United States Postal Service®

INDUSTRYALERT

January 5, 2024

JANUARY PRICE CHANGE 2024

Scheduled Commercial System Releases - January 7, 2024

As previously advised, on Sunday, *January 7*, 2024, from **12:00 AM CT – 11:00 AM CT**, the United States Postal Service has scheduled software updates in support of **January-Price Change-2024** (*effective January 21*, 2024).

The following Commercial Systems are impacted:

PRICE CHANGE RELEASE 2024

(Price Change Effective Date: January 21, 2024)

Commercial Systems - Software Updates Implementation Timeframe / Outage Notification

Implementation Window		
Schedule	Date	Time
Start	Sunday, January 7, 2024	12:00 AM CT
End	Sunday, January 7, 2024	11:00 AM CT
Impacted Systems		Outage
PostalOne! System R59.0.0.0		Yes (1:30 AM – 7:30 AM CT)
USPS Ship (Package Platform) R11.0.0.0		Yes (4:00 AM – 8:00 AM CT)
Facility Access and Shipment Tracking (FAST) R61.0.0.0		Yes (4:00 AM – 8:00 AM CT)
Seamless Acceptance and Service Performance (SASP) R31.0.0.0		Yes (3:30 AM – 10:00 AM CT)
Program Registration R26.0.0.0		No

During the cited timeframe, there will be a "brief" impact to *USPS Returns and Outbound* service data feeds via Informed Visibility-Mail Tracking and Reporting (IV-MTR).

Based on assessments of forecasted volume, it is anticipated impacted data will be current no later than end of day on the same day [*Sunday, January 7, 2024*]. However, following standard protocol - data processing will be monitored; and updated status assessments provided.

During the FAST outage, the FAST Help Desk and field Business Mail Acceptance Units (BMEs) have been advised to accept mailings under the *PostalOne!* System Contingency Plan.

We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience.

Mandatory: Price Change Release would REQUIRE a new Mail.dat client. After implementation activities conclude, users should download Mail.dat client 59.0.0.0_PROD from the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) using the following path: Mailing Services èElectronic Data Exchange [Go to Service] è Mail.dat download (Windows 32-bit, Windows 64-bit or Solaris).

Please reference the updated *January 7*, 2024 Pre-Release Notes document posted to PostalPro @ January 2024 Price Change Release Notes | PostalPro (usps.com).

All Business Service Administrators (BSAs) should forward this Industry Alert to their impacted stakeholders.

During normal business hours (7:00 AM CT – 7:00 PM CT), please direct any inquiries or concerns to the Mailing and Shipping Solutions Center (MSSC) via eMail [MSSC@usps.gov] or telephone [(877) 672-0007].

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