

# Release Overview

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## 1.0 Introduction

This document includes planned changes under review for the next pricing structure release scheduled for July 2023. The document is prepared based on the knowledge available at the time of printing and any direction found herein is subject to change, including additional structure changes prior to the release. The contents of this document are pre-decisional and subject to change.

Draft postage statements marked with revisions will be posted to Postal Explorer (<http://pe.usps.com>) as they become available.

## 2.0 Applicable Technical Specifications

### 2.1 Updates to *PostalOne!* System eDoc Specification Versions Support

#### 2.1.1 Mail.dat eDoc

The below table depicts the Mail.dat specification versions that will be supported with the July 2023 release.

<b><i>PostalOne!</i> Mail.dat (eDoc) Version Support</b>			
<b>Versions</b>	<b>Versions Supported Prior to Deployment Date</b>	<b>Versions Supported from Deployment Date to Price Change Effective Date</b>	<b>Post-Price Change – Versions Supported on and after Price Change Effective Date</b>
<b>22.1 (New Errata)</b>	Supported	Supported	Supported
<b>23.1 (New Errata)</b>	Supported	Supported	Supported

**Table 1 – Mail.dat eDoc Version Support**

*Note: There is a new required Mail.dat client with this release. Users should download the new Mail.dat client from the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) using the following path: Mailing Services > Electronic Data Exchange [Go to Service] > Mail.dat download (Windows 32-bit, Windows 64-bit or Solaris).*

#### 2.1.2 Mail.XML eDoc

The below table depicts the Mail.XML specification versions that will be supported with the July 2023 release.

<b><i>PostalOne!</i> Mail.XML (eDoc) Version Support</b>			
<b>Versions</b>	<b>Versions Supported Prior to Deployment Date</b>	<b>Versions Supported from Deployment Date to Price Change Effective Date</b>	<b>Post-Price Change – Versions Supported on and after Price Change Effective Date</b>
<b>25.2</b>	Supported	Supported	Supported – for updates only
<b>26.0</b>	Supported	Supported	Supported – for updates only
<b>25.3</b>	-	Supported	Supported
<b>26.1</b>	-	Supported	Supported

**Table 2 – Mail.XML eDoc Version Support**

*Note: New Mail.XML WSDLs will be posted on PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com/> as they become available.*

## 2.2 Updates to *PostalOne!* System Mail.XML Data Distribution, MID-CRID, and FAST Specification Version Support

The below table depicts the specification versions that will be supported with the July 2023 release.

*Note: there are no changes to supported versions.*

Versions	Data Distribution Mail.XML		MID-CRID Mail.XML		FAST Mail.XML	
	Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Deployment Date)	Post-Release Supported Versions	Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Deployment Date)	Post-Release Supported Versions	Currently Supported Versions (Prior to Deployment Date)	Post-Release Supported Versions
14.0A	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
16.0	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported

**Table 3 – Mail.XML Data Distribution, MID-CRID, and FAST Version Support**

### 2.2.1 Updates to Shipping Services File (SSF) Version Support

The below table depicts the specification versions that will be supported with the July 2023 release.

eVS Shipping Services File Version Support		
Versions	Versions Supported Prior to Release	Versions Supported On and After Release
1.6	Supported	Supported
1.7	Supported	Supported
2.0	Supported	Supported

**NOTE:** No change to currently supported versions. New rate ingredients (or combinations of existing rates) may be required to support the proposed changes.

**Table 4 – SSF Version Support**

*Note: New rate ingredients (or combinations of existing rates) may be required to support the proposed changes.*

## Market Dominant Changes

### 3.0 Marriage Mail 2 oz incentive

The US Postal Service is considering providing mailers a rate incentive for Marriage Mail pieces 2 oz. and under. Transactions that receive the incentive will be documented as part of the Postage Statement and as separate reports in *PostalOne!* System. The incentive would be provided for mailings that meet the following criteria:

- Minimum of 4 advertisers per mail piece.
- Marketing Mail Letter or Flat mailing at Saturation Rates.
- Mail piece weighing 2 oz or less.
- Minimum mailing frequency of 10 mailings per year (rolling 12 months), starting with the month that this initiative is first claimed by a mailer or mail service provider.
- Marriage Mail is identified as the mail type on Postage Statements.

- eDoc Submission required.

The incentive will be applied at the time of mailing; mailers who fail any of these requirements will no longer be eligible to claim the 2 oz incentive and their price will revert to the appropriate rate via a postage adjustment.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – USPS Marketing Mail PS Form 3602R/N will include (in the Header section of the Form) relevant form fields to identify Marriage Mail and attestation of compliance with incentive requirements through a check mark, stating “This qualifies for Marriage Mail Incentive (4 or more advertisers).”
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – The Component Characteristic Record will be updated to include an option for the identification of Marriage Mail.
- Mail.XML changes: Yes – The Content block of PostageStatementCreateRequest will be updated to include an option for the identification of Marriage Mail.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

#### **4.0 Sectional Center Facility (SCF) Pallet Discount for Marketing Mail letter-shaped pieces**

The US Postal Service is considering a per-piece discount for qualifying letters placed on an SCF Marketing Mail pallet. This proposed discount will be applicable to Automation and Nonautomation (ADC, AADC, 3-Digit and 5-Digit Presort) Letters, Carrier Route Letters, High Density Letters, High Density Plus Letters and Saturation Letters on SCF Pallets regardless of the entry (None, DNDC, and DSCF). Eliminating tray handlings and sortation in facilities upstream from the destination SCF will enable the US Postal Service to cross-dock SCF pallets and minimize mail processing costs, time and resources involved in opening, sorting, and containerizing mixed pallets to multiple destination SCFs.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – USPS Marketing Mail PS Form 3602R/N will include updated lines to reflect the SCF Pallet Discount for Marketing Mail Letter-shaped pieces.
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact – Apply the existing rate ingredients to calculate discount.
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact – Apply the existing rate ingredients to calculate discount.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

#### **5.0 Marketing Mail flat-shaped – New Pricing Structure**

The current Pricing Structure for Marketing Mail flat-shaped pieces uses a two-tier pricing approach. For pieces below the weight breakpoint, only a per-piece price is charged. For pieces above the weight breakpoint a per-piece and per-pound rate are charged.

