



# July 2024 Release Overview

## ***Proposed*** ***July 2024 Changes*** **CHANGE 1.0**

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## **1.0 Introduction**

*This document includes planned changes under review for the next pricing structure release scheduled for July 2024. The document is prepared for the mailing software industry based on the knowledge available at the time of printing and any direction found herein is subject to change, including additional structure changes prior to the release. The contents of this document are pre-decisional and subject to change.*

*Draft Postage Statements marked with revisions will be posted to Postal Explorer [Welcome | Postal Explorer \(usps.com\)](#) as they become available.*

# Market Dominant Changes

## 2.0 Matching Nomenclature, Classification Standards to Network Redesign

The US Postal Service is considering making updates to US Postal Service systems and publications to reflect new facility naming conventions. The updates will combine new facility names with current descriptions until network redesign is completed. The proposed updates include:

- Rename NDC to NDC/RPDC (Regional Processing Distribution Center)
- Rename SCF to SCF/LPC (Local Processing Center) for letters and flats
- Rename SCF to SCF/RPDC (Regional Processing & Distribution Center) for packages
- Rename DDU to DDU/SDC (Sorting & Delivery Center)

The following systems and publications will be updated to reflect the new facility names:

- The PostalOne! application including Postal Wizard, Mail.dat and Mail.XML – Postage Statements and Transactions processing
- USPS API, PostalOne!, and USPS Ship Reports
- Labeling Lists - Originating 3 and 5-digit ZIP Code data and destination locations (<https://fast.usps.com/fast/fastApp/resources/labelListFiles.action>)
- Mail Direction Files – Drop Ship mailings must follow the updated Mail Direction for correct entry and redirect locations (<https://fast.usps.com/fast/fastApp/resources/mailDirectionFiles.action>)
- Postage Statements (<https://pe.usps.gov/>)
- Notice 123 Price Files (<https://pe.usps.gov/text/dmm300/Notice123.htm>)
- Mail Classification Schedule
  
- Online Reporting: Yes - Existing reports will be updated to reflecting new entry facility types.
- Data Feeds: Yes - Existing data feeds will be updated to reflecting new entry facility types
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes - Postage Statements will be updated to reflect the new entry facility types/sorts.
- Mail.dat changes: Yes - Existing facility values will be updated to reflect new entry facility types/sorts.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes - Existing facility values will be updated to reflect new entry facility types/sorts.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes - Existing facility values will be updated to reflect new entry facility types/sorts.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes - Existing facility values will be updated to reflect new entry facility types/sorts.
- WebTools: Yes – Update facility name in API processing
- USPS API: Yes – Update facility name in API processing
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant & Competitive

### **3.0 CY 2025 Mailing Promotions & Mail Growth Incentives**

*The US Postal Service is considering continuing support for five promotions in 2025 and two Mail Growth Incentives. The five promotions include 1) Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Promotion, 2) Integrated Technology Promotion, 3) Reply Mail IMbA Promotion, 4) Continuous Contact Promotion, 5) First Class Mail Advertising Promotion. The two incentives are 1) 2025 First-Class Mail Growth Incentive, and 2) 2025 USPS Marketing Mail Growth Incentive.*

*The features below will be implemented to improve the promotions and incentives processes:*

- *Introduction of Promotion Add-Ons/Upgrades, concepts that allow customers to earn additional discounts for utilizing methods not available in the base/primary promotions. Add-Ons will be available to use on top of the promotions available with the exception of Reply Mail IMbA. These add-ons include 1) Informed Delivery Add-On, and 2) Sustainability Add-On.*
- *The Promotions reports (available via Business Customer Gateway) will be made available to the eDoc submitter. This report is available currently to users with access to the Permit used to pay for postage.*
- *The promotions information on postage statements will be made available as part of the Postage Detail, and Commercial Mailing Details report via IV-MTR subscriptions.*
- *The required Informed Delivery campaign validation data will transmit in near real-time, allowing a promotion to be created and used in the postage statement the same day.*
- *The reports related to the Growth Incentives will be centralized in the Mailing Promotions Portal, available via Business Customer Gateway. Currently, these reports are available in the Incentives module.*
- *Online Reporting: Yes – The Growth Incentive reports will be centralized into the Mailing Promotion Portal.*
- *Data Feeds: Yes – The data feeds available via IV-MTR will include promotions data*
- *Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact*
- *Mail.dat changes: No Impact*
- *Mail.XML changes: No Impact*
- *Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact*
- *Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact*
- *WebTools: No Impact*
- *USPS API: No Impact*
- *Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant*

