

**Proposed *PostalOne!***  
**Enhancements for October**  
**2012**

# Overview

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Mail.dat® and Mail.XML® changes to *PostalOne!*

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### Welcome to the Full Service 2012 Release Page!

#### April 2012 Release:

As of 04/13/2012, the final release notes, technical specifications and guides for the April 2012 release are now available. Please refer to the links on the left sidebar to find the updated release notes, technical specifications and guides.

As of 03/30/2012, the list of known issues for the April 2012 release is now available. Please refer to the link, Release Known Issues, located on the left sidebar under the April 2012 Release for the list.

As of 02/01/2012, updated release notes, technical specifications, and guides for the April 2012 release are now available. Please refer to the links on the left sidebar to find the updated release notes, technical specifications, and guides.

#### June 2012 Release:

As of 04/10/2012, updated release notes, technical specifications, and guides for the June 2012 release are now available. Please refer to the links on the left sidebar to find the updated release notes, technical specifications, and guides.

As of 04/10/2012, updated postage statements for the June 2012 release (without prices) are now available through the link on the left sidebar.

As of 03/28/2012, DRAFT technical specifications and guides for the June 2012 release are now available for review. Final versions of the technical specifications and guides will be published on 04/10/2012. Please refer to the links on the left sidebar to find the technical specifications and guides that will be supported and implemented for the June 2012 release.

As of 03/16/2012, Mail.XML technical specifications and user guides for the June 2012 release are now available. Please refer to the links on the left sidebar to find the technical specifications and guides that will be supported and implemented for the June 2012 release.

As of 01/09/2012, initial release notes, technical specifications, and guides for the June 2012 release are now available. Please refer to the links on the left sidebar to find the release notes, technical specifications, and guides.

As of 11/21/2011, an updated Release Overview for the June 2012 release is now available.



## IMPORTANT UPDATES

### POSTNET Barcode Discontinuation Proposed

As of 04/10/2012, the POSTNET™ Barcode Discontinuation proposed rule was posted on the Register website. The proposed rule includes the basis for the discontinuation of the use of POSTNET™ barcodes on Intelligent Mail® barcodes. The Postal Service™ is committed to working with mailers and software providers to ensure a smooth transition to and working with mailers and software providers to ensure the use of an Intelligent Mail barcode is achievable for all mailing.

The Mail Manual (DMM®) is available on Postal Service.usps.com. To subscribe to the DMM via e-mail to dmmadvisory@usps.com. "subscribe" in the subject line.

5 business plan charts path to financial stability  
The Postal Service has released an update to its business plan for profitability and long-term financial

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## Mail.dat

- Mail.dat supported versions are Mail.dat 12-1 and Mail.dat 12-2
- USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 12-1
- USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 12-2

## Mail.XML

- Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v11.0D, v 12.0A, and proposed v12.0B
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v11.0D
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v12.0A
- USPS proposes to support Mail.XML v12.0B

## Proposed Mail.dat features in October 2012 release are:

- a. Job Search Enhancement
- b. Incentive information on Mail.dat Status Receipt File
- c. Postage Statement auto-locking function for increased postage data integrity
- d. Weight updates to the job based on PAR file submissions
- e. Surcharge generation variables and DMM compliance
- f. Validation of Standard Mail Classes which are too heavy and considered as Priority Mail
- g. Incentive Information on Qualification Report
- h. Delete Mail.dat Copal job from PostalOne! dashboard
- i. Validation Processing Category across Mail.dat job
- j. PostalOne! validation so Parent and Child containers are tied to the same SEG
- k. PostalOne! Consolidated Internal Copal job with linked logical and presort mailings

## Job Search feature for mail owners

- PostalOne! will add functionality to allow mailers to search for their jobs when pulling the Microstrategy discount assessment report for origin mail copal jobs that are submitted by consolidators with consolidator's Mailing Group ID
- PostalOne! will allow for individual mail owners the ability to pull (search for) only their own jobs

**PostalOne! will update the Mail.dat job Status Receipt File to include the adjustments in postage made as a result of Incentives claimed**

- The incentive program adjustments should be included in the Mail.dat status receipt file so that mailers have accurate final postage of their accounting reconciliations

## PostalOne! will allow Postage Statement Lock function for increased postage data integrity

- PostalOne! will lock the Postage Statement when Mail.dat update/change/delete job is submitted
- PostalOne! will reject Mail.dat update/change/or delete job if Postage Statement is in locked state.
- PostalOne! will unlock the Postage Statement once Mail.dat update/change/delete job is processed and Postage Statement had been revised.
- This feature will display a warning on the dashboard for the duration the statement is locked.

