

MTAC Work Group 138

eDropship

November 18th,
2010

Issue Statement

The workgroup will develop an approach to streamline the drop shipment process to provide mailers and the Postal Service with an efficient, cost-effective, and streamlined process for mail induction.

Objectives

- Streamline the Plant-Verified Drop Shipment Process
- Improve Revenue Assurance
- Automate Manual Processes
- Address SOX Compliance Issues
- Address logistics supply chain issues

Highlights

- November 2011 deployment
- eDrop is optional
- eDrop for PVDS loads deposited at NDC's and SCF's
- DDU's not part of the eDrop process

Electronic Documentation

- Participation in eDropship will require all mailers to submit an eDoc through *PostalOne!* to provide information on mail preparation and postage payments.
- *PostalOne!* Submission Methods:
 - Mail.dat
 - Mail.XML
 - Postal Wizard
- Full Service eDoc contains all required information
 - Full Service is not a requirement for eDrop

Pallet Preparation

- **Container Barcodes**
 - 21 digit 99M barcode consisting of: Application ID, Type ID, Mailer ID, and unique serial number
 - Unique for 45 days from postage statement mailing date

- **Placard Preparation**
 - 2 copies of the label on adjacent sides of each container
 - Affixed outside of shrink wrap



4" x 7"
Intelligent Mail container label



8" x 11"
Intelligent Mail container label

Destination Facility Acceptance

- SV Devices used to scan IMbcs at destination facilities
 - Validate postage has been collected
 - Validate the container is in the right place

MTAC Workgroup 138

- Working through MTAC 138 since 9/1/2010
 - Weekly, Wednesday 11:00am EST

- Detailed process discussions
 - Electronic Documentation
 - Pre-Induction Validations
 - Appointment Scheduling
 - Induction Processes
 - Post-Induction Validations
 - Mailer use of paper 8125

Key Industry Concerns

- Mixed Mailings
 - PVDS shipments with a mixture of containers using either eDrop or hardcopy 8125's.
- Process at Non-SV facilities
 - Exploring options
- Proof of delivery
 - Provide scan data through *PostalOne!* after appointment closeout

e8125 Process Overview

Mailer Submits Electronic Documentation

Mailer Creates FAST Appointment
Content Association not Required

USPS Finalizes Postage Statement

Dock Clerk Scans Containers at Unload at
Destination Facility

Electronic Documentation and Scans are
Reconciled

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