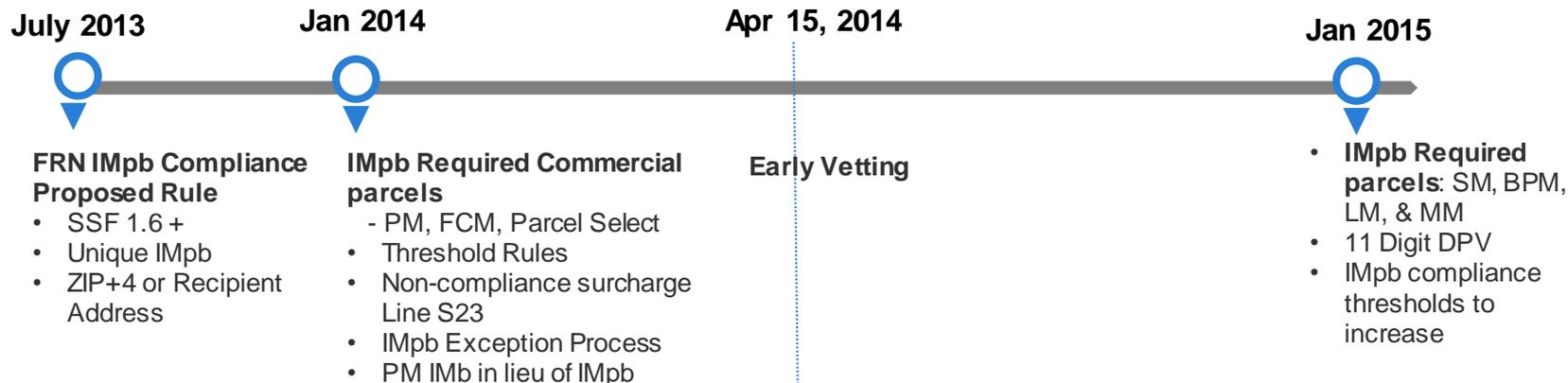


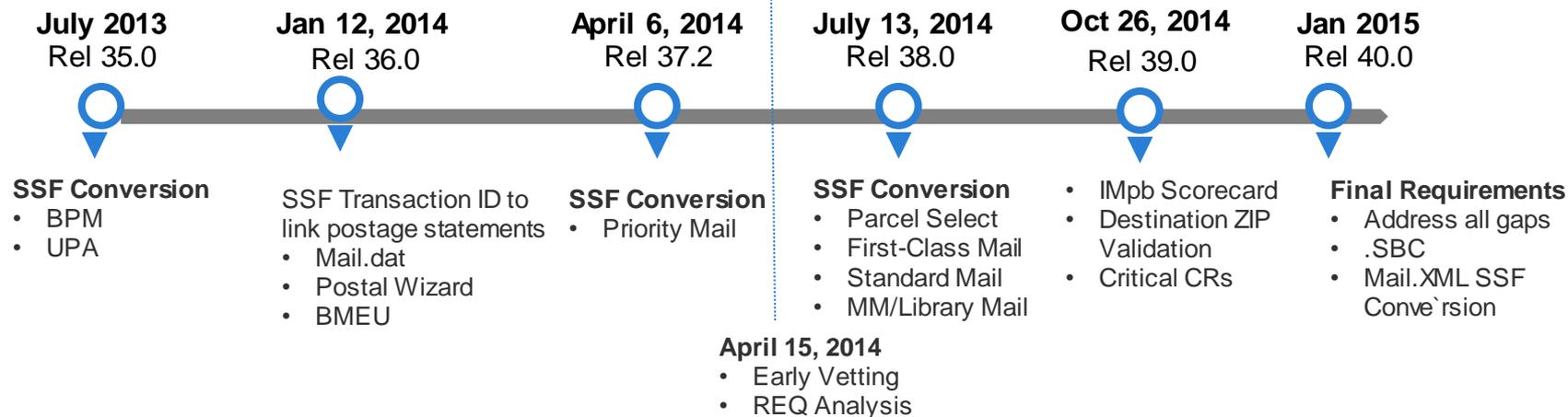
# MTAC UG1 IMpb and SSF Conversion Update

April 10, 2014

## IMpb Compliance



## PostalOne! Development



**Continuous Collaboration between Industry & USPS**  
(Adoption rates, software issues, etc.)

## **Change Requests – July 2014 Rel 38**

- SSF Generation if (#2975)
  - Warning 7198 (the Mail Owner MID validation) will be turned off
  - Error 7197 shall not throw if the .pdr contains a 5-digit or 9-digit ZIP

## **Requirements – Oct 2014 Rel 39 / Jan 2015 Rel 40**

- SSF validation updates, subsequent to CR #2975 (#2356)
- ASCII translation .upa (#3195)
- Destination ZIP validation real time validation (BNS 640)
- Destination ZIP validation results to PBV (BNS 640)
- BMEU IMpb Non-compliance Report (BNS 640)
- Barcode Type Field logic -PW & BMEU user interface (#2764, BNS 640)
- IMpb Uniqueness - Performance Based Verification (#2764, BNS 640)
- Special Fee Barcode (.sfb) record (#2498, BNS 640)
- Mail.dat Transaction ID for linking EFNs (BNS 640)

## Early Vetting

- *PostalOne!* Mail.dat and Mail.XML system to perform the Address Matching processing to validate ZIP code: 5 digit, 9 digit, and 11 digit ZIP codes (validations in real-time)
- *PostalOne!* will update processing of the .UPA file which contain ASCII characters
- Update Error validation regarding ZIP+4 logic on .PDR
- IMpb Mailer Scorecard
- Update EFN popup to provide the entry ZIP and detail record count associated with each EFN
- IMpb Non-compliance assessments for Media Mail and Library Mail
- IMpb Non-compliance thresholds to increase by approx. 2%
- IMpb 11-digit DPV required
- Extra Service support & postage statement processing using .SFB?
  - Insurance and Certified Mail to be combined: PM, FCM parcels and FCPS
  - Restricted Delivery with Signature Confirmation:
    - All classes of packages except Priority Mail Express, Parcel Select Lightweight, Std Mail Parcels, and Periodicals Post finalization invoicing?

