

MTAC Work Group # 142

Issue Title: Start-the-Clock for all Commercial Parcels

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Issue Statement:

Using the framework of start-the-clock events established for letters and flats; establish start-the-clock events that are consistent across all commercial market dominant parcel categories including:

- Standard Mail parcels/NFMs
  - First-Class Mail parcels
  - Package Services (BPM parcels, Media & Library Mail)
  - *Parcel Select*
  - *Priority Mail*
- For Parcel Select and Priority we will only share STC methodology*

All induction methods are to be covered:

1. Drop Ship at NDCs and SCFs
2. Drop Ship at DDU
3. Entry at Business Mail Entry Units
4. DMU Entry with USPS Transportation
5. DMU Entry with Mailer Transportation

To determine optimal approaches for calculating accurate start-the-clock events for commercial parcels:

- Explore current competitive product STC
- Evaluate the shipping industry's ability to nest to sack or pallet and provide IMtB (Intelligent Mail tray Barcodes) and IMcB (Intelligent Mail container Barcodes - 99M).

Impact on Other Issues/Procedures

1. Business Mail Acceptance – current acceptance and verification process
2. Mailing Standards, Preparation, Pricing – current mail preparation standards and pricing
3. USPS Mail Processing Operations – current preparation to processing assessment, business process integrity, data collection/management, and exception reporting
4. Mail Service Providers & Mail Owners.

Desired Results:

The outcome will be a clear Start-the-Clock distinction between Origin entered parcels and Destination entered parcels. Within DNDC and DSCF entry, there will also be distinction between parcels that are run at the piece level within those facilities, versus parcels that are crossed docked in containers for downstream transportation and processing.

These will be the Start-the-Clock rules that will be utilized for service measurement and reporting.

Area of Focus: Service Measurement & Improvement

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