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Mail Prep and Entry Steering Committee Meeting

January 14, 2014

- **Welcome**
- **Updates since 11/19/13**
 - **Idea Log**
 - **DMM Revisions**
 - **20-24 oz test results**
- **Review B&E Matrix**
- **Next Steps and Wrap Up**

- 116 ideas submitted to date
 - 37 closed
 - Out of scope, withdrawn or re-assigned
 - 21 completed
 - Postal Bulletin articles and DMM revisions announced
 - 33 remaining in Benefit/Effort matrix
 - 25 open need Change/Improvement template submitted or idea withdrawn

	Federal Register Proposed Rule	Federal Register Final Rule	Postal Bulletin article	DMM revision effective
<p>Item #6: Reduce time spent moving mail between multiple facilities for bundle, AFSM, and FSS processing</p> <p>Item #22: FSS Prep Requirement</p> <p>Item #14: 5 digit/FSS Scheme pallets</p> <p>Item #63: Eliminate CR bundles in FSS zones</p> <p>Item #42: Maintain comail benefits in future FSS pricing environment</p> <p>Item #86: USPS make FSS bundle prep required.</p> <p>Item #89: Ensure Mail Direction file supports directing all FSS container types to the deepest possible facility in the network for processing</p>	09/26/13	12/18/2013	12/26/2013	1/26/2014 Required

20-24 oz Flat Mail Test - Overview

- Conducted Three Separate Tests
 - FSS
 - Linthicum IMF
 - October 15 & 16, 2013
 - AFSM 100
 - NOVA
 - November 19 & 20, 2013
 - FSS w/HSFF
 - Dulles P&DC
 - December 23, 2013
- About the mail
 - Flat mail, perfect bound
 - *Restoration Hardware*
 - *Vogue*
 - Weight range 23 – 24 oz
 - Test Decks
 - Heavy mail only
 - Heavy mail mix with UBBM

20-24 oz Flat Mail Test - Results

Date	Machine	Run	Volume	Feeder Jams		Damage		See Notes Below
				Pass 1	Pass 2	Cat 2	Cat 3	
October 15/16, 2013	FSS	1	1123	0	1	0	0	1
		2	2008	10	5	6	0	2
		3	2272	0	0	5	0	3
		4	3509	5	7	25	1	4, 5
November 19/20, 2013	AFSM	1	824	5	n/a	0	0	6
		2	2878	7	n/a	2	0	7
December 23, 2013	FSS/HSFF	1	1935	5	n/a	0	0	6
		2	1980	0	n/a	7	0	5, 7

Notes:

1. Machine validation run, no "Heavy Mail" included
2. Heavy Mail only
3. Heavy Mail only, single pass, carousel test (maintenance mode)
4. Heavy Mail and mixed mail (UBBM), approximately 50/50 mix
5. Cat 2 damage mail was attributed mostly to UBBM mail
6. Heavy Mail only
7. Heavy Mail and mixed mail (UBBM), approximately 25% heavy mail

20-24 oz Flat Mail Test - Conclusion

From a mechanical perspective, the 24 oz flat mail did not produce any damage to either the FSS, AFSM or FSS/HSFF systems.

From an operational perspective, the 24 oz mail did show some performance degradation when a run was 100% 24 oz mail. Those runs that were of “mixed” mail did not show any significant performance issues.

At this date, USPS Engineering does not anticipate any significant issues with 24 oz flat mail.

- High Priority
 - 11 Items
- Medium Priority
 - 16 Items
- Low Priority
 - 5 Items
- Pending Further Review (B&E Matrix)
 - 1 Item

