

MTAC 142  
Start-the-Clock for Commercial Mail  
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**Origin Entry:**

**Start-the-Clock Events:**

**Entry at Post Office with BME:**

- Nested containers STC = container scan at USPS facility.
- Assumed nested containers (mail in 'known' containers but not in a specific container):
  - All containers present STC = container scan.
  - All containers NOT present STC = first enroute scan on pieces.
- Non-nested containers STC = first enroute scan on pieces.

**Entry at NDC [Std] or P&DC/F with BME:**

- Nested containers STC = container scan at USPS facility.
- Assumed nested containers (mail in 'known' containers but not in a specific container):
  - All containers present STC = container scan.
  - All containers NOT present STC = first enroute scan on pieces.
- Non-nested containers STC = first enroute scan on pieces.

**Detached Mail Unit Entry (DMU)**

**Start-the-Clock Events:**

- USPS transportation to NDC [Std] & P&DC/F:
  - Nested containers STC = container scan at USPS facility.
  - Assumed nested containers (mail in 'known' containers but not in a specific container):
    - All containers present STC = container scan.
    - All containers NOT present STC = first enroute scan on pieces.
  - Non-nested containers STC = first enroute scan on pieces.
- Direct USPS transportation from Mailer to USPS destination.  
(This option has not yet been discussed in the telecoms)
- Mailer transportation NDC [Std] & P&DC/F:
  - Nested containers STC = container scan at USPS facility.
  - Assumed nested containers (mail in 'known' containers but not in a specific container):
    - All containers present STC = container scan.
    - All containers NOT present STC = first enroute scan on pieces.
  - Non-nested containers STC = first enroute scan on pieces.

**Destination Entry - NDC [Std] / SCF:**

**Start-the-Clock Events:**

- Nested containers STC = container scan at USPS facility.
- Assumed nested containers (mail in 'known' containers but not in a specific container):
  - All containers present STC = container scan.
  - All containers NOT present STC = first enroute scan on pieces.
- Non-nested containers STC = first enroute scan on pieces.

**Destination Entry - DDU / Post Office Entry:**

**Start-the-Clock Events:**

- Nested containers STC = container scan at USPS facility.
- Assumed nested containers (mail in 'known' containers but not in a specific container):
  - All containers present STC = container scan.
  - All containers NOT present STC = AAU scan at the time of carrier route distribution.
- Non-nested containers STC = AAU scan at time of carrier route distribution.

*Note: Assumed nesting STC business rules contingent on USPS programming capabilities and cost.*