

Web Tools Release Notes

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1 Revision History

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2 Implementation Summary

External testing availability via the Web Tools CAT / stg- environment for each release can be found in the respective section below. The external test environment can be accessed, using your production USERID, via the following URL scheme, host and path:

• Secure APIs: https://stg-secure.shippingapis.com/ShippingApi.dll

If you receive an authorization error, please contact webtools@usps.gov and include your USERID.

Note: Gray coloring indicates production release changes have been implemented.

2.1 Production Release: January 20, 2023

External testing: Available

The API changes noted below will be released to production in the late-night hours of January 20. USPS is enacting a Price Change on January 22, 2023, which will be available on January 20 when using a ship date of January 22 or beyond. <u>All domestic and international price calculator and shipping label APIs will reflect updated pricing</u> in XML responses, on shipping label images, and in the Shipping Services Files (see Appendix A for full list of price calculator and label APIs). For information on specific prices being updated, please go to about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2022/1110-usps-announces-new-competitive-prices-for-2023.htm. To test updated prices, use a ship date of 1/22/23 or later in our lower testing environments.

Changes beyond basic price updates are explained below, per API.

2.1.1 International Country Name Changes

- 1. Summary: "Republic of Turkey" will officially be changed to "Republic of Türkiye". "Türkiye" will be the recognized country short name. The country code of "TR" will remain unchanged.
 - Impacted APIs:
 - IntlRateV2, IntlRate
 - eVSExpressMailIntl
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl
 - eVSFirstClassMailIntl
 - CustomsCN22V2
 - CustomsCP72V3
 - eVSGXGGetLabel
 - Web Tools APIs will accept "Türkiye" with the umlaut special character included and return "Türkiye" on the label and encoded (i.e., "TÜRKIYE") in the XML response.
 - Web Tools APIs will accept "Turkiye" without the umlaut special character and return "Türkiye" on the label and encoded (i.e., "TÜRKIYE") in the XML response.
 - Web Tools APIs will accept the umlaut special character URL-encoded and return "Türkiye" on the label and encoded (i.e., "TÜRKIYE") in the XML response.
 - To mitigate integrator impact, Web Tools will accept the legacy "Turkey" and return "Türkiye" on the label and encoded (i.e., "TÜRKIYE") in the XML response. However, integrators are recommended to use the updated country name.

2.1.2 Priority Mail International (PMI) Rate Zone Updates to Canada

- 1. Summary: Current 8 zones for Priority Mail International (PMI) volume going to Canada will be consolidated into one rate zone for all of PMI volume going to Canada. Web Tools APIs will be updated to support accurate pricing/availability for PMI to Canada.
 - Impacted APIs:
 - IntlRateV2, IntlRate
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl
 - Reference pe.usps.com/PriceChange for Notice 123 Price List effective January 22, 2023.

2.1.3 New USPS Label Delivery Service Updates

- 1. Summary: Web Tools will support the new USPS Label Delivery Service extra service in the Domestic
- Price Calculator API (API=RateV4). This extra service will not be available for the Web Tools Label APIs. 2. RateV4 API Updates:
 - New extra service (<SpecialService>) enumeration of "183" added to return USPS Label Delivery Service pricing and availability.
 - USPS Label Delivery Service extra service will have a flat rate fee of \$1.25.
 - Reference Appendix B for sample XML request/response.
 - Contact webtools@usps.gov for any questions.

2.1.4 USPS Returns Updates

- 1. Summary: USPS will eliminate Certificate of Mailing and Signature Confirmation Services for Returns. Web Tools will update impacted APIs to return correct extra service availability for USPS Returns.
- 2. RateV4 API Updates:
 - Certificate of Mailing and Signature Confirmation extra services (<SpecialService>) will not be eligible for USPS Returns products:
 - Ground Returns (<Service>="GROUND RETURNS")
 - Priority Mail Returns (<Service>="PRIORITY MAIL RETURNS")
 - Priority Mail Returns Cubic (<Service>="PRIORITY MAIL CUBIC RETURNS")
 - First-Class Returns (<Service>="FIRST CLASS RETURNS")
 - The below extra Services (< SpecialService>) will not return for USPS Returns products:
 - Certificate of Mailing (<SpecialService>="104")
 - Signature Confirmation (<SpecialService>="108" and "156")
- 3. USPSReturnsLabel API Updates:
 - Signature Confirmation extra service (<ExtraService>="156") will be removed.
 - Errors will return when Signature Confirmation extra service (<ExtraService>="156") is included in the request for the following mail classes:
 - Ground Returns (<ServiceType>="GROUND ")
 - Priority Mail Returns (<ServiceType>="PRIORITY")
 - First-Class Returns (<ServiceType>="FIRST CLASS")
 - The Shipping Services File (SSFv2.0) will be updated as follows:
 - Legacy extra service code (ESC) "455" will be removed for all USPS Returns mail classes.
 - Ground Returns mail class code "BP" will be updated to "RP."

2.1.5 Priority Mail Regional Rate Boxes A and B Eliminated

- 1. Summary: USPS will no longer support Priority Mail Regional Rate Boxes A and B. Web Tools will make updates to support the elimination of these containers.
 - Impacted APIs:
 - RateV4
 - eVS
 - Web Tools will no longer support <Container> enumerations "REGIONALRATEBOXA" and "REGIONALRATEBOXB."

2.1.6 Commercial Pricing Updates

- 1. Summary: USPS will collapse the current Commercial Base and Commercial Plus pricing tables for Priority Mail Express (PME) and Priority Mail (PM) into one Commercial price table. The qualifications for Commercial Pricing will use the current Commercial Base qualifications. Web Tools APIs will be updated to support a Commercial price for PME and PM products.
 - Reference pe.usps.com/PriceChange for Notice 123 Price List effective January 22, 2023.
 - o Impacted APIs:
 - RateV4
 - Domestic Label APIs listed in Appendix A section 3.1.3

- 2. RateV4 API Updates:
 - All Commercial and Commercial Base (CBP) prices will return in <CommercialRate> tag.
 - Priority Mail Express (PME) and Priority Mail (PM) Commercial prices will return in <CommercialRate> tag.
 - Note: Products with no Retail prices and only Commercial prices (i.e., Parcel Select Ground and Bound Printed Matter) return prices in the <Rate> tag. Effective January 22, 2023, Commercial prices will return in <CommercialRate> tag instead of <Rate> tag.
 - All Retail prices will return in <Rate> tag.
 - Media Mail and Library Mail retail prices will continue to return in the <Rate> tag. Commercial prices for these products are not supported in the Web Tools APIs.
 - Commercial prices for Parcel Select Ground and Bound Printed Matter will no longer return in this tag see example.
 - Example below:

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- Currently Bound Printed Matter Commercial price returns in <Rate> tag:
 - <RateV4Response> <Package ID="1ST"> <ZipOrigination>36732</ZipOrigination> <ZipDestination>46750</ZipDestination> <Pounds>0</Pounds> <Ounces>1</Ounces> <Container>VARIABLE</Container> <Zone>5</Zone> <Postage CLASSID="5"> <MailService>Bound Printed Matter Parcels</MailService> <Rate>X.XX</Rate> <SpecialServices> </SpecialServices> </Postage> </Package> </RateV4Response> Effective January 22, 2023 Bound Printed Matter (BPM) Commercial price will return in
 - <CommercialRate> tag: <RateV4Response>
 - <Package ID="1ST">
 - <ZipOrigination>36732</ZipOrigination>
 - <ZipDestination>46750</ZipDestination>
 - <Pounds>0</Pounds>
 - <Ounces>1</Ounces>
 - <Container>VARIABLE</Container>
 - <Zone>5</Zone>
 - <Postage CLASSID="5">
 - <MailService>Bound Printed Matter Parcels</MailService>
 - <Rate>0.00</Rate>

<CommercialRate>X.XX</CommercialRate>

- <SpecialServices>
- </SpecialServices>
- </Postage>
- </Package>
- </RateV4Response>

2.1.7 Nonstandard Length and Volume Fee Updates

- 1. Summary: USPS will update the Nonstandard Volume and Length Fees for parcels that exceed 2 cubic feet (3546 cubic inches) or have a length greater than 22 inches. Web Tools APIs will be updated to support the updated fees.
 - Reference pe.usps.com/PriceChange for Notice 123 Price List effective January 22, 2023.
 - Impacted APIs:
 - RateV4
 - Domestic Label APIs listed in Appendix A section 3.1.3
 - Reference below table for details.

Fees			Current		New		
Nonstandard			DNDC/			DNDC/	
Fee	Service	Other	DSCF	DDU	Other	DSCF	DDU
22" < x <= 30"	Priority Mail Express Retail	\$4.00			\$4.00		
	Priority Mail Express Commercial	\$4.00			\$4.00		
	Priority Mail Retail	\$4.00			\$4.00		
	Priority Mail Commercial	\$4.00			\$4.00		
	First Class Package Service (Retail Only)	\$4.00			\$4.00		
	USPS Retail Ground	\$4.00			\$4.00		
	Retail Ground - LOR	\$4.00			\$4.00		
	Parcel Select Ground	\$4.00			\$4.00		
	USPS Connect Local			\$2.00			\$2.00
	Parcel Select Destination Entry		\$3.00	\$2.00	N/A	\$3.00	\$2.00
	Parcel Select Lightweight	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
x > 30"	Priority Mail Express Retail	\$15.00			\$15.00		
	Priority Mail Express Commercial	\$15.00			\$15.00		
	Priority Mail Retail	\$15.00			\$15.00		
	Priority Mail Commercial	\$15.00			\$15.00		
	First Class Package Service (Retail Only)	\$15.00			\$15.00		
	USPS Retail Ground	\$15.00			\$15.00		
	Retail Ground - LOR	\$15.00			\$7.00		
	Parcel Select Ground	\$15.00			\$7.00		
	USPS Connect Local			\$7.50			\$5.00
	Parcel Select Destination Entry		\$11.25	\$7.50		\$6.00	\$5.00
	Parcel Select Lightweight	\$15.00	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
x > 2 cubic feet	Priority Mail Express Retail	\$15.00			\$25.00		
	Priority Mail Express Commercial	\$15.00			\$25.00		
	Priority Mail Retail	\$15.00			\$25.00		
	Priority Mail Commercial	\$15.00			\$25.00		
	First Class Package Service (Retail Only)	\$15.00			\$25.00		
	USPS Retail Ground	\$15.00			\$15.00		
	Retail Ground - LOR	\$15.00			\$15.00		
	Parcel Select Ground	\$15.00			\$15.00		
	USPS Connect Local			\$15.00			\$15.00
	Parcel Select Destination Entry					\$15.00	\$15.00
	Parcel Select Lightweight	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

Table 1: Nons	standard Fee	Updates
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2.1.8 USPS Zone Calculation Updates

- 1. Summary: USPS Zone Modernization initiative will update current Zone definitions/calculations as follows:
 - Local Zone will be eliminated from all zoned parcel products.
 - Separate prices will be established for Zone 1 and Zone 2 for Zoned parcel products (i.e., Zone 1 and Zone 2 will be separate in the rates tables for zoned parcel products.)
 - o The mileage bands for each of the nine Zones will be adjusted.
 - Web Tools APIs will be updated to support the correct Zones for all ZIP Codes.
- 2. Impacted APIs:
 - o RateV4
 - Domestic Label APIs (reference Appendix A section 3.1.3 for complete list)
- 3. Impacted API Updates:
 - Origin and Destination ZIP Code combinations will result in updated Zone calculations for all ZIP Codes used in pricing/availability and returned where applicable/supported today.

- Separate prices will return for Zones 1 and 2.
- Updates will <u>not</u> result in any structural API request/response changes; however, integrators are encouraged to test their integration and verify new updated Zones.
- Reference pe.usps.com/PriceChange for Notice 123 Price List effective January 22, 2023.

2.1.9 Maintenance

- 1. Updates to support new 2023 GXG Effective Dates and Holidays
- 2. Updates to support new 2023 Special Drawing Rights (SDR) values.
- 3. Fixes to eVS Domestic Label API to resolve incorrect error messaging returned when <FromContactPreference> is required (i.e., when shipping to a Parcel Locker) and not provided.
- 4. Fixes to Domestic Label APIs to replace legacy Service Type Code (STC) 625 with correct Service Type Code (STC) 624 per PUB199 specifications.

2.1.10 New International Shipping Regulatory Mandate – Updates

- 1. Summary: Effective March 2023, new international shipping regulatory mandates will require shipments to European Union (EU) countries to contain a valid Harmonization Code and Content/Item description designed to increase accountability, efficiency, and decrease the risk of fraud and security threats. By complying with this new mandate, customers will:
 - Avoid fines and penalties associated with noncompliance.
 - Reduce safety and security risks.
 - Help ensure timely and efficient delivery to the EU.
 - Prevent customs delays and/or return of non-compliant mail items.

