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Shipping & Mailing
Outbound and Inbound Package Management

SendSuite Xpress & Ascent

What's New in SendSuite Xpress 2.70 & Ascent 9.70

IMPORTANT

You must be at Ascent v9.60 / SendSuite Xpress v2.60 to perform this update.

- All carrier manifests except POS, POM, and PON should be Closed and Printed.
- Carrier manifests for POS, POM, and PON should be opened for a New Day.

Rate Changes

On Jan 17, 2016, the USPS will put into effect rate increases for most of the services. This includes

- Parcel Select
- Parcel Select Lightweight
- First Class Package

- First Class Mail

- Priority Mail Express

- Priority Mail

- Retail Ground

- Parcel Select Lightweight

- Priority Mail International

- Priority Mail Express International

- First-Class Package International Service

Postal Statement Changes

Postage form changes have been implemented as per USPS requirements.

Service Changes

First Class Mail Package Services

USPS is entirely eliminating Commercial Plus Pricing for First-Class Package Service (FCPS).Shippers will now be allowed to ship packages weighing up to 15.99 ounces using this service. The previous weight limit was 13 ounces. This threshold of 15.99 ounces is only for package service and not on letters and flats.

Commercial Base pricing for the following services will be eliminated:

- 5-Digit

- 3-Digit

- ADC Sortation categories of the First-Class Package Service

First-Class Package Service will only support single piece pricing category.

As per the requirement above, the following services will be discontinued in SSX:

- 1T – First Class: ADC Parcel

- 1U – First Class: 3-Digit Parcel

- 1V – First Class: 5- Digit Parcel

- 1X – First Class: Mixed ADC Parcel

Service Rebranding Changes

Parcel Select Nonpresort Rebranding

Parcel Select Nonpresort will be rebranded to "Parcel Select Ground". This rebranding is strictly related to renaming of the service. The shipping label for POS/POM/PON 4C service will have the banner text renamed as USPS PARCEL SELECT GND.

Standard Post Rebranding

Standard Post will be rebranded to "Retail Ground". This rebranding is strictly related to renaming of the service. The shipping label for POS/PON 4N and POS 4R service will have the banner text renamed as USPS RETAIL GROUND.

Elimination of Services

Domestic Services

The following services will no longer be available for POM and POS carriers:

- Priority Mail Express Flat Rate Boxes
- Priority Mail Regional Rate Box C

International Services

The following services will no longer be available for POM and POS carriers:

- Priority Mail Express Intl (PMEI) Flat Rate Box
- Priority Mail Intl (PMI) Regional Rate Box C

Insurance of Priority Mail International

Priority Mail International will include $200 of merchandise insurance at no additional charge. The shipper can also purchase additional merchandise insurance. The additional insurance amount may vary depending on the destination country.

USPS will also offer insurance up to $100 at no additional cost for documents shipped through the Priority Mail International service. The shipper will not be able to purchase any additional insurance for the documents shipped through the Priority Mail International service.

There is no insurance available for Flat-Rate Envelopes including padded, legal and Small Flat rate boxes.

Product	Contents	Included Insurance	Additional Insurance
PMI Single Piece PMI Medium Flat-Rate Box PMI Large Flat-Rate Box	Merchandise	$200	Yes
PMI Single Piece PMI Medium Flat-Rate Box PMI Large Flat-Rate Box	Nonnegotiable Document	$100	No
PMI Medium Flat-Rate Box(es) PMI Large Flat-Rate Envelope (s)	Merchandise or Nonnegotiable Document	$0	No

Flat Rate Pricing for PMI and PMEI

Priority Mail Express International (PMEI) and Priority Mail International (PMI) Flat Rate products will have a revised pricing structure based on price groups.

New pricing will be calculated similarly to domestic and international Regional Rate boxes. Pricing will not be based on weight but on destination with destination countries assigned to one of eight defined price groups.

Special Handling Support for PON

The following special handling types will be supported:

- Fragile
- Live Animal - Others
- Live Animal - Day Old Poultry
- Hazmat
- Perishable
- Cremated Remains (supported only for priority mail express)

These special handling types will be applicable to all the mail classes.

Pre-Printed IMpb Lite Labels (available soon)

USPS has introduced 5 pre-printed IMpb lite labels. The barcode on the label contains a more generic Service Type Code (STC) that is based on the special service alone and not a mail class/special service combination. These labels will have retail rates and will only be used for metered services (POS). The following are the pre-printed IMpb-Lite labels that will be available:

STC	Special Service Description
888	USPS Tracking
889	Signature Confirmation
890	Certified Mail
891	Insurance <= $500
892	Insurance > $500

Note:

These labels will be available soon.