

United States Postal Service®

# INDUSTRYALERT

**May 17, 2018**

On Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 4:00 AM CT to 10:00 AM CT, the United States Postal Service will deploy the following software releases:

*PostalOne!* System and BIDS Release 47.2.0.0

Program Registration Release 19.2.0.0

Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) Release 25.0.5.0

Facilities Access and Shipment Tracking (FAST) Release 38.0.0.0

(NOTE: BIDS Release 47.2.0.0 outage will be from 6 AM CT to 11 AM CT.)

This is an outage release; hence, the aforementioned systems and applications will not be available during this timeframe. Below is a brief summary of the contents of the releases and affected subsystems.

**PostalOne! System Release 47.2.0.0**

- There is a new required Mail.dat client version with this release. Users should download Mail.dat client version 47.2.0.0\_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). Effective with this May 20, 2018 release, Mail.dat client versions 47.1.0.0\_PROD and 47.0.0.0\_PROD will no longer be supported.
- Online Permit Creation functionality will be updated to enable customers to automatically create an Enterprise Payment System (EPS) account when a new permit is created if the customer does not currently have an EPS account.
- The USPS will update the “Look and Feel” of the Postal Wizard pages for Periodicals postage statements (PS Form 3541) to enhance the user experience and performance improvement.
- For Business Reply Mail (BRM) transactions, the *PostalOne!* System will be updated to handle the scenario where an Enterprise Payment System (EPS) transaction is successfully processed but the *PostalOne!* System fails to update the database with the EPS Transaction ID.
- In order to improve and streamline the workflow for eInduction participants, the *PostalOne!* System will be updated to ensure consistent error and warning reporting between the Informed Visibility (IV), MicroStrategy, and Shipping Summary Report applications.
- An issue will be corrected that currently generates a server error on Mail.dat update submissions, causing them to be rejected by Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP).
- The eVS One-Click interface logic will be corrected to allow update to the master permit only in cases where there is no permit set or the current permit is no longer valid.
- The eVS Reconciled Sample View report and the Postage Discrepancy Report will be updated to clarify a display issue.
- All Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) pieces will be allocated to the “onshore” category when calculating Postage Adjustment Factor (PAF).
- A new process will be created to detect when a user from an eVS mailer acquires the Verification Assessment Evaluator (VAE) role.
- The Periodicals Postage Statement Register will be updated to prevent duplicate data from being displayed.

**Program Registration Release 19.2.0.0**

- For newly established customers of Click-N-Ship Business Pro, printing functionality will be suspended until the account has been verified through the Electronic Verification System (eVS) Helpdesk. The “Printing Enabled” option on the Update Existing Account Restriction page will be disabled, and the new customers will receive a message to contact the eVS Helpdesk for account verification.

#### **Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) Release 25.0.5.0**

- A defect will be corrected that impacts the Full-Service invoice of mailers who submit postage statements where the Full-Service discount was already removed by Performance Based Verification (PBV).
- Invoice processing for undocumented errors will be updated to ensure that the correct piece count is used when calculating the number of mail pieces over the threshold.
- For mailers enrolled in daily, weekly, or monthly Mail Quality Data (MQD) feeds for undocumented errors, a defect will be corrected that can cause Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) to erroneously log undocumented errors on the “Destination ZIP Code – Scanned” field.
- An issue will be corrected that erroneously generates a seamless invoice for a non-seamless mailer under certain conditions.

#### **Facilities Access and Shipment Tracking (FAST) Release 38.0.0.0**

- FAST Appointment Creation and Appointment Management validation will be updated to properly evaluate fields that contain valid values when checking for disallowed characters and character strings (e.g., “(”, “&”, “+”, “img”, etc.).
- The FAST Appointment Scheduling module will be updated to appropriately reject invalid recurring appointment Frequency/Weekday combinations.
- The Online Approve Recurring Appointment Request module will be updated to correct an issue that impacts recurring appointment sequences that are bi-weekly with a current start date in the future but less than 14 days away.
- FAST Appointment Scheduling validation will be updated to reject recurring appointment requests with a Scheduling Frequency of “Sixth Week” and a Weekday Frequency of “Tuesday, “Wednesday”, “Thursday”, etc. Requests for recurring appointments with this type of combination are invalid and cause the system to use up to 100% of its resources attempting to resolve the incompatibility, resulting in slow performance.
- The Confirm JIT (Just in Time) Recurring Appointment information page will be updated to correct a display inconsistency that occurs under certain conditions.
- A link will be added to the FAST home page to direct users to the “Contingency Process Guide”. The URL for the guide is:  
[http://blue.usps.gov/bma/pdf/BMA%20and%20PT%20website%20files/eInduction/PVDS\\_Contingency\\_Process\\_Guide.pdf](http://blue.usps.gov/bma/pdf/BMA%20and%20PT%20website%20files/eInduction/PVDS_Contingency_Process_Guide.pdf).
- The FAST “User Guides” and “Release Notes” links will be updated to direct users to the appropriate pages on the Postal Pro website.

Detailed Pre-Release Notes can be found on PostalPro @ [PO! R47.2.0.0 Pre-Release Notes May 20, 2018](#)

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