

United States Postal Service®

# INDUSTRYALERT

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## SVmobile Changes

On June 8<sup>th</sup> USPS began the deployment of an updated version of SVmobile allowing only properly generated 99Ms with correct symbology to be inducted. At this time there have been eInduction containers presented for induction that are scanned as an invalid barcode.

Prior to this deployment there was an exception process that was inadvertently disabled. This exception process that was in place prior to June 8<sup>th</sup> allowed the induction of improperly formatted 99Ms (i.e. wrong length, wrong symbology, etc.) and flagged them as exceptions. As a result mailers have been able to generate 99Ms with incorrect symbology without experiencing any operational impact upon induction, since SVmobile was designed to accept them.

This exception process will be reactivated on July 20, 2021 until October 1, 2021 to allow customers time to validate that their 99M container barcode symbology is correct.

The USPS specification for 99M mailer placards indicates that these barcodes will leverage the GS1-128 (formally known as EAN 128) symbology. This is a specialized version of the more generic Code 128 symbology. When the eInduction process was initially implemented in SVmobile, it was designed to expect properly formatted 99Ms, including use of the correct symbology. This specification has been in place since at least 2008.

Please go to PostalPro to find the Intelligent Mail Container Barcode Technical Specifications at: <https://postalpro.usps.com/node/860> to ensure 99Ms are in compliance with the required specifications.

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