



**eVS/PTS User Group
Meeting Minutes
Thursday December 13, 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 28, 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
 - USPS will not enforce higher prices until July 2013
 - Working with the Industry via MTAC Task Team #19 on a strategy to ease the transition to IMpb
- Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Update
 - Customers must submit an Exception Form and letter requesting additional time to come into compliance.
 - 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.....
 - 57.45% used IMpb month of November
 - 42.54% used Legacy month of November
 - 1.85% Keyed
 - 86.01% Shipping Services File
 - 98.15% Scanned
 - 239,745,475 Records On time
 - 240,164,379 Manifested Pieces
 - 99.8256% Within Tolerance
 - Source: USPS Product Tracking System; for the week ending November 30, 2012
- Countdown to January 28, 2013
 - 45 Days and Counting
- Preprinted Label Order
 - Interim Solution
 - Legacy Barcode Format
 - Tracking Include
 - Not Mail Class Specific
 - A sample label was presented
- Rebranding Delivery Confirmation
 - Delivery Confirmation as a product will be retired January 28, 2013 in favor of 'USPS Tracking'
 - Labels 152 and 314 will no longer be offered
 - The IMpb features 'Baked In' USPS Tracking
- 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 2013 Price Change – TBD (Delayed)

- 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
 - Available for Price Change on January 13, 2013

- PTS Legacy Release 13.4.1 – January 28, 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
 - PTS Implementation date is January 27, 2013

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
 - New products
 - Critical Mail with Signature
 - Product Changes
 - Parcel Post now restricted to retail only

- Full support for International products and D3 and D4 records – delayed until PTS-2 release
 - Limited testing capability for v1.7 (eVS TEM only) – available now
 - eVS: April 7, 2013
 - Adjustments – Manifest Errors
 - eVS will implement a Manifest Errors “Rules Engine” that will allow the eVS Program Manager to provide approved “re-rate” combinations for specific manifest error scenarios.
 - An invalid rate ingredient combination (Mail Class, Processing Category, Destination Rate Indicator, Rate Indicator, Zone, and Parcel Routing Barcode) will be mapped to a valid rate ingredient combination for recalculation.
 - The following additional parameters may be required or prohibited to identify the specific scenario being addressed: minimum/maximum weight, Service Type Codes (STCs), Extra Service Codes, Discount Code and/or Surcharge Code.
 - eVS will include recalculated manifest errors on postage statements generated for that day of mailing (either at the time of original manifest processing or in a daily batch process).
 - eVS will report the recalculated manifest rate ingredients on the Postage Statement Variance Report.
 - New Re-Rate Combination: eVS will query the current and reconciliation months and apply the re-rate combination to eligible manifest errors from all eVS mailers.
 - eVS will report the recalculated manifest errors on the ‘eVS Amended Detail Error Report’.
EXAMPLE: If a new combination is approved on April 17th, eVS will query all current April manifest errors as well as all March manifest errors, and apply the re-rate combination when applicable.
 - Active Re-Rate Combination: eVS will include recalculated manifest errors on postage statements generated for that day of mailing (either at the time of original manifest processing or in a daily batch process).
 - eVS will report the recalculated manifest rate ingredients on the Postage Statement Variance Report for each mailer.
 - Expired Re-Rate Combination: eVS Program Manager will set the “end” date for a replacement calculation.
 - An authorized replacement combination is effective through the 10th of the subsequent month for all manifests received with a Mailing Date on or before the End Date.
 - Adjustments – Destination Entry

- eVS will implement a sampling model based on manifest volume, frequency of mailing, and mail class distribution at individual entry facilities.
 - Sampling minimums for each mailer will be based on their eVS shipment model:
 - Individual Mailer at a single origin mailing site
 - Individual Mailer at multiple origin mailing sites
 - Drop Ship Mailer at multiple shipping sites
 - The minimums may be adjusted as needed to reflect current shipment volume and mailer quality at the sampling location.
 - This model will be applied across all eVS IMD and WEB sampling sites. Additional samples are expected from STATS and PASS, but will not be driven by this model.
- Publication 205 Updates
 - Available on RIBBS November 9th
 - Publication 205 – October 28 PostalOne! Release
 - Available on RIBBS December 13th
 - Appendix G (v1.5) – January 27 PostalOne! release
 - Note: Appendix A note in File Layouts v1.6 and v1.7
 - Reminder: eVS only recognizes barcode construct ‘L01’ for Legacy barcodes (i.e. 22-digit PIC)

Industry Feedback

- Has there been any progress on moving the overlabeling correction functionality forward?
- Publication 205 correction
 - LW = PSLW the applicable Process Category are 3 Machinable and 4 Irregular

SubGroup for IMpb Thresholds

- Task Team #19 met on November 15, 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 meetings were on December 6, 10, and 12, 2012
 - Next meeting is today at 4:30pm
 - IMpb Initial Thresholds chart was displayed.
 - Surcharge recommended
 - Measure only January 28 – July 28, 2013
 - Implement Surcharge July 2013

- Increase to 95% 6 months – 1 year later

Action Item Review

- No action items from the November meeting

Questions / Comments

Action Items

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