Full-Service Automated Verification Fact Sheet

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All Full-Service mailings entered at a Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU) will be verified using automated sampling and verification processes beginning **July 1, 2021**.

	Non- Full-Service Mailings BMEU or DMU	Full-Service Mailings at BMEU (Automated Verification)	Seamless Acceptance BMEU or DMU
Traditional Verifications	Performed	NOT performed	NOT performed
Automated Verifications	NOT Performed	Performed	Performed
Assessible Metrics	Move UpdateeInduction (if applicable)	 Electronic Verifications Move Update elnduction (if applicable) Seamless (except Undocumented) 	 Electronic Verifications Move Update eInduction (if applicable) Seamless (includes Undocumented)
Monthly Postage Assessments	All metrics listed above (Move Update, eInduction)	Automated Verifications may result in additional postage for all metrics except Undocumented	Seamless Acceptance verifications may result in additional postage (All metrics listed above)
Auto-Finalization	Does NOT occur	Does NOT occur	Occurs

Electronic Documentation



Sampling



Mail Processing Equipment (MPE) Scans

Automated verifications allow data to flow more freely between different phases of commercial mail processing Mail enters the mail stream with minimal manual validations – these validations are performed electronically post-induction

View the FRN (5/8/2020) at:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-08/pdf/2020-08625.pdf

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MAILER SCORECARD

The Mailer Scorecard provides a dashboard view of the results of the letter and flat mailing activity with the Postal Service over a calendar month. This view is available to both the mailer who submitted the electronic documentation for the mailing (eDoc submitter) and the mail owner/mail preparer.

Effective June 27, 2021, the Seamless tab on the Mailer Scorecard will be renamed Seamless / Automated Verifications. This tab will be updated to display invoicing data and assessment amounts for the Automated Verifications program.

Other changes to the Mailer Scorecard include:

Old Seamless Tab View

Nesting/ Sortation Piece Warnings

- The CRID Seamless Status line is now the CRID Seamless / Automated Verification Status line and will identify CRIDs as Seamless (activated for Seamless Acceptance); Automated Verification (submitting Full-Service, but not activated for Seamless); or Inactive (not submitting Full-Service)
- Two new sections now appear on the Seamless / Automated Verifications tab. (Note: the same data will appear in both sections for Nesting Sortation Piece Errors (MPE) and Delivery Point Piece errors)
 - Seamless Verifications this data applies only to mailers with CRIDs in Seamless status
 - 2. Automated Verifications this data applies only to mailers with CRIDs in Automated Verifications

New Seamless Tab View

The Seamless tab's Sampling Validations - Info Only section has been renamed "Nesting Sampling Validations - Info Only".

Undocumented Pieces error data will be populated for all Full-Service Mailers. However, only Seamless activated CRIDs are subject to postage assessments for these errors. Undocumented Pieces data for CRIDs in Automated Verification status is for informational use only.

