

Mailers Technical Advisory Committee
Pre-MTAC Webinar

March 24, 2022

Agenda

1. Work Group 195

- Project plan for postage statement data via IV? (WG195)
- Request to change a list approximately 10 plus considering updating data delegation. (WG195)

2. IMBA

IMbA for BRM Postage Payment - Functionality for QBRM with multiple MIDs to a single PO Box and a single permit imprint

3. Hazmat: Review/discussion on hazmat indicators

4. USPS Connect

- API for Click N Ship Connect?
- Can an MSP be the Customer on USPS Connect?

5. Industry Concerns

- Work Group 188 Reopening due to paper issue
- Update to Zone 10 Changes
- Certified Bulk Refund Issue
- Precanceled Stamp – 25C discontinued
- Undoc- industry is asking to consider certification process for mailers which would allow them to review undocs at a different cadence then monthly
- PS Form 3541- needs update to correct % stated wrong
- Service Standard for Remittance Mail measurement

6. Action Items

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Track	Category	Action Item	Response
Letters	IV/EPS	What is status of IV/EPS data delegation opportunities (brought up to WG 195) – need to understand prioritization.	USPS met with PostalOne and IV. Both have proposals and are determining LOE.
Letters	ID/PTR	Timeline on when functionality of Informed Delivery and PTR will move to the cloud.	
Letters	Mailer Scorecard	RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR EXTERNAL ACCESS TO IMAGES! Will use same process for internal and external sharing of images.	Project architecture resolved; design approach TBD.
Letters	Undocumented Mail	Consider removing 45-day pieces delivered from daily undocumented piece feeds. Presently they are flagged, but that would require those with systems to create programs to suppress them from feeds.	SASP provided potential solution in collaboration with IV team
Letters	Undocumented Mail	Pieces over 45-day delivery – USPS has an automated approach to remove these pieces from Undocumented records in Scorecard. Industry asks to still receive these records to trace them back to mailings and answer customer delivery questions/concerns.	Increased lookback window from 45 days to 120 (daily calculation vs. month's end)
Letters	Permit Balances	Currently Industry can check 1 permit balance at a time. Industry is asking for a way to bulk upload permits for check – 100 at a time via API.	
Letters	Paper Weight/ Thickness Issue	Paper is very difficult to obtain and it's anticipated this will continue through 2022. Industry would like to review mailing requirements which are presently based on paper weight. Review if this continues to be pertinent or if it should potentially change to thickness measurement. Specifically looking to maintain automation discounts.	Draft mission statement for WG; essentially reopens WG188, titled "Retaining Mail Value Through Paper Requirement Adjustments." Tested one paper requirement involving below-threshold card type paper; mixed results. No issues processing pieces, but pieces sustained damage. Agreed on one-time exception pending more testing.

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Flats	Child Statements	<p>12/20/2021 - remaining issue is with MM statements when single piece records are in the file - cannot see child statements.</p> <p>Look to see whether CR 14144 (periodicals postage statement details) can be moved up from January 2022 release.</p>	Investigating CR 12204
Flats	EPS	<p>12/20/2021 - Will either not allow Pending Periodicals in EPS or fix EPS to recognize reserve fund.</p> <p>14088 Modify pending periodical logic for EPS; scheduled January 2022.</p>	USPS developing process to allow customers to remain in EPS and ensure that the Reserve Fund is correct.
Flats	PostalOne!	For container-based refunds, consider reversals on individual containers as opposed to refunds or adjustments (to communicate volume and postage data).	
Flats	Mail.dat	Investigate ability to add PMOD container (sacks/trays) information to mail.dat.	Under evaluation by USPS

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Packages	DIM	Cover new DIM requirements in upcoming WG 182 meetings.	WG 182 to discuss package examples
Packages	DIM Measurements	DIM Measurements – non-rectangular pieces are measured as rectangular. Polybags/Soft Packs are not measured appropriately and do not include the 0.785 multiplier. USPS to look at using data; indicator is there.	FRN in process for proposed rule changing package measurement.
Packages	Package Platform	Package Platform test environment – CAT? Pilot?	Working on requirements for environment.
Marketing Mail	PostalOne!	Review the following reports available through the BCG: - Mailer Scorecard Guide - update and remove error codes that are similar.	Awaiting USPS feedback