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Release Notes

CHANGE 1.1

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1.0 Introduction

This document includes planned changes under review for the next release scheduled for October 2023.

2.0 USPS Ground Advantage Intelligent Mail package barcode (IMpb) Compliance

USPS Systems will be updated to enable the compliance evaluation for IMpb Barcode Quality (BQ) for USPS Ground Advantage on October 1, 2023.

The Barcode Quality (BQ) will be evaluated for the following:

- Manifest validation for correct Service Type Code (STC) compared to:
 - Rate ingredients for USPS Ground Advantage (see Appendix A)
 - Weight in the manifest
- Label validation for correct:
 - Service Type Code – 001, 346
 - Service icon – G
 - Banner text – USPS Ground Advantage
 - Indicia Mail Class – USPS Ground Advantage

Noncompliant packages that exceed threshold for IMpb (BQ, 98%, MQ, 94%, AQ, 90%) will be assessed on the compliance category with the greatest number of packages over threshold.

Refer to Publication 199: *Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Payment Systems* for IMpb compliance information.

Customers can view their noncompliant packages in the following:

- PTR Scan Event Extract Files
- eVS IMpb Noncompliance Report
- USPS Ship IMpb Noncompliance Report

Warning Title	Type	Validations	Warning Code
GRND ADVTG SERVICE ICON NO MATCHING STC	BQ	Verify the label has the correct service type code for service icon	10
GRND ADVTG STC NO MATCHING SERVICE ICON	BQ	Verify the label has the correct service icon for the service type code	11
GRND ADVTG SERVICE BANNER NO MATCHING STC	BQ	Verify the label has the correct service banner for the service type code	12
GRND ADVTG INDICIA NO MATCHING STC	BQ	Verify the label has the correct indicia for the service type code	13

Table 1 – USPS Ground Advantage Warning Codes

Correct Service Icon



USPS GROUND
ADVANTAGE
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
COMPANY NAME
eVS

Correct Indicia

USPS GROUND ADVANTAGE™

Correct Service Banner

INTERNET SALES DEPT
FAST AND EFFICIENT SUPPLY CO.
10474 COMMERCE BLVD DUPLEX B
SILVER SPRING MD 20910-9999



RONALD RECEIVER
C/O RICK RECIPIENT
INTERNET PURCHASING OFFICE - NORTH
BIG AND GROWING BUSINESS CO.
39 ANYWHERE ST
SCARSDALE NY 10583-9999

USPS TRACKING # eVS

Correct Service Type Code



9200 1912 3456 7862 0603 02



3.0 Appendix A

Mail Class	Processing Category	Destination Rate Indicator	Rate Indicator	Zone	Parcel Routing Barcode	Rate (Including Barcoding or Machinability Surcharges)
FC	3	N	SP	01-09	0, 1	Machinable Single-Piece
FC	5	N	SP	01-09	0, 1	Non-Machinable Single-Piece
FC	5	N	OS	01-09	0, 1	Non-Machinable Oversized
FC	3	N	DR	01-09	0, 1	Machinable Dimensional Rectangular
FC	3	N	DN	01-09	0, 1	Machinable Dimensional Non-Rectangular
FC	5	N	DR	01-09	0, 1	Non-Machinable Dimensional Rectangular
FC	5	N	DN	01-09	0, 1	Non-Machinable Dimensional Nonrectangular

Table 2 – USPS First-Class Mail and Ground Advantage Rate Ingredients

Mail Class	Processing Category	Destination Rate Indicator	Rate Indicator	Zone	Parcel Routing Barcode	Rate (Including Barcoding or Machinability Surcharges)
FC	3,5	N	P5	01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 1 (.10)
FC	3,5	N	P6	01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 2 (.20)
FC	3,5	N	P7	01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 3 (.30)
FC	3,5	N	P8	01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 4 (.40)
FC	3,5	N	P9	01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 5 (.50)
FC	3,5	N	Q6	01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 6 (.60)
FC	3,5	N	Q7	01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 7 (.70)
FC	3,5	N	Q8	01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 8 (.80)
FC	3,5	N	Q9	01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 9 (.90)
FC	3,5	N	Q0	01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 10 (1.00)

Table 3 – USPS First-Class Mail and Ground Advantage Cubic Tiers with Soft Pack Rate Indicators

Mail Class	Processing Category	Destination Rate Indicator	Rate Indicator	Zone	Parcel Routing Barcode	Rate (Including Barcoding or Machinability Surcharges)
FC	3	N	CP	01-09	0, 1	Machinable Cubic Tier Non-Soft Pack

Table 4 – USPS Ground Advantage Non Soft Pack Cubic Tiers

4.0 Document History

Date	Section	Description
9/25/2023	All	Initial Publication
9/26/2023	Appendix A	Added the following tables: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• USPS First-Class Mail and Ground Advantage Rate Ingredients• USPS First-Class Mail and Ground Advantage Cubic Tiers with Soft Pack Rate Indicators• USPS Ground Advantage Non Soft Pack Cubic Tiers