

Intelligent Mail® Package Barcode (IMpb)

Effective January 25, 2015, all commercial packages must include:

- A unique Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb)
- Submission of electronic Shipping Services File v. 1.6 or higher for each mailing including the complete destination delivery address or ZIP+4 and Destination Delivery Point Code for each package.

With the Intelligent Mail Package Barcode you get:

- The best commercial prices with the largest discount available
- Piece-level tracking information at no additional charge for most products
- Access to new products, services, and enhanced features

Changes Apply to:	Exceptions to the Rules:
All parcels entered through commercial channels, including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority Mail Express™• Priority Mail®• First-Class Package Services®• Parcel Select®• Parcel Select Lightweight®• Postage paid by permit imprint, postage meter, PC Postage®, Precancelled stamps, Franked Mail, or Official Mail Accounting System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All packages paid for at the retail price and inducted through retail transactions• Periodicals parcels• Merchandise Return Service® (MRS) permit holders not using a PC Postage-based return service – exempt from Shipping Services file• Standard Mail Marketing® product samples with a simplified address or a Detached Address Label (DAL)• Priority Mail letters and flats using stamps as postage or Priority Mail Forever Prepaid Flat Rate packaging• Priority Mail letters and flats prepared in a high-speed environment featuring a unique Intelligent Mail Barcode and electronic documentation with USPS approval.• Priority Mail Express pieces with postage paid through a postage meter imprint and using a Label 11-B• Priority Mail Express pieces entered under a Priority Mail Express Manifesting Agreement (PMEM) and paid via a USPS Corporate Account• Standard Mail pieces presorted and containerized in 5-digit sacks bearing an Intelligent Mail Barcode

You have two options to meet the new IMpb and data submission requirements:

- 1. Electronically submit a Shipping Services File with manifest, tracking, and postage information in one file (through the Electronic Verification System - eVS®)**
 - Submission is one file which includes the Shipping Services File (with destination delivery address or ZIP+4 and Destination Delivery Point Code information) and postage information
 - Payment for postage is deducted from a centralized electronic postage payment account (a Centralized Account Processing System – CAPS account)
- 2. Electronically submit a Shipping Services File with manifest and tracking information, plus a separate Postage Statement (this option is referred to as a Manifest Mailing Solution)**
 - Submission requires two components:
 - Shipping and tracking information within the electronic Shipping Services File
 - A hardcopy Postage Statement brought to the Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU) or an electronic Postage Statement submitted through the Postal Wizard®
 - Payment for postage is made through a local payment / trust account or a CAPS account

Tools to meet the new requirements:

You have several tools to help you meet the IMpb and data submission requirements:

1. Become an eVS mailer (visit <https://ribbs.usps.gov/evs/> and click on the Publications & Instructions)
2. Use a certified vendor software solution (listed on the following pages)
3. Use a certified consolidator solution (listed on the following pages)
4. Use the USPS Click-N-Ship Business Pro tool (additional information on the last page)

Shipping Services Files:

All commercial packages will be required to submit their mailing information electronically using a file referred to as a Shipping Services File. The Shipping Services File must be version 1.6 or higher, be submitted prior to presenting a shipment, and contain:

- Piece-level details
- Payment account number (e.g., permit number)
- Transaction ID (a 12-digit number detailing the year, month, day, and file sequence)
- Mailer ID (MID)
- Method of payment (e.g., permit, PC Postage)

For help signing up for eVS or more information, contact the eVS Help Desk at evs@usps.gov or 877-264-9693 option 4

For additional information on the [Postal Shipping Business Tool](#) visit the Business Customer Gateway and click on Shipping Services (gateway.usps.com) or contact the eVS Help Desk

For additional information on the [Shipping Services File](#) view Publication 199, accessible online via ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=intellmailpackage or email IMpb@usps.gov

Package Vendor Software Solution Providers:

To help you meet the requirements to generate a Shipping Services File and an IMpb, the following vendors have successfully tested their software with the Postal Service. These vendors offer either an eVS solution or a certified Shipping Services File solution that includes a linked Transaction ID (between the SSF and the Postage Statement).