Per the EU, vague item descriptions on customs forms such as "gifts," "clothing," "electronics," and even "none" will no longer be considered an acceptable description. To learn more about providing acceptable item descriptions, view the chart below or read the EU's guidance on acceptable terms at <u>Guidance on</u> <u>Acceptable and Unacceptable Terms for the Description of Goods</u>.

Effective January 22, 2023, Web Tools APIs will be updated to implement initial changes to support the new shipping regulations. A phased approach will be used so that all new API errors will be deferred for later enforcement March 2023 to allow integrators time to adopt new changes as described below. Note: Harmonization Code (i.e., HS Tariff Number) must be based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System developed by the World Customs Organization.

- 2. IntlRateV2 Updates:
 - Updates to allow integrators the option to return which countries (i.e., EU) will require valid Harmonization Code and Content/Item description because of new international shipping regulatory mandates.
 - New <ReturnHSCodeReqd> optional request tag with inputs "Y"/"N" will optionally return a new <HSCodeReqd> response tag with values "False"/"True" in IntlRateV2 response.
 - A value of "True" will indicate "mandatory" countries impacted by new shipping regulations requiring Harmonization Code (i.e., <HSTarriffNumber>) and Content description (i.e., <Description>) when generating a shipping label.
 - Changes will be optional and backwards compatible.
 - New response tag <HSCodeReqd> only returned if <ReturnHSCodeReqd>="Y" included in request.
 - Reference Appendix B for sample XML request and response.

3. RateV4 Updates:

- Updates to allow integrators the option to return which APO/FPO/DPO+PTFAS destinations will require valid Harmonization Code and Content/Item description because of new international shipping regulatory mandates.
 - New <ReturnHSCodeReqd> optional request tag with inputs "Y"/"N" will optionally return a new <HSCodeReqd> response tag values "False"/"True" in RateV4 response.
 - A value of "True" will indicate destinations impacted by new shipping regulations requiring Harmonization Code (i.e., <HSTarriffNumber>) and Content description (i.e., <Description>) when generating a shipping label.

- Possessions, Territories, and Freely Associated States (PTFAS) locations are not impacted by new shipping regulations (i.e., new optional indicator will be negative.)
- APO/FPO/DPO locations where military state is "AE" (Armed Forces Europe, the Middle East, and Canada) will be included in the new shipping regulations (i.e., new optional indicator will be positive.)
- APO/FPO/DPO locations where military state is "AP" (Armed Forces Pacific) and "AA" (Armed Forces Americas except Canada) are not impacted by new shipping regulations (i.e. new optional indicator will be negative.)
- Changes will be optional and backwards compatible.
 - New response tag <HSCodeReqd> only returned if <ReturnHSCodeReqd>="Y" included in request.
- 4. Domestic and International Label API Updates:
 - Impacted International Label APIs:
 - eVSExpressMailIntl (eVSPMEI)
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl (eVSPMI)
 - eVSFirstClassMailIntl (eVSFCMI)
 - Impacted Domestic Label APIs:
 - eVS (Domestic)
 - Web Tools will add two new optional fields to collect additional details for mandatory (i.e., EU) countries:
 - <ltemCategory>
 - <ltemSubCategory>
 - Reference Appendix D for suggested input details.
 - For mandatory countries/destinations, Web Tools will implement a phased approach to require <HSTariffNumber> and validate that a minimum of 6, maximum of 14 alphanumeric characters are provided (not including decimals in the count). This populates the "HS Tarriff Number" field on the customs form and SSFv2.0 D4 #4 Customs Category Article field required to satisfy new International regulatory mandates.
 - HS Tariff Number must be based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System developed by the World Customs Organization.
 - Web Tools will not validate the <HSTariffNumber> if provided in the expected format (i.e., 6-14 alphanumeric characters not including decimals.)
 - Web Tools will attempt to obtain a valid <HSTariffNumber> using the required <Description> and new optional <ItemCategory> and <ItemSubCategory> values provided in the XML request if the <HSTariffNumber> is required but not provided or format is incorrect.
 - If successful, Web Tools will use the valid <HSTariffNumber> on the customs form and in the SSF. The <Description> provided by integrator in XML request will remain unchanged.
 - > If unsuccessful, Web Tools will leverage the below phased approach:
 - Initial phase: effective January 22, 2023, Web Tools will return successful responses if the <HSTariffNumber> is invalid (i.e., not provided or format is incorrect) and Web Tools' attempt to obtain a valid value on behalf of the integrator is unsuccessful.
 - Future enforcement: Web Tools will return a new error "HS Tariff Number cannot be determined based on inputs provided" if the <HSTariffNumber> is invalid and Web Tools' attempt to obtain a valid value on behalf of the integrator is unsuccessful.
 - For mandatory countries/destinations, the required Item Detail <Description> field will be validated in a phased implementation against a case-insensitive blacklist of descriptions not permitted. This list will include: none, not applicable, n/a, null, gift, and merchandise. This field populates the "Detailed Description of Contents" field on customs form and SSFv2.0 D4 #5 Customs Description field required to satisfy new International regulatory mandates.
 - Initial phase: effective January 22, 2023, Web Tools will return successful responses if provided <Description> value is on blacklist.

- Future enforcement: Web Tools will return a new error "Invalid description for destination country" if provided <Description> value is on blacklist.
- NOTE: Legacy Customs Forms APIs (APIs=CustomsCN22V2, CustomsCP73V2) will be excluded from the above updates to satisfy regulatory mandates. Integrators using these APIs must provide valid HS Tariff Numbers and Item Descriptions for EU destinations or risk nondelivery.
- 5. International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Country Name and Country Code Compliance
 - Web Tools will support updates to international country names and 2-digit country codes returned in International APIs to satisfy ISO compliance.
 - NOTE: No additional country name or code changes beyond those mentioned in section 2.1.1.

2.2 Production Release: February 23, 2023

External testing: Feb.14

2.2.1 USPS Connect Local Updates

- 1. Summary: Web Tools will support Connect Local network updates so that Connect Local customers served by a Sorting & Distribution Center (S&DC) can now also drop off packages at DDUs (i.e., "spoke" retail facilities).
- 2. RateV4 Updates
 - Web Tools will return Connect Local pricing/availability and extra service availability.
 - No API XML request/response changes expected.

2.2.2 Web Tools API Access Updates

- 1. Summary: Effective Feb 23, 2023 new label API users must include the password field with the USERID in the XML request otherwise an error will return. Current integrators are strongly encouraged to provide this information in advance of future changes to require the password field to avoid any service disruptions or integration issues. Contact webtools@usps.gov for any questions or concerns.
 - Users requesting label API access after Feb 23, 2023 must include the password field in the XML request as shown below:
 - eVS Domestic Label API Example: <eVSRequest USERID="XXXXXXXX" PASSWORD="XXXXXXXX">

</eVSRequest>

• Reference Appendix A sections 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 for a list of impacted label APIs.

2.2.3 External Package Tracking API Updates (API=TrackV2)

1. Summary: TrackV2 API updates will result in the <DeliveryAttributeCode> response tag no longer being returned.

2.2.4 Maintenance

- 1. Fixes to IntlRateV2 to resolve a defect with the <ValueOfContents> request field error validation.
- 2. Effective Feb 16, 2023, fixes to RateV4 and eVS Domestic Label APIs to resolve incorrect Nonstandard Fees returning for Priority Mail Cubic.
- 3. Effective Feb 16, 2023, fixes to RateV4 and eVS Domestic Label APIs to properly validate longest dimension does not exceed 18 inches for Priority Mail Cubic and Parcel Select Ground Cubic to meet DMM compliance.
- 4. Effective Feb 16, 2023, fixes to RateV4 API to resolve defects with USPS Label Delivery service (i.e., <\$pecialService>="183") returning incorrectly for APO/FPO/DPO destinations where this extra service is not eligible.
- Effective Feb 16, 2023, fixes to RateV4 API to resolve defects with USPS Label Delivery service (i.e., <SpecialService>="183") returning incorrectly for Library Mail, Media Mail, and Bound Printed Matter (BPM) products where this extra service is not eligible.

2.3 Production Release: March 30, 2023

External testing: Mar. 16

2.3.1 External Package Tracking API - HFPU Updates (API=TrackV2)

- 1. Summary: Web Tools TrackV2 API will support updates for Hold For Pickup (HFPU) package tracking.
 - New <CODAmountDue> response tag will return Collect on Delivery (COD) amount.
 - Updated description data will return in current tags for event 14 Hold For Pickup (HFPU). No structural changes expected to API response.

2.3.2 Web Tools API Access Updates

1. Summary: Web Tools will update the USERID formatting for new registrations effective 3/30/23. Current integrator USERIDs will not be impacted.

2.3.3 Maintenance

 Fixes to eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) to resolve issues with Express Mail Options <DeliveryOption> value not populating the Shipping Services File D1 pos 70 (Delivery Option Indicator) field correctly.

2.4 Production Release: April 27, 2023

External testing: Apr. 17

2.4.1 External Package Tracking API Updates (API=TrackV2)

- 1. Summary: The External Package Tracking API (API=TrackV2) will be updated to support a new error message description to indicate external tracking was suppressed due to fraud.
 - New error message "Tracking information will not be displayed because this package was shipped with fraudulent postage. Please contact the merchant or seller with any questions." will return in the error <Description> response tag.
 - Reference Appendix B for sample XML request and response.

2.5 **Production Release: June 15, 2023**

External testing: Jun. 14

2.5.1 eVS Domestic Label API Updates (API=eVS) – Barcode Feature

- 1. Summary: Web Tools will update the eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) with a new <Revision> value that allows integrators to request a shortened IMpb barcode.
 - <Revision> enumeration will be added to the XML request which will return a new response tag <TrackingNumber> with the shortened IMpb barcode value.
 - Current <BarcodeNumber> tag containing long form IMpb will remain unchanged (i.e., <BarcodeNumber>4202203592624444444444440408326</BarcodeNumber>)
 - New <TrackingNumber> response tag will contain the shortened IMpb beginning with the Channel Application ID (i.e., 92624444444400408326).
 - New <Revision> enumeration will result in structural XML response updates (i.e., new XML response tag returned with shortened barcode). The label image and Shipping Services File will not change.

2.5.2 USPS Returns Label API (API=USPSReturnsLabel) – Barcode Feature

- 1. Summary: Web Tools will update the USPS Returns Label API (API=USPSReturnsLabel) with a request <Revision> value that allows integrators to request a shortened IMpb barcode.
 - <Revision> enumeration will be added to the XML request which will return a new response tag
 <TrackingNumber> with the shortened IMpb barcode value.

- Current <BarcodeNumber> tag containing long form IMpb will remain unchanged (i.e., <BarcodeNumber>4202203592624444444444400408326</BarcodeNumber>)
- New <TrackingNumber> response tag will contain the shortened IMpb beginning with the Channel Application ID (i.e., 926244444444400408326).
- New <Revision> enumeration will result in structural XML response updates (i.e., new XML response tag returned with shortened barcode). The label image and Shipping Services File will not change.

2.5.3 USPS Parcel Locker Enhancements

1. Summary: Web Tools will update the eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) and the Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4) to support shipments to a USPS Parcel Locker. Web Tools will update the USPS Parcel Locker Lookup API (API=USPSParcelLockerLookup) to allow external integrators to search for USPS Parcel Lockers.

Overview of Web Tools APIs supporting USPS Parcel Lockers:

- Parcel Locker Lookup API (API=USPSParcelLockerLookup) allows integrators to find a Parcel Locker location that fits the package being shipped. This API collects address/ZIP Code search criteria + package dimensions to return Parcel Locker locations (identified by unique <FacilityID>) and geolocations that 1) are located within the search criteria and 2) have a locker that fits the dimensions of the package to support delivery to that parcel locker location.
- Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4) allows integrators to determine if their package characteristics (e.g., mail class, extra service) are eligible to ship to a parcel locker. Integrators should use <Service> request tag attribute Delivery Option and specify "ParcelLocker" (i.e., <Service DelOpt="ParcelLocker"></Service>) to return eligibility for delivery to a Parcel Locker.
- eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) allows integrators to generate a shipping label to a Parcel Locker. To generate a Parcel Locker label, integrators should include the Parcel Locker indicator (i.e., <ParcelLocker>="true"); the Facility ID (i.e., <FacilityID>) output of the Parcel Locker Lockup API to specify the desired Parcel Locker for delivery; and the contact information of the sender and recipient to enable notifications.

Below changes describe latest enhancements to impacted APIs supporting Parcel Lockers.

