

When adding a new mail class, existing eVS customers are encouraged to: 1) provide a sample file to demonstrate their systems can manifest the correct rate ingredients; and 2) provide a sample label to show the proper indicia and rate markings are present. This has been past process for eVS customers that helps ensure accurate postage charges for shipments.

In moving to PSLW, individual customers are still encouraged to provide a sample electronic manifest file and label for assessment; but it is not mandatory. The rate ingredients and service type codes for PSLW are published on RIBBS in Publication 205 Appendix G for January 2012 at the following url: https://ribbs.usps.gov/evs/documents/tech_guides/pubs/eVSpub205AppG.pdf. Customers who opt to implement changes without submitting a sample file and label have a greater risk of errors that may cause inaccurate postage charges and/or negatively affect their monthly postage adjustments.

The eVS and PTS Test Environment for Mailers (TEM) will be available for testing all new price change items on January 8, 2012. Procedures for connecting to TEM is in published in Publication 199: Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide located at url: https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail_package/documents/tech_guides/PUB199IMPBImpGuide.pdf. The TEM procedures are applicable to customers using both IMpb and legacy file formats.

In addition, to support customers who are unable to make system changes and transition to PSLW on January 22, 2012, the former file designations for the Standard Mail parcel mail class will be accepted and mapped to the PSLW mail class for eVS customers.

A transition period for the new PSLW rate markings will be established, with the new markings required on Oct 1, 2012. Marc McCrery has mentioned on several eVS/PTS MTAC User Group calls that customers would be allowed to request exceptions for rate markings. Exceptions for rate markings are still handled by PCSC.

Although individual eVS customers may opt out of the normal process of submitting a file and label when adding a new mail class, certified software vendors will need to submit files and labels to expand their certification to include Parcel Select Light Weight for eVS. This is the established process for vendors when adding a mail class and they are aware.

Moving to IMpb will require all mailers/vendors to recertify for files and labels.