### **4.0 Business Reply Mail (BRM) Simplification**

*The US Postal Service is considering streamlining Business Reply Mail (BRM) for letters and cards from in a phased approach. The proposal will introduce new separate rates for QBRM letters and cards that are enrolled in Intelligent Barcode Accounting. These IMbA rates will not include an annual account maintenance fee or quarterly fee.*

- *Online Reporting: Yes – online reports will be updated to reflect the new Business Reply Mail product structure.*
- *Data Feeds: Yes – Data feeds will be updated to reflect the new Business Reply Mail product structure.*

- *Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact to Postage Statement. SKU will be updated to reflect the new pricing structure.*
- *Mail.dat changes: No Impact*
- *Mail.XML changes: No Impact*
- *Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact*
- *Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact*
- *WebTools: No Impact*
- *USPS API: No Impact*
- *Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant*

## **5.0 USPS Marketing Mail & Bound Printed Matter Catalog Incentive**

*The US Postal Service is considering creating an incentive for USPS Marketing Mail and Bound Printed Matter catalog mailings. This incentive applies only to mailings identified as catalog as described in the DMM. Postage statements will display the incentive amount. The USPS Marketing Mail Postage Statements PS Forms 3602-R & N already include the checkbox to identify catalog. The Bound Printed Matter Postage Statement PS Form 3605 will be updated to include the checkbox to identify catalog. Mailers that submit mailings via Postal Wizard, eDoc Mail.dat/Mail.XML, or IMsb tool will continue to identify catalogs for USPS Marketing Mail and Bound Printed Matter mailings.*

- *Online Reporting: No Impact*
- *Data Feeds: Yes – Data Feeds of Postage Statement will include Catalog incentives discount.*
- *Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – PS Form 3605 (BPM) will be updated to include checkbox for catalog and include display lines for catalog incentive. PS Form 3602-R/N (USPS Marketing Mail) will be updated to include display lines for catalog incentive.*
- *Mail.dat changes: No Impact – Mail.dat will use existing CCR data to identify catalogs.*
- *Mail.XML changes: No Impact – Mail.XML will use existing Content data to identify catalogs.*
- *Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact*
- *Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact*
- *WebTools: No Impact*
- *USPS API: No Impact*
- *Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant*

## **6.0 Eliminate USPS Marketing Mail Simple Samples**

*The US Postal Service is considering discontinuing Simple Samples and removing all references to the product from USPS systems, software applications, and publications. Simple Samples are a type of USPS Marketing Parcel that allow mailers to distribute unpackaged product samples weighing up to 16 oz. in “targeted or every door” areas. Mailers will no longer be able to mail Simple Samples through Postal Wizard, Mail.dat or Mail.XML or hardcopy postage statements. Mailers will still be able to mail product samples. Product samples can be mailed using other services such as USPS Ground Advantage, or Parcel Select Destination Entry.*

- *Online Reporting: No Impact*

- *Data Feeds: No Impact*
- *Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – 3602-R/N Section H and checkbox in header*
- *Mail.dat: Yes – Validation will be added to not allow rate ingredient combinations used for mapping Simple Samples*
- *Mail.XML: Yes – Validation will be added to not allow rate ingredient combinations used for mapping Simple Samples*
- *Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact*
- *Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact*
- *WebTools: No Impact*
- *USPS API: No Impact*
- *Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant*

## **7.0 USPS Marketing Mail Flats – Separate Light Weight and Heavy Weight Rate Structures**

*The US Postal Service is considering updating the pricing structure for USPS Marketing Mail Flats over 4 oz. The current postage for Flats over 4 oz. includes a Piece price and a Pound price. Currently the Piece price is the same for Flats less than or equal to 4oz and for Flats over 4oz and the Pound price only applies to Flats over 4oz and is calculated based on the piece weight above 4oz. The proposal will create a revised price table for Flats over 4oz where there will be a separate Piece price from Flats less than or equal to 4oz, and the Pound price will be multiplied by the total weight in pounds, including the piece weight below 4oz . The Price File and Notice 123 will be updated to reflect the new Piece price table for Flats over 4oz. Postal Wizard, Mail.dat and Mail.XML will use the new price structure to calculate postage for Flat pieces over 4 oz. Mailers must implement the new pricing structure to calculate postage for Flats over 4 oz.*