- 2. eVS Domestic Label API Updates (API=eVS):
 - Parcel Locker Label and receipt image updates:
 - New banner "USPS PO BOX LOCKER PICKUP"
 - Updated Destination Address formatting:
 - > Address Line 1: [TO/RECIPIENT NAME]
 - > Address Line 2: "PO BOX LOCKER"
 - > Address Line 3: [Parcel Locker City, State, and ZIP]
 - Web Tools will support updates to Parcel Locker pricing and availability to validate packages can be shipped to a parcel locker.
 - New Service Type Codes (STC) will be supported for Parcel Lockers per USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications.
 - Errors will return if delivery to Parcel Locker is not eligible for a given mail class and extra service combination.
 - eVS Parcel Lockers will <u>not</u> be available for APO/FPO/DPO+PTFAS destinations where a customs form is required.
 - eVS Parcel Locker labels will not support being *held for manifest* for inclusion on a SCAN Form.
 - eVS Parcel Locker labels will not support creation of a Shipping Partner Event File (SPE).
 - Reference Appendix B for sample label.
 - Shipping Service File (SSF) updates:
 - Web Tools will populate SSF v2.0 Destination Delivery Point field (D1 pos 71) with the Delivery Point Code (DPC) of the parcel locker address (i.e., "99").

- Web Tools will populate SSFv2.0 Extra Service Code (D1 pos 44) field with a value of "984" (Parcel Locker) for all Parcel Locker label records.
- Contact <u>webtools@usps.gov</u> for any questions or detailed specifications.
- 3. Domestic Price Calculator Updates (API=RateV4):
 - New <Service> request tag attribute Delivery Option (i.e., <Service DelOpt="XXXXX"></Service>) will be added to specify delivery options beyond normal/standard delivery.
 - New delivery option enumerations will be added:
 - HAZMAT (Hazardous Materials) (i.e., "HAZMAT")
 - Parcel Locker (i.e., "ParcelLocker")
 - Hold For Pickup (i.e., "HFP")
 - Sunday Holiday (i.e., "SunHol")
 - Standard (i.e., "Standard")
 - Unknown (i.e., "Unknown") (default; will result in current <Service> enumerations being used to determine response)
 - When the new service delivery option attribute is indicated with a <Service> enumeration, the results returned will satisfy both the mail class and delivery option indicated.
 - Ex. <Service DelOpt="ParcelLocker"> PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS</Service> will return all PME mail class options that support Parcel Locker delivery.
 - New errors will return if there are no mail class options available for the service and delivery option specified.
 - When the new service delivery option attribute is combined with a <Service> enumeration of "ALL", "ONLINE", or "PLUS", all eligible mail class options with the specified delivery option will return. Note: this excludes destination entry products.
 - When the new service delivery option attribute is indicated, this will take precedence over the service type specified.
 - Ex. <Service DelOpt="ParcelLocker"> PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS HFP</Service> will return PME Parcel Locker availability not HFP availability because the delivery option takes precedence over the service enumeration.
 - When the new service delivery option attribute is not included in the request, the <Service> enumeration will be used to determine the API response.
 - Contact <u>webtools@usps.gov</u> for any questions or detailed specifications.
- 4. Parcel Locker Lookup API (API=USPSParcelLockerLookup) Updates (effective 4/27/23):
 - Addresses returned will be updated to reflect new Parcel Locker addresses beginning with "PO Box Locker" followed by Parcel Locker City, State, and ZIP.
 - New response tags added to return geolocation of Parcel Locker:
 - Latitude <Lat> (i.e., <Lat>38.947522</Lat>)
 - Longitude <Lon> (i.e., <Lon>-77.329581</Lon>)
 - Reference Appendix B for sample XML request and response.

2.5.4 Domestic Price Calculator (API=RateV4) – USPS HAZMAT Updates

- 1. Summary: Web Tools will update impacted APIs with new HAZMAT indicators to support increased Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) visibility within the USPS network. The RateV4 API will be updated to support new HAZMAT extra services so that integrators can obtain pricing and availability of products that support HAZMAT.
 - New <SpecialService> (i.e., extra service) enumerations to indicate type of HAZMAT shown in below table. There are no fees associated; a price of "0.00" will return in the "SpecialServices" <Price> response tag.

Input	HAZMAT Descriptions
810	HAZMAT - Air Eligible Ethanol Package
811	HAZMAT - Class 1 - Toy Propellant/Safety Fuse Package
812	HAZMAT - Class 3 - Flammable Liquid 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 - Flammable Solids or 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
826	HAZMAT - Division 6.2 - Infectious Substances Package
827	HAZMAT - Excepted Quantity Provision Package
828	HAZMAT - Ground Only Hazardous Materials
829	HAZMAT - ID8000 Consumer Commodity Package
830	HAZMAT - Lighters Package
831	HAZMAT - LTD QTY Ground Package
832	HAZMAT - Small Quantity Provision Package

Table 2: New Domestic HAZMAT Descriptions

- A single package can have only one type of HAZMAT indicated via the above <SpecialService> enumerations. If multiple types of HAZMAT are indicated for a single package, an error will be returned.
- When HAZMAT indicated in request, the "Commitment" tags (i.e., <CommitmentName> and <CommitmentName>) will reflect new HAZMAT service standards for applicable products when available.
- All 23 new HAZMAT extra services (passed in the <SpecialService> request tag) will be eligible for normal domestic shipping destinations (i.e., 50 states and DC).
- Only 3 HAZMAT extra services "813", "820", and "826" (passed in the <SpecialService> request tag) will be eligible for APO/FPO/DPO+PTFAS destinations requiring a customs form.
- Web Tools will implement a phased approach for integrators to adopt the new HAZMAT <SpecialService> enumerations:
 - To return accurate pricing and availability, integrators should indicate the specific type of HAZMAT using the new HAZMAT extra services (passed in the <SpecialService> request tag).
 - ContentType>="HAZMAT" will no longer be required to return accurate HAZMAT pricing and availability.
 - Effective June 15, 2023, if <ContentType>="HAZMAT" is included without additional HAZMAT details provided in the request via HAZMAT <SpecialService> enumerations, Web Tools will function as it does today and allow a successful response.
 - Effective TBD, Web Tools will require the additional HAZMAT details in the <SpecialService> tag. A new error will return requiring additional HAZMAT details if not provided when <ContentType>="HAZMAT."
 - Effective June 15, 2023, if <ContentType>="HAZMAT" is included with additional HAZMAT details provided in the request via HAZMAT <SpecialService> enumerations, Web Tools will return the updated HAZMAT availability based on specific type of HAZMAT.

2.5.5 eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) – USPS HAZMAT Updates

1. Summary: Web Tools will update impacted APIs with new HAZMAT indictors to support increased Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) visibility within the Postal network. eVS Domestic Label API will be updated to support new HAZMAT indicators including extra services, mail classes, and related service type codes, service icons, banner text, label markings, and new Shipping Services File (SSF) inputs.

- New <ExtraService> enumerations to indicate type of HAZMAT reference above table. There are no fees associated; a price of "0.00" will return in the XML response.
- All 23 new HAZMAT extra services (passed in the <ExtraService> request tag) will be eligible for normal domestic shipping destinations (i.e., 50 states and DC).
- Only 3 HAZMAT extra services "813", "820", and "826" (passed in the <ExtraService> request tag) will be eligible for APO/FPO/DPO+PTFAS destinations requiring a customs form.
- Domestic integrated customs forms will require a content type of dangerous goods when shipping certain types of HAZMAT.
 - When HAZMAT extra services "813" and "826" (passed in the <ExtraService> request tag) are indicated and a domestic integrated customs form returns, a content type (i.e., <CustomsContentType>) of "DANGEROUSGOODS" will be required otherwise an error will return.
- New Service Type Codes (STCs) for HAZMAT will be used in the IMpb barcode generated which is returned in API response, displayed on the label image, and passed in the Shipping Services File (SSF).
- New service icon "H" will be used for domestic HAZMAT labels. Domestic integrated customs forms will not change.
- New banner text will be displayed for domestic HAZMAT labels. Domestic integrated customs forms will not change.
- New domestic label marking "HAZMAT Surface Transportation Only" for Parcel Select Ground, Ground Return Service, and Retail Ground products with HAZMAT. Domestic integrated customs forms will not change.
- Reference Appendix B for sample HAZMAT label.
- Commitment and expected delivery information returned in <CommitmentName> and
 <ScheduledDeliveryDate> response tags and printed on the label will reflect new HAZMAT service standards.
- For HAZMAT, Web Tools will update the Shipping Services File Extra Service Code (ESC) fields (SSFv2.0 D1, pos 44, 46) to include "857" (generic HAZMAT) and the new detailed HAZMAT extra services (i.e., "810-832") where supported – reference above table in section 2.13.1.
- Web Tools will implement a phased approach for integrators to adopt the new HAZMAT <ExtraService> enumerations:
 - Integrators should specify the type of HAZMAT using the new HAZMAT extra services (passed in the <ExtraService> request tag) to enable new HAZMAT functionality.
 - <ContentType>="HAZMAT" will no longer be required to generate HAZMAT shipping labels.
 - Effective June 15, 2023, if <ContentType>="HAZMAT" is included without additional HAZMAT details provided in the request via HAZMAT <ExtraService> enumerations, Web Tools will function as it does today without the new HAZMAT functionality [i.e., a successful response will be allowed and the Shipping Services File Extra Service Code field (SSFv2.0 D1, pos 44) will be populated with "857" (generic HAZMAT)].
 - Effective TBD, Web Tools will require additional HAZMAT details in the <ExtraService> tag. A new error will return requiring additional HAZMAT details if not provided when <ContentType>="HAZMAT."
 - Effective June 15, 2023, if <ContentType>="HAZMAT" is included with additional HAZMAT details provided in the request via HAZMAT <ExtraService> enumerations, Web Tools will return the updated HAZMAT availability based on specific type of HAZMAT.
- Contact <u>webtools@usps.gov</u> for questions and detailed specifications.

Impacted API: eVS

2.5.6 USPS Returns Label API (API=USPSReturnsLabel) – USPS HAZMAT Updates

- 1. Summary: Web Tools will update impacted APIs with new HAZMAT indictors to support increased Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) visibility within the Postal network. USPSReturnsLabel API will be updated to support new HAZMAT indicators including extra services, mail classes, and related service type codes, service icons, banner text, label markings, and new Shipping Services File (SSF) inputs.
 - Impacted API: USPSReturnsLabel
 - New <ExtraService> enumerations to indicate type of HAZMAT reference above table. There are no fees associated; a price of "0.00" will return in the XML response.
 - All 23 new HAZMAT extra services (passed in the <ExtraService> request tag) will be eligible for normal domestic shipping destinations (i.e., 50 states and DC).
 - New Service Type Codes (STCs) for HAZMAT will be used in the IMpb barcode generated which is returned in API response, displayed on the label image, and passed in the Shipping Services File (SSF).
 - New service icon "H" will be used for HAZMAT.
 - New banner text will be displayed for HAZMAT.
 - New label marking "HAZMAT Surface Transportation Only" for Ground Return Service product with HAZMAT.
 - Reference Appendix B for sample HAZMAT label.
 - For HAZMAT, Web Tools will update the Shipping Services File Extra Service Code (ESC) fields SSFv2.0 D1, pos 44, 46) as follows:
 - Web Tools will include "857" (generic HAZMAT) and the new detailed HAZMAT extra services "810-832" where supported reference above table.
 - ESC "452" (USPS Returns) will be used to indicate USPS Returns.
 - Contact <u>webtools@usps.gov</u> for questions and detailed specifications.

2.5.7 Service Standards API (API=SDCGetLocations) – USPS HAZMAT Updates

1. Summary: Web Tools will make updates to the SDCGetLocations API to support HAZMAT service standards.

New <MailClass> enumerations will be added to return HAZMAT Service Standards shown in red in the below table. Note: "9XXX" will be used to indicate HAZMAT.

<mailclass> Value</mailclass>	Description
0	All Mail Classes (1-digit)
000	All Mail Classes (3-digit)
9000	All HAZMAT Mail Classes (4-digit)
1	Priority Mail Express
9001	Priority Mail Express HAZMAT
2	Priority Mail
9002	Priority Mail HAZMAT
201	Priority Mail 1-Day (Deprecated)
202	Priority Mail 2-Day (Deprecated)
203	Priority Mail 3-Day (Deprecated)
204	Priority Mail Military
9204	Priority Mail Military HAZMAT
205	Priority Mail DPO
9205	Priority Mail DPO HAZMAT
206	Priority Mail Offshore
9206	Priority Mail Offshore HAZMAT
3	First-Class
301	First-Class Mail Letters
302	First-Class Mail Flats
303	First-Class Mail Cards

304	First-Class Mail Parcel/Package (FCPS)
304	Retail Ground (RG)
9304	First-Class Mail Parcel/Package and Retail Ground HAZMAT
4	Standard Mail
401	Standard Mail Letters
402	Standard Mail Flats
403	Standard Mail Marketing Parcels
404	Standard Mail Simple Samples
405	Parcel Select Lightweight
	(Deprecated)
5	Periodicals
501	Periodicals
502	Parcel Shaped Periodicals
6	Package Services
6	Retail Ground HAZMAT (deprecated), LIVES, Offshore
601	Parcel Select (Deprecated)
602	Standard Post
603	Media Mail
604	Library Mail
605	Bound Printed Matter
7	Parcel Select Ground
9007	Parcel Select Ground HAZMAT

Table 3: New SDCGetLocations API HAZMAT <MailClass> inputs

2.5.8 Maintenance

- 1. eVS Domestic and International Label API updates to clearly watermark labels created in test environment to distinguish from live production labels.
 - o Impacted APIs:
 - eVS (Domestic)
 - eVSExpressMailIntl
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl
 - eVSFirstClassMailIntl
- 2. eVS Domestic Label API updates to resolve overlap issue for longer destination addresses printed on the label image.
- 3. USPSParcelLockerLookup API updates to resolve errors seen due to TLS 1.2.

