

User Group 1 “PostalOne! / SASP / Intelligent Mail”

Minutes

Thursday, January 30, 2014

Minutes by Agenda Items

All meeting documentation has been posted to the MTAC Issue Tracking System (MITS) located at <https://ribbs.usps.gov/mits/>. Please see instructions at the end of this document for access to the site.

- Welcome and Opening Remarks (Kathryn Mackey)
- Announcement



The Branded Color Mobile Technology Promotion is just around the corner

The first of the USPS 2014 Mailing Promotions begins on **Saturday, February 1st**. The **Branded Color Mobile Technology** promotion provides participating mailers with the opportunity to receive a 2% upfront postage discount on qualifying mailpieces that utilizes creative elements such as color and/or graphics in their mobile print technology.

Interested mailers should visit the Business Customer Gateway at <http://gateway.usps.com> to register for participation. Registration will continue through the end of the promotion on Monday, March 31st. Detailed enrollment user guides are available for review at: <https://ribbs.usps.gov/mobilebarcode/general.htm>

Did you miss the recent Branded Color Mobile Technology webinar that provided a description of the program requirements, information about how to participate and a short overview of the upcoming 2014 promotions? It is available for viewing now at: <https://ribbs.usps.gov/mobilebarcode/general.htm>

For a full description of the Branded Color Mobile Technology Promotion visit: https://ribbs.usps.gov/mobilebarcode/documents/tech_guides/BrandedColorMobileTechnology.htm and for more information about the 2014 Promotions Calendar visit: <https://ribbs.usps.gov/mobilebarcode>

If you have any questions, please contact the Program Office at mobilebarcode@usps.gov

- **Announcement**

**Intelligent Mail Parcel Barcode (IMpb)
Manifest Mailing System (MMS) Shipping Service File Transaction ID
Requirement**

The requirement for Manifest Mailers presenting IMpb mailings to submit a Shipping Service File Transaction ID has been relaxed. IMpb manifest mailings submitted without a Shipping Service File Transaction ID **must not** be rejected.

Manifest Mailings with Electronic (Mail.dat/Mail.XML) Postage Statements:

The *PostalOne!* system will accept and process eDoc files that do not contain a Transaction ID. No additional action is needed by the BMEU.

For Postal Wizard and Hardcopy Postage Statements (screen shots and instructions on the attached):

If a mailer submits a hard copy postage statement with their manifest mailings and does not have a Shipping Service File Transaction ID:

1. **Do not** reject the mailing
 2. Enter the postage statement
 3. For the missing Shipping Service File Transaction ID
 - a. Select "Not Available" from the drop down menu
 4. The Extra Services box will automatically be selected
 - a. Enter the mailing price information and any extra services
- NOTE:** Mailers or BMEU acceptance employees cannot select the following extra services:
- Customer generated electronic label for Delivery Confirmation
 - Electronic Signature Confirmation
5. Review and finalize the postage statement

In all cases, the IMpb Compliance Verification Result will display below threshold and the system will display "\$0.00" for the verification failure amount.

- **January 2014 Release 37.0.0 Known Issues (Kathryn Mackey)**

The January 2014 Release 37.0.0 Known Issues List was reviewed and is posted on RIBBS at the link below.

https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail_schedule2014/releases/jan2014/issues.cfm

IMpb files - If anyone is submitting BPM files, validations preventing the shipping services files sent to package services. Make sure the upa record is included in the file and the Mail Owner MID file is populated. Validation will be disabled. There is an open ticket.

Other Issues

- PS Form 3541 - Lines B16 and B18 not calculating correctly. A helpdesk ticket has been generated.
- PS Form 3541 - Lines A1 and A2 not calculating properly. A ticket is also being generated for this issue. The issues will be reviewed by USPS.

- There are discrepancies on Part D. A ticket is forth coming.
 - There is ticket #6508366 – Referencing error code 4555 regarding First-Class Single Piece Residual Mail.
- **Updated Mail.dat and Mail.XML Technical Guides (Kathryn Mackey)**
The Mail.dat and Mail.XML technical specifications have been updated to reflect the mappings and are posted at the following link.

https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail_schedule2014/releases/jan2014/techspecs.cfm

- **July 2014 Release 38.0.0 High Level Overview – Part 2 (Esther Ball)**
The July 2014 document was reviewed.
- **Final Version of Mappings for January 2014 Rates (Shariq Mirza)**
The final mappings were included in the guides and have been posted to RIBBS.

Questions

- FSS scheme level pallets with 3 digit rates, FSS zone or destination entry. Need clarification on line to be used.
 - How is the origin FSS destination mapped for the container charges?
 - The guide only accounts for existing postage statement lines and not all the possibilities.
 - There seems to be a conflict between the mappings and mail direction file. The 3 digit rate pieces are accounted for with the rate discount. Mailers can claim the DCSF discount even though not stated in the mail direction file.
 - USPS will discuss internally and meet with Quad.
- **Issues List (Kathryn Mackey)**
All issues were reviewed in the document.

Item 2113 - Is there “X” and “T” or “S” and “W” causing the issue.

There was request to include the old reference numbers and submit dates. The submit dates of old items reflect the date the issues were converted to the new system. We will include the field to reference the old item numbers.

- **Status of Items**
 - ALM Defect ID 2139 (ETR 123469 - Mail.dat Periodicals In-County and Out-County container piece mixtures will result in incorrect container charges) has been scheduled for February 23, 2014 patch release. 2/23/2014. (Run an adhoc query for refund process)
 - ETR 122687, Mail.XML a miscalculation on 3541 lines A1/A2 with a financial impact that is preventing our newspapers from moving to Full-Service has been corrected on last Sunday, January 26, 2014 patch release. **Note: This is still an open ticket.**

- **Open Discussion**

We will put the poly wrap issue back on agenda after internal discussion.

Resolve Non-profit open questions, will contact Dennis Kaylor and Sue Redman.

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