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PostalOne! **System Release 51.3.0.0**

Business Intelligence Database System (BIDS) Release 51.3.0.0

Program Registration Release 21.6.0.0

Package Platform Release 2.3.2.0

Release Notes

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1.0 Introduction

On Sunday, October 4, 2020, the United States Postal Service implemented the following software changes:

- *PostalOne!* System Release 51.3.0.0

- Business Intelligence Database System (BIDS) Release 51.3.0.0

- Program Registration Release 21.6.0.0

- Package Platform Release 2.3.2.0

These Release Notes provide the contents of the release and affected subsystems. The sections titled ***Corrections to Known Issues*** are derived from External Trouble Reports (ETRs) and Engineering Change Requests (ECRs) for inclusion in these releases.

Included in this document are the changes associated with the October 4, 2020 Time-Limited price-change release impacting Market Dominant products and services, effective October 18, 2020 through December 26, 2020. Pricing documents associated with this release are posted on Postal Explorer (http://pe.usps.com).

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 the release.

2.0 Mail.dat Client Support

Please note the following regarding the Mail.dat client download.

There is a new **required Mail.dat client** with this release to correct a defect (14181) introduced in *PostalOne!* System Release 51.2.0.0 on August 23, 2020 that previously prevented the *PostalOne!* System from successfully sending compressed Mail.dat ZIP (.zip) files to Informed Visibility (IV). Users should download Mail.dat client **51.3.0.0_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).

Note: There are no validation updates associated with this change.

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

3.1 *PostalOne!* System Support for Time-Limited Price Change

The *PostalOne!* System was updated to support the Time-Limited price change effective from October 18, 2020 through December 26, 2020. There are no structural changes or postage statement changes associated with this rate change. The following commercial products are impacted:

- Priority Mail

- Priority Mail Express

- Priority Mail Return Service

- First-Class Package Services (FCPS)

- FCPS Returns

- Ground Return Services

- Parcel Select

- Parcel Return Service

- Parcel Select Lightweight

The *PostalOne!* System Merchandise Return Services (MRS) module was updated to reflect the Time-Limited prices, effective from October 18, 2020 through December 26, 2020. 21616-R, 21780-R

3.1.1 Electronic Verification System (eVS®)

eVS was updated to accommodate the changes. eVS domestic mail submissions for FCPS, Parcel Select, Parcel Select Lightweight, Parcel Return Service, Priority Mail, Priority Mail Return Service, and Priority Mail Express will reflect the Time-Limited pricing, effective from October 18, 2020 through December 26, 2020. The Manifest Mailing System (MMS) worksheets were updated to work with the Time-Limited price change. 21590-R, 21591-R, 21592-R, 21593-R, 21595-R, 21596-R, 21796-R, 21799-R

3.1.2 Mail.dat and Mail.XML

Processing for Mail.dat and Mail.XML was updated to support Time-Limited pricing, effective from October 18, 2020 through December 26, 2020. Mail.dat and Mail.XML will validate the rate cases for Time-Limited pricing, and eDoc submissions will reflect the Time-Limited pricing during the effective period. 21594-R, 21608-R, 21609-R, 21610-R, 21611-R, 21612-R, 21613-R

3.1.3 Performance Based Verification (PBV)

PBV worksheets and the corresponding Verification Results Storage Record (VRSR) statements were updated to support the Time-Limited pricing, effective from October 18, 2020 through December 26, 2020. PBV worksheets for statements that are checked in via a Self-Service Terminal will support the new pricing. The following PBV worksheets and VRSR statements are impacted:

- Content Eligibility
- Bundle Preparation
- Deflection Testing
- Drop-Shipment Management System (DSMS)
- Full Service
- Manual Barcode
- Manual Presort
- MMS
- Plant-Verified Drop Shipment (PVDS)
- Shortpaid 21798-R, 21800-R, 21801-R

3.1.4 Postal Wizard

Postal Wizard was updated to support Time-Limited pricing, effective from October 18, 2020 through December 26, 2020. All Postal Wizard eDoc submissions will reflect Time-Limited pricing during the effective period. 21615-R

3.1.5 Scan-Based Payment (SBP)

SBP was updated to accommodate the changes necessary for support of Time-Limited pricing. SBP domestic mail submissions for FCPS, FCPS Returns, Priority Mail, Priority Mail Returns, Parcel Return Service (including Full-Network submissions), and Ground Return Service will reflect the Time-Limited pricing, effective from October 18, 2020 through December 26, 2020. 21622-R, 21623-R, 21624-R, 21625-R, 21626-R, 21627-R, 21628-R, 21629-R, 21630-R, 21620-R, 21621-R, 21617-R, 21618-R, 21619-R