2.6 Production Release: July 7, 2023

External testing: Jul. 3

The API changes noted below will be released to production in the late-night hours of June 29. USPS is enacting a Price Change on July 9, 2023, which will be available on June 29 when using a ship date of July 9 or beyond. <u>All domestic and international price calculator and shipping label APIs will reflect updated pricing</u> in XML responses, on shipping label images, and in the Shipping Services Files (see Appendix A for full list of price calculator and label APIs). For information on specific prices being updated, please go to <u>https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2023/0410-usps-files-notice-with-prc-for-new-mailing-services-pricing.htm</u> and <u>https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange</u>.

Changes beyond basic price updates are explained below, per API.

2.6.1 USPS Ground Advantage

 Summary: USPS will offer enhanced ground product USPS Ground Advantage. USPS Ground Advantage will combine USPS Retail Ground, First-Class Package, and Parcel Select Ground services (as well as returns options such as First-Class Package Return service and Ground Returns) into a single, streamlined ground shipping service. Web Tools will support backwards compatibility such that integrators may continue to pass existing API inputs for USPS Retail Ground, First-Class Package Service, and Parcel Select Ground which will return new USPS Ground Advantage outputs. Note: USPS Ground Advantage will only incorporate USPS First-Class Package Service, not USPS First-Class Mail. Reference <u>https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2023/0210-usps-ground-advantageproduct-and-pricing-simplicity.htm</u> and <u>https://www.usps.com/ship/ground-advantage.htm</u> for additional details.

Curr	ent	Effective July 9th 2023			
Product	Package Weight	Product	Package Weight	Services	
FCPS Retail	1 to 13 oz				
FCPS Commercial	1 to 15.999 oz	USPS Ground Advantage	1 oz up to 15.999 oz		
Retail Ground	1 to 70 lbs	USPS Ground	1 lb to 70 lbs +		
PSG	1 to 70 lbs	Advantage	oversized		
Retail Ground - Limited Overland Routes (LOR)	1 to 70 lbs + oversized	USPS Ground Advantage Limited Overland Routes (LOR)	1 to 70 lbs + oversized	Baked in	
PSG Cubic	0.1 to 1 cubic ft	USPS Ground Advantage Cubic		\$100 insurance	

 Table 4: USPS Ground Advantage Outbound offering

- 2. Impacted APIs:
 - o RateV4
 - o eVS (Domestic)
 - o SDCGetLocations
 - o FirstClassMail
- 3. Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4) Updates:
 - New service (i.e., <Service>) enumerations will be added:
 - "GROUND ADVANTAGE"
 - "GROUND ADVANTAGE COMMERCIAL"
 - "GROUND ADVANTAGE HFP"
 - "GROUND ADVANTAGE HFP COMMERCIAL"
 - "GROUND ADVANTAGE CUBIC"
 - Current service (i.e., <Service>) enumerations "FIRST CLASS", "FIRST CLASS COMMERCIAL", "FIRST CLASS HFP", "FIRST CLASS HFP COMMERCIAL", "PARCEL SELECT GROUND", "PARCEL SELECT GROUND HFP", "PARCEL SELECT GROUND CUBIC", and "RETAIL GROUND" will be accepted but return USPS Ground Advantage pricing and availability in XML response.
 - Web Tools will make updates to support \$100 baked-in insurance for USPS Ground Advantage.
 - Web Tools will make updates to support Nonstandard Length and Volume Fees for parcels that exceed 2 cubic feet (3546 cubic inches) or have a length greater than 22 inches applicable for USPS Ground Advantage.
 - Reference <u>https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange</u> for details.
- 4. eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) Updates:
 - New "GROUND ADVANTAGE" service (i.e., <ServiceType>) enumeration will be added for USPS Ground Advantage.

- New "GROUND ADVANTAGE CUBIC" service (i.e., <ServiceType>) enumeration will be added for USPS Ground Advantage Cubic.
- Current service (i.e., <ServiceType>) enumerations "FIRST CLASS", "PARCEL SELECT GROUND", and "PARCEL SELECT GROUND CUBIC" will be accepted but return USPS Ground Advantage pricing/availability and label image in XML response.
- New Service Type Codes (STCs) will be supported for USPS Ground Advantage per USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications.
- Label Image Updates:
 - The service icon located in the top left-hand corner of the shipping label will be "G" to indicate USPS Ground Advantage.
 - Service banner will display "USPS GROUND ADVANTAGE™"
 - A PS 2976-A Domestic Integrated Customs Form will be used for Ground Advantage with a service icon of "G" when required.
 - Reference Appendix B for sample labels.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Updates:
 - USPS Ground Advantage will use the below rate ingredients in the SSF:

Mail Class	Processing Category	Destination Rate Indicator	Rate Indicator	Zone	Parcel Routing Barcode	Rate (including Barcoding or Machinability)
FC	3	Ν	SP	0-9	0, 1	Machinable Single-Piece
FC	5	N	SP	0-9	0, 1	Non-Machinable Single-Piece
FC	5	Ν	OS	0-9	0, 1	Non-Machinable Oversized
FC	3	Ν	DR	0-9	0, 1	Machinable Dimensional Rectangular
FC	3	Ν	DN	0-9	0, 1	Machinable Dimensional Non-Rectangular
FC	5	Ν	DR	0-9	0, 1	Non-Machinable Dimensional Rectangular
FC	5	Ν	DN	0-9	0, 1	Non-Machinable Dimensional Non-Rectangular
FC	3, 5	Ν	CP	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Non-Soft Pack
FC	3, 5	Ν	P5	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 1 (.10)
FC	3, 5	Ν	P6	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 2 (.20)
FC	3, 5	Ν	P7	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 3 (.30)
FC	3, 5	Ν	P8	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 4 (.40)
FC	3, 5	Ν	P9	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 5 (.50)
FC	3, 5	Ν	Q6	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 6 (.60)
FC	3, 5	Ν	Q7	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 7 (.70)
FC	3, 5	Ν	Q8	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 8 (.80)
FC	3, 5	Ν	Q9	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 9 (.90)
FC	3, 5	Ν	Q0	LC, 01-09	0, 1	Cubic Tier Soft Pack Tier 10 (1.00)

Table 5: USPS Ground Advantage SSF Rate Ingredients

- 4. Service Standards APIs (API=SDCGetLocations, FirstClassMail) Updates:
 - Mail Classes (i.e., <MailClass>) enumeration "3" will be repurposed to return USPS Ground Advantage (up to 15.999 oz).
 - Mail Classes (i.e., <MailClass>) enumeration "7" will be repurposed to return USPS Ground Advantage (1-70lbs).
 - Mail Class (i.e., <MailClass>) enumeration "304" will be repurposed to return USPS Ground Advantage (up to 15.999 oz).
 - Mail Class (i.e., <MailClass>) enumeration "9304" will be repurposed to return USPS Ground Advantage (up to 15.999 oz) HAZMAT.
 - Mail Class (i.e., <MailClass>) enumeration "9007" will be repurposed to return USPS Ground Advantage (1-70lbs) HAZMAT.

- New Mail Class (i.e., <MailClass>) enumeration "9" will be added to return USPS Ground
- Advantage (1-70lbs). New Mail Class (i.e., <MailClass>) enumeration "9009" will be added to return USPS Ground Advantage (1-70lbs) HAZMAT.
- Table below shows USPS Ground Advantage updates in red.

<mailclass> Value</mailclass>	Description
0	All Mail Classes (1-digit)
000	All Mail Classes (3-digit)
9000	All HAZMAT Mail Classes (4-digit)
1	Priority Mail Express
9001	Priority Mail Express HAZMAT
2	Priority Mail
9002	Priority Mail HAZMAT
201	Priority Mail 1-Day (Deprecated)
202	Priority Mail 2-Day (Deprecated)
203	Priority Mail 3-Day (Deprecated)
204	Priority Mail Military
9204	Priority Mail Military HAZMAT
205	Priority Mail DPO
9205	Priority Mail DPO HAZMAT
206	Priority Mail Offshore
9206	Priority Mail Offshore HAZMAT
3	USPS Ground Advantage (up to 15.999 oz)
301	First-Class Mail Letters
302	First-Class Mail Flats
303	First-Class Mail Cards
304	USPS Ground Advantage (up to 15.999 oz)
9304	USPS Ground Advantage (up to 15.999 oz) HAZMAT
4	Standard Mail
401	Standard Mail Letters
402	Standard Mail Flats
403	Standard Mail Marketing Parcels
404	Standard Mail Simple Samples
405	Parcel Select Lightweight (Deprecated)
5	Periodicals
501	Periodicals
502	Parcel Shaped Periodicals
6	Package Services
6	USPS Ground Advantage LIVES, Offshore
601	Parcel Select (Deprecated)
602	Standard Post
603	Media Mail
604	Library Mail
605	Bound Printed Matter
7	USPS Ground Advantage (1 to 70lbs)
9007	USPS Ground Advantage (1 to 70lbs) HAZMAT
9	USPS Ground Advantage (1 to 70lbs)
9009	USPS Ground Advantage (1 to 70lbs) HAZMAT

Table 6: SDCGetLocations API <MailClass> Inputs

5. Package Pickup APIs Updates

- Impacted APIs:
 - CarrierPickupSchedule
 - CarrierPickupChange
 - CarrierPickupInquiry
- New <ServiceType> enumeration "GroundAdvantage" will be added for USPS Ground Advantage.
- Current <ServiceType> enumerations "FirstClass" and "ParcelSelectGround" will be accepted for backwards compatibility but return USPS Ground Advantage (i.e., <ServiceType>="GroundAdvantage") in the response.

2.6.2 USPS Ground Advantage Returns

1. Summary: USPS will offer enhanced ground product USPS Ground Advantage Returns. USPS Ground Advantage Returns will combine First-Class Package Return Service and Ground Returns Service into a single, streamlined ground shipping service. Web Tools will support backwards compatibility such that integrators may continue to pass existing API inputs for First-Class Package Return Service and Ground Returns Service which will return new USPS Ground Advantage Returns outputs. Reference https://www.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2023/0210-usps-ground-advantage-product-and-pricing-simplicity.htm and https://www.usps.com/ship/ground-advantage.htm for additional details.

	Current		Effective July 9th 2023			
Product	Package Weight	Services	Product	Package Weight	Services	
USPS First- Class Package Return Service	1 to 15.999 oz		USPS Ground Advantage Return	1 oz up to 15.999 oz	Insurance Baked in \$100	
USPS Ground Return Service		Insurance	Service	1 lb to 70 lbs + oversized	Insurance	
USPS Priority Mail Return Service	1 to 70 lbs		USPS Priority Mail Return Service	1 to 70 lbs	Insurance	

Table 7: USPS Ground Advantage Returns

- 2. Impacted APIs:
 - o RateV4
 - o USPSReturnsLabel
- 3. Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4) Updates:
 - New "GROUND ADVANTAGE RETURNS" service (i.e., <Service>) enumerations will be added for USPS Ground Advantage Return Service.
 - Current service (i.e., <Service>) enumerations "FIRST CLASS RETURNS", "GROUND RETURNS" will be accepted but return USPS Ground Advantage Returns pricing and availability in XML response.
 - Web Tools will make updates to support \$100 baked-in insurance for USPS Ground Advantage Return Service.
 - Web Tools will make updates to support Nonstandard Length and Volume Fees for parcels that exceed 2 cubic feet (3546 cubic inches) or have a length greater than 22 inches applicable for USPS Ground Advantage Return Service.
 - Reference https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange for details.
- 4. USPS Returns Label API (API=USPSReturnsLabel) Updates:
 - Current "GROUND" service (i.e., <ServiceType>) enumeration will be leveraged for USPS Ground Advantage Return Service.

