

USPS® Support of IDEAlliance® 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.

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

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

USPS future support for Mail.dat and Mail.XML may change as we move closer to the January 2015 timeframe.

1.1 Help Desk Contact Information

- For the *PostalOne!* system – If you have any questions, please contact the *PostalOne!* Help Desk by 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 by email at fast@usps.com or by calling 1-877-569-6614.

2. Specification Support Timelines

This section lists the Mail.dat and Mail.XML version start and discontinuation dates for *PostalOne!* releases that introduce new USPS functionality.

2.1 eDoc and Postage Statement Functionality

2.1.1 Mail.dat Job Submissions

January 25, 2015

- **USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 14-1 and 14-2**
- USPS is anticipated to support Mail.dat 14-2 Errata version 14.2.1.5.

April 26, 2015

- **Mail.dat supported versions are 14-2, 14-2 Errata 14.2.1.5, and 15-1***
- USPS will partially support Mail.dat 14-1 submissions after April 26, 2015 for mailings with mailing dates processed before April 26, 2015, and to update previously submitted mailings.

** USPS future support for Mail.dat specific code version will become known as we approach the second 2015 release timeframe.*

2.1.2 Mail.XML eDoc - Job Submissions

January 25, 2015

- **USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 15.0A and 16.0***

April 26, 2015

- **Mail.XML supported version are 16.0*, and 17.0X****
- USPS will partially support Mail.XML 15.0 submissions after April 26, 2015 for mailings with mailing dates processed before April 26, 2015, and to update previously submitted mailings.

** Mail.XML 16.0 specification does not support the structure changes made in Mail.XML 17.0X.*

*** USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the second 2015 release timeframe.*

2.2 Data Distribution Functionality

January 25, 2015

- **USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0**

April 26, 2015

- **USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0***

** USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the second 2015 release timeframe.*

2.3 Profiles Functionality

January 25, 2015

- **USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0**

April 26, 2015

- **USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0***

** USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the second 2015 release timeframe.*

2.4 FAST Functionality

January 25, 2015

- **USPS will support versions Mail.XML 10.0, 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0**

April 26, 2015

- **USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 10.0, 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0***

** USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the second 2015 release timeframe.*