4.0 *PostalOne!* System – Corrections to Known Issues

4.1 Electronic Data Exchange

- Mail.dat processing was updated to properly account for the scenario where a seamless postage statement submission with a future mailing date (post-price-change effective date) undergoes a mailing date change in the Business Customer Gateway (BCG). Previously for this scenario, if the mailing date was changed to a pre-price-change date, the postage amount was incorrectly charged. 14070 (21632-R)

- With this release, updated Mail.dat client **51.3.0.0_PROD** is required in order to correct an issue that previously prevented the *PostalOne!* System from successfully sending compressed Mail.dat ZIP (.zip) files to Informed Visibility (IV). The compressed files provide visibility of critical analytics and mail conditions that are essential to Postal Operations. The defect, which was introduced in the August 23, 2020 *PostalOne!* System Release, impacted Mail.dat compressed file naming. As a result, the *PostalOne!* System was unable to automatically transfer the compressed files to IV. Prior to implementation of the new Mail.dat client, the impacted files were manually transferred so that they were available in IV. 14181 (21883-R)

5.0 Business Intelligence Database System (BIDS) – Enhancements, Updates, and New Functionality

5.1 Mailer Scorecard

The eDoc Submitter Mailer Scorecard was updated to add a radio button option to enable users to access the Mail Irregularities (MLIRR) detail page directly. The MLIRR details continue to be available on the Mail Irregularities tab of the eDoc Submitter Scorecard. The update aids navigation by allowing direct access to the MLIRR detail page via radio button selection. Prior to this release, from the eDoc Submitter Scorecard, users could select from a list of error types they wished to view, or select "none" to view all error types (including MLIRR). The updated functionality adds a new radio button for "Mail Irregularity Errors" to the error types listed so that users can navigate directly to the MLIRR detail page. 66-BI

6.0 Business Intelligence Database System (BIDS) – Corrections to Known Issues

6.1 Reports

- The MicroStrategy data retrieval logic for the eInduction Undocumented Details Report was updated to consistently enable users to view monthly data. Previously, external users were unable to access any data when attempting to view the eInduction Undocumented Details Report, even though the Mailer Scorecard showed that Undocumented errors existed for the date range. 60-BI (59-BR)

- The MicroStrategy data retrieval logic for the Seamless Undocumented Bookend Report was updated to consistently display bookend pieces. Previously, the Seamless Undocumented Bookend Report accessed from the Seamless Undocumented Detailed Report did not display any data. 63-BI (61-BR)

- The Mailer Scorecard export functionality was updated to resolve an issue that previously prevented users from exporting the report and related Mailer Scorecard drill reports. 73-BI

6.2 Business Customer Gateway (BCG) Pilot Dashboard

The Mailer Scorecard section on the pilot BCG Dashboard was updated to reflect "0%" error values for mailers that have mail volume with no errors. Previously, the message "*You either do not participate in this program, or we have yet to receive data for this CRID*" displayed for mailers that had mail volume with no errors. The update alleviates confusion caused by the misleading message. 67-BI (64-BR)

7.0 Program Registration – Enhancements, Updates, and New Functionality

7.1 Program Registration Support for Time-Limited Price Change

Program Registration was updated to support Time-Limited pricing according to the prices in effect from October 18, 2020 through December 26, 2020. 2969-GR

8.0 Package Platform – Enhancements, Updates, and New Functionality

8.1 Time-Limited Pricing Support

Package Platform was updated to support Time-Limited pricing according to the prices in effect from October 18, 2020 through December 26, 2020. 3174-P, 3175-P

9.0 Document History

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10/04/2020	6.0	• All • 6.1	• Updated for post-deployment status • Added BIDS ETR# 73
09/25/2020 – 10/02/2020	5.0	• All	• Removed "DRAFT" watermark
09/18/2020 – 09/24/2020	4.0	• 5.0, 6.0, Cover • 3.1	• Added BIDS release 51.3.0.0 content • Clarified product classification; removed FCM
09/18/2020	3.0	• 2.0 • 4.1	• Added new Mail.dat client information • Added ETR 14181
09/17/2020	2.0	6.0	Added Package Platform release 2.3.2.0