Under this proposal, every flat-shaped piece at a given presort level regardless of weight will pay a uniform piece price. Pieces above the weight breakpoint will also pay a per-pound price (applicable only to weight above 4 ounces). All dropship discounts will be piece-based under the new structure and pound price will not vary by entry point (e.g., DNDC, DSCF, DDU). The following flat-shaped pieces will be impacted by this change:

Flat-shaped pieces: Mixed ADC, ADC, 3-Digit, 5-Digit, Basic Carrier Route, High Density, High Density Plus, Saturation and EDDM (Not Retail) flats.

Letter-shaped pieces: Nonautomation Basic Carrier Route, High Density, High Density Plus, & Saturation Letters, and Nonautomation Nonmachinable Mixed ADC, ADC, 3-Digit, and 5-Digit letters.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: Impacted
- USPS API: TBD
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

## 6.0 Promotions Enhancements

### 6.1 Informed Delivery Promotion

The US Postal Service is considering updating the Informed Delivery promotion eligibility criteria and Informed Delivery marketing campaign to include USPS Marketing Mail Carrier Route Nonautomation Saturation Flats (Non-Simplified only). The Informed Delivery promotion will include eligible USPS Marketing Mail Carrier Route Saturation mailpieces. The discount would be provided for mailings that meet the following criteria:

- The mailpiece volume of Saturation mailpieces in the mailing is at least 80% of the total mailpiece volume.
- Mailpieces are palletized with a Carrier Route sorted pallet container level.
- Mail is entered at a Destination Delivery Unit.
- The physical container must have a container label with IMcb (21-Digit 99M barcode). The same barcode must also be part of the eDoc tied with the container.
- The containers must be identified for processing with the eInduction program.
- The MID of the Mail Owner must be provided as part of the eDoc.

Mailers must use eDoc (Mail.dat / Mail.XML) to receive this rate discount and must provide additional information for Saturation mailings that includes:

- The Piece Detail barcode data with the 11-digit ZIP Code of the recipient to the US Postal Service as part of the eDoc.
- The 99M barcode, Entry Facility ZIP Code, with in-home dates and date ranges.
- Optionally, include FAST planned induction date and appointment data when available, to improve processing/triggering time for the Informed Delivery digital email campaigns.
- Saturation Mail must be identified in the eDoc to receive this Saturation promotion.
- Informed Delivery digital campaign emails for Saturation and any residual mail pieces in the mailing will only be generated and communicated to the customers whose 11-digit ZIP Code has been provided in the Piece Detail Barcode file in eDoc.

The discount will be applied at the time of mailing; mailers who fail any of the above requirements will not be eligible to claim the Saturation Mail Informed Delivery rate discount.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: Yes – Add Campaign Serial Code value of “S” in RMS file
- Mail.XML changes: Not supported at this time.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact

- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant

## 6.2 Retargeting Promotion

The US Postal Service is planning to require a new STID for retargeting promotion whose details will be provided in the technical guides.

## 7.0 Eliminating Low Use STC/ESC Combinations

The US Postal Service is considering eliminating low use Service Type Code / Extra Service Code (STC/ESC) combinations for Domestic packages (see Appendix B). The list of STC/ESC combinations is subject to change based on final approvals. Packages that continue to reflect the identified STCs will be included in the IMpb Compliance calculations and may be subject to IMpb Noncompliance charges.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Market Dominant, Competitive

# Competitive Changes

## 8.0 USPS Ground Advantage

The US Postal Service is implementing classification changes that were previously approved to remove Retail Ground from the competitive product list, to eliminate the Parcel Select Ground rate category (See Appendix D), and to expand First-Class Package Service (FCPS) to an up to 70-pound ground product. In addition, the US Postal Service is seeking to rename FCPS as USPS Ground Advantage.

As a part of this effort, the US Postal Service will repurpose its existing First-Class Package Service, service type codes (STCs), to support USPS Ground Advantage parcels up to 15.999 oz, and will repurpose its existing Retail Ground STCs and supplement the STCs to support the over 15.999 oz – 70 lbs. segment of USPS Ground Advantage. USPS Ground Advantage will carry an estimated national service standard of 2-5 days within the contiguous United States and for outside the contiguous United States for packages up to 15.999 oz. Service standards originating or destinating outside the contiguous United States over 15.999 oz will continue to receive the same service standards they do today based on Package Services standards.

The up to 15.999 oz segment of USPS Ground Advantage will have an ounce-based structure with increments of 4 oz, 8 oz, 12 oz, and 15.999 oz for all zones. The over 15.999 oz segment will support weight increments of 1 lb. from 1 lb. – 70 lbs. for all zones. USPS Ground Advantage will continue to be sealed against inspection for **retail only**.

After the price change, the system will map the Shipping Services File (SSF) STC and package weight/dimensions to the appropriate ounce- or pound-based USPS Ground Advantage price (See Appendix A). All STCs contained in the SSF must contain the appropriate USPS Ground Advantage rate ingredients. All STCs that have incorrect rate ingredients will be remapped to the new USPS



Ground Advantage mail class and priced using the weight/dimensions and may be charged a noncompliance fee.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes
- Mail.dat changes: Yes
- Mail.XML changes: Yes
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes
- Indiciem Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

## 9.0 Inclusion of \$100 Insurance for USPS Ground Advantage and extended product attributes

The US Postal Service is considering including \$100 insurance for USPS Ground Advantage (previously known as First-Class Package Service (FCPS)).

This effort will maintain existing FCPS attributes (e.g., forwarding, return to sender (RTS) if undeliverable as addressed, unclaimed or refused, and package intercept functionality).

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – USPS Ground Advantage packages manifested will not be charged an insurance fee when the Value of Article is less than or equal to \$100. Appropriate fees will be charged for packages with a Value of Article greater than \$100.
- Indiciem Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

## 10.0 USPS Ground Advantage Returns

USPS Returns service allows authorized account holders to pay postage and fees on single-piece priced commercial Priority Mail Return, First-Class Package Return — Commercial, or Ground Return packages returned to the account holder by mailers via a return label produced by the account holder.

In line with the change of First-Class Package Service and Retail Ground Service merging to become USPS Ground Advantage, the US Postal Service is considering rebranding First Class Package Returns and its Ground Returns products as USPS Ground Advantage Returns. Existing service type codes will be repurposed for USPS Ground Advantage Returns weight allowance 1 – 70 lbs.

