

USPS® Support of IDEAlliance® Specifications

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1 Introduction

The Postal Service® will releases software for the *PostalOne!*® and FAST® systems that include IDEAlliance Mail.dat® and Mail.XML™ specification support. There are four releases scheduled for year 2012, two major and two minor. This structured release schedule is published on the RIBBS website at:

http://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail_schedule/releaseschedule.htm.

This document contains start dates 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. Profiles Functionality
4. FAST Functionality

1.1 Help Desk Contact Information

- For PostalOne! – If you have any questions, please contact the *PostalOne!* Help Desk via email at 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 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 8, 2012

- **Mail.dat supported versions are Mail.dat 11-2 and Mail.dat 12-1**
- USPS will allow Mail.dat 11-1 submissions after January 8, 2012 for new mailings a mailing date that is before January 22, 2012 and to update previously submitted mailings.
- Mail.dat 11-2 supports limited products and prices for a mailing date on or after January 22, 2012.
- Mail.dat 12-1 does not support mailing dates before January 22, 2012.

April 1, 2012

- **Mail.dat supported versions are Mail.dat 11-2 and Mail.dat 12-1**
- Support for Mail.dat 11-1 updates will end on April 1, 2012. USPS allowed Mail.dat 11-1 submissions after January 8, 2012 for new mailings with mailing dates before January 22, 2012 and to update previously submitted 11-1 mailings. Last date for this support is March 31, 2012, starting April 1, 2012 support ends for Mail.dat 11-1.
- USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 11-2.
- USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 12-1.

June 10, 2012

- **Mail.dat supported versions are Mail.dat 12-1 and Mail.dat 12-2**
- USPS will allow Mail.dat 11-2 submissions after June 10, 2012 for new mailings with a mailing date before June 24, 2012 and to update previously submitted 11-2 mailings post June 24, 2012.
- Mail.dat 12-1 supports limited enhancements for mailing date on or after June 24, 2012.
- Mail.dat 12-2 does not support a mailing date before June 24, 2012.

October 14, 2012

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

2.1.2 Mail.XML Job Submissions

January 8, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v10.0C and v11.0D**
- USPS will allow Mail.XML v9.0B and 9.0C submissions after January 8, 2012 for new mailings with mailing date before January 22, 2012 and to update previously submitted mailings.
- Mail.XML v10.0C supports limited products and prices for mailing date on or after January 22, 2012.
- Mail.XML v11.0D does not support mailing date before January 22, 2012.

April 1, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v10.0C and v11.0D**
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v10.0C.
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v11.0D.

June 10, 2012

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

- USPS will allow Mail.XML v10.0C submissions after June 10, 2012 for new mailings with mailing date before June 24, 2012 and to update v10.0C mailings after June 24, 2012.
- Mail.XML v11.0D supports limited enhancements for mailing date on or after June 24, 2012.
- Mail.XML v12.0A does not support mailing date before June 24, 2012.

October 14, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v11.0D, v12.0A**
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v11.0D.
- USPS will continue to support Mail.XML v12.0A.

2.2 Data Distribution Functionality

January 8, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v8.1, v10.0A and v11.0D**

April 1, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v10.0A and v11.0D**
- Support for Mail.XML v8.1 will end on April 1, 2012. Last date for this support is March 31, 2012, starting April 1, 2012 support ends for Mail.XML v8.1.

June 10, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v10.0A, v11.0D and v12.0A**

October 14, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v11.0D, v12.0A, and v12.0B**
- Support for Mail.XML v10.0A will end with the April 2013 release.

*** PostalOne! will support Mail.XML v12.0B as part of the October release. If a newer Mail.XML version is supported an update will be made to this document.*

2.3 Profiles Functionality

January 8, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v8.1, v10.0 and v11.0D**

April 1, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v10.0 and v11.0D**
- Support for Mail.XML v8.1 will end on April 1, 2012. Last date for this support is March 31, 2012, starting April 1, 2012 support ends for Mail.XML v8.1.

June 10, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v10.0, v11.0D and v12.0A**

October 14, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML v11.0D, v12.0A, and v12.0B**
Support for Mail.XML v10.0 will end with the April 2013 release

*** PostalOne! will support Mail.XML v12.0B as part of the October release. If a newer Mail.XML version is supported an update will be made to this document.*

2.4 FAST Functionality

January 8, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are FAST Mail.XML v6.0D, v8.0B and v10.0**

April 1, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are FAST Mail.XML v8.0B and v10.0**
- Effective April 1, 2012, the USPS will no longer support Mail.XML v6.0D for FAST functionality. Support for FAST Mail.XML v6.0D will end on March 31, 2012.

June 10, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are FAST Mail.XML v8.0B, v10.0, and v12.0A**
- FAST Mail.XML v12.0A scheduled to be deployed.

October 14, 2012

- **Mail.XML supported versions are FAST Mail.XML v8.0B, v10.0, v12.0A, and v12.0B****
- After the FAST 24.0 release (April 2013), the USPS will no longer support Mail.XML v8.0B for FAST functionality.

*** FAST will support Mail.XML v12.0B as part of the October release. If a newer Mail.XML version is supported an update will be made to this document.*