

Mailers' Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC)

June 30, 2021

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Letters

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Business Mail Entry Payment Technology

Lisa Wurman

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Seamless

Explanation on Carrier Route eligibility, non-barcoded verifications, how eDoc behaves when CRID is Seamless –

- WSS Flats are not eligible for Full Service, Carrier Route mail is eligible Full-Service
- Seamless is determined by the eDoc Submitter CRID-submissions of eDoc mailings (including CR-RT) will auto-finalize. If pieces are barcoded, they will be evaluated for seamless validations.
- If mailing is non-barcoded, it is subject to a non-barcoded verification at acceptance.

Several mailers reported higher undocumented quantities on the mailer scorecard for May. USPS continues its impact analysis of undoc due to processing delays. Analysis of April data found that only 0.0034% of scans were attributed to eDoc older than 45 days. Analysis of May data is underway.

Update to Mailer Scorecard July BME entered Automated Verifications – Completed

Need to change BC uniqueness from 45 days to proposed 60-90 day-

- At this time analysis does not lend to a need to change uniqueness time period- change would create a huge impact to software providers and MSPs which is not beneficial

Industry renews the request for discussion with Postal Legal regarding the use of images to resolve undocumented issues. BMEPT AI #1 January 2020-

- USPS reached back out to legal, awaiting reply

David Marinelli
Kurt Ruppel

Packages – Soft Pack Dim Weight Updates

CRs have been submitted for sampling, implementation dates TBD

Updates

Mailer Requirement:

- Populate the Shipping Service File with new 'Soft Pack' Processing Categories
 - S – Soft Pack Machinable
 - T – Soft Pack Non-Machinable
- Continue populating the Non-Rectangular Rate Indicators
 - DN – Dimensional Non-Rectangular
 - 3N – 3-digit Dimensional Non-Rectangular

Proposed Change:

- For Soft Package mailings if Mailers populate the non-rectangular Rate Indicators & new Soft Pack Processing Categories eVS & Package Platform will apply the non-rectangular dimensional factor when assessing manifest pricing and sampling adjustments

Soft Pack Dim Weight Rules



Non-Rectangular Dim Weight

IF

$$L'' \times W'' \times H'' * 0.785 > 1728$$

THEN

$$\frac{L'' \times W'' \times H'' * 0.785}{166}$$

166

Packages – Over Label

The Over Label Feature was designed for limited use cases to facilitate transition from legacy to IMpb barcodes

- Legacy tracking barcodes allowed service type codes to be used for multiple mail classes
- IMpb tracking barcodes are product mail class specific
- Maintained visibility for the original tracking number if packages with legacy or incorrect barcodes were relabeled

The **Approved** Over Labeling process requires:

- The mailer provides a Shipping Services File detailing the original and over-label barcodes
- The mailer prints a new shipping label with the Over Label barcode and places it over the original barcode.

Over Label Barcode: The alternate barcode applied on top of the original barcode

| DETAIL RECORD 1 - Shipping Services File Version 1.7 Layout | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|---|--|
| TRACKING INFORMATION | | | | | | |
| Record Position | Required Field | Field Name | Format (Size) | Description | Example | Content Rules and Limitations |
| 003 - 036 | All File Types (see rules) | Tracking Number | Alphanumeric(34) | For Domestic files, please provide IMpb Tracking number used on package. May include routing information and Package Identification Code (PIC) | Refer to Appendix J, Table 1 for the complete list of label examples. Refer to Export Compliance Data Requirements | Over Labeling Rules: This Tracking Number represents the Tracking Number of the label that was placed over the Original Tracking Number. The Original Tracking Number should be included in positions 515-548. |

- **Virtual Over Labeling is not authorized**

Original Label Barcode: The original barcode placed on the package

| DETAIL RECORD 1 – Shipping Services File Record Version 1.7 Layout | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
| RATE/PAYMENT INFORMATION | | | | | | |
| Record Position | Required Field | Field Name | Format (Size) | Description | Example | Content Rules and Limitations |
| 515 – 548 | File Types 1 and 2 (see rules) | Original Tracking Number | Alphanumeric (34) | The Original Tracking number created that is over labeled with the Tracking Number contained in Position 003-036. | Refer to Appendix J, Table 1 for the complete list of label examples. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking number shall be unique for 120 days from first use. 3-digits '420' are the routing application identifier. Used only when including a Routing ZIP Code. 5-digits Routing ZIP Code and 4-digits Routing +4 are optional. Left justified trailing spaces. |

Packages – DDU Mis-Shipped

| Question | Response |
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| When is Publication 205 being updated? | Estimated end of 2021 |
| When will the ad hoc data be integrated with existing functionality to ensure effective reconciliation? | Will be integrated with Package Platform |
| Data needs to be available daily in order to correct systemic issues | Looking into publishing more frequent datasets |

Flats

| 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM | Business Mail Entry Payment Technology | Lisa Wurman |
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| 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry requests an update on outstanding seamless acceptance issues (responses below were provided for Pre-MTAC):<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPP statements get stuck in FPP status. Ticket #INC000005717044 and #INC000005711679, issue number 14046 that was to be fixed 8/23/20 – ALM 14457 was fixed in 4/26• Duplicate entries on the register. Ticket #INC000005742869 and #INC000005741207 – Fixed 4/25• Statement flag missing, publisher could modify the payment, transaction has already hit the EPS account. #INC000005742943 – Development team is investigating• <i>PostalOne!</i> internal error prevents statement from auto-finalizing. ("Internal Error during MDAT call to pw_auto_fin_seamless_pkg.finalize" Code 0000) – Fix is being targeted to August 15th Release | Steve Smith Carol Kliever |