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## Release Overview

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## 1.0 Introduction

This document describes potential changes under review for the next United States Postal Service Structural Release scheduled for system implementation on March 20, 2022 – with an effective date of April 3, 2022.

The document is prepared based on the knowledge available at the time of printing and any direction found herein is subject to change, including additional structural changes prior to the release.

**The content included in this document are pre-decisional and subsequently, content is subject to change.**

As protocol, the **Document History** located on the last page (*Section 6.0*) will be updated to reflect any edits to release content.

**NOTE:** An Industry Alert will be sent to provide notification of updated documentation in support of **April-Price-Change 2022**.

## 2.0 Applicable Technical Specifications

### 2.1 Updates to *PostalOne!* eDoc Specification Versions Support

#### 2.1.1 Mail.dat eDoc

Below are the technical specification versions that will be supported for Mail.dat eDoc in *PostalOne!* System Release 54.1.0.0, including Errata versions.

<i>PostalOne!</i> Mail.dat (eDoc) Version Support			
Versions	Currently Supported Version (Prior to Mar-20-2022)	Post-Release Supported Versions (On and After Mar-20-2022)	Post-Price Change Supported Versions (On and After Mar-20-2022)
21-1	Supported	Supported	Supported
22-1	Supported	Supported	Supported
<b>NOTE: The March 20, 2022 release will require a "new" Mail.dat client to support Mail.dat submissions.</b>			

Table 1

#### 2.1.2 Mail.XML eDoc

The below table depicts the Mail.XML specification versions that will be supported with Release 54.1.0.0:

<i>PostalOne!</i> Mail.XML (eDoc) Version Support			
Versions	Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Dec-26-2021)	Post-Release Supported Versions (Dec-26-2021 to Jan-09-2022)	Post-Price Change Supported Versions (On and After Jan-09-2022)
24.1	Supported	Supported	Supported
25.0	Supported	Supported	Supported
<b>NOTE: No change to specification expected.</b>			

Table 2

### 2.2 Updates to *PostalOne!* Mail.XML Data Distribution, MID-CRID, and FAST Specification Version Support

The below table depicts the specification versions that will be supported with Release 54.1.0.0:

**NOTE:** *There are no changes to supported versions.*

Versions	Data Distribution Mail.XML		MID-CRID Mail.XML		FAST Mail.XML	
	Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Release)	Post-Release Supported Versions	Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Release)	Post-Release Supported Versions	Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Release)	Post-Release Supported Versions
14.0A	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
16.0	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported

Table 3

## 2.3 Updates to Shipping Services File (SSF) Version Support

Table 4 below depicts the specification versions that will be supported with Release 54.1.0.0:

**NOTE:** *There are no changes to supported versions.*

eVS Shipping Services File Version Support		
Versions	—Pre-Release— Versions Supported Prior to Mar-20-2022	—Post-Release— Versions Supported On and After Mar-20-2022
1.3	Supported for EMCA <sup>1</sup> /EMRS <sup>2</sup> only	Supported for EMCA <sup>1</sup> /EMRS <sup>2</sup> only
1.4	Supported	Supported
1.6	Supported	Supported
1.7	Supported	Supported
2.0	Supported	Supported

**Legend:**  
 1 – Express Mail Corporate Accounts  
 2 – Electronic Marketing Reporting System

Table 4

## 3.0 Proposed Use of Labeling List L051 for Additional Processing Categories for DSCF Entry

The United States Postal Service is considering using Labeling List L051 in the Mail Direction File (MDF) for Machinable, Nonmachinable and Irregular Parcel Select and Parcel Select Lightweight packages entered at a Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF).

- Labeling List L051 - Service area by individual 3-digit ZIP Code prefix for mail destined to a Sectional Center Facility (SCF)
- Mail Direction File (MDF) will include L051 at SCF location for Parcel Select Machinable/Non-Machinable and Parcel Select Lightweight Machinable/Irregular

## 4.0 Proposed Fees for Nonstandard Parcel Sizes for Certain Domestic Competitive Products

The Postal Service is considering the creation of new fees for packages exceeding a nonstandard dimension or cubic measurement for Retail, Commercial, and NSA competitive Domestic (USPS Retail Ground, PME, PM, PS/PSLW, Retail Ground LOR, FCPS Retail) packages (excluding PMOD and USPS Flat Rate packaging or Regional Rate packaging supplied by the Postal Service). The proposed new fees will be for parcels that require additional handling due to dimensional/cubic measurement.

Dimensional weight pricing and oversize pricing remain in place where applicable.

This proposal outlines that when the length (defined as the longest side) of a package exceeds a configured length range (see table below), or when the package volume exceeds a configured volume range (see table below), all parcel dimensions (Length, Width, Height) must be provided as part of electronic documentation.

**NOTE:** These proposed configured length and volume range values must be coded as configurable values to allow future adjustments.