- *Online Reporting: No Impact*
- *Data Feeds: No Impact*
- *Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact*
- *Mail.dat changes: No Impact – use existing piece weight fields to identify the weight of the piece*
- *Mail.XML changes: No Impact – use existing piece weight fields to identify the weight of the piece*
- *Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact*
- *Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact*
- *WebTools: No Impact*
- *USPS API: No Impact*
- *Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant*

## **8.0 Election Mail Official Ballot Mail Updates**

*The US Postal Service is considering differentiating, tracking, and measuring Election Mail - Official Ballot Mail from all other types of Election Mail – in eDoc, Mail.dat, Mail.XML, Postal Wizard and IMsb Tool. Today PostalOne! eDoc, Mail.dat, Mail.XML, Postal Wizard, IMsb Tool and Postage Statements 3600-FCM, 3600-PM, and 3602-R/N, 3602-EZ/NZ have two checkboxes: one to identify Political Campaign*



**Mailings and the other to identify all Official Election Mail, including Ballots. The PostalOne! Election Mail checkbox does not differentiate Official Ballot Mail from all other types of Election Mail. The Election Mail checkbox will be separated into two check boxes for Official Ballots and Non-Ballot Materials. This will improve discrete tracking of all Official Ballot Mail volume (Ballot Mailpieces with/without IMbs; or Ballot Mailpieces with IMbs but without a Ballot Mail Service Type Identifier) to differentiate it from all other Election Mail. The FAST Mail.XML interface will be updated to support the identification of Election Mail Official Ballot and Election Mail Non Ballot. This information is submitted by mailers in the Comment field of the DeliveryApptCreateRequest and DeliveryApptUpdateRequest. The current Comment value of 'APTELECMAIL' used to identify Election Mail will no longer be accepted. The values of 'APPTENMAIL' and 'APPTBMAIL' will be used instead to identify Election Mail Non Ballot and Election Mail Official Ballot, respectively.**

- **Online Reporting: No Impact**
- **Data Feeds: Yes – Data Feeds for Postage Statement will be updated to include the new election mail designation for election mail - official ballot and election mail – non-ballot mail**
- **Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – The following Postage Statement will be updated to include tracking of Election Mail – Official Ballot Mail and Non-Ballot Election Mail: PS Form 3600-FCM, PS Form 3600-PM, PS Form 3602-R/N, and 3602-EZ/NZ.**
- **Mail.dat changes: Yes – new CCR code will be created to track Official Ballot Mail separately from all other types of Election Mail**
- **Mail.XML changes: Yes - new CCR code will be created to track Official Ballot Mail separately from all other types of Election Mail**
- **Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes - track Official Election Mail Ballots from all other types of Election Mail.**
- **Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact**
- **WebTools: No Impact**
- **USPS API: No Impact**
- **Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant**

## **9.0 Enlarge Maximum Size for Plus One**

**The US Postal Service is considering increasing the maximum size for the Plus One product from 6"x9.5" to 6"x11". The larger size will allow more space on the card for additional print and/or larger pictures. The larger size will also reward loyal Plus One mailers with the ability to send larger cards at the same price.**

- **Online Reporting: No Impact**
- **Data Feeds: No Impact**
- **Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact**
- **Mail.dat changes: No Impact – Existing rate category value will be used to identify Plus One pieces.**
- **Mail.XML changes: No Impact – Existing rate category value will be used to identify Plus One pieces.**
- **Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact**
- **Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact**
- **WebTools: No Impact**
- **USPS API: No Impact**

