Entry, Payment and Product (EPP) Pre-MTAC Meeting Minutes
Oct 17, 2022

Welcome and admin info – Mute yourselves, MTAC agenda was sent last week, reminder to add the open session to your calendar if not attending in person but also to RSVP if you are.

Mailers Technical Advisory Committee
Entry, Payment, Product Focus Area

Pre-MTAC Webinar

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Tom Foti started us off

Pre-MTAC Pulse Items

- **(Chip) Undocumented Warning 14** – Update when this will be implemented?
  - Cat 14 is still scheduled to become assessable January 1, 2023
  - Phase II enhancements deployed on 8/27/22 introduced an issue with Cat 14 logic
  - Evaluating logic fix & deployment date

- **(Chip) Undocumented** – Undoc reporting window & scrubbing has been extended - is there consideration to eliminate undoc?
  - Undoc reporting is Seamless Acceptance process to validate payment
  - USPS has no plans to eliminate undoc reporting

- **(James) SEU4 error** – Mailers still experiencing connection server error when uploading files to P1-update on repairs?
  - Requested full summary and resolution date

- **(James) WG195 Update** –
  - Prioritizing items from WG195 to deploy system updates/changes beginning February 2023-depth open item info is reviewed biweekly on UG11.

- **(James) IMbA for Business Reply Postage Payment** –
  - Functionality for QBRM with multiple MIDs to a single PO Box and a single permit imprint.
  - Webinar Request - Early November/December, will confirm date

- **(Dale) Hazmat: Review/discussion** on hazmat indicators (STC vs ECS):
  - Finalized FRN, will brief Industry at MTAC

- **(Dale) TASK TEAM 34 – Parcel Endorsement for UAA Parcels** Update on TT34 Recommendation (submitted March 2022)
  - QSG will be updated to reflect product changes
  - (Steve Jarboe)

- **(Tom) 40 cent stamp for Marketers** – Availability?
  - Stamps will be available January 2023

- **(Janine) TED-C Approval Process** – Update
  - PCSC approval process will be retired anticipated late February 2023

Janine coordinated each issue review from the slides and the assigned person spoke to each and gave an update – See Slide above.

Garrett provided an update to the following slide – USPS is looking for more users

USPS Ship TEM

USPS Ship has a TEM environment to support shipper testing

- Shippers will need to contact USPS to enroll in USPS Ship TEM if not already enrolled in USPS Ship production
- Once enrolled in TEM, shippers can submit Shipping Services Files (SSFs) versions 1.6, 1.7 and 2.0 via DTS which will be automatically passed to USPS Ship
- **For results of file processing**
  - **Now** – Shippers can request their manifest pricing and errors/warning results
  - **Future** – Shippers will review their USPS Ship reports in TEM (date TBD)

- **Enhancement from eVS:** Shippers will receive their contract pricing in USPS Ship TEM

Issue review continued:

Action Items - Letters

Year	Month	Assignee	Track	Category	Action Item	Response
2022	July	Chip Brown	Letters	Mailer Scorecard	Mailer Scorecard Error Example-A clerk samples 10 pieces, 7 of them are entered as Permit Imprint. 3 are entered as stamped. The scorecard shows an error for those 3 pieces (which were clerk input errors). Is there an automatic method whereby these would not show on a SC?	PAF is not an issue industry wide, exclusion logic exists based on statistical risk, will be reviewed
2022	January	Chip Brown	Letters	Undocumented Mail	Consider removing 45-day pieces delivered from daily undocumented piece feeds. Former Action 2 (January 2022) merged: 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.	Feasibility of adding a filter to IV subscriptions is being explored to accommodate both options.
2022	July	Garrett Hoyt	Letters	API	Request for API to receive permit balance information. Steve K. and Deb Damore volunteered to assist.	Working on proposal, will share MTAC
2022	July	Heather Lewis	Letters	Promotions	Add a registration link on the Promotions Portal for those who don't enter through the BCG.	Link to BCG from Promotions Portal will be available on 10/27/22
2022	July	Heather Lewis	Letters	Promotions	Incorrectly uploaded statements aren't editable if attached to a promotion. Some MSPs don't first attempt a preliminary statement. Current specs prohibit reversals, or in the case of Combined or Continuous mailers, preliminary statements may not be possible. Are there any options to get/maintain people in promotions?	Non-finalized statements can be deleted, corrected, resubmitted. Finalized statements will be handled on a case-by-case basis
2022	July	James Duffy	Letters	EPS	Can't pay negative balance for accounts with EPS. Explore extending the proposed three-day grace period.	Proposal of 10-day window is being reviewed by accounting
2020	January	James Duffy	Letters	Mailer Scorecard	RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR EXTERNAL ACCESS TO IMAGES. Will use same process for internal and external sharing of images. Consider an interim process for analysts to review mail piece images for mailers as needed for investigations of undocumented pieces.	In process of testing redaction of images. Possible demo of the process late January or February 2023

