

# Release Overview

## January 2020 Changes Competitive

### Pre Release Document

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## 1.0 Introduction

Included in this document are the proposed changes under review for the next Structural Release impacting Competitive products and services scheduled for January 2020. 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 Fee for electronic Verification Systems (eVS) Un-manifested Pieces

The USPS is considering an “un-manifested eVS fee” designed to encourage manifesting of all packages. This will apply to both eVS and Package Platform packages. Customers will only be charged for IMpb or un-manifested fees, but not both. Thresholds (to be established) will have to be met or exceeded before the mailer is charged.

- Postage Statement Changes: No impact
- Mail.dat changes: No impact
- Mail.XML changes: No impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

## 3.0 Dimensional for USPS Retail Ground

The USPS proposes to subject USPS Retail Ground to dimensional weighting. A configurable dimensional divisor, similar to Parcel Select, will be implemented for packages over one cubic foot (1,728 inches). The update will be implemented for all Zones 1 – 9 by dividing the cubic volume a configurable divisor, initially set to 166, unless any change is approved for January 2020. In addition, Balloon pricing will be removed and Oversized pricing (and structure) will remain.

Note: USPS Retail Ground Limited Overland Routes (LOR) will not adopt the DIM structure and the current Balloon and Oversize structure, and pricing, will remain unchanged.

- Postage Statement Changes: No impact
  - Mail.dat changes: No impact
  - Mail.XML changes: No impact
  - Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No impact
  - Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: TBD
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Retail

### 4.0 Document Change Log

<i>DATE</i>	<i>SECTION</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>