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1.0 Introduction

On Sunday, September 19, 2021, the United States Postal Service will implement the following software changes:

- *PostalOne!* System Release 53.1.0.0
- Package Platform Release 2.8.0.0

These Pre-Release Notes provide the contents of the releases 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 September 19, 2021 Time-Limited price-change release impacting Market Dominant products and services, effective October 3, 2021 through December 25, 2021. Pricing documents associated with this release will be posted on Postal Explorer (<http://pe.usps.com>) as they become available.

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 **no** new Mail.dat client with this release. Users should continue to use Mail.dat client **53.0.0.0_PROD**, which was required with the August 15, 2021 *PostalOne!* System release. The Mail.dat client can be downloaded 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).

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

3.1 Time-Limited Price Change **BNS 86067**

The *PostalOne!* System will be updated to support the Time-Limited price change effective October 3, 2021. There are no structural changes associated with this rate change. This applies to the following commercial products:

- Priority Mail
- Priority Mail Express
- Priority Mail Return Service
- First-Class Package Service (FCPS)
- USPS Ground Return Services
- Parcel Select
- Parcel Return Service
- Parcel Select Lightweight

Electronic (Postal Wizard, eVS, Mail.dat, and Mail.XML) submissions, hard-copy postage statements, Scan-Based Payment (SBP) submissions, Performance Based Verifications (PBV) worksheets, and Manifest Mailing System (MMS) worksheets for the impacted products will reflect the Time-Limited prices (October 2021 Notice 123), effective October 3, 2021. The *PostalOne!* System Merchandise Return Services (MRS) module and Verification Results Storage Records (VRSR) will reflect the Time-Limited prices (October 2021 Notice 123), effective October 3, 2021.

[BNS 86067] 22429-R, 22428-R, 22456-R, 22430-R, 22431-R, 22432-R, 22433-R, 22434-R, 22435-R, 22438-R, 22439-R, 22416-R, 22417-R, 22418-R, 22419-R, 22420-R, 22412-R, 22413-R, 22421-R, 22422-R, 22423-R, 22424-R, 22425-R, 22426-R, 22457-R, 22440-R, 22414-R

4.0 *PostalOne!* System – Corrections to Known Issues

4.1 Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

The Automatic Fee Renewal module will be updated to alleviate a performance issue that can occur when automatic fee renewal is requested for 300 or more Business Reply (BR) permits on the same account. [14710 \(22468-R\)](#)

4.2 Electronic Verification System (eVS®)

The eVS Unused Label Refund Request submission page will be updated to alleviate an issue that can result in duplicate requests being submitted. Upon successful file upload, the following message will be displayed: “*N Unused Label File Number(s) have been successfully submitted for refunds for Dispute Case Number #999999.*” The Dispute Queue report will show the status for the case number as “Processing”. Currently, users sometimes submit the same refund request multiple times because the longer processing time required for large files can make it appear that the submission failed. When this occurs, all submitted files are saved and displayed on reports even though the duplicate requests result in only one refund transaction, leading to confusion as to the status of the request. [14602 \(22401-R\)](#)

4.3 Invoicing

PostalOne! System processing will be updated to prevent Mail Entry Invoice (MEI) Assessments from getting stuck in Pending Payment status. Currently, some MEI assessment transactions are not going through due to a recent change to the queue process. [14718](#)

4.4 Permit Creation

The *PostalOne!* System Online Permit Creation module will be updated to disable the functionality for creation of Merchandise Return (MR) permits. This applies to all users, regardless of whether they access the permit creation tool internally from a Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU), or externally from the Business Customer Gateway (BCG). MR permits were retired as of August 28, 2020, and are no longer valid to be linked to an account. In addition, the BCG Online Permit Creation tool will no longer allow creation of Business Reply Mail (BRM) permits. [14594 \(22444-R\)](#)

5.0 Package Platform – Updates, Enhancements, and New Functionality

5.1 Time-Limited Pricing Support

Package Platform will be updated to support Time-Limited pricing according to the prices in effect from October 3, 2021 through December 25, 2021. The updated pricing applies to the following:

- Priority Mail Returns
- Priority Mail Returns CPP
- Ground Return Service
- First Class Package Service Returns
- Parcel Return Service Full Network
- Priority Mail
- Priority Mail CPP
- Priority Mail Express
- Priority Mail Express CPP
- First Class Package Service
- Parcel Select
- Parcel Select Lightweight

Package Platform Pricing Services will support Time-Limited pricing for repriced packages, automated returns, manifested packages, and PC Postage packages. [4181-P](#), [4182-P](#), [4260-P](#)

5.2 Soft-Pack Package Pricing

Pricing Services will apply the non-rectangular dimensional weight divisor (rate Indicator “DN”) when pricing soft-pack packages with Processing Category “S” (Soft-Pack Machinable) or “T” (Soft-Pack Nonmachinable). [4259-P](#)

6.0 Package Platform – Corrections to Known Issues

6.1 Data Services

Data Services will update the report download functionality to remove the empty space at the end of the report file when downloading from the Informed Visibility – Mail Tracking and Reporting (IV-MTR) interface. [1620-PI](#)

7.0 Document History

Date	Version	Section	Description
09/10/2021	3.0	5.3	Added Item #1620 to Package Platform content [Scheduled Package Platform Release 2.7.2.0 content (09.09.2021) moved to Package Platform Release 2.8.0.0 (09.19.2021)]
09/02/2021	2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.0 • 5.1 	Revised " Time-Limited Price Change " roll-back date [<u>Error</u> : October 3, 2021 through Sunday, December 26, 2021] <u>Correction</u> : October 3, 2021 through Saturday, December 25, 2021

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