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Release Notes

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NOTE: *PostalOne!* System issues are identified by ALM Item ID and cross-referenced with ALM Requirement ID (9999-R) where available. Program Registration issues are identified by ALM ID followed by "-P".

NOTE: The information in this document concerns planned revisions that are not historical facts. Actual results may differ from these forward-looking statements.

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1.0 Introduction

On Sunday, August 20, 2017, the United States Postal Service plans to implement changes to the following software.

- PostalOne! System Release 45.3.1.0
- Business Intelligence Database System (BIDS) Release 45.3.1.0
- Program Registration Release 18.3.0.0

These Release Notes provide the contents of the release and affected subsystems.

The sections titled **Corrections to Known Issues** are derived from External Trouble Reports (ETRs) and Engineering Change Requests (ECRs) for inclusion in these releases.

This document is prepared based on the knowledge available at the time of its publication and any element may be subject to change prior to publication.

2.0 Mail.dat Client Support

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

There is a new Mail.dat client version with this release. The new Mail.dat client accommodates a security update. Users should download Mail.dat client version 45.3.1.0_PROD 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).

3.0 PostalOne! System Enhancements, Updates, and New Functionality

The new Postage Statement Wizard interface will be updated to include functionality for entry of Package Services postage statements: Bound Printed Matter (BPM), Parcel Select Mail, and Media/Library Mail. In addition, the updated Postal Wizard interface will include the following features:

- Streamlined data entry to group similar functionality together
- Reduced number of pages to navigate prior to submission
- Improved error handling
- Improved performance
- Elimination of the "incomplete" postage statement concept

The look and feel of the Postal Wizard pages for entry of Package Services postage statements will be the same as for First Class Mail and USPS Marketing Mail, with fields specifically tailored for BPM, Parcel Select Mail, and Media/Library Mail entry. The existing business rules for each mail class still apply.

4.0 PostalOne! System - Corrections to Known Issues

4.1 Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

The Portable Document Format (PDF) download of Periodicals postage statements will display the Preferred Price Discount for Limited Circulation for all mailers, as applicable. Currently, this discount is not displayed on Periodicals PDF downloads for mailers with a rate category of 410 (Requester – Nonprofit), 420 (Requester – Classroom), or 430 (Requester – Science of Agriculture). This is a PDF display issue only and the Preferred Price Discount is correctly applied to the postage for the affected statements. 11074 (18607-R)

4.2 Electronic Data Exchange

Mail.dat client validation code 0555 was incorrectly generated for jobs with valid data under certain conditions.

Validation code 0555 has been downgraded to a warning so that affected job submissions will not be rejected incorrectly. Validation code 0555 checks that at least one Container Quantity (.cqt) record has a Service Level Indicator of "F" (Full Service) when the Segment (.seg) record Full-Service Participation Indicator is marked as "M" (Mixed Service). In cases where the parent containers (pallets) reside in one segment and the children (trays) reside in other segments, validation 0555 can be generated incorrectly. This occurs when the parent's segment has no Full Service mail pieces directly, but Full Service pieces are present on a container that is the child of a container on that segment. Validation code 0555 is: "At least one record in the .cqt file must contain a Service Level Indicator of F when the .seg Full Service Participation Indicator is populated with M". 11245 (18726-R)

4.3 eInduction

With this release, duplicate errors from containers submitted by Seamless Acceptance mailers will be logged and reported, but will not be invoiced. The duplicate errors will be identified by Seamless Acceptance mailers' Customer Registration ID (CRID) based on current activation status using the existing business rules for duplicate errors. The errors logged will count against the mailers' monthly error threshold for duplicate errors, and will appear on the Mailer Scorecard and PostalOne! System reports. No assessment for the duplicate errors will appear on the Mailer Scorecard or the Mailer Enterprise Integration (MEI) Assessment Report. 11035

4.4 Electronic Verification System (eVS®)

- The eVS Manifest Universal Search has been updated to allow users to search by multiple Package Identification Codes (PICs), up to a maximum of 200 PICs. The eVS Manifest Domestic and International searches have been combined into one search called Domestic/International. In addition, columns have been added to the new combined report to display the last payment extract date and name. 10728 (18288-R)
- The eVS Monthly Account and Sampling Summary page has been corrected to show the manifest mail class breakdown for eVS mailers flagged as having their master Mailer ID (MID) linked to Scan-Based Payment (SBP). Prior to this release, this information was missing from the page display, even though the master MIDs were correctly linked to SBP through the eVS Corporate Site Admin page. This was a display issue only and did not affect postage. 10758 (18290-R)

4.5 Nonprofit

The *PostalOne!* System will be updated to restore the functionality for submission of PS Form 3624 (Application to Mail at Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail Prices) by external users. Currently, when external users click **Continue** after entering information on the form, they receive a blank page. As a temporary workaround, external users can submit the paper form directly to a BMEU or Pricing and Classification Service Center (PCSC), neither of which are experiencing the issue. 11243

4.6 Program Registration Incentive Reports

The Earned Value Quarterly Permit Balance Report will be updated to correct a display issue that results in the Credit Used amount being displayed twice for users sharing the same master Customer Registration ID (CRID) when they use credit. Section 2 of the Permit Balance Report shows the Credit Used amount as doubled in this scenario, and also incorrectly shows the number of postage statements as "2" instead of just one. This is a display issue only and the actual balance is correctly recorded by the *PostalOne!* System. The Permit Balance Detail Report displays the balance correctly. 374-P

4.7 Reports

The Carbon Accounting Statement has been updated to enable the date range functionality to correctly filter the report results. Prior to this release, when users selected "Year Ending in Selected Month" for the month of December, the start date was set incorrectly. As a result, the report reflects more than more than one year of data. 11133 (18605-R)

4.8 Scan-Based Payment

 The Scan-Based Payment (SBP) online Monthly Account Summary page calculations will be updated to include all piece count and postage data for the entire first month of the 120-day reporting timeframe. Currently, piece counts and postage displayed on this report page are calculated for the past 120 days, which can result in calculations for only a partial month for the first month of the 120-day period. The updated methodology will

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account for all data for the first full month of the 120-day reporting timeframe, not just the part of the month that falls within the previous 120 days. 11250 (18792-R)

The Scan-Based Payment (SBP) payment extract process will be updated to correct an issue that sometimes
results in duplicate payment extracts, which appear in reports as if the customer was double-charged. This is an
SBP reporting issue only and does not impact the postage actually charged. 11285 (18793-R)

5.0 Document History

Date	Version	Description
7/6/2017	1.0	Updated Mail.dat client information. Updated external ETRs 10725, 10728.
8/1/2017	1.1	Corrected typo in external ETR 10728. Added external ETRs 11243, 11250, 11285, and Program Registration ETR 374-P. Added new Postal Wizard interface updates.
8/2/2017	1.2	Updated ETR 10728 for clarification. Moved ETR 11249 and 10725 to internal-only. Added additional detail to Postal Wizard interface update.