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#### 1.0 Introduction

On Thursday, October 7, 2021, the United States Postal Service implemented the following software change:

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These 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 - Enhancements, Updates, and New Functionality

#### 2.1 Aggregation of Adjustment Transactions

Package Platform implemented procedures to consolidate data for shortpaid postage adjustments on a regular recurring basis as determined by a configuration setting reflecting the frequency at which the process will run (e.g., every *n* hours, where *n* is a configurable value). Shortpaid adjustments for unmanifested and duplicate transactions are not included in this data aggregation, as they are aggregated separately.

For shortpaid adjustment transactions included in the aggregate data, the Commercial Mailing and Shipping Details Report displays the Transaction Type as "Adjustment" and the Assessment Type as "PSTGDELTAAGGREGATED".

Package Platform Payment Services sends aggregated duplicate and unmanifested adjustments to be processed as purchases in the Enterprise Payment System (EPS). Payment Services publishes the transaction response for aggregated duplicate and unmanifested adjustments to downstream systems as duplicate or unmanifested aggregation purchases, as applicable.

For aggregated duplicate and unmanifested adjustment transactions, the Commercial Mailing and Shipping Details Report displays the Transaction Type as "Purchase" and the Assessment Type as "Duplicate Monthly" or "UNMSFTAGGREGATED", as applicable. 4149-PR, 4150-PR, 4151-PR

#### 2.1.1 Informed Visibility – Mail Tracking and Reporting (IV-MTR) Update for Aggregated Transactions

In conjunction with the aggregation of adjustment transactions, the IV-MTR data feed was updated to reflect duplicate, census, and unmanifested transactions as aggregated transactions. Duplicate and unmanifested transactions are designated as "Purchase" transaction types. 4276-PR

#### 2.2 Misshipped Verification

Package Platform Verify Services now compares priced manifests to the associated attribute scan in order to identify Service Center Facility (SCF) and Network Distribution Center (NDC) misshipped errors and assess the shipper for the error(s). If the first scan occurs at the delivery ZIP Code, that scan is excluded from the misshipped verification check. A reference file of approved SCFs and NDCs is stored and maintained for use in the misshipped verification check. 4168-PR, 4169-PR, 4170-PR, 4071-PR, 4087-PR, 4088-PR, 4145-PR, 4146-PR

#### 2.3 Outbound Mailer Visibility

Package Platform Account Management Services implemented a page listing outbound mailers enrolled in the Live program. The Live Outbound Mailer listing page is identical to the Pilot Outbound Mailer listing page, except that only Live mailers are included in the listing. Mailers enrolled in the Pilot Outbound program have View Only access to the Pilot Outbound Mailer listing page, and are not able to make updates on the page.

For mailers currently enrolled in the Electronic Verification System (eVS) who are enrolling as an outbound mailer, the mailer's existing eVS Master Mailer ID (MID) is used as the Package Platform Master MID. 4152-PR, 4153-PR, 4154-PR

#### 2.4 Processing Categories for Soft-Pack

Manifest Services updated their processing methodology to accept new Processing Categories "S" (Soft-Pack Machinable) and "T" (Soft-Pack Nonmachinable) in the SSF Detail Record. 4242-PR

#### 2.5 Universal Product Code (UPC) Support

Pricing Services supports newly added UPCs for the following: Priority Mail Large Flat Rate Box, Priority Mail APO/FPO Large Flat Rate Box, Priority Mail Tyvek Envelope, Priority Mail Express Tyvek Envelope, Priority Mail APO/FPO Tyvek Envelope, Priority Mail Box (multiple UPCs), Priority Mail Express Box, Priority Mail Regional Rate Box B2, Specialized Priority Mail Box (multiple UPCs), Specialized Priority Mail Bubble Envelope. 4280-PR

#### 2.6 Variance Report

External users are able to access the Variance Report via a hyperlink on a selected Postage Variance record within the Manifest Summary Report. The report reflects variance details of the selected record, including details of the packages that contributed to the variance. 4281-PR

### 3.0 Package Platform - Corrections to Known Issues

#### 3.1 Reporting Services

Package Platform Reporting Services resolved an issue that previously prevented the "sort" icon (arrow at top of column) from being displayed on reports. Without the "sort" icon, users were unsure whether the column in question was able to be sorted to customize the report display. 1612-PI

# **4.0 Document History**

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|------------|---------|-----------------------|---|
| 10/07/2021 | 2.0     | <ul><li>All</li></ul> | <ul><li>Removed DRAFT watermark</li><li>Updated to reflect post-deployment status</li></ul> |
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