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*The electronic newsletter summarizing recent Postal Service news and developments*

**Comments Encouraged - Federal Register Notice for System of Records in Support of Bulk Proof of Delivery Initiative**

A Federal Register notice (FRN) for System of Records (SOR) 820.200, in support of the Bulk Proof of Delivery initiative, was published on Monday, June 5, 2017. Please see the links below:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/06/05/2017-11489/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records> (HTML version)

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-05/pdf/2017-11489.pdf> (PDF version)

These revisions will become effective without further notice on **July 5, 2017** unless comments are received on or before that date result in a contrary determination. You are encouraged to review the FRN and provide any comments.

***Discontinued Support for File Transfer Protocol (FTP)  
Effective August 31, 2017***

Effective August 31, 2017, the United States Postal Service (USPS) will discontinue support for File Transfer Protocol (FTP) for mailers to send and/or receive shipping files and data through the Product Tracking & Reporting (PTR) system. Mailers using FTP to send and/or receive shipping files and data through PTR will need to set up a secure transmission method utilizing one of the methods below:

**Option1 - Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP)**

SFTP is a secure connectivity option available to exchange files using USPS's SFTP server (or if the customer prefers, their own SFTP server). We support SFTP login using Key Authentication or username/password. USPS prefers AES or 3DES algorithms if you choose to encrypt your data using PGP (Pretty good privacy). We also support key login using OpenSSL keys rather than username/password login. Mailers must complete trading partner setup through our Data Transfer Services (DTS) group. Allow at least 30 days to complete this setup. For additional information refer Publication 199, Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Verification System (eVS) Mailers, Section 6 Communications, 6.1 Transmission methods, "SFTP" at [https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail\\_package/documents/tech\\_guides/PUB199IMPBmpGuide.pdf](https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail_package/documents/tech_guides/PUB199IMPBmpGuide.pdf)

### **Option2 - Electronic Data Interchange Internet Applicability Standard 2 (EDIINT AS2)**

This option requires that the Business Partner use an EDIINT AS2 capable software product. Mailers must complete trading partner setup through our Data Transfer Services (DTS) group. Allow at least 30 days to complete this setup. For additional information refer Publication 199, Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide for Confirmation Services and Electronic Verification System (eVS) Mailers, Section 6 - Communications, 6.1 Transmission methods, "EDIINT AS2" at [https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail\\_package/documents/tech\\_guides/PUB199IMPBImpGuide.pdf](https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail_package/documents/tech_guides/PUB199IMPBImpGuide.pdf)

### **Option3 - Parcel Data Exchange (PDX)**

Parcel Data Exchange (PDX) is a web services application that interfaces between the USPS's PTR system and Customers to provide data transfer services. Customers can use this secure method to upload manifest files and receive scan event extract files. For additional information refer the PDX Online user guides on RIBBS at [https://ribbs.usps.gov/evs/documents/tech\\_guides/pubs/PDXOnlineUserGuide.PDF](https://ribbs.usps.gov/evs/documents/tech_guides/pubs/PDXOnlineUserGuide.PDF) [https://ribbs.usps.gov/evs/documents/tech\\_guides/pubs/APIUserGuide.PDF](https://ribbs.usps.gov/evs/documents/tech_guides/pubs/APIUserGuide.PDF)

Mailers using a USPS certified software vendor or a third party service provider, should contact them to determine the secure connectivity options available or consult your internal technical team prior to contacting the USPS.

Please contact the USPS Confirmation Services Technical Support Team with the selected option at [delivery.confirmation@usps.gov](mailto:delivery.confirmation@usps.gov) or (877) 264-9693. If contacting via email please provide contact name, title, company name, email address and phone number.

For additional information, reference the FTP Fact Sheet posted on PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com/node/3636>.



## **Postal Bulletin**

### **Postal Bulletin 22463 (3-16-17)**

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2017/pb22463/pb22463.pdf>

DMM Revision: Additional Domestic Mailing Services Products Changes

DMM Revision: Customized MarketMail Prices

DMM Revision: Domestic Certificates of Mailing Conversion Update

DMM Revision: Electronic Induction (eInduction®) Option

DMM Revision: Seamless Acceptance Program

DMM Revision: USPS Marketing Mail Markings

Labeling List Changes

### **Postal Bulletin 22464 (3-30-17)**

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2017/pb22464/pb22464.pdf>

DMM Revision: Barcode and Optional Endorsement Line

Information on Automation Flats

DMM Revision: eInduction Option Approval  
DMM Revision: Periodicals Prices for Non-machinable Letters

**Postal Bulletin 22465 (4-13-17)**

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2017/pb22465/pb22465.pdf>

DMM Revision: Periodicals — Combining Multiple Editions or Publications Labeling  
DMM Revision: Authorization to Mail at Periodicals  
ELM Revision: Leave Policy for Full-Time and Part-Time Employees  
ELM Revision: Update to Pay Administration Policy Publications  
Labeling List Changes

**Postal Bulletin 22466 (4-27-17)**

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2017/pb22466/pb22466.pdf>

DMM Revision: Media Mail and Library Mail  
DMM Revision: Parcel Return Service Pickup Schedule  
DMM Revision: USPS Marketing Mail Machinable  
Letters Mail Preparation  
International Mail-Temporary Suspension of Mail Service to Guatemala

**Postal Bulletin 22467 (5-11-17)**

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2017/pb22467/pb22467.pdf>

Labeling List Changes

**Postal Bulletin 22468 (5-25-17)**

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2017/pb22468/pb22468.pdf>

DMM Revision: Address Information System Services  
IMM Revision: Additional Availability of Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International Service

**Postal Bulletin 22469 (6-08-17)**

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2017/pb22469/pb22469.pdf>

DMM Revision: Preparing Pallets  
DMM Revision: Domestic Mail Manual Simplification

**Postal Bulletin 22470 (6-22-17)**

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2017/pb22470/pb22470.pdf>

DMM Revision: Parcel Select Lightweight Dimensional Criteria  
Correction: Labeling List Changes  
Labeling List Changes

**Additional Resources:**

FRN: [Federal Register Notice](#)

PB: [Postal Bulletin](#)

PE: [Postal Explorer](#) is a mailer's resource for all information contained in the [Domestic Mail Manual](#) (DMM), [International Mail Manual](#) (IMM), [Publication 52](#), *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*.

PostalPro: [PostalPro](#) is a mailer's resource for other information (i.e., Mailing and Shipping, Operations, Industry Forum, Certifications, Resources). This site will replace RIBBS.

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