- Current service (i.e., <ServiceType>) enumerations "FIRST CLASS" and "GROUND" will be accepted but return USPS Ground Advantage Returns pricing/availability and label image in XML response.
- New Service Type Codes (STCs) will be supported for USPS Ground Advantage per USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications.
- Label Image Updates:
 - The service icon located in the top left-hand corner of the shipping label will be "G" to indicate USPS Ground Advantage Return Service.
 - Service banner will display "USPS GROUND ADVANTAGE™ RETURN SERVICE"
 - Reference Appendix B for sample labels.
 - Shipping Services File (SSF) Updates:
 - USPS Ground Advantage Return Service will use the below rate ingredients in the SSF:

Mail Class	Processing Category	Destination Rate Indicator	Rate Indicator	Zone	Parcel Routing Barcode	Rate (including Barcoding or Machinability)
FC	R (Returns)	Ν	SP	0-9	0, 1	Machinable Single-Piece
FC	R	Ν	SP	0-9	0, 1	Non-Machinable Single-Piece
FC	R	Ν	OS	0-9	0, 1	Non-Machinable Oversized
FC	R	Ν	DR	0-9	0, 1	Machinable Dimensional Rectangular
FC	R	Ν	DN	0-9	0, 1	Machinable Dimensional Non-Rectangular
FC	R	Ν	DR	0-9	0, 1	Non-Machinable Dimensional Rectangular
FC	R	Ν	DN	0-9	0, 1	Non-Machinable Dimensional Non-Rectangular

Table 8: USPS Ground Advantage Returns SSF Rate Ingredients

2.6.3 USPS Priority Mail Express Returns

1. Summary: Web Tools will make API updates to support the new USPS Priority Mail Express Return Service. The table below shows the USPS Return services effective July 9, 2023 including new Priority Mail Express Return Service highlighted yellow.

Product	Package Weight	Services
USPS Ground Advantage Return Service	1 oz up to 15.999 oz 1 lb to 70 lbs + oversized	Insurance Baked in \$100 Insurance
USPS Priority Mail Return Service	1 to 70 lbs	Insurance
USPS Priority Mail Express Return Service	1 to 70 lbs	

 Table 8: USPS Return services

- 2. Impacted APIs:
 - o RateV4
 - o USPSReturnsLabel
- 3. Domestic Price Calculator (API=RateV4) Updates:
 - New "PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS RETURNS" service (i.e., <Service>) enumeration will be added for USPS Priority Mail Express Return Service.
 - Web Tools will make updates to support Nonstandard Length and Volume Fees for parcels that exceed 2 cubic feet (3546 cubic inches) or have a length greater than 22 inches applicable for USPS Priority Mail Express Return Service.
 - Reference <u>https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange</u> for details.
- 4. USPS Returns Label API (API=USPSReturnsLabel) Updates:
 - New "EXPRESS" service (i.e., <ServiceType>) enumeration will be added for USPS Priority Mail Express Return Service.

- New extra service (i.e., <ExtraService>) enumeration "101" will be added for Priority Mail Express Insurance.
- New optional <WaiverOfSignature> request tag ("true"/"false") will be added to indicate signature waived.
 - A value of "true" will indicate signature is waived. This will be default value if not specified.
 - A value of "false" will indicate signature is requested.
- New Service Type Codes (STCs) will be supported for USPS Priority Mail Express Return Service per USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications.
- Label Image Updates:
 - The service icon located in the top left-hand corner of the shipping label will be "E" to indicate USPS Priority Mail Express Return Service.
 - Service banner will display "PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS® RETURNS"
 - "SIGNATURE REQUIRED" marking will display when signature is requested.
 - "Waiver of Signature" marking will display when signature is waived.
 - The receipt returned will be updated to reflect PME Returns.
 - Reference Appendix B for sample labels.
- Shipping Services File (SSF) Updates:
 - Web Tools will update the Shipping Services File to support USPS Priority Mail Express Return Service per USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications.
 - Rate Ingredients of note that will be included in the SSF:
 - Processing Category = "R" (Returns)
 - Rate Indicator = "N" (None)
 - Mail Class = "EX" (PME)

2.6.4 Domestic Registered Mail Fees

- 1. Summary: USPS will update published documentation including Notice 123 Price List and Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) to clarify 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. 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. Web Tools will make updates to the Domestic Price Calculator (API=RateV4) API to support the maximum insured value of \$50,000.00.
 - Reference <u>https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange</u> for details.

2.6.5 Retired Extra Service Code/Service Type Code (STC) Combinations

1. Summary: USPS will retire the below list of mail class and extra service combinations due to low use. Of the 97 total combinations, 24 (highlighted) are supported within Web Tools APIs and will be removed. Web Tools will update impacted APIs such that the below combinations will never return as available in the XML response.

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 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 BL	Library Mail Insurance > \$500 Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
581		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
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
		Priority Mail Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500
914	PM	Return

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
		First-Class Mail Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500
938	FC	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
		Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Required Insurance >\$500 Return
953	LW	Receipt
054	1.1.4./	Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Insurance >\$500
954	LW	RR
956	LW	Parcel Select Lightweight Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Return Receipt
957	BB	Bound Printed Matter COD Restricted Delivery Signature Confirmation
050	DD	Bound Printed Matter Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery Insurance <= \$500
958	BB	
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
936	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
989	PS	Parcel Select Adult Signature Required Insurance > \$500 Return Receipt
990	PS	Parcel Select Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Ins > \$500 RR

Table 9: Retired Service Type Code (STC) Combinations

2. Impacted APIs:

- o RateV4
- o eVS (Domestic)

2.6.6 Parcel Select Destination Entry (PSDE) & Parcel Select Lightweight (PSDE) Price Restructuring and Fee Updates

1. Summary: As the USPS realigns its network, several Parcel Select Destination Entry (PSDE) and Parcel Select Lightweight (PSLW) rate categories will not be needed. USPS will update PSDE and PSLW published pricing structure according to the following:

- The PSDE/PSLW rate structure will be collapsed to use only destination entry facility (i.e., DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and DHUB) and weight to determine a price. Sortation and Zones will be eliminated from the price tables.
- Published DHUB pricing for PSDE/PSLW will be added.
- Published price points allowed for PSLW will be reduced to the 4 following options: 4 oz, 8 oz, 12 oz, 15.999oz. PSLW will continue supporting pricing up to 15.999 oz.
- The Nonmachinable/Machinable price table distinctions for PSDE will be removed. There will be only one published price table up to 70lbs for PSDE regardless of machinability.
- Nonstandard Length and Volume fees will be applied to PSDE and PSLW.
- Reference <u>https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange</u> for details.
- 2. Impacted APIs:
 - o RateV4
 - eVS (Domestic)
- 3. Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4) Updates:
 - Applicable when <Service>="PARCEL SELECT DE" and "PARCEL SELECT LW."
 - Web Tools will support <SortationLevel> request input but it will no longer be required to return PSDE and PSLW pricing/availability.
 - New <DestinationEntryFacilityType> enumeration will be added for DHUB entry.
 - Web Tools will make updates to support Nonstandard Length and Volume Fees for parcels that exceed 2 cubic feet (3546 cubic inches) or have a length greater than 22 inches applicable for PSDE/PSLW.
 - Reference https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange for details.
- 4. eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) Updates:
 - Applicable when <ServiceType>="PARCEL SELECT DE" and "PARCEL SELECT LW."
 - Web Tools will support <SortationLevel> request input but it will no longer be required to return PSDE and PSLW pricing/availability.
 - New <DestinationEntryFacilityType> enumeration will be added for DHUB entry.
 - Web Tools will make updates to support Nonstandard Length and Volume Fees for parcels that exceed 2 cubic feet (3546 cubic inches) or have a length greater than 22 inches applicable for PSDE/PSLW.
 - Reference <u>https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange</u> for details.
 - Shipping Services File (SSF) Updates:
 - Web Tools will update the Shipping Services File to support the above PSDE/PSLW updates per USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications.
 - For PSDE Processing Category, Web Tools will send a "3" (Machinable) unless oversized which would result in a "5" (Nonmachinable) being sent.
 - For PSLW Processing Category, Web Tools will always send a "3" (Machinable). The previous "4" (Irregular) value will be removed because PSLW published pricing will not support oversize pricing.
 - Reference below table for PSDE/PSLW rate ingredients.

Mail Class	Processing Category	Destination Rate Indicator	Rate Indicator	Zone	Parcel Routing Barcode	Rate (Including Barcoding or Machinability Surcharges)
PS	3,5	В	SP	0	0, 1	DNDC Single-Piece
PS	3,5	S	DE	0	0, 1	DSCF Parcels
PS	3,5	D	SP	0	0, 1	DDU Parcels
PS	3,5	Н	SP	0	0, 1	DHUB Parcels
PS	5	В	OS	0	0, 1	DNDC Oversized
PS	5	S	OS	0	0, 1	DSCF Oversized
PS	5	Н	OS	0	0, 1	DHUB Oversized
PS	5	D	OS	0	0, 1	DDU Oversized

PS	3, 5	В	DR	0	0, 1	Dimensional Rectangular DNDC
PS	3, 5	В	DN	0	0, 1	Dimensional Non-Rectangular DNDC
PS	3, 5	S	SR	0	0, 1	Dimensional Rectangular DSCF
PS	3, 5	S	SN	0	0, 1	Dimensional Non-Rectangular DSCF
PS	3, 5	Н	DR	0	0, 1	Dimensional Rectangular DHUB
PS	3, 5	Н	DN	0	0, 1	Dimensional Non-Rectangular DHUB
PS	3, 5	D	DR	0	0, 1	Dimensional Rectangular DDU
PS	3, 5	D	DN	0	0, 1	Dimensional Non-Rectangular DDU
LW	3, 4	В	DC	0	0, 1	Parcel Select Lightweight Parcel DNDC
LVV	3, 4	S	DE	0	0, 1	Parcel Select Lightweight Parcel DSCF
LW	3, 4	Н	DF	0	0, 1	Parcel Select Lightweight 5-Digit DHUB
LW	3, 4	D	DF	0	0, 1	Parcel Select Lightweight Parcel DDU

Table 10: PSDE/PSLW SSF Rate Ingredients

2.6.7 Machinable/Nonmachinable Parcel Updates

- 1. Summary: USPS will modify the criteria for machinable parcels dimensions and weights. Machinable parcels will be defined as parcels less than or equal to 22x18x15 inches and 25 pounds. Any parcel that exceeds either threshold (dimension or weight) would be considered nonmachinable. Reference USPS Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) section 201 7.5 (Machinable Parcels) for details.
- 2. Impacted APIs:
 - o eVS (Domestic)
 - o USPSReturnsLabel
- 3. Impacted API Updates:
 - When package dimensions exceed 15" x 18" x 22" or package weight exceeds 25 pounds the parcel will be considered nonmachinable.
 - Shipping Services File (SSF) Updates:
 - Shipping Services File Processing Category field (SSFv2.0 D1, pos 36) will be populated to distinguish machinability.

2.7 Production Release: July 2023

External testing: TBD

Items will be moved to this release when scheduled and included in future versions of the release notes

2.8 Production Release: August 31, 2023

External testing: Aug. 14

2.8.1 eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) – Service Response Indicator Updates

- 1. Summary: Web Tools will update the eVS Label API to optionally allow integrators to return the service used to generate the label.
 - When new Revision enumeration "3" (i.e., <Revision>="3") is included in the request, Web Tools will return a new attribute in the <Postage> response tag to echo the <ServiceType> used to price and generate the label.
 - Ex. <Postage ServiceType="PRIORITY MAIL CUBIC">20.42</Postage>
 - Reference Appendix B for sample request and response.

2.8.2 Shipping Partner Event File (SPE) Updates

1. Summary: Web Tools will update the Shipping Partner Event File (v5.0) pos 039-043 Event ZIP Code field to use the <POZipCode> value when provided in the API request instead of the <FromZip5>.

- 2. Impacted APIs:
 - o eVS (Domestic)
 - o eVSExpressMailIntl
 - o eVSPriorityMailIntl
 - o eVSFirstClassMailIntl
- 3. Reference USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications Appendix D for details.

2.8.3 Maintenance

- 1. Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4) and eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) updates to resolve an issue with Parcel Select Lightweight (PSLW) when combined with insurance resulting incorrectly in an error response.
- 2. eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) updates to resolve issues with the <Quantity> validation resulting in error responses for valid minimum and maximum values.
- 3. Track Proof of Delivery Certify API (API=PTSTPodCertify) updates to resolve a defect.
- 4. eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) updates to resolve issues with Ground Advantage Cubic when shipping to a military destination.
- 5. eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) updates to resolve issues with the following Service Type Code (STC) scenarios resulting incorrectly in an error response:
 - STC 376 (USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance>\$500 Restricted Delivery)
 - STC 345 (USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Adult Signature Required Restricted Delivery Insurance>\$500)
 - STC 387 (USPS Ground Advantage One Pound or More Insurance>\$500 Restricted Delivery Return Receipt)
- 6. Shipping Services File processing updates to accommodate increased volume.
- 7. Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4) updates to resolve incorrect error messaging returned when <Service>="ALL", "ONLINE", and "PLUS" and <Machinable> tag is not provided.
- 8. eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) updates to resolve incorrect error messaging returned when <ParcelLocker>="true."
- 9. eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) updates to resolve issues with overlap on Ground Advantage receipt images.
- 10. Address APIs updates to resolve issue with military addresses.

2.9 Production Release: September 28, 2023

External testing: Sep.12

2.9.1 Shipping Services File (SSF) Updates

- Summary: Web Tools will update the Shipping Services File (v2.0) to use the G1 and G2 records instead of the D3 and D4 records per USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications. Web Tools will also update the D1 pos 78 Delivery Address and D2 pos 3 Secondary Delivery Address fields per USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications.
- 2. Impacted APIs: All Label APIs (reference Appendix A section 3.1.3-4).
 - NOTE: Legacy Customs Forms APIs (APIs=CustomsCN22V2, CustomsCP73V2) will be excluded from the above updates. Integrators using these deprecated APIs should transition to newer label APIs to prevent any issues with delivery.