All USPS Ground Advantage Returns will include \$100 of insurance (with additional paid insurance available), and customers may file and receive payment on claims for lost, damaged or missing items.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – USPS Ground Advantage packages manifested will not be charged an insurance fee when the Value of Article is less than or equal to \$100. Appropriate fees will be charged for packages with a Value of Article greater than \$100.
- Indiciem Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact

- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

## 11.0 Bake \$100 Insurance into USPS Ground Advantage Returns

The US Postal Service is considering including \$100 of baked-in insurance into USPS Ground Advantage Returns with values of \$100 or less and with the following characteristics:

- Use the same Service Type Code and Extra Services combination for insurance as today.
- USPS Ground Advantage Returns claims will be processed in the same manner as outbound returns are handled today for Priority Mail and other insured package products.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – USPS Ground Advantage Returns packages manifested via USPS Ship will not be charged an insurance fee when the Value of Article is less than or equal to \$100. Appropriate fees will be charged for packages with a Value of Article greater than \$100.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

## 12.0 Bake \$100 Insurance into Parcel Return Service (NSA - Internal only)

The US Postal Service is considering including \$100 insurance into Parcel Return Service (PRS) parcels with values of \$100 or less and with the following characteristics:

- Use the same Service Type Code and Extra Services combination for insurance as today.
- PRS claims will be processed in the same manner as outbound returns are handled today for Retail Ground and Parcel Select via USPS.com.

*Note: PRS is available only for approved Negotiated Service Agreement (NSA) customers.*

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – PRS packages manifested will not be charged an insurance fee when the Value of Article is less than or equal to \$100. Appropriate fees will be charged for packages with a Value of Article greater than \$100.
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

## 13.0 Expand Pallet Priority Mail Open and Distribute (PPMOD) Zones to 1 thru 8 (NSA - Internal only)

The US Postal Service is considering expanding NSA PPMOD discounted pricing from the current zones 1-5 to Zones 1-8. Postage Statements will be updated to include Zones 6, 7, & 8 for PPMOD. This change will include the addition of a new PPMOD Service Type Code for zones 6 – 8, as these new Zones will use Ground transportation as compared to typical air transportation for Zones 1 – 5.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes – PS Form 3600-PM Priority Mail will reflect updates to Part E – Priority Mail Open & Distribute. The Surface Only price lines for Pallets, Half Pallet Box, and Full Pallet Box will be updated to reflect lines and prices for 8 zones.
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes – Rate Ingredients for PPMOD will be updated to reflect 8 zones. New Service Type Codes for PPMOD Zones 6-8 will be supported.  
The following Rate Indicators will allow a combination of expanded 8 zones

Rate Indicator	Product Type	Mail Class	Zone
O5	PMOD Surface Transported Pallet (NSA only)	PM	01 – 08
O6	PMOD Full Pallet Box (NSA only)	PM	01 – 08
O7	PMOD Half Pallet Box (NSA only)	PM	01 – 08

**Table 5 – Rate Indicators for Expanded PPMOD Zones (NSA Only)**

- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

## 14.0 Adding Priority Mail Express Returns to USPS Returns

The US Postal Service is considering adding USPS Priority Mail Express Returns under the USPS Returns platform. This will provide an avenue for customers using Priority Mail Express as a return option who are impacted by the elimination of the Priority Mail Express (PME) Label 11B, and it will provide an option for commercial customers who currently use PME labels for returns when USPS Corporate Accounts are eliminated.

- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
- Mail.dat changes: No Impact
- Mail.XML changes: No Impact
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
- Indicum Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
- WebTools: No Impact
- USPS API: No Impact
- Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

## 15.0 Parcel Select & Parcel Select Lightweight Price Restructuring

As the US Postal Service realigns its network, several Parcel Select (PS) and Parcel Select Lightweight (PSLW) rate categories will not be needed. The US Postal Service is considering changing Parcel Select – Destination Entry and Parcel Select Lightweight published rate categories according to the following:

1. Collapse Parcel Select DNDC Zone pricing to align with PSLW rate structure. The PSLW rate structure is based on Entry and Sort and does not include Zones.

2. Eliminate PSLW "None" entry rates, including "None NDC" rates and "None Mixed NDC" rates.
  3. Eliminate PSLW DNDC SCF rates.
  4. Convert published 5-digit DSCF rate for PS & PSLW to NSA-only. Retain DSCF SCF published rates for PS & PSLW.
  5. Convert published 5-digit DNDC rate for PSLW to NSA-only. Add the capability for 5-digit DNDC rate for Parcel Select - Destination Entry for NSAs only.
  6. Add published DHub pricing for PSLW and Parcel Select – Destination Entry.
  7. Reduce price points allowed for PSLW to the 4 following options: 4 oz, 8 oz, 12 oz, 15.999 oz. PSLW will continue supporting pricing up to 15.999 oz.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes
  - Mail.dat changes: Yes
  - Mail.XML changes: Yes
  - Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes
  - Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes
  - WebTools: TBD
  - USPS API: TBD
  - Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

## 16.0 Nonmachinable Rates & Fees Updates for Parcel Select

The US Postal Service is considering changing the applicable fees for Parcel Select according to the following:

1. Eliminate Nonmachinable/Machinable price table distinctions for Parcel Select -Destination Entry. Retain one price table up to 70lbs for Parcel Select – Destination Entry regardless of machinability.
  2. Extend business rules of Nonstandard Length fees and the Nonstandard Volume fee to apply to all PS.
- Postage Statement and SKU Changes: Yes
  - Mail.dat changes: Yes
  - Mail.XML changes: Yes
  - Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: Yes
  - Indicium Creation Record (ICR) File: Yes
  - WebTools TBD
  - USPS API: TBD
  - Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

## 17.0 Domestic Registered Mail Fees

Registered Mail is the most secure service that the US Postal Service offers. It incorporates a system of receipts to monitor the movement of the mail from the point of acceptance to delivery. Registered Mail provides the sender with a mailing receipt and, upon request, electronic verification that an article was delivered or that a delivery attempt was made (Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) 503.2). Postal insurance is included in the fee for articles with a value of at least \$0.01 up to a maximum insured value of \$50,000.00 (DMM 503.2.0).

The current information in the Notice 123 can be confusing and create frustration for our customers. Customers believe they will be fully compensated for the total declared value over \$50K when they pay additional fees intended for handling. The proposed solution of this initiative is to:

1. Change in Notice 123, declared value for Registered Mail with a value from "\$5,000.01 to \$15,000,000.00" to "\$5,000.01 to \$50,000.00."

