

Release Overview

October 2019 Changes Market Dominant

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1.0 Introduction

Included in this document is the proposed changes under review for market test that is planned to start in October 2019. This document is prepared and based on the knowledge available at the time of its printing and any direction found herein is subject to change prior to the release.

Draft postage statements marked with revisions are posted on Postal Explorer (<http://pe.usps.com>).

There are currently no anticipated changes to the existing supported versions of the technical specifications, Mail.dat eDoc, Mail.XML, Mail.XML Data Distribution, MID-CRID, and FAST, and Shipping Services Files (SSF).

2.0 Saturation PlusOne Market Test - For Saturation Letter Mail

The USPS is considering a new “Saturation PlusOne” market test to allow automation Saturation Letter Marriage Mail to include a postcard (Saturation PlusOne) to the mailing at a new, separate price. The host letter and the PlusOne card would be addressed (automation), including IMb Barcodes, and all “Saturation PlusOne” pieces will be associated to DSCF entered Saturation, or High Density, or High Density Plus host pieces. In order to participate in the market test mailers must contact the Program Office to request for more information and enrollment. Participants must provide Permit(s) that would be enrolled and used to pay for mailings containing Saturation PlusOne pieces. In addition, mailers must provide one or more Mailer IDs (MIDs) dedicated to be used on PlusOne piece barcodes, as part of the enrollment process. The dedicated MIDs must not be used on non PlusOne pieces. Prices for the market test will be based on four regions created for this market test and DSCF ZIP Codes will be mapped to their respective regions to determine specific entry pricing. Prices for the DSCF ZIP Codes based on the four regions will be made available to participants. As it relates to the market test the qualification requirements for Saturation letters will not include volume or weight of Saturation PlusOne pieces. Once approved, mailers can participate in the market test. This test is slated to start October 1, 2019 pending PRC approval.

Saturation PlusOne detailed requirements and contact information for participation in the market test are available at the Saturation PlusOne web page located at https://postalpro.usps.com/plus_one, or email the PlusOne market test team at plusone@usps.gov.

- Postage Statement Changes: PS Form 3602 N & R – Extra Service line S36 will be populated for mailings with Plus-One pieces (mailer must have authorization to participate). Postage Statement must have piece volume for DSCF entered Saturation, High Density, High Density Plus letters (current statement lines C9, C10 and C11), that is higher than or equal to the volume of Saturation PlusOne volume.
- Mail.dat changes: Use existing .sfr Value of ‘A’. In addition the description for .sfr Piece ID will be updated to include reference to PDR
- Mail.XML changes: Use existing ServiceCode of ‘AA’ – Recommendation: Create a separate statement for each DSCF Entry ZIP Code
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

3.0 Document Change Log

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