- *Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant*

## **10.0 USPS Marketing Mail Carrier Route Auto Letter Optional Tray Preparation Update**

*The US Postal Service is considering supporting a new tray preparation option for specific products within USPS Marketing Mail Automation Carrier Route Letter mail - this includes High Density & High Density Plus. This tray preparation option will allow these letters to be prepared as 5-Digit Mixed Carrier Route trays destined to the same 5-Digit. This option will allow mailers to compile letter trays with pieces (including residual pieces) to more than one Carrier Route, thus enabling preparation of fuller trays reducing mail preparation and processing times. Currently, mailings are required to sort letters with the same Carrier Route in walk sequence to trays or to sort the eligible Carrier Route pieces to a lower-level Carrier Route tray. E-documentation must validate that minimum carrier route piece requirements (125 pieces for HD & 300 pieces for HD+) in 5-digit trays are achieved by a single mail owner defined by single individual MID for each carrier route. (Must identify the number pieces prepared for each carrier route by mail owner and pay the appropriate rate)*

- *Online Reporting: Yes – Existing qualification reports will be updated to reflect mailings with optional tray preparation.*
- *Data Feeds: No Impact*
- *Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact – Existing USPS Marketing Mail PS Form 3602-R/N will continue to be used to support this new tray preparation.*
- *Mail.dat changes: No Impact – Existing Mail.dat sort values will be used to allow this optional tray preparation.*
- *Mail.XML changes: No Impact – Existing Mail.XML sort values will be used to allow this optional tray preparation.*
- *Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact*
- *Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact*
- *WebTools: No Impact*
- *USPS API: No Impact*
- *Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant*

## **11.0 Different Additional Ounce Rates for First-Class Mail Flats**

*The US Postal Service is considering re-evaluating the FCM Flats price structure. Currently FCM Flats are priced using both a 1oz price and a uniform price for each additional ounce. In order to improve pricing flexibility and consistency of price changes across all ounces, a change is proposed to eliminate the uniform additional ounce price structure and instead implement a unique, non-uniform price for each FCM Flat ounce.*

- *Online Reporting: No Impact*
- *Data Feeds: No Impact*
- *Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact*
- *Mail.dat changes: No Impact*
- *Mail.XML changes: No Impact*

- ***Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact***
- ***Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact***
- ***WebTools: No Impact***
- ***USPS API: No Impact***
- ***Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant***

# Competitive Changes

## 12.0 Premium Forwarding Service Local (PFS-L) Updates

The US Postal Service is considering automating the sorting of pieces to be forwarded as part of Premium Forwarding Service Local (PFS-L). The current PFS-L product supports forwarding of mail from P.O. Box to addresses within the same/local ZIP Code. The product may be expanded to support forwarding to encompass additional ZIP Codes. This will include enhancements to enable self-service tasks online (via BCG or USPS.com depending on the type of customer: commercial or retail) such as updating payment information or performing renewal.

- **Online Reporting: Yes** – reports will be made available on PFS-Local via USPS.com
- **Data Feeds: No Impact**
- **Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact**
- **Mail.dat changes: No Impact**
- **Mail.XML changes: No Impact**
- **Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact**
- **Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact**
- **WebTools: No Impact** – update existing interface with PFS and eVS; no external impact.
- **USPS API: No Impact**
- **Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive**

## 13.0 Revisions to Minimum Dimensions for Outbound and Inbound Letter-Post Packet Rolls

The US Postal Service is considering implementing the Universal Postal Union's (UPU's) planned updates to dimensions for Letter-post packet rolls. This UPU update was established in the Convention Regulations and is effective August 1, 2024. To be compliant, the US Postal Service is considering revising the minimum dimensions for outbound and inbound Letter-post services. For outbound services, the revisions must be reflected in published mailing standards, any international Negotiated Service Agreements (NSAs) and related documentation that include these services, and in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) listings for these services. Following are the impacted outbound services:

- **First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS)**
- **Commercial ePacket (CeP)** (which is available only through international NSAs)
- **International Priority Airmail (IPA)**
- **International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)**

For inbound Letter-post service, the revised dimensions must be reflected in the MCS listing. The following are the current and revised dimensions:

<b>Current:</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Length Plus Twice the Diameter</b>
<b>Minimum</b>	4 inches	6.75 inches
<b>Maximum</b>	36 inches	42 inches

**Table 1 – Current Dimensions**

<b>Revised</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Length Plus Twice the Diameter</b>
<b>Minimum</b>	8.25 inches	12 inches
<b>Maximum</b>	36 inches	42 inches