2. Eliminate in Notice 123 "Over 15,000,000.00" and replace with "Over \$50,000". Delete: "\$30,768.30 plus amount determined by the Postal Service based on weight, space, and value." Add: "\$xxx.xx (equal to the fee for \$50,000)."
3. Change in Notice 123, in the same column as "Over \$50,000", underneath Add: "\*\*Customers must declare the full value of Registered Mail items. Items with declared value of more than \$50,000 can be mailed with Registered Mail extra service, but insurance compensation for loss, damage, or missing contents is limited to \$50,000."
4. Update RSS/CDU and scanners (MDDTR/MDD-IO) for customers to receive an alert when the declared value is over \$50,000.
5. Update RSS receipt to print a reminder of insurance compensation when the declared value is over \$50,000.
6. Change section 2.1.1 in the DMM: "The fee for articles valued over \$50,000.00 include insurance up to \$50,000.00, and increasingly higher fees for handling costs." to "\*\*\*\*Registered Mail articles valued over \$50,000.00 are charged a flat fee that includes up to \$50,000.00 maximum insurance limit, and the handling cost. \*\*\*\*".
  - Postage Statement and SKU Changes: No Impact
  - Mail.dat changes: No Impact
  - Mail.XML changes: No Impact
  - Shipping Services File (SSF) Changes: No Impact
  - Indiciium Creation Record (ICR) File: No Impact
  - WebTools: No Impact
  - USPS API: No Impact
  - Price Change Type / Product Type: Competitive

# HAZMAT Update

## 1.0 HAZMAT Indicators

Unidentified hazardous materials (HAZMAT) can introduce risk to human safety, property and expose the mailer to civil penalties, especially for packages that travel via air. To ensure proper HAZMAT identification, the US Postal Service is continuing to refine its HAZMAT handling requirements with the following:

HAZMAT mailers and shippers will be required to use the proper service type codes (STCs) and extra service codes (ESCs) to identify HAZMAT items in the electronic data, in the tracking barcode and on the label (see Appendix C). The US Postal Service is requiring mailers to use HAZMAT-specific STCs effective July 9, 2023. Also being implemented is a requirement to adopt the 2-D Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb) also known as the Intelligent Mail Matrix Barcode (IMmb) effective January 21, 2024. The US Postal Service is recommending the adoption of human-readable text on the label to include the word 'HAZMAT' in the tracking information banner and the placement of the service icon of 'H' in the upper left corner to further improve visual identification of HAZMAT items for mail processing equipment and manual sortation. These two recommendations are likely to become requirements in the future. The category of HAZMAT will be determined from the ESC information provided in the Shipping Services File. The adoption of these ESCs is optional to identify the categories (except ESC 857, which should be used on all HAZMAT packages). These indicators in the electronic data, in the tracking barcode and on the label will help ensure that the items are isolated and handled as appropriate per Publication 52 (Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail), the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) and the International Mail Manual (IMM). Shipments must include the appropriate electronic STCs and indicators in addition to expected markings per Publication 52, the DMM and the IMM. Mail processing equipment will provide an assignment type as part of scan event information when an item is identified as HAZMAT.

- The STCs apply to domestic and APO/FPO/DPO shipments.
- The ESCs are optional for domestic shipments. A subset of ESCs is required for international shipments. Initially ESCs will not be associated with a fee.
- Service standards will be different for HAZMAT items from non-HAZMAT items.
- Mailers who fully implement the STCs may be afforded an opportunity to seek release from the previously instituted physical separation standards. The US Postal Service is also considering implementing a compliance process for those mailers who are in non-compliance with the final Federal Register Notice (FRN 22-26069, issued November 30, 2022) for HAZMAT separations, and those who have not implemented the STCs included in the new final rule for HAZMAT indicators.

# Mailing and Shipping Services: Reminder of July 2020 Advance Electronic Data (AED) Requirement (APO/FPO/DPO destinations)

## 1.0 Commercial Mailer Requirements for Providing Advance Electronic Data for International and Domestic Packages Leaving the U.S. Customs Territory

The US Postal Service reminds commercial mailers of requirements for providing advance electronic data (AED) for international and domestic mail for certain packages whenever a customs form is required, as specified in the [International Mail Manual](#) (See [IMM 123](#)) and the [Domestic Mail Manual](#) (see [DMM 608.2](#)).

These requirements apply to international mail. In addition, depending on the mail service selected, as well as the shipment's origin and destination, these requirements may apply to certain domestic mail and mail treated as domestic mail. Domestic mail includes mail sent between the United States and Army Post Offices/Fleet Post Offices/Diplomatic Post Offices (APOs/FPOs/DPOs), and mail sent between the United States and its Possessions and Territories. Mail sent between the United States and the Freely Associated States (FAS) is treated as domestic mail.

# Appendix

## A. USPS Ground Advantage Service Type Code/Extra Service Code Combinations

USPS Ground Advantage will use the following Service Type Code/Extra Service Code combinations:

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
071	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail	910	First-Class Mail Certified Mail
147	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Return Receipt	910,955	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Return Receipt
148	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Return Receipt Electronic	910,957	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Return Receipt Electronic
149	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Restricted Delivery	911	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Restricted Delivery
154	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	911,955	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
360	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt Electronic	911,957	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt Electronic
829	FC	First-Class Mail Connect Flats	412	First-Class Mail Connect Flats
830	FC	First-Class Mail Connect Letters	412	First-Class Mail Connect Letters
909	FC	Domestic Return Receipt PS3811 Green Card		Domestic Return Receipt PS3811 Green Card
501	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail	940	Not Currently In Use
522	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Return Receipt	940,955	Not Currently In Use
529	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Return Receipt Electronic	940,957	Not Currently In Use
531	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery	941	Not Currently In Use
533	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	941,955	Not Currently In Use
560	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail COD	940,915	Not Currently In Use
562	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail COD Return Receipt	940,915,955	Not Currently In Use
564	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail COD Return Receipt Electronic	940,915,957	Not Currently In Use



STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
582	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail COD Restricted Delivery	940,917	Not Currently In Use
583	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	940,917,955	Not Currently In Use
587	FC	First-Class Mail COD	915	Not Currently In Use
589	FC	First-Class Mail COD Return Receipt	915,955	Not Currently In Use
590	FC	First-Class Mail COD Return Receipt Electronic	915,957	Not Currently In Use
592	FC	First-Class Mail COD Hold for Pickup	915,985	Not Currently In Use
594	FC	First-Class Mail COD Restricted Delivery	917	Not Currently In Use
595	FC	First-Class Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	917,955	Not Currently In Use
621	FC	First-Class Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt Electronic	917,957	Not Currently In Use
629	FC	First-Class Mail COD Restricted Delivery Hold for Pickup	917,985	Not Currently In Use
453	FC	First-Class Mail Insurance <=\$500	930	Not Currently In Use
462	FC	First-Class Mail Insurance > \$500	931	Not Currently In Use
463	FC	First-Class Mail Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt	931,955	Not Currently In Use
464	FC	First-Class Mail Insurance Restricted Delivery > \$500	934	Not Currently In Use
467	FC	First-Class Mail Insurance Restricted Delivery > \$500 Return Receipt	934,955	Not Currently In Use
468	FC	First-Class Mail Insurance <=\$500 Hold for Pickup	930,985	Not Currently In Use
473	FC	First-Class Mail Insurance > \$500 Hold for Pickup	931,985	Not Currently In Use

