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1.0 Introduction

On Thursday, July 1, 2021, the United States Postal Service will implement the following software change:

- Package Platform Release 2.6.0.0

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 Package Platform – Updates, Enhancements, and New Functionality

2.1 Aggregation of Domestic Outbound Transactions

Package Platform Payment Services will update the processing logic for aggregation of domestic outbound transactions in order to account for outbound manifest postage pieces that are still awaiting aggregation after a configurable number of days. This can occur in one of several scenarios:

- Manifest pieces are received, but the Package Error/Warning (PEW) file is not received.
- PEW is received, but not enough pieces are received.
- PEW is received, the correct number of pieces is received, PEW is processed, and payment is collected. Additional pieces then arrive with the same identifying information (Electronic File Number (EFN)+File Name+Header Line Number+Mailer ID).

A fail-safe mechanism will be created to handle aggregation of transactions for these scenarios. Payment Services will conduct a daily check for any outbound manifest postage pieces that have been received and have not been processed after a configurable number of days. Payment Services will aggregate any outbound manifest postage records that are found based on the existing group elements, and will send the aggregate file to the Enterprise Payment System (EPS) so that it can be charged to the customer's EPS account.

Payment Services will publish aggregated transaction information to downstream Package Platform services for transactions aggregated by the fail-safe mechanism once the attempt to collect payment through EPS occurs (successful or not). [4007-PR](#)

2.2 Domestic Outbound Profile Update

2.2.1 Domestic Outbound Enrollment

Mailers enrolling to Package Platform through the Domestic Outbound enrollment module will automatically be enrolled in the Pilot workflow for all outbound mail classes. All Mailer IDs (MIDs) for the Customer Registration ID (CRID) selected for enrollment will be automatically enrolled to the Pilot workflow. Customers will be enrolled in the Pilot profile with the default EPS account number "9999999999". Pilot workflow enrollment will take effect on the date of enrollment. Transition of eVS to Package Platform will not be required for customers enrolling in the Pilot workflow.

Enrolling customers will be able to select from a list of their EPS account numbers to designate the EPS account number to be used once the profile is converted to Live. All fields will be displayed for the user's review prior to submission. Upon submission of the enrollment, a success page will be displayed confirming the enrollment, and displaying both the Pilot EPS account number ("9999999999") and the EPS account number selected for use upon transition to Live. [4018-PR](#), [4021-PR](#)

2.2.2 Domestic Outbound Edit

The Domestic Outbound Edit page will enable customers enrolled in the Package Platform Live profile to edit the EPS account number that is currently in use for the profile. Customers enrolled in the Pilot profile will be able to edit the EPS account number that will be used once the profile is converted to Live. All other fields on the Domestic outbound Edit page will be display-only (i.e., not editable by external users). Following submission of any edits on the page, a success page showing the changed attributes will be displayed. [4006-PR](#), [4019-PR](#)

2.3 Pricing Support

Package Platform Pricing Services will support Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) and Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) rates for Parcel Select and Parcel Select Lightweight packages. [4033-PR](#), [4034-PR](#), [4035-PR](#), [4036-PR](#), [4037-PR](#), [4039-PR](#), [4041-PR](#), [4042-PR](#)

2.4 Reports Dashboard

Package Platform will create a Reports Dashboard to show summary and detail level package information for analysis and reporting over time. The home page will include a hyperlink to the new Summary Dashboard that will navigate the user to the dashboard landing page. The Monthly Activity Report will be displayed by default. The top section of the Summary Dashboard page will display the Company Name, Mail Class, EPS Account, and MID, and will include standard navigation options, including a link back to the Package Platform home page. A Help page will be available for assistance with report features.

The Summary Dashboard will include a drop-down menu for access to all available Package Platform reports. Access to the Package Platform reports directly from the home page will be removed. By enabling users to select individual reports from the dashboard page, report performance will be improved. Buttons will be provided at the top of each report for users to download the report results in Excel or CSV format. [4031-PR](#), [4048-PR](#), [4049-PR](#),

3.0 Document History

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