



**eVS/PTS User Group  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday November 8, 2012  
3:30pm – 4:30pm EST**

**Attendees**

Lisa Hyater, Arlene Peterson, Andy Lundgren, Jim Wobensmith (CCS Medical), Joseph Trinchitella, Kate Wastermann, Peter Furka, Robert Myers, Stacy Ibarra, Ryan Seipp, Chris, George Norton, Joseph Trinchitella, Heidi, J. Waite, Joe Mallozzi, Levent Gencolglu, Malai (DHL), Ronald Baraga, Scott Snyder, Roger Franco, Crystal Stefanco, Mark Dropp, Stephanie Roundtree, Marsha Martinez, Jaclyn Tubbin, Mark Dropp (Windowbrook), Ed Stashluk (Newgistics), Bobbi Richardson, Oscar Vazquez, John Medeiros, Peter Klausner, Vicki Bosch, Wade Stephen, Chris O, David Guinther, Tony Wells

**Welcome – Lisa Hyater**

- Roll Call

**PTS Status – Lisa Hyater**

- IMpb Next Milestone Date (January 27, 2013\*)
  - IMpb required for all tracking and Extra Services barcodes
  - IMpb required for parcels claiming presort and destination entry pricing
  - Shipping Services File Version 1.6 or higher required
  - ZIP+4 Code or destination delivery address required in the file
  - \* The IMpb implementation date will be communicated via the Postal Bulletin and DMM Advisory.
  - John M. mentioned the IMpb Threshold Task Team to discuss thresholds less than 100%.
    - Send Tony Wells an email if you'd like to be added to the distribution list.
- Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Update
  - Customers must submit an Exception Form and letter requesting additional time to come into compliance.
    - Note: Tony Wells sent out the exception form to the distribution list.
  - Mail letter and form to:
    - Jim Cochrane,

- Vice President, Product Information
    - USPS Headquarters
    - 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Room 3667
    - Washington, DC 20260-5626
  - Customers with exceptions continue to qualify:
    - For presort and/or destination pricing
    - To mail parcels at prices for specific mail classes, such as Parcel Select Light Weight
  - IMpb Frequently Asked Questions published on RIBBS
  - High Level Compliance Metrics
    - By the numbers.....
      - 52.91% used IMpb month of October
      - 47.09% used Legacy month of October
    - Source: USPS Product Tracking System; for the week ending October 31, 2012
    - John M. requested the actual number of customers that are compliant; to help with customer readiness
    - Juliaann indicated that the metrics reflect all customers. Perhaps we can provide more detail on the metrics. We are anticipating a big change in January.
- IMpb Timeline slide was presented.
  - Note: The form does not appear to reflect the January date. It appears to reference the July date.
- Countdown to January 27, 213
  - 79 Days and Counting
  - Stephanie Roundtree asked if there is certification. There is a change to the file that needs to occur.
  - Andy Lundgren – if you've completed eVS certification, then you will have done everything needed.
- PTS-II Implementation Schedule
  - Current Status
    - Release 1.1
      - CAT – September 17, 2012
      - TEM – By November 12, 2012
      - Go Live Date – TBD (Delayed)
      - Includes New Shipping Services File Format
    - Release 1.2
      - Internal EDW Extracts – TBD (Delayed)
    - Release 1.3
      - January 27, 2013 Price Change
- PTS Legacy Release 13.4.1 – January 27, 2013 Price Change

- Rate Indicators
  - AS – Critical Mail Letters with Signature Service
  - AC – Critical Mail Flats with Signature Service
- Service Type Codes
  - 818 – Critical Mail Signature Service
  - 017 – PRS – Full Network Insurance <= \$200 (For non eVS Customers)
  - 018 – PRS – Full Network Insurance > \$200 (For non eVS Customers)
  - 024 – PRS – Full Network
  - 701 – Express Mail PO-Add Signature Waived
  - 817 – Express Mail PO-Add Signature Requested
- Extra Service Code
  - 981 – Signature Service
  - 420 – Return Service
  - 360 – Delivery Confirmation International
- TEM environment will be available on January 13, 2013
- Stephanie – is Return Service (420) extra service optional or required? It is required for the network PRS.
- PTS II TEM
  - Testing in the TEM Environment
    - Customers can start testing on November 12, 2012
    - Send names of designated testers to Tony Wells at Tony.L.Wells@usps.gov
    - Names will be forwarded to Lisa Copeland, Andy Lundgren, Kate Westermann and Ryan Seipp