**Table 6 –First-Class Letters and Flats**

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
001	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz USPS Tracking	920	First-Class Mail USPS Tracking
021	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Signature Confirmation	921	First-Class Packages Signature Confirmation
073	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Insurance > \$500	931	First-Class Mail Insurance > \$500
152	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz COD	915	First-Class Mail COD
157	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz COD Return Receipt	915,955	First-Class Mail COD Return Receipt
158	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz COD Return Receipt Electronic	915,957	First-Class Mail COD RRE
159	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz COD Restricted Delivery	917	First-Class Mail COD Restricted Delivery
160	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz COD Signature Confirmation	915,921	First-Class Mail COD Signature Confirmation
164	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Insurance <= \$500	930	First-Class Mail Insurance <= \$500
166	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Signature Confirmation Hazardous Materials	921,857	First-Class Mail Insurance <= \$500 with Special Handling
168	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	917,955	First-Class Mail COD Return Receipt Restricted Delivery
169	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt Electronic	917,957	First-Class Mail COD Restricted Delivery RRE
172	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt	931,955	First-Class Mail Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt
174	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery	934	First-Class Mail Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery
177	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Signature Confirmation Insurance <= \$500	921,930	First-Class Mail Signature Confirmation with Insurance <= \$500
179	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Registered Mail	940	First-Class Mail Registered Mail
180	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Registered Mail COD	940,915	First-Class Mail Registered Mail COD
181	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Registered Mail COD Return Receipt	940,915,955	First-Class Mail Registered Mail COD Return Receipt

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
183	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Registered Mail COD Return Receipt Electronic	940,915,957	First-Class Mail Registered Mail COD RRE
184	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz USPS Tracking Hazardous Materials	920,857	First-Class Package Service USPS Tracking Hazardous Materials
185	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	930,857	First-Class Package Service Insurance <=\$500 Hazardous Materials
186	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	931,857	First-Class Package Service Insurance >\$500 Hazardous Materials
189	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	934,955	First-Class Mail Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
192	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Registered Mail Return Receipt	940,955	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Return Receipt
193	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Registered Mail Return Receipt Electronic	940,957	First-Class Mail Registered with RRE
194	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Registered Mail Restricted Delivery	941	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery
195	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Registered Mail Signature Confirmation	940,921	First-Class Package Services Registered Mail Signature Confirmation
203	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Registered Mail Signature Confirmation Return Receipt	940,921,955	First-Class Mail Registered Signature Confirmation with Return Receipt
206	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Registered Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	941,955	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
209	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Hold for Pickup	920,985	First-Class Mail USPS Tracking - HFP
211	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Insurance <= \$500 Hold for Pickup	930,985	First-Class Mail USPS Tracking with Insurance <= \$500 - HFP

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
212	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Insurance > \$500 Hold for Pickup	931,985	First-Class Packages USPS Tracking with Insurance > \$500 - HFP
213	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Signature Confirmation Hold for Pickup	921,985	First-Class Mail Signature Confirmation - HFP
214	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Signature Confirmation Insurance <=\$500 Hold for Pickup	921,930,985	First-Class Mail Signature Confirmation with Insurance <=\$500 - HFP
603	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz COD Hold for Pickup	915,985	First-Class Packages COD / HFP
928	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Adult Signature Required Insurance <=\$500	922,930	First-Class Mail Adult Signature Required Insurance <=\$500
929	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Adult Signature Required Insurance > \$500	922,931	First-Class Mail Adult Signature Required Insurance > \$500
930	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Adult Signature Required Return Receipt	922,955	First-Class Mail Adult Signature Required Return Receipt
931	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Adult Signature Required Restricted Delivery Insurance <=\$500	923,930	First-Class Mail Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Insurance <=\$500
932	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Adult Signature Required Restricted Delivery Insurance > \$500	923,931	First-Class Mail Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Insurance > \$500
933	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Adult Signature Required Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	923,955	First-Class Mail Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
936	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Insurance <=\$500 Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery	930,924	First-Class Mail Insurance <=\$500 Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery
937	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery	924	First-Class Mail Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery
939	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	924,955	First-Class Mail Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Return Receipt

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
974	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Adult Signature Required	922	First Class Package Service Adult Signature Required
975	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999oz Adult Signature Required Restricted Delivery	923	First Class Package Service Adult Signature Restricted Delivery

Table 5 –USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999 ounces

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
346	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More USPS Tracking	920	USPS Retail Ground USPS Tracking
349	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Signature Confirmation	921	USPS Retail Ground Signature Confirmation
352	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance > \$500	931	USPS Retail Ground Insurance > \$500
347	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More COD	915	USPS Retail Ground COD
353	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More COD Return Receipt	915,955	USPS Retail Ground COD Return Receipt
354	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More COD Return Receipt Electronic	915,957	USPS Retail Ground COD Return Receipt Electronic
355	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More COD Restricted Delivery	917	USPS Retail Ground COD Restricted Delivery
356	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More COD Signature Confirmation	915,921	USPS Retail Ground COD Signature Confirmation
361	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance <= \$500	930	USPS Retail Ground Insurance <= \$500
373	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	917,955	USPS Retail Ground COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
372	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt Electronic	917,957	USPS Retail Ground COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt Electronic
375	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt	931,955	USPS Retail Ground Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
376	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery	934	USPS Retail Ground Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery
394	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Signature Confirmation Insurance <= \$500	921,930	USPS Retail Ground Signature Confirmation with Insurance <= \$500
406	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Registered Mail	940	USPS Retail Ground Registered COD USPS Tracking
153	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Registered Mail COD	940,915	First-Class Mail COD USPS Tracking
397	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Registered Mail COD Return Receipt	940,915,955	USPS Retail Ground Insurance <= \$500 Return Receipt for Merchandise
362	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More USPS Tracking Hazardous Materials	920,857	USPS Retail Ground USPS Tracking Hazardous Materials
363	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	930,857	USPS Retail Ground Insurance <=\$500 Hazardous Materials
365	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	931,857	USPS Retail Ground Insurance >\$500 Hazardous Materials
387	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	934,955	USPS Retail Ground Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
367	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More USPS Tracking Hold for Pickup	920,985	USPS Retail Ground USPS Tracking Bees and Day Old Poultry
368	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance <= \$500 Hold for Pickup	930,985	USPS Retail Ground Insurance <=\$500 Bees and Day Old Poultry
370	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance > \$500 Hold for Pickup	931,985	USPS Retail Ground Insurance >\$500 Bees and Day Old Poultry
348	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More COD Hold for Pickup	915,985	USPS Retail Ground COD USPS Tracking
344	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Adult Signature Required Insurance > \$500	922,931	USPS Retail Ground USPS Tracking with Insurance > \$500 with RR and Return Receipt Electronic

