

Advance Notice of USPS Proposed FRN for Seamless Acceptance

On January 8, 2020 the Postal Service will publish a Federal Register Notice of its intent to require:

1. Participation in Seamless Acceptance for all mailers with an authorized Detached Mail Unit (DMU) by February 1, 2021. Mailers with an authorized DMU consistently submitting at least 90 percent full-service eligible volume for First-Class Mail, Periodicals, USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats, and Bound Printed Matter (BPM) barcoded flats will have their mailings verified under the Seamless Acceptance Program on February 1, 2021.
2. Performance of Seamless Acceptance verifications on all BMEU entered mailings that claim the full-service discount by July 1, 2021. *While BMEU mailers will not be required to enroll in Seamless Acceptance*, all full-service mailings will be verified using the automated verification processes utilized by the Seamless Acceptance program. Current manual verification processes will be retired for full-service mailings of First-Class Mail, Periodicals, USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats, and BPM barcoded flats and replaced with the automated processes beginning July 1, 2021.

DMU and BMEU mailers will be required to:

- Meet all content and price eligibility standards for the price claimed
- Participate in eInduction for DMU-verified origin entry and destination entry drop-shipments (would be applicable to DMUs only)
- Participate in Seamless Parallel by March 1, 2020.

Any DMU mailer that anticipates they will be unable to comply with Seamless Acceptance requirements by February 1, 2021 must request an extension by **November 1, 2020**. Extension requests must be sent to the Mail Entry and Payment Technology (MEPT) mailbox at HQMailEntry@usps.gov, certifying the date that compliance with Seamless Acceptance requirements will be achieved.

Beginning July 1, 2021, manual verifications will be retired for all BMEU-entered full-service mailings. The Postal Service will begin utilizing automated census and sampling verifications for all mailings claiming the full-service discount. Postage assessments will be based on the data received through census and sampling verifications for each calendar month. Verification results will be documented on the Mailer Scorecard for each mailer Customer Registration ID (CRID). Non-full-service mailings will continue to be accepted and will be verified using traditional manual verifications.

The Postal Service appreciates your business and looks forward to your comments. Per the Federal Register notice please mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Product Classification, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4446, Washington, DC 20260-5015. If sending comments by email, include the name and address of the commenter and send to ProductClassification@usps.gov, with a subject line of "Seamless Changes for Detached Mail Unit and Full-Service Mailings".

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