps.gov\)](mailto:manifest_ncsc@usps.gov) outlining the challenges. The MAC Group will take the offered issues under advisement, possibly offsetting a failed Electronic File Test round.

For MAC/MAC Gold Software Developers already in receipt of MAC Coversheets displaying a 30-day Expiration, we plan to issue updated 21-calendar day Expiration Date Coversheets in replacement. Please accept our apology for any inconvenience this modification causes.

Lastly, the January 2013 [Publication 401 – Guide to Manifest Mailing Systems](#) is now available on RIBBS. Click the link provided or the image below to directly access PUB 401.