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
345	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Adult Signature Required Restricted Delivery Insurance > \$500	923,931	USPS Retail Ground USPS Tracking with Insurance > \$500 with RR and RD
358	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Adult Signature Required	922	USPS Retail Ground USPS Tracking with Insurance > \$500 with Return Receipt Electronic
386	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Adult Signature Required Restricted Delivery	923	USPS Retail Ground Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt Electronic with Restricted Delivery
383	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Signature Confirmation Hazardous Materials	921,857	USPS Retail Ground Special Handling
109	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Signature Confirmation Hold for Pickup	921,985	Priority Mail Signature Confirmation with Special Handling
861	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Signature Confirmation Insurance <= \$500 Hold for Pickup	921,930,985	Priority Mail Scan Weigh and Pay Signature Confirmation with Insurance <= \$500
161	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Registered Mail COD Return Receipt Electronic	940,915,957	First-Class Mail COD with Special Handling
167	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Registered Mail Return Receipt	940,955	First-Class Mail USPS Tracking with Insurance > \$500
173	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Registered Return Receipt Electronic	940,957	First-Class Mail Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt Electronic
329	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Registered Mail Restricted Delivery	941	First-Class Package Service Sunday Delivery Signature Service Insurance >\$500
196	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Registered Mail Signature Confirmation	940,921	First-Class Mail Signature Confirmation with Special Handling

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
204	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Registered Mail Signature Confirmation Return Receipt	940,921,955	First-Class Package Services Registered Mail Signature Confirmation with Return Receipt Electronic
043	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Registered Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	941,955	First-Class Mail Scan Weigh and Pay Signature Confirmation
215	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Adult Signature Required Insurance <= \$500	922,930	First-Class Mail Signature Confirmation with Insurance > \$500 - HFP
670	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Adult Signature Required Return Receipt	922,955	First-Class Mail Scan Weigh Pay Insurance > \$500 USPS Trkng Merch Rtn
175	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Adult Signature Required Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500	923,930	First-Class Mail Insurance > \$500 - First-Class Package Service Adult Signature Restricted Delivery
176	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Adult Signature Required Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	923,955	First-Class Mail Insurance > \$500 with Special Handling
968	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500	930,924	USPS Retail Ground Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500
967	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery	924	USPS Retail Ground Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery
970	FC	USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Return Receipt	924,955	USPS Retail Ground Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Return Receipt

**Table 6 –USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More**

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
020	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns Up to 15.999oz	452	First-Class Package Return Service



STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC STC Description
187	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns Up to 15.999oz Hazardous Materials	452,857	First-Class Package Return Service Hazardous Materials
190	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns Up to 15.999oz Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	452,930,857	First-Class Package Return Service Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials
191	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns Up to 15.999oz Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	452,931,857	First-Class Package Return Service Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials
217	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns Up to 15.999oz - Division 6.2 Hazardous Materials	452,826,857	First-Class Package Return Service - Division 6.2 Hazardous Materials
597	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns Up to 15.999oz Insurance <= \$500	452,930	First-Class Package Return Service Insurance <= \$500
600	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns Up to 15.999oz Insurance > \$500	452,931	First-Class Package Return Service Insurance > \$500

**Table 7 –USPS Ground Advantage Up to 15.999 oz RETURNS**

STC	CoM	Post-July 2023 PC STC Description	Extra Service Codes	Pre-July 2023 PC CoM/STC Description/Notes
022	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns One Pound or More	452	Ground Return Service
385	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns One Pound or More - Hazardous Materials	452,857	Ground Return Service Hazardous Materials
388	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns One Pound or More Insurance <= \$500 - Hazardous Materials	452,930,857	Ground Return Service Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials
399	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns One Pound or More Insurance > \$500 - Hazardous Materials	452,931,857	Ground Return Service Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials
218	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns One Pound or More - Division 6.2 Hazardous Materials	452,826,857	Ground Return Service - Division 6.2 Hazardous Materials
598	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns One Pound or More Insurance <= \$500	452,930	Ground Return Service Insurance <= \$500
601	FC	USPS Ground Advantage Returns One Pound or More Insurance > \$500	452,931	Ground Return Service Insurance > \$500

**Table 8 –USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More RETURNS**

## B. Retired Extra Service Code/Service Type Code Combinations

The US Postal Service is proposing to retire the below low use Extra Service Code/Service Type Code Combinations (see Section 9 Eliminating Low Use STC/ESC Combinations):

