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Pre-Release Notes

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

ALM INDEX

1.0 Introduction

On Sunday, July 15, 2018, the United States Postal Service will implement the following software change:

- *PostalOne!* System Release 47.3.1.0

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

The section titled ***Corrections to Known Issues*** is derived from External Trouble Reports (ETRs) and Engineering Change Requests (ECRs) for inclusion in this release.

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 no new Mail.dat client version with this release. Users should continue to use Mail.dat client version 47.3.0.0_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).

3.0 *PostalOne!* System Enhancements, Updates, and New Functionality

3.1 Electronic Data Exchange

Effective August 20, 2018 new ballot Service Type Identifiers (STIDs) will be supported for mailers submitting postage statements via Mail.dat or Mail.XML. This change will allow letters and flats to use an Intelligent Mail barcode (IMb) which contains the new ballot Service Type Identifiers (STIDs) as an element. The new STIDs will be added to the *PostalOne!* System to enable Mail.dat and Mail.XML submissions using the new ballot STIDs to pass IMb validation of Full Service mailings without generating the associated warning message, as noted below.

For Mail.dat, validation warning 4545 applies to this scenario: "The STID portion of the IMb in the .pdr IM Barcode field must match the .mpu Mail Piece Unit - Class".

For Mail.XML, validation warning 9570 applies to this scenario: "The STID portion of the IMb populated in the ServiceTypeCode field of the IMb block in the MailPieceCreateRequest or MailPieceUpdateRequest must match the FormType provided in the QualificationReportSummaryCreateRequest message".

See table below for further details.

Class of Mail	Address Correction Option	Basic or Nonautomation with IV® MTR*	Full-Service with IV® MTR*
First-Class Mail®	No Address Corrections	715	720
	Manual Address Corrections	716	721
	OneCode ACS® – ASR 1* Address Service Requested Opt 1	717	
	OneCode ACS – ASR 2* Address Service Requested Opt 2	718	
	OneCode ACS – CSR 1* Change Service Requested Opt 1	719	
	Full Service ACS™ – ASR 1* Address Service Requested Opt 1		722

Class of Mail	Address Correction Option	Basic or Nonautomation with IV® MTR*	Full-Service with IV® MTR*
	Full-Service ACS – ASR 2* Address Service Requested Opt 2		723
	Full Service ACS – CSR 1* Change Service Requested Opt 1		724
	Full Service ACS – RSR 2* Return Service Requested Opt 2		725
USPS Marketing Mail®	No Address Corrections	735	741
	Manual Address Corrections	736	742
	OneCode ACS® – ASR 1* Address Service Requested Opt 1Address Service Requested Opt 1	737	
	OneCode ACS – ASR 2* Address Service Requested Opt 2	738	
	OneCode ACS – CSR 1* Change Service Requested Opt 1	739	
	Traditional ACS – CSR 1* Change Service Requested Opt 1	740	
	Full Service ACS™ – ASR 1* Address Service Requested Opt 1		743
	Full-Service ACS – ASR 2* Address Service Requested Opt 2		744
	Full Service ACS – CSR 1* Change Service Requested Opt 1		745
	Full Service ACS – RSR 2* Return Service Requested Opt 2		746
Return Ballot	For Use on Ballot Return Envelopes Only	777	

*Informed Visibility® Mail Tracking & Reporting

Table 1 - Ballot Mail Service Type Identifiers Effective August 20, 2018 12418 (19521-R)

4.0 *PostalOne!* System - Corrections to Known Issues

4.1 Electronic Verification System (eVS®)

Army Post Office (APO) and Fleet Post Office (FPO) mail pieces are handled similarly to domestic parcels. Those mail pieces are transferred from USPS to military onshore and then the military transfers the pieces offshore. Analysis performed on more than one million mail pieces throughout the first half of Fiscal Year 2018 verified that all eVS volume sent to the following ZIP Codes is APO/FPO and is priced as onshore. The APO/FPO ZIP Codes should be treated as onshore for pricing assessments and should be excluded from post-stratification Postage Adjustment Factor (PAF) calculation for offshore packages on APO/FPO addresses.

Therefore, the post-stratification onshore/offshore assignment for domestic mail pieces will evaluate the entry ZIP Code and destination ZIP Code of the manifested piece according to the logic below.

- The mail piece will be categorized as "onshore" if both or neither of the ZIP Codes are in the following list: '20521', '20189', '006', '007', '008', '009', '995', '996', '997', '998', '999', '967', '968', '969', or '001';
- Otherwise, the piece is considered "offshore".
- Exceptions are Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) and Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) mail pieces, which are always considered "onshore". 12421 (19544-R)

4.2 Periodicals

The Periodicals Register View by Entry Facility Type (default initial view) will be updated to correct an issue that is causing it to display duplicate entries for entry locations that map to multiple locale keys. The issue is caused by a defect in the report logic during data retrieval. This is a display issue only and does not affect postage. 12435 (19537-R)

4.3 Postage Statement Wizard

The legacy Postage Statement Wizard page messages will be updated to indicate that the legacy pages for Periodicals and Priority Mail will be deactivated on October 1, 2018.

When users click the legacy Priority Mail link in the Postal Wizard, the updated message will be: "Would you like to create a Priority Mail postage statement using the new pages? The legacy Priority Mail link will be disabled on October 1, 2018."

When users click the legacy Periodicals (PE) or Combined PE link in the Postal Wizard, the updated message will be:

"A streamlined version of the Postal Wizard pages exists for Periodicals. Benefits to using the enhanced Postal Wizard pages include:

- o Streamlined data entry
- o Improved error handling
- o Fields displayed only when they are applicable to the postage statement
- o Reduced number of clicks
- o Reduced number of pages
- o Improved performance

Would you like to create a Periodicals postage statement using the new pages? The legacy Periodicals link will be disabled on October 1, 2018?" 12493 (19549-R)

4.4 Reports

For postage statements processed through the Enterprise Payment System (EPS), the *PostalOne!* System will be updated to provide the Processing Category in the data sent to EPS for all transactions. Currently, the *PostalOne!* System is handling the Processing Category inconsistently among mail classes for EPS transactions. As a result, for some mail classes the Line Details Report data is missing or inaccurate (i.e., does not match the postage statement). The issue also affects the related reports accessed by drilling down on line details within the report (Section Detail report, Mail Class report). 12285 (19473-R), 12484

5.0 Document History

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