### **eVS Status – Vicki Bosch**

- Release Updates
  - There is a minor release for this Sunday November 11 to fix messaging
  - 2013 Planned Release Schedule
    - January 13, 2013 TEM Availability
    - January 27, 2013 Major
    - April 7, 2013 Minor
    - July 15, 2013 TEM Availability
    - July 28, 2013 Major
    - October 13, 2013 Minor
- eVS: January 27, 2012
  - Product Changes
    - Parcel Post now restricted to retail only
      - Offshore PRS packages will be recalculated as Parcel Select Nonpresort
    - Acceptance of Extra Service Code ‘420’



- New view: ‘Active Destination Entry Eligibility Exemptions Report’
  - Presort Eligibility
    - Report package-level detail on the Mail Class Detail Report
- Sampling
  - Dynamic Sampling Model
    - Implement a sampling model based on shipment volume, frequency, and mail class distribution at individual sites.
    - Identify minimum sample size by eVS mailer model:
      - Individual Mailer at a single origin mailing site
      - Individual Mailer at multiple origin mailing sites
      - Drop Ship Mailer at multiple shipping sites
- Publication 205 Updates
  - Available on RIBBS November 9th
    - Publication 205 – October 28 PostalOne! release
      - Postage Payment Extract v2.0
      - Updates to Reconciliation Extract
    - Appendix G – January 27 PostalOne! release
    - File Layouts v1.6 and v1.7
      - Reminder: eVS only recognizes barcode construct ‘L01’ for Legacy barcodes (i.e. 22-digit PIC)
    - Andy will provide a sample file to the customer.

### **Industry Feedback**

- How can we fix/reconcile Manifest Errors where the Rate Ingredients are correct and the Service Type Code is wrong resulting in an increased postage charge? We are seeing a lot of Manifest errors but we are unsure if they are tied to this issue. Will be addressed in April release.
- When will the Overlabel Correction functionality be available for the 1.7 file format that would allow for both the Original PIC and the Corrected PIC be visible on USPS Track and Confirm? This function is needed to Correct Incorrect Service Type Codes. This is a priority for our Vice President. This will go into one of our 1st releases in 2013.
- When will Rates for DDU Misshipped pieces be corrected for pieces 13 oz or less? Currently Parcel Select Rates are built into calculations instead of First Class Mail prices. This will be included in the January eVS Release.
- Status of the unmanifested calculations. We are dealing with these on an individual customer basis.

- When will the sampling match how packages are entered into the Postal Network? This will be in the eVS April Release.
- Notice for the HAZMAT change. This was noted in Postal Bulletin on July 12, 2012 and then in Federal Register notice. Is the PB the formal communications with the Industry? Can we be briefed on the changes? Attempting to schedule briefing.
- Update on the discussion to reconcile the L606 and the Dropship files. We are still getting charged the missort rate. In progress.

### **New SubGroup for IMpb Thresholds**

- Kickoff meeting was on November 1, 2012
  - 4 Talking Points
    - IMpb Barcode
    - Address or Zip + 4 in the Shipping Services File
    - Utilizing File version 1.6 or higher
    - Timeliness of the data
- Follow up meeting was on November 7, 2012

### **Action Item Review**

- Send the Exception Form out to the group. Done.
- Create new subgroup meeting for IMpb thresholds. Done.
- Per John's request, a notification will be sent out to the group when Appendix G becomes available. eVS will provide update.
- Move the destination entry validation information to the eVS landing page. eVS considering this change in a future release.
- Provide Help Desk number for customers to report problems with files. The number is 877-264-9693

### **Questions / Comments**

Lisa H. requested agenda items for the next meeting.

### **Action Items**

Next meeting scheduled for *Thursday 12/13/2012 at 3:30pm.*