STC	Mail Class	Description
030	PM	Priority Mail Certified Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt / RRE
047	PM	Priority Mail COD Return Receipt / RRE
048	PM	Priority Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt / RRE
082	PM	Priority Mail COD Signature Confirmation Return Receipt
084	PM	Priority Mail Registered Mail COD Restricted Delivery SigCon Return Receipt
103	PM	Priority Mail Registered Mail Return Receipt/RRE
104	PM	Priority Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt/RRE
150	FC	First-Class COD Signature Confirmation Return Receipt
151	FC	First-Class Registered Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt / RRE
170	FC	First-Class Mail COD Return Receipt/RRE
171	FC	First-Class Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt/RRE
182	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail COD Return Receipt/RRE
202	FC	First-Class Package Services Registered Mail COD Signature Confirmation
207	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Return Receipt/RRE
208	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt/RRE
427	BB	Bound Printed Matter COD Signature Confirmation
433	BB	Bound Printed Matter COD SigCon Return Receipt
446	BB	Bound Printed Matter COD Return Receipt/RRE
448	BB	Bound Printed Matter COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt/RRE
452	BB	Bound Printed Matter Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
457	BB	Bound Printed Matter Signature Confirmation with Insurance <= \$500
495	BS	Media Mail COD Return Receipt
496	BS	Media Mail COD RRE
498	BS	Media Mail COD Signature Confirmation
511	BS	Media Mail COD Return Receipt/RRE
512	BS	Media Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
513	BS	Media Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt/RRE
514	BS	Media Mail Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt
516	BS	Media Mail Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
525	BS	Media Mail Signature Confirmation with Special Handling
532	BS	Media Mail COD Signature Confirmation Return Receipt
557	BL	Library Mail COD RRE
559	BL	Library Mail COD Signature Confirmation
561	BL	Library Mail COD Signature Confirmation Return Receipt
572	BL	Library Mail COD Return Receipt/RRE
573	BL	Library Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
574	BL	Library Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt/RRE
577	BL	Library Mail Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
581	BL	Library Mail Insurance <= \$500 Signature Confirmation
611	PS	Parcel Select COD Signature Confirmation Return Receipt
617	PS	Parcel Select COD Return Receipt
618	PS	Parcel Select COD RRE
620	PS	Parcel Select COD Signature Confirmation
633	PS	Parcel Select COD Return Receipt/RRE

STC	Mail Class	Description
634	PS	Parcel Select COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
635	PS	Parcel Select COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt/RRE
639	PS	Parcel Select Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt
680	PM	Priority Mail Registered Mail COD Signature Confirmation
738	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Return Receipt RRE
739	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Return Receipt RRE Restricted Delivery
899	PS	Parcel Select SBP
900	PS	Parcel Select Insurance <=500
901	PS	Parcel Select Insurance >500
902	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight SBP
903	LW	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance <=500
904	LW	Parcel Select Light Weight Insurance >500
912	PM	Priority Mail COD Restricted Delivery Signature Confirmation
913	PM	Priority Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery COD
914	PM	Priority Mail Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500 Return
923	FC	First Class Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery COD
924	FC	First Class Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery COD Return Receipt
925	FC	First Class Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery COD Signature Confirmation
926	FC	First Class Mail Registered Restricted Delivery COD Signature Confirmation RR
927	FC	First-Class Certified Mail Adult Signature Required Return Receipt
934	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
935	FC	First-Class Mail COD Restricted Delivery Signature Confirmation
938	FC	First-Class Mail Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Insurance <=\$500 RR
940	FC	First Class Mail Packages Registered Mail Restricted Delivery Sig Con
943	PS	Parcel Select COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt Electronic
944	PS	Parcel Select COD Signature Confirmation Restricted delivery
945	PS	Parcel Select Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500
947	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Required Insurance <= \$500
948	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Required Insurance > \$500
949	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Required Return Receipt
951	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500
952	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Insurance > \$500
953	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Required Insurance >\$500 Return Receipt
954	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Insurance >\$500 RR
956	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
957	BB	Bound Printed Matter COD Restricted Delivery Signature Confirmation
958	BB	Bound Printed Matter Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500
960	BL	Library Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt Electronic
961	BL	Library Mail COD Restricted Delivery Signature Confirmation
962	BL	Library Mail Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500
963	BS	Media Mail COD Restricted Delivery Return Receipt Electronic
964	BS	Media Mail COD Restricted Delivery Signature Confirmation
980	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery RR
981	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Adult Signature Required
982	FC	First-Class Mail Certified Mail Adult Signature Restricted Delivery
983	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery Return Receipt Electronic
984	FC	First-Class Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery COD RRE
985	PM	Priority Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery COD Signature Confirmation
986	PM	Priority Mail Registered Mail Restricted Delivery COD Return Receipt Electronic
987	PM	Priority Mail Registered Mail COD Return Receipt Electronic
988	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight SigCon Restricted Delivery Ins <= \$500

STC	Mail Class	Description
989	PS	Parcel Select Adult Signature Required Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt
990	PS	Parcel Select Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Ins > \$500 RR

**Table 9 - Service Type Code Combinations Proposed for Retirement**

### C. HAZMAT Indicators – STC/ESC

STC	Description	Notes
760	Priority Mail Express Signature Waived Hazardous Materials	
116	Priority Mail USPS Tracking Hazardous Materials	
184	First-Class Package Service USPS Tracking Hazardous Materials	
395	Parcel Select USPS Tracking Hazardous Materials	
785	Parcel Select Lightweight USPS Tracking Hazardous Materials	
362	USPS Retail Ground USPS Tracking Hazardous Materials	

Table 12 – STCs Domestic Outbound (Required)

STC	Description	Notes
761	Priority Mail Express Signature Requested Hazardous Materials	
762	Priority Mail Express Addtnl Insurance Hazardous Materials	
763	Priority Mail Express Addtnl Insurance Restricted Delivery Hazardous Materials	
764	Priority Mail Express Adult Signature Over 21 Hazardous Materials	
120	Priority Mail Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	
323	Priority Mail Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	
075	Priority Mail Adult Signature Over 21 Hazardous Materials	
063	Priority Mail Signature Confirmation Hazardous Materials	New since draft FRN
185	First-Class Package Service Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	
186	First-Class Package Service Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	
166	First-Class Package Service Signature Confirmation Hazardous Materials	New since draft FRN
483	Parcel Select Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	
628	Parcel Select Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	

STC	Description	Notes
646	Parcel Select Signature Confirmation Hazardous Materials	New since draft FRN
786	Parcel Select Lightweight Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	
787	Parcel Select Lightweight Insurance >500 Hazardous Materials	
749	Parcel Select Lightweight Signature Confirmation Hazardous Materials	New since draft FRN
363	USPS Retail Ground Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	
365	USPS Retail Ground Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	

**Table 13 – STCs Domestic Outbound (Optional)**

STC	Description	Notes
676	PRS Hazardous Materials	
187	First-Class Package Return Service Hazardous Materials	
385	Ground Return Service Hazardous Materials	
037	Priority Mail Return Service Hazardous Materials	
217	First-Class Package Return Service Division 6.2 Hazardous Materials	
218	Ground Return Service Division 6.2 Hazardous Materials	
219	Priority Mail Return Service Division 6.2 Hazardous Materials	
859	PRS: HAZMAT Division 6.2 Hazardous Materials	

**Table 14 – STCs Domestic Returns (Required)**

STC	Description	Notes
678	PRS Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	
190	First-Class Package Return Service Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	
191	First-Class Package Return Service Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	
388	Ground Return Service Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	