1. Is the EFN produced by PostalOne! using the Mail Preparer MID from the MPA record?

Yes

2. What does PTR do with a Shipping Services file if the MID in the EFN is not certified?

*The MID in the EFN must be registered and Certified. Depending on if and how the MID is registered will influence how PTR edits the EFN MID. The MID used in the D1 (all Detail records) must be registered in Online Enrollment via a program, if not then PTR does not recognize MID and will fail any record the unregistered MID is used in. PTR edits the entire file and in the Confirmation Error Warning Report given back to the mailer will include that the Mailer is not Certified.*

3. When the package barcodes contain a "child" MID, are the scans delivered to the holder of the "parent" MID, or does scan delivery depend on the MID in the EFN?

*All tracking data goes back to the MID owner in the Header Record/EFN. MID owners can go to USPS.com Track/Confirm if the MID EFN entity provisioned the PIC. PIC MID owners can also receive Scan Event Files if the file sender includes the PIC MID in the Mail Owner ID field in the D1 record and that MID owner is set up to receive files.*

4. Would it be preferable to form the EFN from the MID in the package barcodes? (Question for users)

5. What field[s] in the SSF trigger delivery of scans to another party?

*If the Mailer Owner ID Field or Logistics Manager Field in the D1 record are populated with a valid MID, for each record so populated the scans will be returned to these MID owners. The recipient must have "some" type of certification; be set up to receive files such as an FTP account, and the MID populated in the Mail Owner ID field.*

6. Is the *PostalOne!*-created SSF populating the field[s] identified in question #5? If so - what mail.dat fields are being mapped to them?

*cpt Mail Owner MID or mpa Mail Owner MID. If these fields are populated and MIDs are PTR-registered tracking info is sent i.e., will receive Scan Event Files if the file sender includes the PIC MID in the Mail Owner ID field in D1<sub>5</sub> record and that MID owner is set up to receive files.*

## July Technical Specifications - April 11, 2014 (3rd publication)

Release Schedule: 2014						
Release Activities & Milestones	January 2014		July 2014		October 2014	
	Price & Structural Changes		Price & Structural Changes		Non-Structural Changes	
<b>USPS Announcement of Major Business Changes &amp; Requirements</b>						
Publish Release Overview	28-Jun-2013		3-Jan-2014		2-May-2014	
<b>IDEAlliance Technical Specifications</b>						
CR Filing Deadline	7-Jun-2013		29-Nov-2013		N/A	
CR Filing Deadline for Postage Statements	14-Jun-2013		9-Dec-2013		N/A	
Publish initial technical specifications	12-Jul-2013		31-Dec-2013		N/A	
CR Filing Deadline for updates based on Design (IT)	19-Jul-2013		21-Jan-2014		N/A	
Publish final technical specifications	9-Aug-2013		27-Jan-2014		N/A	
<b>USPS Postage Statements Publication Schedule</b>						
Publish Preliminary Postage Statements minus actual prices	4-Oct-2013		7-Apr-2014		N/A	
Publish Final Price Embedded Postage Statements	20-Dec-2013		27-Jun-2014		N/A	
<b>USPS Release Documents (Release Notes, Guides and Technical Specifications)</b>						
Publish Initial Version of Release Documents	12-Jul-2013		17-Jan-2014		6-May-2014	
Publish Second Version of Release Documents	23-Aug-2013		28-Feb-2014		27-Jun-2014	
Publish Third Version of Release Documents	22-Nov-2013		11-Apr-2014		12-Sep-2014	
Publish Fourth Version of Release Documents (Release Notes only)	8-Jan-2014		9-Jun-2014		22-Oct-2014	
Publish Final (Post-Deployment) Release Documents	14-Feb-2014		15-Aug-2014		21-Nov-2014	
<b>Acceptance Testing</b>						
Execute Acceptance Testing / Pre-Prod Environment Deployment	2-Dec-2013	3-Jan-2014	16-Jun-2014	3-Jul-2014	22-Sep-2014	17-Oct-2014
<b>USPS Release Deployment</b>						
Deployment	12-Jan-2014		13-Jul-2014		26-Oct-2014	
TEM Software Deployment	13-Jan-2014		14-Jul-2014		27-Oct-2014	
Price Change Effective	26-Jan-2014		0-Jan-1900		N/A	

### Schedule for Structural System Changes

The release schedule does not represent critical or high priority bug fixes, and patches that may occur on an as-needed basis.

**Price & Structural Changes** may include price changes, changes to postage statements, changes to Mail.dat and Mail.XML file specifications, and other changes that may require software vendors to update their software. These releases may also contain limited changes to functionality.

**Non-Structural Changes** may include new functionality and defect corrections. These releases will NOT include any changes to postage statements, changes to Mail.dat and Mail.XML file specifications, and other changes that would require software vendors to update their software.