

User Group 1 “PostalOne! / SASP / Intelligent Mail”
SASP Deferred Transmission - Mail.dat
Minutes
Monday, September 27, 2010

Agenda Items

- ✚ Define changes to Mail.dat 11-2 (proposed implementation in June 2011) to allow the transmission full service container information to be deferred to a time after postage statement finalization.

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- ✚ The MLOCR environment has a need to send full-service containerization and full-service piece data after the mail is accepted by the unit.
- ✚ The meeting discussed the MLOCR process and three specific scenarios. In one of these scenarios the group requested an error message if a pallet is marked ready to pay but not all the trays on the pallet are marked ready to pay.
- ✚ Report of a problem with ‘too large PDR’ was referred to the help desk.
- ✚ Industry members of the group agreed to provide further documentation and a flowchart for the process and scenarios.
- ✚ The meeting focused on the requirements for the Mail.dat and Mail.XML files.
- ✚ We concluded that two new container statuses would be sufficient. The first is ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service information’. The second is ‘update of full-service information’. In the case that the container status is ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service information’ all the Mail.dat files are present except possibly the PDR or IMR file. The PDR must be supplied with status is ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service information’ if spoilage or shortage is claimed. The CSM file with status is ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service information’ has only the initial logical trays. The Mail.dat ‘update of full-service information’ file will have complete CSM information including the assignment of sibling physical trays to logical trays, the logical pallets and their assignment to physical pallets. The Mail.dat ‘update of full-service information’ file will have the PDR or IMR if not supplied earlier. After sending ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service information’ the postage statements will be finalized to a new status ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service information’ and paid. The error analysis for a ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service’ container will occur immediately upon transmission of the file and is identical to the error analysis for transmission of the ‘ready-to-pay’ container. Containers in the file can be a mix of ‘ready-to-pay’ and ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service information’ After sending ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service information’ the postage statements will be finalized to a new status ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service information’ and paid. Container and piece information is sent to SASP for the file after all containers are marked ‘ready-to-pay’ or ‘ready-to-pay pending full-service information’ and the ‘update of full-service information’ file received.
- ✚ If the ‘update of full-service information’ file is not sent by three days after the mailing the full-service will be assessed. If there are errors in the ‘update of full-service information’ file an error message is sent to the mailer. If these are not corrected by three days after the mailing the accepted ‘update of full-service information’ file will be processed through full-service compliance and where appropriate the full-service discount will be removed, the full-service ACS and Start-the-Clock will not be available.

- ✚ **Action item:** Ruth Stock and Shariq Mirza will file the CRs to add Container Status 'ready-to-pay pending full-service information' and 'update of full-service information' to the Mail.dat 11-2 and Mail.XML 9.1.
- ✚ After the meeting Shariq suggested that the 'update of full-service information' status is best at the Job level (or possibly the segment level).
- ✚ After the meeting Joe Bailey suggested different names for the two new statuses: "ready to pay but not ready to send to SASP" and "paid, was held from SASP, but now ready to send to SASP".

Attendance

The phone conference recorded 28 in attendance.

MTAC Issues Tracking System (MITS)

- ✚ To see the previous postings of minutes and other user group documents, the steps are:
 - Business Customer Gateway
 - National Customer Support Center - RIBBS (listed under "Customer Support") MTAC (last tab on left menu) MTAC Issues Tracking System Login (listed under "Important Links")

<http://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=mtac>
Sign on with user name UG 1 and password posim234
Click on User Group
Search on User Group Issue Number 1
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Next Meeting

- ✚ **Thursday, September 30, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

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