2.9.2 Shipping Partner Event File (SPE) Updates

- 1. Summary: Web Tools will update the Shipping Partner Event File (v5.0) to populate the below fields per USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications:
 - o pos 134-181 Destination Delivery Address
 - o pos 632-781 IBI or Secondary Address Unit Designator or Urbanization
 - o pos 782-788 Destination Foreign Postal Code
- 2. Impacted APIs:
 - eVS (Domestic)

- o eVSExpressMailIntl
- eVSPriorityMailIntl
- eVSFirstClassMailIntl
- 3. Reference USPS Publication 199 (PUB199) specifications Appendix D for details.

2.9.3 Maintenance

- 1. Updates to impacted APIs to add a toggle switch to control backwards compatibility of Parcel Select Ground, Retail Ground, and First-Class Package Service inputs that return Ground Advantage as of the July Price Change. The old inputs will remain backwards compatible until further notice.
 - Impacted APIs:
 - RateV4
 - eVS
 - CarrierPickupSchedule
 - CarrierPickupChange
- 2. Updates to eVS International Label APIs Shipping Services File to resolve a bug resulting in an incorrect value for the SSFv2.0 H1 pos 17 File Record Count field.
- 3. Effective 8/31/23 Updates to eVS Domestic and International Label APIs to support OMAS/Federal Agency payment.
- Effective 8/31/23 Updates to eVS Domestic Label API to resolve bug resulting in the Shipping Services File Processing Category field being blank for Ground Advantage labels to APO/FPO/DPO+PTFAS locations requiring a customs form.
- 5. Effective 8/31/23 Backend updates to improve Shipping Services File processing of eVS labels to account for scenarios when there is a database issue.

2.10 Production Release: October 26, 2023

External testing: Oct. 19

2.10.1 USPS Smart Locker Enhancements

1. Summary: Web Tools will update impacted APIs to support new eligibility criteria for shipping to a USPS Smart Locker. Overview included for reference in addition to detailed API changes. For additional details reference https://www.uspssmartpackagelockers.com/faq.

Overview of Web Tools APIs supporting USPS Smart Lockers:

- Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4) allows integrators to determine if their package characteristics (e.g., mail class, extra service) are eligible to ship to a USPS Smart Locker. Integrators should use <Service> request tag attribute Delivery Option and specify "ParcelLocker" (i.e., <Service DelOpt="ParcelLocker"></Service>) to return eligibility for delivery to a Parcel Locker.
- New USPS Smart Locker Lookup API (API=GetLockerInfo) returns USPS Smart Locker locations including dimension details to enable integrators to select a locker that fits their package. This API collects address/ZIP Code search criteria to return USPS Smart Locker locations (identified by unique <FacilityID>) and additional details. The USPS Smart Locker Facility ID output returned in the GetLockerInfo API is a required input for USPS Smart Locker label creation via the eVS Domestic Label API.
 - Note: USPSParcelLockerLookup API will be deprecated.
- eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) allows integrators to generate a shipping label to a USPS Smart Locker. To generate a USPS Smart Locker label, integrators should include the USPS Smart Locker indicator (i.e., <ParcelLocker>="true"); the Facility ID (i.e., <FacilityID>) output of the USPS Smart Locker Lookup API to specify the desired USPS Smart Locker for delivery; and the contact information of the sender and recipient to enable notifications. The API validates the package characteristics (e.g., mail class, extra service, contents, etc.) are eligible to ship to a USPS Smart Locker and the specified facility ID is valid and fits the package.

USPS Smart Locker process for external Web Tools API integrators:

- Step 1: Verify if package characteristics (i.e., mail class, extra service, contents, etc.) are eligible to ship to a USPS Smart Locker using Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4).
 - Note: Package characteristics must be eligible to ship to a Parcel Locker.
- Step 2: Determine USPS Smart Locker location (identified by unique <FacilityID>) using USPS Smart Locker Lookup API (API=GetLockerInfo).
 - Note: The USPS Smart Locker Lookup API provides additional information such as maximum dimensions and geolocations for lockers to enable integrators to verify their package will fit into a locker at the desired location.
- Step 3: Generate Shipping Label to USPS Smart Locker using eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS).
 - Note: eVS Label API will validate if package is eligible for shipping to specified USPS Smart Locker location per above steps.
 - Note: A Shipping Services File (SSF) will be generated for the USPS Smart Locker label.

Details: Below changes describe latest enhancements to impacted APIs supporting USPS Smart Lockers.

- 2. Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4) Updates
 - The Web Tools RateV4 API will be updated to return the latest USPS Smart Locker availability. Integrators should include <Service DelOpt="ParcelLocker"> in the request to filter results for USPS Smart Locker options (i.e., mail class, extra service, contents, etc. eligible for delivery to a Parcel Locker.)
- 3. New USPS Smart Locker Lookup API (API=GetLockerInfo)
 - New API to retrieve information for all USPS Smart Lockers identified by Facility ID (i.e., <FacilityID>) that match the optional filter(s) specified in the request. Filters include:
 - City
 - State
 - ZIP5
 - Example:

<GetLockerInfoRequest USERID="XXXXXXXXXX">

- <City></City>
- <State></State>
- <Zip5></Zip5>
- </GetLockerInfoRequest>
- When no filter is specified in the request, the API will return all lockers that are in "Operational" status.
 - XML response will be paginated if more than 100 locations returned indicated by <AdditionalLocationsContextValue> tag returned and populated.
 - Additional XML requests to retrieve the remainder of the locations should include only the <AdditionalLocationsContextValue>. See example below:

<GetLockerInfoRequest USERID="XXXXXXXXXX">

- <City></City>
- <State></State>
- <Zip5></Zip5>

<AdditionalLocationsContextValue>1365853</AdditionalLocationsContextValue> </GetLockerInfoRequest>

- Final response will not have <AdditionalLocationsContextValue> tag returned indicating end of location data.
- API access will be controlled. To obtain access, integrators should contact <u>USPS Internet</u> <u>Customer Care Center</u>.
- Reference Appendix B for Sample XML requests and responses.
- 4. eVS Domestic Label API Updates (API=eVS) Updates
 - Label image updates USPS Smart Locker labels will display the black banner "USPS PO BOX LOCKER PICKUP"; all other label endorsements will be removed.

• The eVS Label API will return updated (more specific) error messages to enable integrators to troubleshoot when generating USPS Smart Locker labels.

2.10.2 Maintenance

- Updates to eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) to add a new optional request tag <ImportersReferenceType> to collect Importers Reference Type with values "TAXCODE", "VAT", or "IMPORTERCODE." When passed in the XML request, this value will be used to populate the Shipping Services File (SSF) G1 pos. 25 (Importers Reference Type) when a domestic customs form is returned.
 - When a domestic customs form is returned, the <ImportersReferenceType> values will populate the Shipping Services File (SSF) G1 pos. 25 (Importers Reference Type) field as follows:
 - "1" (TAXCODE)
 - "2" (VAT)
 - "3" (IMPORTERCODE)
 - Spaces (Default)
 - Note: To maintain backwards compatibility, the <ImportersReferenceType> request field will be optional. However, it is recommended that the Importer's Reference Type (i.e., <ImportersReferenceType>) is included in the request when the Importer's Reference Number (i.e., <ImportersReference>) field is populated.
 - When a domestic label is returned, the <ImportersReferenceType> value will be ignored.
- 2. Updates to Domestic Price Calculator API (API=RateV4) to improve API response times when multiple packages (i.e., 15+) are included in a single request.
- 3. Updates to eVS International Label APIs (APIs= eVSExpressMailInIt, eVSPriorityMailIntl) to resolve an incorrect error message returned when <ImportersReferenceNumber> is provided without <ImportersReferenceType>. Fix will return updated error message "ImportersReferenceType required when ImportersReferenceNumber is supplied."
- 4. Updates to eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) to fix incorrect service icon "G" returning for Priority Mail Cubic labels which will be updated to display correct "P" service icon.
- Updates to eVS International Label APIs to fix a bug resulting in the <ContentTypeOther> value being incorrectly truncated at 24 characters instead of the expected 25 characters when populating the Shipping Services File (SSF) G1 pos. 36 (Customs Comments field).
 - Impacted APIs:
 - eVSExpressMailIntl
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl
 - eVSFirstClassMailIntl
- Updates to Domestic eVS Label API (API=eVS) to fix bug resulting in Shipping Services File (SSF) G1 pos. 35 (Description of Package) field not being populated when <CustomsContentType> values "DANGEROUSGOODS" or "HUMANITARIAN" are indicated in the request.
- Updates to eVS International Label APIs to fix bug resulting in Shipping Services File (SSF) G1 pos. 35 (Description of Package) field not being populated when <ContentType> values "DANGEROUSGOODS" or "HUMANITARIAN" are indicated in the request.
 - o Impacted APIs:
 - eVSExpressMailIntl
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl
 - eVSFirstClassMailIntl

2.11 Production Release: November 8, 2023

External testing: Nov. 6

2.11.1 USPS Web Tools API Maintenance Outage – November 8, 2023

- 1. Summary: Web Tools scheduled maintenance will result in a brief API outage affecting all APIs.
 - Timing and duration: Approximately 5-10 minutes on Wednesday November 8th from 9PM ET-9:10PM ET. All impacted Web Tools APIs are expected to be operational by 9:10 PM (ET).
 - Impacted APIs are accessed through the below Production URLs:
 - https://secure.shippingapis.com/shippingapi.dll
 - https://production.shippingapis.com/ShippingAPI.dll
 - http://production.shippingapis.com/ShippingAPI.dll
 - https://webtools.usps.com/
 - Error responses will return during the outage.

2.11.2 Maintenance

- 1. Effective 10/26/23, updates to the eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) to resolve an issue with the trademark symbol ([™]) not printing correctly on ZPL (203 and 300 DPI) domestic customs forms.
- Effective 10/26/23, updates to the below impacted APIs to resolve Shipping Services File (SSF) errors due to G1 pos. 35 (Description of Package) not being populated when <ContentType> value was "MedicalSupplies", "Pharmaceuticals", or "CrematedRemains."
 - Fix will populate SSF G1 pos. 35 (Description of Package) with "6" (Other) and G1 pos. 36 (Content Comments) with <ContentType> value when "MedicalSupplies", "Pharmaceuticals", "CrematedRemains" values are included in the XML request.
 - If <ContentTypeOther> comments are populated when <ContentType> is "MedicalSupplies", "Pharmaceuticals", or "CrematedRemains", this value will take precedence over <ContentType> value when populating the SSF G1 pos. 36 (Content Comments) field.
 - Impacted APIs:
 - eVSExpressMailIntl
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl
- 3. Effective 10/26/23, updates to the eVSExpressMailIntl International API to resolve a bug resulting in an invalid "000" value sent in the Shipping Services File (SSF) D1 pos. 44 (Extra Service Code) field when "CrematedRemains" was passed as <ContentType> in the request. Fix will update to send correct value of "859" (Cremated Remains International).
- 4. Effective 10/26/23, fix to eVS Domestic Label API (API=eVS) to resolve missing tag in the response when Parcel Locker labels are requested.
 - Fix will return missing <FacilityZip5> tag in response when <ParcelLocker>="true" is passed in the request.
- 5. Effective 10/26/23, updates to the eVS (Domestic) Label API to resolve a bug which allowed less than the required minimum of 2 characters to be passed in the Shipping Services File (SSF) G1 pos. 16 (Recipient First Name), G1 pos. 16 (Recipient Last Name), G1 pos. 4 (Sender First Name), G1 pos 5 (Sender Last Name) fields when a customs form was required resulting in manifest errors. Fix will update API request validation for <ToName>, <FromName>, and <RecipientName> fields to return an error if less than 2 characters are provided when a customs form is returned.
- 6. Effective 10/26/23, updates to the RateV4 API to improve processing when <Service>="ALL" is included in the request.
- 7. Updates to impacted APIs to resolve a defect for ZPL (203 and 300 DPI) customs forms labels resulting in an inadvertent phone number icon and only 26 items printing on the Continuation Page image when the maximum 30 are provided in the request. Fixes will print all 30 items correctly on the Continuation Page. Domestic eVS labels will not be impacted.
 - Impacted APIs:
 - eVS (Domestic)
 - eVSExpressMailIntl
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl
 - eVSFirstClassMailIntl

- 8. Updates to the impacted eVS International Label APIs to resolve an issue with the trademark symbol ([™]) not printing correctly on ZPL (203 and 300 DPI) customs forms.
 - Impacted APIs:
 - eVSExpressMailIntl
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl
 - eVSFirstClassMailIntl
- 9. Updates to the eVS (Domestic) Label APIs resolve a bug which allowed only special characters or only numbers to be passed in the Shipping Services File (SSF) G1 pos. 16 (Recipient First Name), G1 pos. 16 (Recipient Last Name), G1 pos. 4 (Sender First Name), G1 pos 5 (Sender Last Name) fields when a customs form was required resulting in manifest errors. Fix will update API request validation for <ToName> and <RecipientName> fields to return an updated error to reflect PUB199 specifications "requires a minimum of two (2) names and each name requires a minimum of two (2) alpha characters A-Z."
 - Note: this change applies only when a domestic customs form is returned. The API will remain unchanged when a domestic label is returned.
- 10. Updates to the eVS (Domestic) Label API to resolve a bug which results in only 4 items printing on a ZPL (203 and 300 DPI) customs form when 5 items are passed in the request. Fix will result in all 5 items printing correctly for ZPL (203 and 300 DPI) customs forms labels.
- 11. Updates to the eVS (Domestic) Label API to resolve a bug which results in a black box where a "G" service icon should display for Ground Advantage ZPL (203 and 300 DPI) customs forms.
- 12. Updates to RateV4 API to enable successful response to return when <Service>="BPM".
- 13. Updates to the eVS (Domestic) Label API (API=eVS) to improve performance and reduce timeouts.
- 14. Updates to impacted Domestic and International Label APIs to resolve bug which allowed which allowed less than the required minimum of 2 characters to be passed in the Shipping Services File (SSF) G2 pos. 14 (Customs Description) field when a customs form was required resulting in manifest errors. Fix will update API request validation for <Description> field to return an error if less than 2 characters are provided when a customs form is returned.
 - o Impacted APIs:
 - eVS (Domestic)
 - eVSExpressMailIntl
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl
 - eVSFirstClassMailIntl
 - Note: The eVS (Domestic) Label API will remain unchanged when a domestic shipping label is returned.