**Table 2 – Revised Dimensions**

- **Online Reporting: No Impact**
- **Data Feeds: No Impact**
- **Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact**
- **Mail.dat changes: No Impact**
- **Mail.XML changes: No Impact**
- **Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact**
- **Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact**
- **WebTools: No Impact**
- **USPS API: No Impact**
- **Price Change Type / Product Type: International Competitive**

## **14.0 Updates for USPS Returns – Labels, Publications, and Systems**

The US Postal Service is considering updating all Return Labels to remove the word “SERVICE”. **The US Postal Service is also considering updating USPS Return to remove the “s” from Returns. All systems, publications, manuals, and platforms will be updated to reflect the name changes.**

- **Online Reporting: Yes – Report for USPS Ship will be updated to reflect the update to the product names.**
- **Data Feeds: Yes – Data Feeds for USPS Ship will be updated to reflect the update to the product names.**
- **Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact**
- **Mail.dat changes: No Impact**
- **Mail.XML changes: No Impact**
- **Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – The SSF will be updated to reflect the updated names of the USPS Returns products.**
- **Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes – The SSF will be updated to reflect the updated**

*names of the USPS Returns products.*

- *WebTools: Yes – Label generated by WebTools will be updated product names for USPS Returns.*
- *USPS API: Yes – Label generated by USPS API will be updated product names for USPS Returns.*
- *Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive*

## **15.0 Migration to USPS API Platform Requirements**

*The US Postal Service is considering requiring integration with the USPS APIs Labels API for label generation and payment for Global Direct Entry (GDE) shippers and WebTools customers. Today, shippers can use WebTools or third-party solutions to create labels for pieces entering the Postal Service network. This change provides a more secure method of label and manifest generation. All shippers must adhere to the current postage and payment policy (USPS Publication 205 and USPS DMM 604). Postage payment must be made for each shipment prior to entry of the physical packages into the Postal Service network.*

- *Online Reporting: No Impact*
- *Data Feeds: No Impact*
- *Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact*
- *Mail.dat changes: No Impact*
- *Mail.XML changes: No Impact*
- *Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – USPS APIs generates the Shipping Partner Event File (SPEF) and SSF at the time of label creation.*
- *Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No changes to the current process.*
- *WebTools: Yes – No longer supported; all customers must migrate to the USPS API platform.*
- *Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive*
- *USPS API: Yes – Documentation on relevant APIs is outlined below:*
  - *USPS APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/>*
  - *A list of available APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/apis>*
  - *Instructions for enrolling in USPS APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/getting-started>*
  - *The Domestic Label API can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/api/71>. There are three versions of the Domestic USPS Label API. Version 3.0 is the latest version; new customers must use version 3.0 as earlier versions are for legacy support only.*
  - *The International Label API can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/api/75>. There are three versions of the International USPS Label API. Version 3.0 is the latest version; new customers must use version 3.0 as earlier versions are for legacy support only.*

## **16.0 Payment Prior to Entry Requirements**

*Today the Postal Service's postage and payment policy (USPS Publication 205 and USPS DMM 604) requires postage payment for each shipment prior to entry of the physical packages into the Postage Service network. Consistent with existing policies, shippers who do not use USPS APIs or authorized vendors must submit a Shipping Services File (SSF) or Shipping Partner Event File (SPEF) prior to*

*shipment tendering to the Postal Service. The Postal Service intends to begin enforcement of payment documentation prior to mailing. Any packages that bear a shipping label or permit imprint indicating that postage has been paid but do not have valid proof of payment prior to entry may be considered abandoned.*