## PostalOne! will check if weight adjustments need to be made when Mail.dat PAR file is submitted

- PostalOne! will check for weight adjustments in Mail.dat CPT “Component – Weight” and MPU “Mail Piece Unit – Weight” of the Postage Statement when Mail.dat PAR file is submitted

## Surcharge generation variables and DMM compliance

- In order to comply with the DMM 433, Section 1.5, the Mail.dat MPU “Weight” field will be included as one of the variables to be used to calculate surcharges when the Rate Category is barcoded or non-barcoded.
- The MPU weight field will be used in addition to the MPU “Class”, MPU “Rate Category”, MPU “Rate Type”, MPU “Processing Category”, and MPU “Barcode Discount or Surcharge Indicator”.

## Proposed Validation of Standard Mail Classes which are too heavy and considered as Priority Mail

- Mail.dat validation error needs to be generated for pieces that are too heavy to be considered as Standard Mail.
- The error of those pieces would need to include workarounds such as suggesting the mailer to file the pieces via eVS or Mail.XML.
- Priority Mail is not supported by PostalOne! Mail.dat implementation.

## Incentive Information on Qualification Report

- PostalOne! will update the Qualification Report to display incentive information if Incentive is claimed in Mail.dat 12-1 CCR “Characteristic” field.
- PostalOne! will update the Qualification Report to display incentive information if Incentive is claimed in Mail.dat 12-2 represented by the presence of the CCR “Characteristic Type” field value of “I” and corresponding CCR “Characteristic” field.

## Allow Mail.dat Copal consolidator job to be deleted from PostalOne! dashboard

- Currently the mailer either calls the helpdesk or opens a ticket for data repair to remove the consolidator Mail.dat/Mail.XML job, or the helpdesk requests the mailer to resubmit the job with a new Job ID.
- The current implementation throws a validation error message when users are attempting to delete a copal consolidation job via Mail.dat for both bundle and tray based mailings.

## Proposed Validation for Processing Category between SEG and its MPU

- PostalOne! will validate that the SEG Principal Processing Category is compared to the MPU processing category to ensure that the SEG Processing Category is the same as that of the MPU's.
- The Mail.dat job will need to be rejected in case the Processing categories are inconsistent.

## PostalOne! validation so Parent and Child containers are tied to the correct SEG

- Currently when the Parent container is tied to Full-Service segment and some of its child containers are tied to Non-Full Service segments, the SEG information (such as full service indicator, automation coding date, etc.) for the parent container is not inherited by child container.
- PostalOne! will validate that the child containers are associated to correct segment based their Parent container.

## **PostalOne! Consolidated Internal Copal job with linked logical and presort mailings**

- PostalOne! will support the updated HDR (Header Record) “Mail.dat Presentation Category” field where a new value “C= Consolidated Internal Copal job with linked logical and presort mailings” is added
- PostalOne! will allow both physical (conventional presorts) and logical (MLOCR) within the same mailing when the HDR (Header Record) “Mail.dat Presentation Category” field is “C” add to Mail.dat SRS.

## Proposed Mail.XML feature for October 2012 release:

- a. PostalOne! MID/CRID Create Response

**PostalOne! will make enhancements to PostalOne! Mail.XML ID/Identification systems. This enhancement will allow for MID and CRID responses to also include the related Permit Account information.**

- PostalOne! will support updated Mail.XML USPSCRIDCreateResponse where RelatedPermitPublicationData block is added that couples with MIDEntry blocks to return all Permits/Payment Accounts associated with that CRID
- PostalOne! will support Mail.XML USPSMIDCreate Response where RelatedPermitPublicationData block is added that couples with MIDEntry blocks to return all Permits/Payment Accounts associated with that MID

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