Undocumented issue – Still in progress

API issue – will be shared during the open session of MTAC

Mailer scorecard issue – USPS will provide a demo in January or early February

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2022	July	James Duffy	Letters	Promotions	TT36 - request to add the ability for mail owners to delegate promotion discount data to 3rd party providers (presently not available).	Agreed on model to develop; awaiting prioritization with IV
2022	July	James Duffy	Letters	Reports	Allow incentive programs to include consolidated CRIDs one at a time for reporting.	Rose to provide examples to James
2021	November	Juliaann Hess Ali Turner Vicki Bosch	Letters	ID/PTR	Timeline on when functionality of Informed Delivery and PTR will move to the cloud.	Informed Delivery started deployment; full rollout by end of November 2022. PTR to begin migration of small percentage of track and confirm requests to the cloud in October 2022
2022	July	Margaret Pepe Dale Kennedy	Letters	Caller Service	Provide update on final timeline for FRN on Caller Service.	Verifying direction of any decisions, update will be provided at MTAC
2022	July	Margaret Pepe Heather Lewis	Letters	Promotions	Review integrating Informed Delivery campaign portal with promotion's portal.	ID integration into portal is being discussed with stakeholders
2022	July	Margaret Pepe Sheila Marano	Letters	BRM	Research and provide the percentage of IMb processed BRM mail versus manually processed BRM mail.	Need business purpose from Rose
2019	October	Melissa Scheidler	Letters	PostalOne!	Review the following reports available through the BCG: - Mailer Scorecard Guide update and remove error codes that are similar. (Melissa Scheidler) Also requested in January 2020 MTAC Meeting.	Waiting for Lisa W's feedback
2022	April	Sheila Marano/Margaret Pepe	Letters	Communications	Update needed for next (July) MTAC on electronic Certificate of Mailing (COM).	Need to determine cost benefit analysis
2022	July	Tariq Mirza Steve Krejcik	Letters	BCG	BCG Delegation in BCG doesn't give submitter full access. Doc submitters should be able to see incentive discounts for all their submissions but can only see those in their permit number.	This change is now a Part of the January 2023 Release as part of Promotions updates.

ID/PTR item – Garrett said a timeline of when USPS plans to complete the roll out will be created and shared asap

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2021	March	Diane Smith James Duffy	Flats	Child Statements	12/20/2021- remaining issue is with MM statement when single piece records are in the file cannot see child statements. Look to see whether CR 14144 (periodicals postage statement details) can be moved up from January 23 release.	CR # 15280 has been created, need to schedule.
2021	March	Diane Smith James Duffy	Flats	EPS	12/20/2021- Will either not allow Pending Periodical in EPS or fix EPS to recognize reserve fund.	Implemented 9/18, No known issues
2022	April	Vicki Bosch	Packages	Equipment Tolerances	This action item is a combination of the below two action items: April 2022 Action 5: Industry requests to see tolerance of Postal scales and measurement July 2022 Action 2: WG182 request discussion on USPS providing machine tolerances.	Tolerances for dimensions only will be shared at MTAC
2022	April	Jason Lindahl	Packages	Detail Reports	Can metered piece package level surcharge be identified on EPS reports so owner is capable of charging fee back to appropriate internal department	Need to understand what is being asked for
2022	July	Kellie Painter	Packages		Closed July 2022 Action 17 "Review Package PPV (A) data & processes" and merged here. Implement process for parcels that are being weighed incorrectly and billed based on the incorrect weight (generally this would occur at a 5-digit ZIP). Create dashboard, assign someone to review data to avoid excessive charges and correct before being billed.	Requirements being defined, will be shared with Industry in February MTAC
2022	July	Garrett Hoyt	Packages	Reports	Review the "Incorrect Package" report.	Requirements being defined, will be shared with Industry in February MTAC
2022	July	Garrett Hoyt	Packages	Images	Explore providing images for PPC.	Still being explored no update expected until quarter 2
2022	July	Garrett Hoyt	Packages	Reports	Follow up on Shipper report reporting issues.	Need information from Industry

Slide Above – Child Statements issue – Will most likely be scheduled after the January release

EPS issue will be closed

Other updates included on each slide above.

Opened up for questions:

David Janecek – Asking how USPS defines the 1ft tray where residual letters are concerned – Tom Foti asked for clarification and David will bring documents and photos to MTAC next week.

Kathy Siviter – Asked about Sacks FRNs – Dale – update has been sent and we're waiting for it to be published – should hear back next week and publish right after.
SCF pallets – Dale – still working and should be available shortly

Tom Foti closed out – We'll share more details next week at MTAC, to include the OCPI – International. We will also work with Rose and the shape-based leaders to ensure we cover these and any other issues that arise. Thank you!