- *Online Reporting: No Impact*
- *Data Feeds: No Impact*
- *Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact*
- *Mail.dat changes: No Impact*
- *Mail.XML changes: No Impact*
- *Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Adjustment to frequency of SSF submissions*
- *Shipping Partner Event File Changes: Adjustment to frequency of SPEF submissions*
- *Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No changes to the current process.*
- *WebTools: No longer supported; all customers must migrate to the USPS API platform.*
- *Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive*
- *USPS API: No Impact; shipper may integrate with the USPS Labels API for label data, image, and manifest (SPEF and SSF) generation to meet timely payment documentation requirements. Documentation on relevant APIs is outlined below:*
  - *USPS APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/>.*
  - *A list of available APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/apis>.*
  - *Instructions for enrolling in USPS APIs can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/getting-started>.*
  - *The Domestic Label API can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/api/71>. There are three versions of the Domestic USPS Label API. Version 3.0 is the latest version; new customers must use version 3.0 as earlier versions are for legacy support only.*
  - *The International Label API can be found at <https://developer.usps.com/api/75>. There are three versions of the International USPS Label API. Version 3.0 is the latest version; new customers must use version 3.0 as earlier versions are for legacy support only.*

## **17.0 USPS Ground Advantage Retail Oversized and Dimensional Pricing**

*The US Postal Service is considering applying prices for Oversized and Dimensional weight to the USPS Ground Advantage Retail postage statement. Oversized and Dimensional weight prices are applied currently to Commercial shipping. Postage Statement 3600-FCM Part C, USPS Ground Advantage - Retail will include Oversized and Dimensional Weight.*

- *Online Reporting: No Impact*
- *Data Feeds: No Impact*
- *Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – Postage Statement 3600-FCM part C, Ground Advantage – Retail. Postage Statement 3600-FCM part C, Ground Advantage – Retail will include Oversized and Dimensional Weight.*
- *Mail.dat changes: No Impact – Mail.dat will use the existing value to identify Oversized and Dimensional.*



- **Mail.XML changes: No Impact** – Mail.XML will use the existing value to identify Oversized and Dimensional.
- **Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact**
- **Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact**
- **WebTools: Yes** – Postage calculated by WebTools will include updated pricing for USPS Ground Advantage Retail
- **USPS API: Yes** – Postage calculated by USPS API will include updated pricing for USPS Ground Advantage Retail
- **Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive**

## **18.0 Expand Domestic Competitive Shipping Products Zone Chart**

The US Postal Service is considering creating an additional zone (10) in pricing tables for all Competitive full-network shipping products. This includes Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, and USPS Ground Advantage products. The Zone 10 will be applied primarily to mailings from contiguous USA states to offshore ZIP Codes. Zone 10 pricing excludes Alaska Bypass, Alaska LOR (USPS Ground Advantage), and APO/DPO ZIP Codes. The Zone Chart Matrix product will be updated to implement Zone 10 in the one-character field (as a value of A). A separate rate structure will be implemented to allow Flat Rate Products (Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express) to have a separate price for Zone 10 and also for Zone 9 which includes the Freely Associated States (FAS).

- **Online Reporting: No Impact** – Existing report will show updated zone values.
- **Data Feeds: No Impact** – Existing data feeds will show updated zone values when applicable.
- **Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes** – All competitive shipping products, PS Form 3600-PM, and PS Form 3600-FCM. The forms will be updated to include Zone 10.
- **Mail.dat changes: No Impact** – Use existing value to create new pricing map.
- **Mail.XML changes: No Impact** – Use existing value to create new pricing map.
- **Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes** – Use new rate and ingredient to create map.
- **Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact** – Use existing data element and a new value of 10 to support the new zones.
- **WebTools: No Impact**
- **USPS API: No Impact**
- **Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive**

## **19.0 Electronic Verification System (eVS) Retirement**

The Electronic Verification System (eVS) will be retiring on February 1, 2025. Technical support will be provided to resolve issues during the migration to USPS Ship. All reports currently in use will be maintained until all account data can be migrated to USPS Ship. Any/all publications currently referencing eVS will be updated to USPS Ship. Communication will come in the form of industry notifications, release notes, Q&A documents, webinars, and MTAC sessions.

- **Online Reporting: Yes** – Shippers will be able to view the reports on their package transactions in USPS Ship. The online reporting currently available via Business Customer Gateway > PostalOne! dashboard will not be available.



- **Data Feeds: Yes** – The USPS Ship data extracts will be available for package transactions processed via USPS Ship. The eVS data extracts including Payment Extracts will not be available.
- **Postage Statement and SKU Changes:** The Postage Statements that are available under eVS will no longer be generated.
- **Mail.dat changes:** No Impact
- **Mail.XML changes:** No Impact
- **Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes:** No Impact
- **Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File:** No Impact
- **WebTools:** No Impact
- **Price Change Type / Product Type:** Competitive/Market Dominant

## 20.0 Mail.dat Client Support

Please note the following regarding the Mail.dat client download.

