

**Mailer Technology Advisory Council (MTAC)  
Meeting Report  
05/18/2016 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

**USER GROUP 4 (UG4) SESSION**

**AGENDA**

1. IMb Tracing – migration to IOS data source
2. IV Tech Guide update
3. Any Other Business

**DISCUSSION POINTS**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an ongoing forum to facilitate communications between the Postal Service and users, define and review improvements in process/production functionality and address and resolve issues.

**IMb Tracing**

- At 0900 – 1300 Central Time on Saturday 5/21/16, the source data for IMb Tracing will be transitioned from MPT to IOS. Some duplicate scans may be received during this 4-hour transition period; however, this overlap is being done to mitigate potential loss of data. The IMb Tracing Help Desk (Reggie) will send a confirmation of the successful migration and transition to IOS to all subscribers.

**Informed Visibility™ Schedule**

- Release 1 schedule changes: Due to delays in procurement of hardware being integrated with IV™, there will be schedule slippage for Release 1 of approximately two weeks.
- IV™ is in the process of assessing to see if there will be an impact to Releases 2 & 3. Revised dates will be communicated at the earliest.
- Changes to be expected are the start date for the first pilot to 6/13/16, the date of national deployment to national deployment to 7/5/16 and the migration of IMb Tracing and PostalOne! ContainerVisibility to be complete by 7/29/16. Any additional impacts to Releases 2 & 3 will be assessed and posted to RIBBS.
- Revisions are being made to the Communications Plan and the Training Matrix timeline so they are consistent.

**Draft IV™ Technical Guide**

- There were no significant changes to the draft IV™ Technical Guide since the last review. A copy will be sent to UG4 for offline review.
- Industry members are being asked to provide feedback before next Wednesday's meeting. The intention is to post the IV™ Technical Guide to RIBBS and make it available to users next week.
- The IV™ data dictionary will be sent out to the group for review next week for an offline review.

**Draft IV™ User Guide**

- Visibility Requirements are being documented in the IV™ User Guide.
- Section 2: Prerequisites for Receiving Tracking Data was reviewed and discussed.
- The section on "Default Access Permissions" explains who is able to view data based on how they are defined in either the eDoc or the barcode.
- Mail visibility requirements for mail objects, except for actual handling events for pieces or bundles, must be associated to a Full-Service eDoc to identify a mail owner, mail preparer or an eDoc submitter.

The following concerns regarding mail visibility requirements were voiced:

- Assumed handling events, which relies on nesting associations, as well as identification of some of the default visibility roles (Mail Owner, Mail Preparer, eDoc Submitter, and FAST Scheduler) requires a mailer to provide an eDoc. There is an artificial restriction to limit to only the FS portion of the mailing.
- A policy change should be considered to provide pallet, tray, and bundle scans for all portions of a mailing, including the non-automation portions of a FS mailing. Just about every FS mailing has a non-FS component to it, and it is contained in the same eDoc.
- Today mailers are receiving container and tray visibility for residual mail that is part of a FS mailing (and doesn't qualify by itself as FS).
- If a non-auto portion of the FS mailing is not considered FS, but you have the MID on the container or tray barcode, that scan should be reported back to the MID owner whether or not that container or tray can be associated to any eDoc.
- It was recommended that a FS mailer or a MSP in the delegation chain should not have restrictions in mail visibility, based on their MID.
- Will there be an exception for how Saturation Mail data is provisioned?
- Mailers only receive piece level scan data for saturation mailings, carrier route and non-machinable mailings. However, this mail comes with eDoc. Mailers would prefer to receive visibility at the tray and container level as well, but cannot because these products are not FS.
- Tray scans for saturation mail letters are being received.
- Is the implication correct that to get the logical delivery event the piece must be associated to a FS eDoc and does this apply to container/tray events for residual mail? Sat Mail? Carrier/Route discount?
- To get the logical delivery event the piece must be associated to a FS eDoc in order to provision that event to the mailer and whether it applies to residual mail, Sat Mail, & Carrier/Route discount.
- In addition to the FS parameters (11 digit routing ZIP) regulatory requirements such as court order protected mail will need to be examined.
- We are applying the same rules that are in place for IMb Tracing today, where we compare the routing code of where the sorter is routing the piece to with the routing code embedded in the IMb.
  - We are only provisioning the portion that matches. The same rules are in place for logical delivery.
- There are concerns about stopping the visibility for FS vs. Basic.
- There are a number of requirements for a mailing to be submitted as a FS mailing. The MSP provides a complete eDoc regardless of the type of mailing; it may go as basic if all requirements cannot be satisfied.
- Two years ago Jim Cochrane said he would change the rules to allow visibility on mail types discussed above.
- Pritha agreed to release to the mailers ACS data on remnants, and the data is already being received.
- Pritha has announced that she's going to release all ACS data.