2.12 Production Release: To Be Determined

2.12.1 New International Shipping Regulatory Mandate – Enforcement

1. Summary: Web Tools will update APIs to enforce new regulatory mandate resulting in new errors returning for impacted countries. Reference above section 2.1.10 for details.

2.12.2 Domestic Price Calculator – Service Commitment Updates

 Summary: Web Tools will update the RateV4 API to allow all mail classes to return commitments when available. Currently commitments (returned in <Commitment> tags) are only eligible to return for Priority Mail Express (PME) and Priority Mail (PM) mail classes when <ShipDate> is specified in the XML request.

2.12.3 USPS Connect Local Mail Product Updates

1. Summary: Web Tools will update APIs support new Connect Local Mail product (currently in pilot phase).

2.12.4 Web Tools API Access Updates

1. Summary: Effective TBD 2023, Web Tools will require the password be provided with the USERID in each label API XML request otherwise an error will return. Integrators are strongly encouraged to provide

this information well in advance of the change to avoid any service disruptions or integration issues. Contact <u>webtools@usps.gov</u> for any questions or concerns.

2.12.5 International Price Calculator (API=IntlRateV2) – USPS HAZMAT Updates

- Summary: Web Tools will update impacted APIs with new HAZMAT indicators to support increased Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) visibility within the Postal network. The IntlRateV2 API will be updated to support a subset of new HAZMAT extra services so that integrators can obtain pricing and availability of products that support HAZMAT.
 - New <ExtraService> enumerations to indicate type of HAZMAT shown in below table. There are no fees associated. There are no fees associated; a price of "0.00" will return in the XML response.

Input	International HAZMAT Descriptions					
813	HAZMAT - Class 7 - Radioactive Materials Package					
820	HAZMAT - Class 9 - Lithium batteries, unmarked package					
826	826 HAZMAT - Division 6.2 Hazardous Materials					
	Table 11: New International HAZMAT Descriptions					

- A single package can have only one type of HAZMAT indicated via the above new <ExtraService> enumerations. If multiple types of HAZMAT are indicated for a single package, an error will be returned.
- When HAZMAT indicated in request (via new <ExtraService> enumerations), the <SvcCommitments> response tag will reflect new HAZMAT service standards for applicable products when available.

2.12.6 eVS International Label APIs – USPS HAZMAT Updates

- Summary: Web Tools will update impacted APIs with new HAZMAT indictors to support increased Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) visibility within the Postal network. Impacted label APIs will be updated to support new HAZMAT indicators including extra services and new Shipping Services File (SSF) inputs so that HAZMAT labels can be easily identified.
 - Impacted APIs:
 - eVSExpressMailIntl (eVSPMEI)
 - eVSPriorityMailIntl (eVSPMI)
 - eVSFirstClassMailIntl (eVSFCMI)
 - New <ExtraService> enumerations to indicate type of HAZMAT reference above table. There are no fees associated; a price of "0.00" will return in the XML response.
 - Only 3 HAZMAT extra services "813", "820", and "826" (passed in the <ExtraService> request tag) will be eligible for international destinations.
 - Customs forms to an international destination will require a content type of dangerous goods when shipping certain types of HAZMAT.
 - When HAZMAT extra services "813" and "826" (passed in the <ExtraService> request tag) are indicated, a content type (i.e., <ContentType>) of "DANGEROUSGOODS" will be required otherwise an error will return.
 - Estimated delivery information returned will reflect new HAZMAT service standards.
 - For HAZMAT, Web Tools will update the Shipping Services File Extra Service Code (ESC) fields (SSFv2.0 D1, pos 44, 46) to include "857" (generic HAZMAT) and the new detailed HAZMAT extra services "813", "820", and "826" where supported – reference above table.
 - Contact <u>webtools@usps.gov</u> for questions and detailed specifications.

3 Appendices

3.1 Appendix A – Price Calculator and Label APIs

3.1.1 Domestic Price Calculator APIs

Description	API Name
Domestic Price Calculator	RateV4

3.1.2 International Price Calculator APIs

Description	API Name
International Price Calculator	IntlRateV2, IntlRate (deprecated)

3.1.3 Domestic Label APIs

Description	API Name	
USPS Returns Label	USPSReturnsLabel	
eVS Domestic	eVS	
SCAN Form	SCAN	

3.1.4 International Label APIs

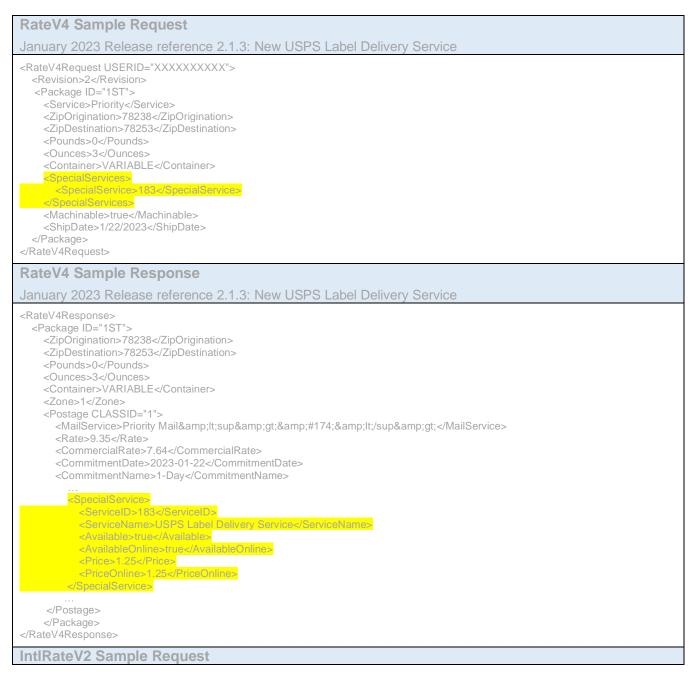
Description	API Name
Express Mail International – eVS	eVSExpressMailIntl
Priority Mail International – eVS	eVSPriorityMailIntI
First Class Mail International - eVS	eVSFirstClassMailIntl
GXG Get Label – eVS	eVSGXGGetLabel
Customs Form CN22	CustomsCN22V2 (deprecated)
Customs Form CP72	CustomsCP72V3 (deprecated)

3.2 Appendix B – Sample API Requests, Responses, and Labels

3.2.1 Sample XML Requests

This section provides sample XML requests to the test/staging environment that demonstrate some of the changes implemented to our APIs in this release. These requests are provided as a reference to aid in your understanding of the changes and in your integration with our updated APIs. You should still complete your typical testing and verification processes to ensure that your system is communicating properly with the most updated versions of the Web Tools APIs.

Please note that you must place your valid USERID into the request. Sample responses are provided below the sample requests to illustrate the changes that will occur to the XML schema. Please note that the data within the tags may differ depending on inputs provided. Areas of note are highlighted.



United States Postal Service

January 2023 Release reference 2.1.10: New optional tag to return Intl Shipping Mandate requirement
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January 2023 Release reference 2.1.10: New optional tag to return Intl Shipping Mandate requirement
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TrackV2 API Sample Request
April 2023 Release reference 2.4.1: New fraud error response
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TrackV2 API Sample Response
April 2023 Release reference 2.4.1: New fraud error response
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USPSParcelLockerLookup API Sample Request
June 15, 2023 Release reference 2.5.3: Updated Parcel Locker Address (effective 4/27/23)
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eVS Domestic API Sample Request
August 2023 Release reference 2.8.1: Service Response Indicator Updates
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3.2.2 Sample Labels/Receipts

This section provides sample label and receipt images to the test/staging environment that demonstrate some of the changes implemented to our APIs in this release. These samples are provided as a reference to aid in your understanding of the changes and in your integration with our updated APIs. You should still complete all your usual testing and verification processes to ensure that your system is communicating properly with the most updated version of Web Tools.

3.2.2.1 New HAZMAT Priority Mail and Priority Mail Return Service Sample Labels



Figure 1: Priority Mail HAZMAT Sample Label

Η	U.S. POSTAGI PAID	E
USPS PRI	ORITY MAIL RETURN SERV	CE®
ABC COMPANY 475 LENFANT PL/ WASHINGTON DO		
		000
84	ONALD RECIPIENT 403 LEE HWY ERRIFIELD VA 22082-9997	
	USPS TRACKING # HAZMAT	

Figure 2: Priority Mail Return Service HAZMAT Sample

3.2.2.2 eVS Parcel Locker Sample Label

F		U.S. POSTAGE PAID Not Valid Test Label #VS	
BOB MEIER ABC CORP. 430 BLACKMAN ST WILKES BARRE PA 18702-6004			
	USPS PO BOX LOC	KER PICKUP	
	RONALD RECEIV PO BOX LOCKER RESTON, VA 2019		
USI	PS SIGNATURE 1	FRACKING # eVS	
	Package	1 of 1	

Figure 1: eVS Parcel Locker Label Sample

3.2.2.3 USPS Ground Advantage Sample Labels

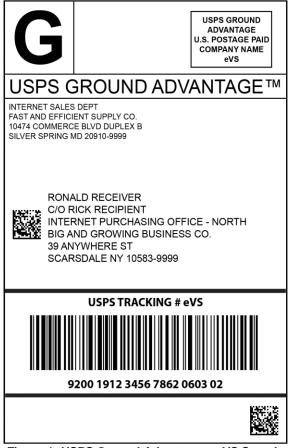


Figure 1: USPS Ground Advantage - eVS Sample

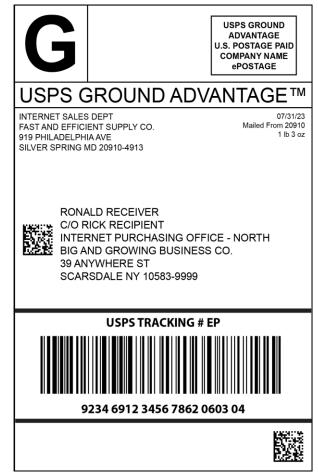
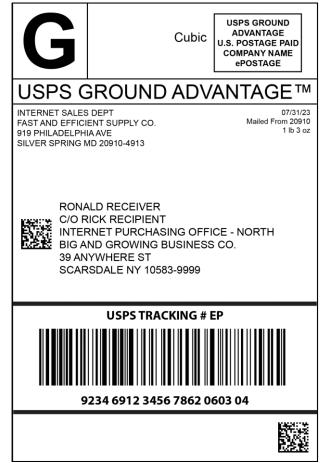