There is a new **required** Mail.dat client with this release. Users should download Mail.dat client from the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) using the following path: Mailing Services → Electronic Data Exchange [Go to Service] → Mail.dat download (Windows 32-bit, Windows 64-bit or Solaris).

## 21.0 Applicable Technical Specifications

### 21.1 Updates to PostalOne! System eDoc Specification Versions Support

#### 21.1.1 Mail.dat eDoc

The below table depicts the Mail.dat specification versions that will be supported with the July 2024 release.

<b>PostalOne! System Mail.dat (eDoc) Version Support</b>			
<b>Versions</b>	<b>Versions Supported Prior to Deployment Date</b>	<b>Versions Supported Deployment Date to Price Change Effective Date</b>	<b>Post-Price Change - Versions Supported on and after Price Change Effective Date</b>
<b>23-1 (*New Errata*)</b>	Supported	Supported	Supported
<b>24-1 (*New Errata*)</b>	Supported	Supported	Supported
<b>Note: *Final version(s) of Mail.dat to be supported will be determined based on discussion with DTAC.</b>			

**Table 3 – PostalOne! System Mail.dat (eDoc) Version Support**

### 21.1.2 Mail.XML eDoc

The below table depicts the Mail.XML specification versions that will be supported with the July 2024 release.

<i>PostalOne! System Mail.XML (eDoc) Version Support</i>			
<b>Versions</b>	<b>Versions Supported Prior to Deployment Date</b>	<b>Versions Supported Deployment Date to Price Change Effective Date</b>	<b>Post-Price Change – Versions Supported on and after Price Change Effective Date</b>
<b>25.4</b>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported – for updates only</i>
<b>26.2</b>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported – for updates only</i>
<b>25.5</b>	–	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>
<b>26.3</b>	–	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>

*\*Final version(s) of Mail.XML to be supported will be determined based on discussion with DTAC.  
**Note:** New Mail.XML WSDLs will be posted on PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com/> as they become available.*

**Table 4 – PostalOne! System Mail.XML (eDoc) Version Support**

### 21.2 Updates to PostalOne! System Mail.XML Data Distribution, Mailer ID – Customer Registration ID (MID-CRID), and Facilities Access and Shipment Tracking (FAST) Specification Version Support

The below table depicts the specification versions that will be supported with the July 2024 release.

<b>Versions</b>	<b>Data Distribution Mail.XML</b>		<b>MID-CRID Mail.XML</b>		<b>FAST Mail.XML</b>	
	<b>Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Deployment Date)</b>	<b>Post-Release Supported Versions</b>	<b>Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Deployment Date)</b>	<b>Post-Release Supported Versions</b>	<b>Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Deployment Date)</b>	<b>Post-Release Supported Versions</b>
<b>14.0 A</b>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>
<b>16.0</b>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>

**Note:** *No change to currently supported versions.*

**Table 5 – PostalOne! System Mail.XML Data Distribution, MID-CRID, and FAST Specification Version Support**

### 21.2.1 Updates to Shipping Services File (SSF) Version Support

The below table depicts the specification versions that will be supported with the July 2024 release.

<b>eVS Shipping Services File Version Support</b>		
<b>Versions</b>	<b>Versions Supported Prior to Release</b>	<b>Versions Supported on and After Release</b>
<b>1.6</b>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>
<b>1.7</b>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>
<b>2.0</b>	<i>Supported</i>	<i>Supported</i>

**Note:** No change to currently supported versions. New rate ingredients (or combinations of existing rates) may be required to support the proposed changes.

**Table 6 – Electronic Verification System (eVS) Shipping Services File Version Support**

## 22.0 Document History

<b>Date</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Description</b>
2/28/2024	19.0	<i>Changed date for eVS retirement to February 1, 2025</i>
2/28/2024	18.0	Changed “as a value of X” to “as a value of A”
2/28/2024	19.0	<i>Changed Postage Statement and SKU Changes Impact Section</i>
3/27/2024	8.0	<i>Added language about FAST Mail.XML requirements</i>