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## Service Type ID Table & Appendix A Updated to Clarify Ballot Mail STIDs

In order to provide clarity and a better mailing experience, the United States Postal Service is amending Appendix A to remove the term "Election Mail" which was incorrectly being used to label Ballot Mail Service Type IDentifiers (STIDs).

We are also amending the STID Table contents page to include verbiage to clarify that Election Mail that does not contain a live ballot does not qualify to use Ballot Mail STIDs.

As a reminder, Ballot Mail is a mailpiece sent to or from an authorized election official containing a live ballot that may be used to cast a vote in an election.

Ballot Mail is a subset of Election Mail; however, only live ballots may use Ballot Mail STIDs. For other Election Mail (sample ballots, voter registration, polling place locations, absentee applications, polling place notifications) use the appropriate STID for the mail class and ACS/IV-MTR services desired that are listed in the First-Class Mail® or USPS Marketing Mail® sections of Appendix A.

Effective January 21, 2024, we are amending the Ballot Mail STID Table to clarify and memorialize the longstanding practice that undelivered as addressed ballots are not to be destroyed. Therefore, five Ballot Mail Change Service Requested STIDs will be retired and removed from the Ballot Mail STID Table. This includes First-Class Mail STIDs 719 and 724 as well as Marketing Mail STIDs 739, 745, and 740.

The STID Table can be found at: https://postalpro.usps.com/mailing/service-type-identifiers

Appendix A can be found at: https://postalpro.usps.com/address-quality/ACS/AppendixA\_STID\_Details

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