STC	Description	Notes
399	Ground Return Service Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	
515	Priority Mail Return Service Insurance <= \$500 Hazardous Materials	
517	Priority Mail Return Service Insurance > \$500 Hazardous Materials	

**Table 15 – STCs Domestic Returns (Optional)**

ESC	Short Description
810	HAZMAT Air Eligible Ethanol Package
811	HAZMAT Class 1 - Toy Propellant/Safety Fuse Package
812	HAZMAT Class 3 - Package
813	HAZMAT Class 7 - Radioactive Materials Package
814	HAZMAT Class 8 - Corrosive Materials Package
815	HAZMAT Class 8 - Nonspillable Wet Battery Package
816	HAZMAT Class 9 - Lithium Battery Marked - Ground Only Package
817	HAZMAT Class 9 - Lithium Battery - Returns Package
818	HAZMAT Class 9 - Lithium batteries, marked package
819	HAZMAT Class 9 - Dry Ice Package
820	HAZMAT Class 9 - Lithium batteries, unmarked package
821	HAZMAT Class 9 - Magnetized Materials Package
822	HAZMAT Division 4.1 - Mailable flammable solids and Safety Matches Package
823	HAZMAT Division 5.1 - Oxidizers Package
824	HAZMAT Division 5.2 - Organic Peroxides Package
825	HAZMAT Division 6.1 - Toxic Materials Package (with an LD50 of 50 mg/kg or less)
826	HAZMAT Division 6.2
827	HAZMAT Excepted Quantity Provision Package
828	HAZMAT Ground Only
829	HAZMAT ID8000 Consumer Commodity Package
830	HAZMAT Lighters Package
831	HAZMAT LTD QTY Ground Package
832	HAZMAT Small Quantity Provision Package

**Table 16 – ESCs Domestic (Optional)**

ESC	Short Description
857	Hazardous Materials

**Table 17 – ESCs Domestic/Intl (Required)**

Notes: Extra service code 857 is required to be included as an extra service code for all domestic, APO/FPO/DPO and international HAZMAT shipments. For international and APO/FPO/DPO shipments extra service code 857 as well as the appropriate category-specific extra service code (813, 820, 826) must be provided. For domestic shipments, when the category-specific Extra Service Codes (currently optional) are used then ESC 857 can be omitted when there are not enough extra service code fields available for the package details.

ESC	Short Description
813	HAZMAT Class 7 - Radioactive Materials Package
820	HAZMAT Class 9 - Lithium batteries, unmarked package
826	HAZMAT Division 6.2

**Table 18 – ESCs Intl (Required)**

STC	Description	Type
837	Priority Mail Express Returns Signature Waived Hazardous Materials	Req
838	Priority Mail Express Returns Signature Requested Hazardous Materials	Opt
839	Priority Mail Express Returns Addtnl Insurance Hazardous Materials	Opt

**Table 19 – STCs to be Added with July Price Change**



## D. Parcel Select Ground Retirement

With the elimination of Parcel Select Ground you will no longer be able to use a Destination Rate Indicator of N for Parcel Select STCs. Any product that would have paid Parcel Select Ground prices must be manifested as USPS Ground Advantage.

<b>Publication 205 – Electronic Verification System (eVS®) Business and Technical Guide (Table G–10f.2 Parcel Select – Ground)</b>						
<b>Mail Class</b>	<b>Processing Category</b>	<b>Destination Rate Indicator</b>	<b>Rate Indicator</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Parcel Routing Barcode</b>	<b>Rate (Including Barcoding or Machinability Surcharges)</b>
3	36	38	37	39	66	2.0 file version detail record 1
037-038	372	375	373-374	376-377	500	1.6/1.7 file version detail record 1
<b><i>Length, Height, and Width required for all Parcel Select packages with dimensions &gt; 1 cubic foot or claiming dimensional rates</i></b>						
PS	3	N	DR	01–09	0,1	PSG Machinable Dimensional Rectangular
PS	3	N	DN	01–09	0,1	PSG Machinable Dimensional Non-Rectangular
PS	3	N	SP	01–09	0,1	Parcel Select Ground Machinable
PS	5	N	DR	01–09	0,1	PSG Non-Machinable Dimensional Rectangular
PS	5	N	DN	01–09	0,1	PSG Non-Machinable Dimensional Non-Rectangular
PS	5	N	SP	01–09	0,1	PSG Non-Machinable Single-Piece
PS	5	N	OS	01–09	0,1	PSG Non-Machinable Oversize

**Table 20 – eVS Parcel Select Ground Updates**

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## Document History

Date	Section	Description
2/14/2023		Publication 1.0
2/17/2023	Appendix A	Updated USPS Ground Advantage STC list.
2/22/2023	10.0, Appendix A,B,C	Updated for clarifications to USPS Ground Advantage in section 10.0, inserted mapping table for Appendix A, moved retired STC to Appendix B, and added Appendix C for Parcel Select Ground rate ingredients that are being retired.
2/23/2023	7.0	Removed "Matching Nomenclature, Classification Standards, and other Publications to Network Redesign" section.
2/27/2023	3.0	Removed Mail Classification Statements, Notice 123 and Quick Service Guides from included changes.
2/27/2023	4.0	Updated "Marriage Mail 2 oz. incentive" description.
3/27/2023	18.0	Added "Remove Registered Mail Declared Value Exceeding \$50,000" section.
3/27/2023	3.0	Removed "USPS Marketing Mail Parcels Clarification" section.
3/27/2023	Appendix A	Updated STC list with ESC mappings.
3/27/2023	HAZMAT Update	Inserted HAZMAT identification requirements.
3/27/2023	HAZMAT Update	Inserted HAZMAT STC/ESC list.
3/27/2023	AED Requirements	Inserted reminder on domestic/intl AED reqts.
4/3/2023	Reminder of July 2020 AED Requirement (APO/FPO/DPO destinations)	Updated language as approved by Legal.
4/3/2023	17.0	Changed section name to 'Domestic Registered Mail Fees'.
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4/6/2023	2.0	Updated Mail.dat and Mail.XML tables.
4/7/2023	Appendix A	Updated to include 15.999 break point.
4/13/2023	Appendix A	Updated STC list.
4/14/2023	Appendix A	Updated STC list.
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5/3/2023	10.0	Added SSF Impact.
5/4/2023	3.0	Changed language for Mail.dat and Mail.XML impact.
5/4/2023	2.0	Removed red notes in all tables and changed Table 1.
5/9/2023	Appendix A	Updated STC list.

Date	Section	Description
5/19/2023	All	Made changes based on leadership review.