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# INDUSTRYALERT

**May 21, 2018**

On Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 4:00 AM CT to 9:00 AM CT, the United States Postal Service deployed 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
- Enterprise Payment System Release 3.3.0.0

**NOTE: Today's (May 21, 2018) Testing Environment for Mailers (TEM) deployment is scheduled for 7:00 AM CT through 11:00 AM CT. TEM will "not" be available during this timeframe.**

Below is a brief summary of the content of today's releases and affected subsystems.

## **PostalOne! System Release 47.2.0.0**

- There is no new Mail.dat client version with this release. Users should continue to use Mail.dat client version 47.1.0.0\_PROD or version 47.1.1.0\_PROD. The current Mail.dat Client may be downloaded 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).
- The next *PostalOne!* deployment (Release 47.3.0.0) scheduled for June 24, 2018 will require a new Mail.dat client version. Also, effective with the *PostalOne!* R47.3.0.0 (June 24, 2018) deployment, Mail.dat client versions 47.1.0.0\_PROD and 47.0.0.0\_PROD will no longer be supported.
- Online Permit Creation functionality was updated to enable customers to automatically create an Enterprise Payment System (EPS) account when a new permit is created if the customer does not have an EPS account.
- The USPS updated 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 was updated to handle the scenario where an Enterprise Payment System (EPS) transaction was successfully processed but the *PostalOne!* System failed to update the database with the EPS Transaction ID.
- In order to improve and streamline the workflow for elnduction participants, the *PostalOne!* System was updated to ensure consistent error and warning reporting between the Informed Visibility (IV), MicroStrategy, and Shipping Summary Report applications.
- An issue was corrected that previously generated 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 was corrected to allow updates to the master permit only in cases where there is no permit set or the current permit was no longer valid.
- The eVS Reconciled Sample View report and the Postage Discrepancy Report was updated to clarify a display issue.
- All Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) pieces will now be allocated to the "onshore" category when calculating Postage Adjustment Factor (PAF).
- A new process was created to detect when a user from an eVS mailer acquired the Verification Assessment Evaluator (VAE) role.
- The Periodicals Postage Statement Register was 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 now 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 was disabled, and new customers receive a message to contact the eVS Helpdesk for account verification.

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

- A defect was 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 was 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 was corrected that caused Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) to erroneously log undocumented errors on the “Destination ZIP Code – Scanned” field.
- An issue was corrected that erroneously generated 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 was 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 was updated to appropriately reject invalid recurring appointment Frequency/Weekday combinations.
- The Online Approve Recurring Appointment Request module was 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 was 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 caused 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 was updated to correct a display inconsistency that occurs under certain conditions.
- A link was 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\\_ProcessGuide.pdf](http://blue.usps.gov/bma/pdf/BMA%20and%20PT%20website%20files/eInduction/PVDS_Contingency_ProcessGuide.pdf)
- The FAST “User Guides” and “Release Notes” links were updated to direct users to the appropriate pages on the PostalPro website.

### **Enterprise Payment System (EPS) R3.3.0.0**

- On the EPS Account Overview page, the Products and Services link for Commercial Mailing has been renamed to Commercial Mailing and Shipping Activity. Selecting the Commercial Mailing and Shipping Activity link will display the Commercial Mailing and Shipping Activity Spending Summary.
- On the Spending Summary, a section has been added below the Mail Class section that will display a summary for Package Platform Network Returns.
- A Resubmission Date column has been added to the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Debit Return Report that will display the date the return will be resubmitted for payment.
- Numerous enhancements have been made to the ACH debit verification functionality to improve performance as well as the look and feel.

- The EPS Transaction History Report was updated to improve visibility, clarity, and consistencies of the information displayed.
- Functionality within the Online Permit Creation Module has been enhanced to improve user interactions.
- System notifications and eMail messaging have been corrected and new enhancements have also been implemented.
- An issue was corrected to prevent Deposits to EPS accounts from erroneously failing submission.

Detailed Release documentation related to today's deployments can be found on the United States Postal Service's PostalPro website.

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