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PostalOne! **System Release 53.1.0.0**

Package Platform Release 2.8.0.0

Release Notes

CHANGE 5.0

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Package Platform	P: ALM Requirement numbers

1.0 Introduction

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

- *PostalOne!* System Release 53.1.0.0
- Package Platform Release *2*.8.0.0

These 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 are posted on Postal Explorer (http://pe.usps.com).

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 was 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 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) 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 was updated to alleviate a performance issue that occurred when automatic fee renewal was 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 was updated to alleviate an issue that somtimes resulted in duplicate requests being submitted. Upon successful file upload, the following message is now displayed: "*N Unused Label File Number(s) have been successfully submitted for refunds for Dispute Case Number #999999.*" The Dispute Queue report shows the status for the case number as "Processing". Previously, users sometimes submitted the same refund request multiple times because the longer processing time required for large files made it appear that the submission failed. When this occurred, all submitted files were saved and displayed on reports even though the duplicate requests resulted in only one refund transaction, leading to confusion as to the status of the request. 14602 (22401-R)

- The *PostalOne!* System eVS module was updated to alleviate an issue that resulted in Parcel Return Service (PRS) statements paid using an Enterprise Payment System (EPS) account going into "waiting for completion" status incorrectly. Correction of this timing issue eliminates the scenario where the postage payment is processed by EPS, but is unreported in the *PostalOne!* System. As a result of the issue, PRS mailers were not receiving all of the payment extract files for their EPS transactions. 14724

4.3 Invoicing

PostalOne! System processing was updated to prevent Mail Entry Invoice (MEI) Assessments from getting stuck in Pending Payment status. Previously, some MEI assessment transactions were not going through due to a recent change to the queue process. 14718

4.4 Permit Creation

The *PostalOne!* System Online Permit Creation module was 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 no longer allows 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 was 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 supports 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 was updated to 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 Document History

Date	Version	Section	Description
09/19/2021	5.0	All	Updated to reflect post-deployment status
09/17/2021	4.0	• All • 4.2 • 6.1	• Removed DRAFT watermark • Added ETR #14724 • Removed Package Platform Item #1620 [Deferred to future release]
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	• 1.0 • 5.1	Revised **"Time-Limited Price Change"** roll-back date *[Error: October 3, 2021 through* ~~*Sunday, December 26, 2021*~~ *]* *Correction: October 3, 2021 through* <mark>**Saturday**</mark>*,* **December** <mark>**25**</mark>*,* **2021**