Figure 2: USPS Ground Advantage - ePostage Sample





3.2.2.4 USPS Ground Advantage Returns Sample Label

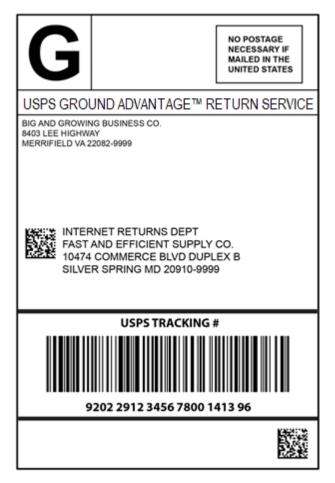


Figure 1: USPS Ground Advantage Returns Sample

3.3 Appendix C – HTTPS/Secure Web Tools APIs

3.3.1 SSL Security Certificate Updates (HTTPS APIs)

Status	Common Name (CN)	Envir.	URLS	Expiration Date	Deployment Date
Pending	Web Tools Legacy HTTPS APIs	TEST	https://stg-secure.shippingapis.com//shippingapi.dll	1/19/2024	TBD
Complete	Web Tools Legacy HTTPS APIs (New)	TEST	https://stg-production.shippingapis.com/ShippingApi.dll	7/18/2024	7/18/2023
Complete	Web Tools PROD HTTPS APIs	PROD	https://secure.shippingapis.com/ShippingAPI.dll	8/20/2024	8/20/2023
Complete	Web Tools PROD HTTPS APIs (New)	PROD	https://production.shippingapis.com/ShippingAPI.dll	8/20/2024	8/20/2023

3.3.2 Web Tools Secure/HTTPS APIs

API	API Name
Carrier Pickup Availability	CarrierPickupAvailability
Carrier Pickup Cancel	CarrierPickupCancel
Carrier Pickup Change	CarrierPickupChange
Carrier Pickup Inquiry	CarrierPickupInquiry
Carrier Pickup Schedule	CarrierPickupSchedule
City+State Lookup	CityStateLookup
Customs Form CN22	CustomsCN22V2
Customs Form CP72	CustomsCP72V3
eVS Domestic	eVS
eVS Domestic Cancel	eVSCancel
eVS Priority Mail Express International	eVSExpressMailIntl
eVS First Class Mail International	eVSFirstClassMailIntl
eVS GXG Public Label generation	eVSGXGGetLabel
eVS International Cancel	eVSICancel
eVS Priority Mail International	eVSPriorityMailIntl
Express Mail Commitments	ExpressMailCommitment
First Class Mail Service Standards	FirstClassMail
GXG Get Commodity Information	GXGGetCommodityInfo
GXG - Guarantee	GXGGetGuarantee
Hold For Pickup Facility Information	HFPFacilityInfo
International Price Calculator	IntlRateV2, IntlRate (deprecated)
Post Office Locator - External	POLocatorV2Ext
Priority Mail Service Standards	PriorityMail
Track and Confirm - Email	PTSEmail
Track and Confirm - Pod	PTSPod
Track and Confirm - Tpod	PTSTpod
Track and Confirm - Rre	PTSRre
Domestic Price Calculator	RateV4
SCAN	SCAN

Service Delivery Calculator	SDCGetLocations
Package Services Service Standards	StandardB
Sunday Holiday API	SundayHolidayAvailability
Track and Confirm	TrackV2
USPS Returns Label	USPSReturnsLabel
Address Validation	Verify
ZipCode Lookup	ZipCodeLookup

3.3.3 SSL Security Certificate Update (HTTPS Web Tools 2.0 APIs):

Status	Common Name (CN)	Envir.	URLS	Expiration Date	Deployment Date
Complete	Web Tools 2.0 APIs	TEST	https://cat-webtools.usps.com/	6/28/2024	6/28/2023
Complete	White Label APIs	TEST	https://staging-whitelabel.shippingapis.com/	6/1/2024	6/1/2023
Complete	Web Tools 2.0 APIs	PROD	https://webtools.usps.com/	8/20/2024	8/20/2023
Complete	White Label APIs	PROD	https://whitelabel.shippingapis.com/	8/20/2024	8/20/2023

3.3.4 Secure HTTPS Web Tools 2.0 APIs

API	API Name
Package Intercept Status	status
Package Intercept Hold For Pickup	holdForPickup
Package Intercept Redirect	createRedirect
Package Intercept Return to Sender	createRTS
EDDMR	EDDMR

3.4 Appendix D – Categories for International Shipping Regulatory Mandates

Category (<itemcategory>)</itemcategory>	SubCategory (<itemsubcategory>)</itemsubcategory>
Appliances, Parts & Accessories	Air Compressors
	Bathroom Appliances
	Clothing Iron
	Coffee Makers, Toasters & Other Heat-generating Kitchen
	Appliances
	Cutting Blades
	 Fans Food Grinders
	 Heaters, Radiators & Air Conditioning Units Mechanical Kitchen Appliances
	Microwave Ovens
	Other Household Appliances
	Other Kitchen Appliances
	Oven, Cooktops & Ventilating Hoods
	Refrigerators & Freezers
	Sewing Machines
	 Sinks, Toilets & Bathtubs
	Vacuum Cleaners
	Washing Machines & Dryers
	Weighing Scales
Arts & Collectibles	 Antique Hand-Painted & Hand-Drawn Art
	 Antiques Over 100 Years Old
	 Archaeological, Zoological & Historical Collector's Pieces
	Art Paint & Brushes
	Art Prints
	Blank Art Canvas
	 Coin Hand-Painted & Hand-Drawn Art
	 Non-Original Wooden Art
	Original Prints & Engravings
	Original Sculptures & Carvings
	Sewing Materials
	Stamp Collections
	Statuettes and Ornaments
Automotive & Vehicles	Aircraft & Parts
	Bicycles & Accessories
	Car, Truck & Tractor Parts
	Cranes
	Diesel-powered Cars & Trucks
	Electric Cars & Trucks
	Gas-powered Cars & Trucks
	Motorcycle & Bicycle Parts
	Motorcycles Pailway & Tramway Vahicles & Parts
	 Railway & Tramway Vehicles & Parts Scooters & Chairs for the Disabled & Parts
	 Scoolers & Chairs for the Disabled & Parts Ship & Boat Parts
	 Ship & Boats Ships & Boats
	 Spacecraft & Parts
	 Special Vehicles (e.g., Fire Trucks, Cement Mixers, etc.)

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	Tractors & Work Trucks Tracitors
	Trailers
Beauty & Health	Air Fresheners & Incense
	Bath & Hand Soap
	Bath salts
	Contact Lenses
	Contraceptives
	Dental Fittings & Hygiene
	Feminine Hygiene
	Hair Cutting Tools
	 Hair Dryers, Straighteners & Curlers
	Make-up
	Manicure & Pedicure Sets
	Massage Tools
	 Medicine, Ointments, First Aid & Bandages
	Other Hygiene
	Pedometer
	Perfume & Deodorant
	Personal Medical Equipment
	Shampoo & Hair Products
	Shaving & Waxing
	Vaccines, Blood, & Cell Cultures
Books, Movies & Music	Books & Brochures
,	Catalogs
	Coloring Books
	 DVDs, CDs, Tapes & Other Recorded Media
	 Maps & Globes
	Music Boxes
	Musical Instruments & Parts
	 Newspapers, Journals & Magazines
	 Printed Decals
	Sheet Music
Clothing & Accessories	Baby Clothes
Clothing & Accessories	Baby clothes Belts & Buckles
	Fabric Material
	Glasses & Sunglasses
	Gloves and Mittens
	Hats & Headgear Heading Sweeters & Cardigans
	Hoodies, Sweaters & Cardigans
	Luggage, Backpacks, Bags & Wallets Maple & Boyel, Jackste Shirts & Suite
	Men's & Boys' Jackets, Shirts & Suits
	Men's & Boys' Pants & Swimwear
	Men's & Boys' Underwear & Pajamas
	Other Clothing Accessories
	Shoes & Accessories Saska Bastakasa & Tishta
	Socks, Pantyhose & Tights
	Ties & Scarves
	Used Clothing
	Wigs & False Hair
	Women's & Girls' Jackets, Shirts & Dresses
	Women's & Girls' Pants, Skirts & Swimwear
	Women's & Girls' Underwear & Pajamas

Electronics, Computers &	
Cameras	Audio-playing Devices
Cameras	Batteries & Power Banks Ochlag & Compositors
	Cables & Connectors
	Cameras, Video Cameras & Parts
	Chargers
	Computer Parts & Accessories
	Device Cases & Bags
	DVD & Blu-ray Players
	Gift, Credit & Smart Cards
	GPS Devices & Radios
	Laptops & Desktops
	Electrical Parts
	Smoke Detectors & Alarms
	Speakers, Headphones & Microphones
	Streaming Service Devices
	Telephones & Smartphones
	Televisions & Projectors
	Traffic & Safety Signal Equipment
	 Video Game Consoles & Games
Food & Groceries	Alcoholic Beverages
	Baby Formula
	Chocolate & Cocoa Products
	 Coffee, Tea & Mate
	 Dairy & Eggs
	Extracts & Concentrates
	 Fats & Oils
	 Fruit Fruit & Nut Mix
	Grains & Flour
	Jams & Jellies
	Live Fish & Seafood
	Meat & Fish
	Nuts
	Other Food Items
	Sauces
	Soda & Other Drinks
	Soups & Broths
	Spices & Sugar
	Syrup & Molasses
	Tobacco Products & E-cigarettes
	Treats
	Vegetables & Other Plants
Home & Garden	Adhesives & Tape
	Animal Hides & Parts
	Artificial Plants & Flowers
	Bedding & Towels
	Candles
	Clocks & Parts
	Clothing Hangers
	Containers & Baskets
	Curtains
	Electric Kitchen Appliances
	Furniture
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	Household Cleaners & Trash Bags
	Lamps & Lighting
	Live Plants & Fresh Flowers
	Mirrors
	Other Household Items
	Other Outdoor & Garden Items
	Rugs & Mats
	Sacks & Bags
	Safes & Strong-boxes
	Statuettes & Other Decor
	Tableware & Kitchenware
	 Toilet Paper, Napkins & Tablecloths
Industrial, Scientific & Machinery	 Agricultural & Food Machinery
	 Batteries & Accumulators
	Buttons & Mannequins
	Dies & Tanning Extracts
	 Electric Parts, Electronic Waste & Scrap
	 Energy-generating Equipment
	 Explosives & Combustibles
	 Industrial Animal Products
	 Industrial Furnaces & Ovens
	Industrial Glass Items
	Industrial Metal Items
	Industrial Plastic Items
	Industrial Rubber Items
	 Industrial Stone & Cement Items
	Industrial Textile Items
	Industrial Vacuum Cleaners
	 Industrial Washers & Dryers
	Industrial Wood Items
	Laboratory Equipment
	Magnets
	Measuring Equipment
	Medical Equipment
	Metal-working Machinery
	Motors & Generators
	Moulds
	 Navigation & Surveying Equipment
	Ores, Mineral Fuels & Oils
	Organic Compounds
	Other Chemical Products
	Other Electrical Machinery & Parts
	Other Industrial Machinery
	Other Industrial Machinery Parts
	Other Minerals & Stone
	Packing Materials & Containers
	Precious Metal Compounds & Inorganic Chemicals
	 Printing & Paper Machinery
	Railway Materials
	Semiconductor-producing Machinery
	Textile Machinery
	Transformers
	Vegetative Materials

	Vending Machines
	Welding Equipment
Jewelry & Watches	Imitation Jewelry & Parts
	Jewelry Boxes & Cases
	 Jewelry of Pearls or Precious Metal & Parts
	Pearls & Precious Stones
	Precious Metals
	Watches & Parts
Office Products	Account Books, Receipt Books & Binders
	Adhesive & Tape
	Calculators
	Calendars
	Chalkboards & Dry Erase Boards
	 Documents & Business Cards
	Erasers
	Filing Cabinets & Trays
	Letter Openers
	Other Mathematical Tools
	Other Plastic School Supplies
	Paper & Paperboard
	 Pencil Sharpeners, Staplers & Other Office Machines
	Pens & Pencils
	Printers & Ink
	 Safety Pins, Paper Clips & Staples
	Scissors
	Stamps
Pet Supplies	Cages & Accessories
	 Fish Tanks, Terrariums & Accessories
	Food Bowls
	Leashes, Harnesses & Saddles
	Litter Box
	Pet Beds
	Pet Food Det Taur
	Pet Toys
Sports & Outdoors	Air Mattresses & Sleeping Bags
	Air Pumps
	Binoculars & Telescopes
	 Camping Backpacks & Sports Bags
	Compasses
	Firearms & Weapons
	Firewood & Charcoal
	Fireworks & Flares
	Fishing Gear
	Grills & Stoves
	Hammocks
	Lamps & Flashlights
	Matches & Lighters
	 Pans & Dutch Ovens
	Sports Equipment & Balls Torte Torte & Bane
	Tents, Tarps & Rope
	Umbrellas
	 Walking Sticks & Whips

	Water Sports
	Winter Sports
Tools & Construction materials	 Carpel, Flooring and Tile Doors & Windows Hand Tools Lawn Equipment Lumber & Furniture Wood Metal Mountings Moulding Patterns & Engineering Drawings Nails, Screws & Bolts Other Equipment Other Metal Equipment Paint, Varnish & Paint Thinner Pipes & Hoses Power Tools & Parts Pulleys, Winches & Generators Roofing Safety Gear & Scaffolding Stone, Gravel & Brick Tape, Construction Adhesive & Putty Wire & Rods
Toys & Games	 Amusement Park Equipment Arcade Games Games & Puzzles Other Toys Wheeled Toys