

MTAC Workgroup 169: Refine Parcel Machinability Standards

Meeting date: April 20, 2015 (#9)

Meeting format: web/phone

Attendees:

Name	Company
Angelo Anagnostopoulos	GrayHair Software, Inc.
Debra Hutton	Hibu
Doug Ferguson	Newgistics Inc
Erv Drewek	Graphic Communications
Jody Bernblatt	GrayHairAdvisors
John Medeiros	DHL eCommerce
Jon Baldewicz	Quad
Lisa Wurman	Quad
Paul Klovackas	Pitney Bowes
Phil Thompson	Quad
Richard Porras (Lead)	Newgistics Inc
Roger Franco	Newgistics Inc
Audrey Meloni	USPS, Classification Specialist, Product Classification
Becky Dobbins	USPS, Manager Product Classification
Christian Rivera (Lead)	USPS, Opns Industrial Engineer, Opns Integration & Support
Chuck Tricamo	USPS, Manager, Pricing & Classification Service Center (PCSC)
Cynthia Gray	USPS, Classification Specialist, PCSC
Don Close	USPS, Scanning Technology Specialist, Engineering Package Technology
Jo Ann Wilson	USPS, Strategic Account Manager
Patricia Harris	USPS, Product Development Specialist, New Products & Innovation Shipping Products Development
Peter Furka	USPS, Classification Specialist, PCSC
Rick Baxter	USPS, Operations Specialist, Network & Logistics Dist Center
Ted Marshall	USPS, Product Information Specialist, Product Information

Agenda:

Open discussion on direction of workgroup moving forward and concerns/opportunities

Notes:

- Requested by industry for the need of a compliance period for any changes as some customers typically have inventory for greater than 90 days; adequate lead times are needed for any changes
- Suggested by industry for a restriction in contents to packaging ratio in order to reduce wasted cube; results in increased efficiencies and better for both industry and customer to maximize utilization
- Discussed the friction coefficient of certain packaging materials and the inability to slide on belts as needed
- Discussed the interest in a group site visit to observe postal parcel processing, but was decided that most are familiar with processing so site visits would be setup on an individual basis
 - **Action: Anyone interested in touring a postal site should contact Christian Rivera to schedule**
- Concern from industry that new machines, such as those being deployed to delivery units, should be transparent to the industry and not impact mail preparation requirements (e.g. machinable and non-machinable can currently be commingled for

- DDU entry); additional separations would require additional containers which would increase industry transportation and potentially cause space limitations in DDUs
- Discussed briefly an Engineering DDU study/analysis that determined the percentage of parcel volume based on mailpiece dimensions
 - **Action: Discuss Engineering study in more detail during next meeting (D Close)**

Next meeting: Monday, April 27, 2-3 PM EDT