

MTAC Focus Group Session Notes

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

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Session 1: LETTERS

Dave Marinelli / Kurt Ruppel

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Precanceled 25c Stamp

Industry requests an additional non-denominational (not marked presorted) stamp that when added to 2-3 more additional non-cancelled stamps will equal the First-Class single piece rate (currently expected \$0.60). For instance, either 2- \$0.30 stamps or 1 \$0.30 + 3-\$0.10 stamps affixed on a Business Reply device. Non-profit mailers pre-stamp the reply devices to increase their return donations. Tom to inquire with Bill Gicker.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Zone 10

Zone 10 is off the calendar for now, other zone changes per 3 digit will still take place in the zone charts during price changes.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Automate Permit Balance Look-Up (Deeper Dive)

The FACT sheet for how to use the automated permit look up already exists and is available on PostalPro. The MSP needs authorization from Enterprise Payment Account owner to see balances.

Action Items:

- 1. Inquire with Bill Gicker on opportunity to produce larger 30 cent nondenominational stamp. (Bill Gicker)**
- 2. Update FACT sheet for Automated balance look-up to explain MSP only has balance visibility and cannot access actual EPA (something directed toward a Mail Owner, so they understand the limited MSP visibility). (Mike Filipski)**
- 3. Industry requests a discussion with Postal will explore an option for MSP to put a hold on a mail owner's funds the day prior to mailing for trust accounts. (Garrett Hoyt)**
- 4. Update needed for next (July) MTAC on electronic COM. (Roshonda Jackson)**

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Dimensional Requirements

Slide reviewed - no discussion.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Nonstandard/Noncompliance

Industry is not in agreement that they should be charged for incorrectly reporting package size when the package size was actually overstated (which meant industry paid more for the package than they should have). Postal requires accurate data, and the current standards are the starting point for discussion.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Package platform equipment accuracy (SPC)

Statistical process controls-Industry is requesting a written and documented list of USPS scale and equipment tolerances in measuring package weight and dimensions. Postal is reluctant to put this in writing at this time.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Container Nesting

User Group 2 will begin nesting on open and distribute: specifically nesting IMpb's in open and distribute containers. More information is expected in Summer of 2022, with lead time for implementation.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Other, not listed

Request for Task Team for FRN filing on selvage on polybag and padded mailers. Postal would like to wait to review comments from FRN which are due back April 25th, as concerns may be resolved without a need for a task team.

"Misshipped" DDU- team is working with impacted shippers- primary concern is the delay of information (6 weeks) is it possible to set a tolerance?

Action Items:

- 1. Industry request to see tolerance of Postal scales and measurement. (Vicki Bosch)**
- 2. Metered piece package level surcharge- can it be identified on the EPS reports, so owner is capable of charging fee back to appropriate internal department? (Vicki Bosch)**
- 3. Request for Task Team for FRN filing on selvage with poly/padded bags after comment period. (Dale Kennedy)**
- 4. Include selvage topic for discussion in next user group 182 meeting. (Vicki Bosch)**

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Promotions Portal

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Include Periodicals in ID Promo

Add request for promotion to user group 8 to discuss

Action Items:

1.Add request for promotion for Periodicals to user group 8 to discuss. (Heather Snead)