UNITED STATES LINITED STATES Mailer Scorecard **MAY 2021** Mailer Scorecard **MAY 2021** POSTAL SERVICE ® **POSTAL SERVICE** ® Execution Time: 6/10/2021 3:27:27 PM Execution Time: 6/7/2021 11:08:51 AM Verifications Verifications Mailer Profile Electronic Verification eInduction Seamless Mail Irregularities Mailer Profile | Electronic Verification | eInduction O# Trending • # Metrics O# Trending ○ % Metrics ○% Trending % Metrics ○% Trending Seamless / Automated Verifications Data displayed for a Sea Data displayed for a Seamless Parallel or non-Se eDoc Submitter eDoc Submitter # Seamless Acceptance Jobs 811 # Seamless Acceptance Jobs 443 121 67 N/A # Containers processed for Sea # Containers processed for Seamless validations # Handling Units processed for Seamless validation 379,662 65,519 313,522 NA 1.118 # Handling Units processed for Seamless validations 714,792 100,628 613,046 N/A N/A N/A 177,484,660 25,770,471 535,269 # Seamless Acceptance Jobs not Auto-Finalized # Seamless Acceptance John not Auto-Finalized 67 N/A 61,905.085 # Seamless Documented Piece Scans # Adjusted Seamless Documented Piece Scans N/A N/A 149.019.826 6,462,708 55,262,228 62,021,983 297,047 # Adjusted Seamless Documented Piece Scans 156,285,003 474.418 22 926 694 132,883,891 N/A # Scanned Pieces Associated to eDoo N/A N/A # Scanned Pieces Associated to eDoc 174,787,661 149,574,642 # Undocumented Pieces 327 419 28,145 26,982 272,179 Unscanned Undocumented Pieces at Risk - Lower Bound 299,293 345,894 N/A Additional Postage Due (Seamless Undoo Unscanned Undocumented Pieces at Risk - Upper Bound 1,367 344,527 NA # Nesting/ Sortation Piece Errors (MPE) # Delivery Point Piece Errors 110,018 Additional Postage Due (Undocumented Pieces) - Info Only \$6,871.08 \$6,871.08 33,155 # Nesting/ Sortation Piece Errors (MPE) N/A N/A # Delivery Point Piece Errors 149,440 161 149,278 N/A # Nesting/ Sortation Piece Errors (MPE). # Delivery Point Piece Errors N/A # Containers Sampled # Handling Units Sampled # Containers Sampled # Pieces Sampled General PAF N/A 11 N/A # Pieces Sampled # Weight Piece Errors # Postage Piece Errors General PAF N/A # Weight Piece Errors # Postage Piece Errors N/A Mail Characteristic PAI # Mail Characteristic Piece Errors N/A Fotal Additional Postage Due (Seamless) - Info Only \$6,871.08 # Mail Characteristic Piece Errors N/A otal Additional Postage Due (Seamless / Automated Verifications) - Info Only # Barcode Quality Piece Warnings N/A # Barcode Quality Piece Warnings Nesting Sampling Validations - I # Containers Sampled for Nesting Validations N/A N/A N/A Nesting Sampling Validation: # Containers Sampled for Nesting Validations 69 # Handling Units Sampled for Nesting Validations # Pieces Sampled for Nesting Validations N/A N/A # Pieces Sampled for Nesting Validations N/A N/A N/A # Nesting/ Sortation Handling Unit Warnings N/A 101 N/A N/A

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Nesting/ Sortation Handling Unit Warnings

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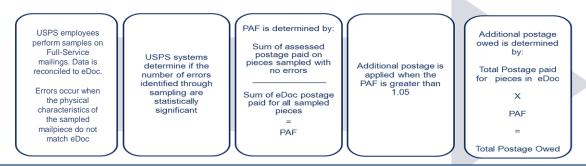
ERROR VERIFICATION THRESHOLDS

Error thresholds are a method to measure mailer quality across all pieces mailed in a calendar month. For Full-Service mailings accepted using automated sampling and verification processes, the Postal Service uses error thresholds for all verifications plus undocumented pieces identified during sampling.

Error Type	Definition	Threshold
Undocumented Pieces (Seamless Mailers)	IMb was scanned and cannot be linked to any eDoc submitted in the previous 45 days	
Nesting/Sortation (MPE)	Piece was placed in a different tray or bundle than was identified in the eDoc	1%
Delivery Point	Last 11, 9, or 5 digits of the IMb (the delivery point) do not exist as a delivery point in the USPS list of valid and active delivery points	2%
Postage	Postage Payment Method or Postage Affixed amount on the piece is different than what was identified in the eDoc	
Weight	Piece weight is different than what was identified in the eDoc	PAF - 1.05
Mail Characteristic	Logged when the Processing Category or Mail Class recorded in the FS-IMD Scan does not match what was submitted in the eDoc submission	PAF - 1.05

POSTAGE ADJUSTMENT FACTOR (PAF)

Postage Adjustment Factor (PAF) is a method to apply an error rate determined from handheld scanner samplings to the entire population of mailings within a calendar month. If a verification crosses a threshold, the mailer may be charged additional postage. Errors are measured over a calendar month and compared to the thresholds.



PAF Assessment Collection Rule

USPS will only collect postage for sampling errors when a mailer has exceeded PAF more than 3 times in a rolling 12-month period. The 4th month over the PAF threshold in the rolling 12-month period is the month that will be assessed.

Each PAF, General or Mail Characteristic, will be separately evaluated for exceeding PAF during the rolling 12-month period. Any failures of the Mail Characteristic PAF regardless of Mail Owner will be included in the failure count for the eDoc Submitter.

Detailed information is available in the Streamlined Mail Entry Publication located on PostalPro at: https://postalpro.usps.com/node/581

For additional information contact your local BMEU office

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