<u>High Priority</u>	<u>Status</u>
Item #10: FCM Palletization Rules Confusing	Referred to Product Classification to conduct a webinar and provide guidance
Item #12: CSA Management	To be assigned to the Master Degree Black Belt Project (Linked with Item #95)
Item #13: Allow Commingle/CoMail of BPM and Standard Flats	Will be included in the future release
Item #28: Increase 20 oz machinable weight limit	Mail test is complete by engineering – results to be shared
Item #43: Cost Based Rates Study	Pricing is evaluating (Peter Moore Analysis)
Item #76: Low volume pallet entry	Validation with Mail Entry group
Item #78: Eliminate Non Value added Container Preps	Propose to close item – all container prep are valuable
Item #79: Bundle & Container prices should signal 5D prep and DSCF entry	Under consideration through Flat Strategy group
Item #80: Container and Drop shipment prices should signal the entry of 5D pallets to the DSCF and DDU	Under consideration through Flat Strategy group
Item #95: DMM vs. CSA sortation & prep requirements as it relates to above items, as well as review and increase of internal USPS understanding of current DMM	To be assigned to the Master Degree Black Belt Project (Linked with Item #12)
Item #96: Explore options for creating fuller trays	Aligned 5D Scheme Labeling List L012 with current DPS Schemes

<u>Medium Priority</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Item #8: FCM 500 Piece Manifest Rule	
Item #11: Non-automation Presort rules	
Item #21: Eliminate CR prep for STD & PER Ltrs	
Item #23: Origin Entry Separation	
Item #26: Bundle processing bottleneck and problems	
Item #36: Postage Statement Separations	
Item #44: Requirement to re-qualify mail	
Item #62: Carrier management of UAA mail and NIXIE information	
Item #66: Presort verification for flats in DMUs	
Item #74: Removal of Origin Sack Mail	
Item #81: Ensure MDF allows all DSCF and 5D containers to the deepest possible Dest Facility	
Item #82: Industry and USPS develop a strategy to increase the % of flats that comail	
Item #93: Evaluate opportunity to improve scheme design	
Item #94 & #102: Evaluate opportunity to improve label lists	
Item #101: Review non-machineable parcel pricing	

<u>Low Priority</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Item #83: Enhance address label to include the CRRT designation on Non CRRT pieces	
Item #84: Re-evaluate non-machineable barcode rates	
Item #85: Enhance DPS bundle prep operation (currently SAMP) to be capable of processing facility pallets.	
Item #87: USPS make FSS container prep required ONLY AFTER a re-examination of optimal prep is completed.	
Item #91: Explore pricing methods to strengthen or create uniform signals for FSS prep across each class	

25 Open Items on Ideas Log

Item #4: DDU entry for non-FSS flats	Item #98: Evaluate UAA/Move Update options, processing and adherence to procedures	Item #110: Create 3D scheme container/bundle
Item #38: Price vs. service level vs. time of day for different pts in USPS operations	Item #99: Improve residual single piece mail process, including communication, definition, pricing	Item #111: Bypass manual breakdown by building fuller 5D or 5D scheme trays/tubs/bundles
Item #39: Narrow the focus of what defines a mailing	Item #100: Evaluate and identify ways to reduce mailer damage mail	Item #112: Eliminate bundles in full tubs in bundle rate mailings (check pricing implications)
Item #40: Allow merging of classes when using same operation scheme	Item #103: Exploring alternate downstream entry at USPS – Hub Work Group #159	Item #113: Lower 90 piece minimum
Item #41: Allow drop ship discounts at piece handing and bundle handling ops	Item #105: Identify best practices among eVS and PVDS and incorporate for both processes	Item #114: Expand the use and roles of Customer Service Agreements – dynamic and flexible in mail prep/container and entry times
Item #68: Streamline linking of new entry to payment process	Item #106: Improve 99M Container Scan compliance at NDCs and SCFs and expand to include sacks at DDU	Item #115: Create drop-ship price signal
Item #90: USPS create unique prices within Periodicals to signal the entry of FSS prepped mail at each FSS site	Item #107: Increase maximum pallet height to enhance double stacking of gaylords	Item #116: Signal prep of lower minimum tray for CRRT and 5D
Item #92: Industry / USPS work to increase comail capabilities and volumes	Item #108: Permit combining mailings of different postage methods in a bundle based mailing	
Item #97: First Class drop ship (including exploring alternate downstream entry at USPS) – Hub Work Group #159	Item #109: Value added price incentives	

- Next webinar Meeting
 - February 20, 2PM – 3PM EST
 - March 27, 2PM – 3PM EST
 - April 17, 2PM – 3PM EST
- Next Face to Face Meeting
 - May 20, 2014, 9AM – 12PM EST
- Wrap up