#### Questions about Logical Handling Events

- Are the terms logical handling event and logical delivery event—interchangeable?
- Logical delivery events are a type of logical handling event - it is only one type. Other types of logical handling events can be created by IV™.
- Are there events that will be generated for curtailed mail? And when?
- A definition of logical handling vs. logical delivery events should be included in the data dictionary.

#### Multiple Barcodes

- How will multiple barcodes be handled in IV? Himesh - Limitation as to what some MPE can read on the piece side is 2 Intelligent Mail barcodes.
- Once you get the 93 Redirection IMb can't you filter on the mailer IMb?

#### Political Mail Dashboard

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

- Members would like information on the Political mail dashboard. Is it now expanding beyond political mail?
- Will someone address political dashboard policy?
- This group wants validation on the intention to expand beyond political mail.

A number of solutions were offered to the above concerns:

- Himesh to get clarity on the visibility requirements for FS mailings.
- For mail items that are using an IMb, piece visibility is available to the MID on piece regardless of whether or not it is associated to an eDoc.
- As it stands now, except for actual handling events for pieces or bundles, all mail visibility through IV™ must be associated to a Full-Service eDoc.
- Delays in reporting can occur even for a FS mailing. Until the mailing can be associated to the eDoc itself, USPS cannot identify the mail owner and the mail preparer until the mailing is associated to the eDoc.
- In IV™, there will be continual association of scans to the eDoc; therefore is not going to cause the latency it does today where it can take a few days for the postage statement to be finalized.
- Regarding residual non-auto mail that's associated to a FS eDoc – visibility could potentially be provided on the mail for container and tray.
- Himesh offered a more in depth discussion to take place on how to implement visibility for FS based on MID and CRID – determining who gets the data and defining the MID by either the Mail Owner or the MSP, however implications from these process scenarios will need to be assessed.
- The word FS is there because some of these events are dependent on full nested association.
- Perhaps if we can propose a re-wording that says as long as there is an eDoc then the mailing is fine.
- eDoc is required for assumed events because without nesting associations we cannot provide assumed events.
- Providing more granularity on curtailed mail is on the list of items to be brought up with Operations.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Action Item:** Himesh to check on Political Mail webinar and inform UG4 of the scheduled date/time.

~~**Action Item:** Himesh to capture scenarios such as a Mail Owner who is mailing FS, and has a MSP in the co-mingled part of the industry. Discuss with Steve Dearing and possibly someone from Pritha's shop.~~

~~**Action Item:** Himesh to research the scans that are getting suppressed with Saturation, Carrier Route and Non-Machinable mailings, and provide feedback.~~

**Action Item:** Himesh to review the technical constraints in visibility for FS/eDoc with Steve: Himesh to capture scenarios such as a Mail Owner who is mailing FS, and has a MSP in the co-mingled part of the industry. Discuss with Steve Dearing and possibly someone from Pritha's shop.-

**Agenda Item:** Next week we will discuss default access permissions.

**Agenda Item:** The handling of 93 Redirection IMBs will be discussed next week or the week after next.