As described above, the proposed fees are based on two categories: 1) If package length falls within one of the configured package length ranges, and 2) if package volume falls within the configured package volume range. A separate fee for volume may also be imposed in addition to the fee based on package length.

For packages with a proposed volume of greater than 2 cubic feet and proposed length greater than 22 inches, applicable codes/fees must be provided in the files.

Reference **Table 5** below for details by file type.

File Type	Field	22 < Length <= 30 (unit: inches)	Length > 30 (unit: inches)	Volume > 2 (unit: cu. ft.)	22 < Length <= 30 (unit: inches) AND Volume > 2 (unit: cu. ft.)	Length > 30 (unit: inches) AND Volume > 2 (unit: cu. ft.)
Mail.dat	Service Type	L1	L2	L4	NA	NA
Mail.XML	Service Code	L1	L2	L4	NA	NA
Shipping Services File (SSF)	Extra Service Code	881	882	883	884 OR 881 and 883	885 OR 882 and 883
Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File	Extra Service Code	881	882	883	884 OR 881 and 883	885 OR 882 and 883

**Table 5**

**NOTE:** When two of the Nonstandard Fees (such as 881 and 883 or 882 and 883) are applied, one of the combinations ESCs (884 or 885) may be used instead of using two ESCs. Optional ESC 884 is a combination ESC for ESCs 881 and 883, and optional ESC 885 is a combo ESC for ESCs 882 and 883.

These thresholds must be parameter-driven to be easily configurable. Pricing can be driven by the length code, the volume code, or both codes.

For example, pricing for a package with a length of 23 inches, width of 15 inches, height of 15 inches and volume of 2.99 cubic feet will be calculated by adding the fee associated with both the length and volume to the base price.

Postage Statement Changes: All PS Forms for Affected Mail Classes – New Lines in Section S		
Postage Statement Line	Description	
<b>S46</b>	Nonstandard Fee	None/Origin > 22" <= 30"
<b>S47</b>	Nonstandard Fee	DNDC/DSCF > 22" <= 30"
<b>S48</b>	Nonstandard Fee	DDU/DHub > 22" <= 30"
<b>S49</b>	Nonstandard Fee	None/Origin > 30"
<b>S50</b>	Nonstandard Fee	DNDC/DSCF > 30"
<b>S51</b>	Nonstandard Fee	DDU/DHub > 30"
<b>S52</b>	Nonstandard Fee	None/Origin > 2 Cubic Feet
<b>S53</b>	Nonstandard Fee	DNDC/DSCF > 2 Cubic Feet
<b>S54</b>	Nonstandard Fee	DDU/DHub > 2 Cubic Feet
<b>S55</b>	Nonstandard Fee	22" <= 30"
<b>S56</b>	Nonstandard Fee	30"
<b>S57</b>	Nonstandard Fee	2 Cubic Feet

**Table 6**

- Mail.dat changes: Reference Table 5. sfr record Service Type field – New values for Service Type L1, L2, and L4 (*to represent the Nonstandard Fees*)
- Mail.XML changes: Reference Table 5. PostageStatementCreateRequest > ExtraServiceData > ServiceCode – New values for ServiceCode L1, L2 and L4 (*to represent the Nonstandard Fees*)
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Reference Table 5. New Extra Service Code (ESC) values of 881, 882, 883 (*to represent the Nonstandard Fees*)
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: Reference Table 5. New Extra Service Code (ESC) values of 881, 882, 883 (*to represent the Nonstandard Fees*)
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive Domestic

## 5.0 Proposed Dimensional Data Noncompliance Fee for Certain Competitive Packages

The United States Postal Service is considering the creation of a noncompliance fee when dimensions are required and not provided or inaccurately provided for the following competitive Retail, Commercial, and NSA competitive Domestic (USPS Retail Ground, PME, PM, PS/PSLW, Retail Ground LOR) packages.

**EXCLUDING:** Priority Mail Open and Distribute (PMOD) and Flat Rate packaging or Regional Rate packaging supplied by the United States Postal Service.

This Noncompliance Fee will apply to packages with length greater than 22 inches or package volume greater than one cubic foot and the dimensions were not provided or were incorrect. Prior to this release, dimensions were required to be provided in the manifest file when packages were greater than one cubic foot. This release requires dimensions to be provided for packages exceeding 22 inches in length. The fee will only be assessed if:

- ✓ Captured dimensions exceed defined threshold values
  - ✓ Manifested dimensions are inaccurate and over threshold limits
- Postage Statement Changes: **No Impact**
  - Mail.dat changes: **No Impact**
  - Mail.XML changes: **No Impact**
  - Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: **No Impact**
  - Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: **No Impact**
  - Price Change Type / Product Type: **Competitive**



## 6.0 Document History

Date	Section	Description
03/10/2022	2.0	Added Mail.dat, Mail.XML, FAST, and SSF Release/Client number

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