

# USPS<sup>®</sup> Support of IDEAlliance<sup>®</sup> Specifications

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## 1 Introduction

The Postal Service® will release software for the *PostalOne!*® and FAST® systems that include IDEAlliance Mail.dat® and Mail.XML™ specification support. There are four releases scheduled for year 2013, two major releases (January and July) and two minor (April and October). The schedule for the releases is published on the RIBBS website at:

[https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail\\_schedule2013/releaseschedule.cfm](https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail_schedule2013/releaseschedule.cfm)

This document contains information on timelines for support start and discontinuation dates for the Mail.dat and Mail.XML versions for the following functionalities:

1. eDoc and Postage Statement Functionality
  - a. Mail.dat Job Submissions
  - b. Mail.XML Job Submissions
2. Data Distribution Functionality
3. Profile Management (MID-CRID) Functionality
4. FAST Functionality

### 1.1 Help Desk Contact Information

- For the *PostalOne!* – If you have any questions, please contact the *PostalOne!* Help Desk via email at [postalone@usps.gov](mailto:postalone@usps.gov) or by calling 1-800-522-9085.
- For FAST – If you have any questions, please contact the FAST Help Desk via email at [fast@usps.com](mailto:fast@usps.com) or by calling 1-877-569-6614.

## 2 Specification Support Timelines

This section lists support start dates and discontinuation dates for the Mail.dat and Mail.XML versions for the USPS functionalities.

## 2.1 eDoc and Postage Statement Functionality

### 2.1.1 Mail.dat Job Submissions

#### January 13, 2013

- **Mail.dat supported versions are Mail.dat 12-2 and Mail.dat 13-1\*\***
- USPS will allow Mail.dat 12-1 submissions after January 13, 2013 for new mailing dates that are processed before January 27, 2013 and to update previously submitted mailings.
- Mail.dat 13-1 does not support mailing dates before January 27, 2013.

*\*Support for Mail.dat 12-1 updates will end on April 7, 2013. Last date for this support is April 6, 2013.*

*\*\*The PostalOne! is expected to support Mail.dat v13.1 as part of the January 2013 release. This document will be updated if a newer Mail.dat version is supported instead. Also, the Mail.dat 13-1 specification does not support the IMR file.*

#### April 7, 2013

- **Mail.dat supported versions are Mail.dat 12-2 and Mail.dat 13-1**
- USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 12-2.
- USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 13-1.

#### July 14, 2013

- **Mail.dat supported versions are Mail.dat 13-1 and Mail.dat 13-2\*\***
- USPS will allow Mail.dat 12-2 submissions after July 14, 2013 for new mailings with new mailing dates processed before July 28, 2013 and to update previously submitted mailings.
- Mail.dat 13-2 does not support a mailing date before July 28, 2013.

*\*\*The PostalOne! is expected to support Mail.dat v13.2 as part of the July 2013 release. This document will be updated if a newer Mail.dat version is supported instead. Also, the PostalOne! system will stop supporting the Mail.dat IMR file with older versions of Mail.dat with the July 2013 release.*

#### October 13, 2013

- **Mail.dat supported versions are Mail.dat 13-1 and Mail.dat 13-2**
- USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 13-1.
- USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 13-2.

### 2.1.2 Mail.XML eDocs Job Submissions

#### January 13, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v12.0A and v13.0A\*\***

- USPS will allow Mail.XML v11.0D submissions after January 13, 2013 for new mailings with mailing date processed before January 27, 2013 and to update previously submitted mailings.
- Mail.XML v11.0D supports limited products and prices for mailing dates processed on or after January 27, 2013.
- Mail.XML v13.0A does not support mailing dates processed before January 27, 2013.

*\*\*The PostalOne! is expected to support Mail.XML v13.0A as part of the July 2013 release. This document will be updated if a newer Mail.XML version is supported instead.*

### April 7, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v12.0A and 13.0A**
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v12.0A.
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v13.0A.  
The PostalOne! system will stop supporting the piece range block in the Mail Piece Create and Update requests with the April 2013 release.

### July 14, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v13.0A and v14.0\*\***
- USPS will allow Mail.XML v12.0A submissions after July 14, 2013 for new mailings with mailing dates processed before July 28, 2013 and to update v12.0A mailings.
- Mail.XML v12.0A supports limited enhancements for mailing dates processed on or after July 28, 2013.
- Mail.XML v14.0 does not support mailing dates prior to July 28, 2013.

*\*Effective October 13, 2013, the USPS will no longer support Mail.XML v12.0A*

*\*\*The PostalOne! is expected to support Mail.XML v14.0 as part of the July 2013 release. This document will be updated if a newer Mail.XML version is supported instead. The PostalOne! system will stop supporting the piece range block in the Mail Piece Create and Update requests with the Mail.XML 12.0A version with the July 2013 release.*

### October 13, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v13.0A and v14.0**
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v13.0A or a later errata version
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v14.0

## 2.2 Data Distribution Functionality

### January 13, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v11.0D, v12.0A and v12.0B**  
*\*Effective April 7, 2013, the USPS will no longer support Mail.XML v10.0 for Data Distribution functionality. Support for Data Distribution Mail.XML v10.0 will end on April 6, 2013.*

### April 7, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v11.0D, v12.0A and v12.0B**

### July 14, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0\*\***
- Effective January 2014, with the January 2014 release, the USPS will no longer support Mail.XML v11.0D for Data Distribution functionality.

*\*\* Data Distribution Mail.XML v14.0 scheduled to be deployed on July 14, 2013.*

### October 13, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0**
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v12.0A
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v12.0B
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v14.0

## 2.3 Profiles Functionality

### January 13, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v11.0D, v12.0A and v12.0B**

*\*Effective April 7, 2013, the USPS will no longer support Mail.XML v8.1 and v10.0 for MID-CRID functionality. Support for Data Distribution Mail.XML v8.1 and v10.0 will end on April 6, 2013.*

### April 7, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v11.0D\* , v12.0A and v12.0B**

*\*Effective October 13, 2013, the USPS will no longer support Mail.XML v11.0D for MID-CRID functionality. Support for Data Distribution Mail.XML v11.0D will end on October 12, 2013.*

### July 14, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0\*\***

*\*\* MID-CRID Mail.XML v14.0 scheduled to be deployed on July 14, 2013.*

### October 13, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0**
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v12.0A

- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v12.0B
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v14.0

## 2.4 FAST Functionality

### January 13, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are FAST Mail.XML v8.0B\*, v10.0, v12.0A and v12.0B**

\*Effective April 7, 2013, the USPS will no longer support Mail.XML v8.0B for *FAST functionality*. Support for Data Distribution Mail.XML v8.0B will end on April 6, 2013.

### April 7, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are FAST Mail.XML v10.0, 12.0A and 12.0B**

### July 14, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are FAST Mail.XML v10.0\*, v12.0A, v12.0B and v14.0\*\***

- Effective January 2014, with the January 2014 release, the USPS will no longer support Mail.XML v10.0 for *FAST functionality*.

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\*\* *FAST Mail.XML v14.0 scheduled to be deployed on July 14, 2013.*

### October 13, 2013

- **Mail.XML supported versions are FAST Mail.XML v12.0A, v12.0B and v14.0**
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v12.0A
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v12.0B
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v14.0
  
- Effective January 2014, with the January 2014 release, the USPS will no longer support Mail.XML v10.0 for *FAST functionality*