Vendor Name	Software Name	Website for Information	eVS Certified	Shipping Services File w/Transaction ID	Classes of Mail Offered									
					PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM	Int'l	Other	
ABOL Software 678-494-3172	AMX	www.abolsoftware.com	X	X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM	Int'l	Other	
ABOL Software 678-494-3172	iabol	www.iabol.com	X	X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM	Int'l	Other	
AccuZIP Inc. 800-233-0555	AccuZIP6	www.accuzip.com		X			FCPS		PS-L	SM-NP	BPM		Other	
AccuZIP Inc. 800-233-0555	AccuZIP6 Lite	www.accuzip.com		X			FCPS		PS-L	SM-NP	BPM			
BCC Software, LLC 800-453-3130	BCC Mail Manager	http://www.bccsoftware.com/		X			FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM		Other	
BCC Software, LLC 800-453-3130	BCC Mail Manager Full-Service	http://www.bccsoftware.com/		X			FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM		Other	
Best Manifesting 215-508-7570	Best Ship	www.bestmanifesting.com		X		PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM		Other	
ProShip, Inc. 414-302-2929	ProShip	www.proshipssoftware.com/product-suite	X	X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L		BPM	Int'l	Other	
ConnectShip 866-461-4470	ConnectShip Prologistics	www.connectship.com/	X	X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM	Int'l	Other	
DigitalShipper 651-348-4080	DigitalShipper	www.digitalshipper.com		X		PM	FCPS	PS			BPM	Int'l	Other	
Endicia.com 800-576-3279 x 140	Endicia Label Server API/eVS	www.endicia.com	X	X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS					Other	
FP Mailing Solutions 630-827-5728	MailOne 2.0	www.fp-usa.com		X	PME	PM	FCPS							
Harvey Software 800-231-0296	CPS	www.postalshippingsoftware.com/	X	X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS			BPM	Int'l	Other	
HAL Systems, Inc. 618-281-3268	OutBound	halsystems.com		X		PM	FCPS	PS			BPM	Int'l	Other	
JDA 800-990-9632	JDA Parcel	www.jda.com/support/contact-support/	X	X		PM	FCPS				BPM	Int'l	Other	
Kewill 978-482-2523	Clippership	www.kewill.com		X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L		BPM		Other	
Kewill 978-482-2523	Flagship	www.kewill.com	X	X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L		BPM	Int'l	Other	
Logicor 480-857-7900	GlobalShip	www.logicor.com		X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS			BPM		Other	
Logicor 480-857-7900	GlobalShip iSeries	www.logicor.com		X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L		BPM		Other	
Manhattan Associates 877-596-9208	Warehouse Management for IBMi	www.manh.com	X	X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS			BPM		Other	
Micronite, Inc. 916-781-6700	CortexShip	www.micronite.com	X	X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM	Int'l	Other	
Neopost 800-339-3456 Opt. 6	Enhanced Mailing and Shipping	www.neopostinc.com/Products/Software-Solutions.aspx		X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L		BPM	Int'l	Other	
Pitney Bowes 1-800-888-0288	SendSuite Xpress / Ascent	support.pb.com/xpress		X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM	Int'l	Other	
Pitney Bowes 1-800-888-0288	SendSuite Shipping	www.pb.com/sendsuite		X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM	Int'l	Other	
Pitney Bowes 1-800-888-0288	SendSuite Live	www.pbsendsuitelive.com		X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM	Int'l	Other	
Satori Software Inc 206-834-2654	Satori Presort	www.satorissoftware.com		X			FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM		Other	
SCANDATA 512-358-1585	PTMS 14.01	www.scandata		X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS						
SCANDATA 512-358-1585	PTMS 12.00.00K	www.scandata		X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS			BPM		Other	
Varsity Logistics 650-392-7908	ShipSoft	www.varsitylogistics.com	X	X		PM	FCPS	PS			BPM		Other	
WindowBook 800-524-0380	Postal Package Partner	www.windowbook.com/Products/Postal-Package-Partner/		X	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM	Int'l	Other	

PME = Priority Mail Express | PM = Priority Mail | FCPS = First-Class Package Services | PS = Parcel Select | PS-L = Parcel Select Lightweight | SM-NP = Standard Mail Nonprofit | BPM = Bound Printed Matter | Int'l = Offers international shipping options | Other = Other Classes

PC Postage Vendor Solution Providers:

PC Postage Vendors allow customers to print labels and manifest packages by individual package, and still meet IMpb and Shipping Services requirements. Providers listed have successfully tested their systems with the Postal Service.

PC Postage Vendor Name	Contact	Website for Information	Classes of Mail Offered									
			PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L			Int'l	Other	
Endicia.com	800-576-3279 x 140	www.endicia.com	PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L				Int'l	Other
Pitney Bowes	877-822-0996	www.pb.com/smb/online-postage-stamps	PME	PM	FCPS	PS					Int'l	Other
Stamps.com	888-434-0055	www.stamps.com/postage-online/how-it-works/	PME	PM	FCPS	PS				BPM	Int'l	Other

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Package Consolidator Solution Providers:

Consolidators offer a variety of services to prepare and mail packages, including IMpb generation and drop-shipment. Providers listed have tested their systems with the USPS. These Consolidators offer either an eVS solution or a certified Shipping Services File solution that includes a linked Transaction ID (between the SSF and the Postage Statement).

Consolidator Name	Website for Information	Types of Entry Points	eVS Certified	Shipping Services File w/Transaction ID	Classes of Mail Offered									
					PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L			BPM	Int'l	Other
Blue Package Delivery 651-773-0031	www.bluepackage.com	DNDC, DDU	X	X		PM			PS	PS-L		BPM		Other
C3PS 513-604-1611	www.c3ps.us	DNDC, DDU, Other	X	X					PS	PS-L		BPM		
DHL GlobalMail 513-403-6294	www.dhlglobalmail.com	DNDC, DSCF, DDU, Origin	X	X		PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L			BPM	Int'l	Other
FedEx SmartPost 800-463-3339	www.fedex.com/us/smartpost/	DNDC, DSCF, DDU	X	X					PS	PS-L		BPM		Other
International Bridge / Parcel Pool 877-727-2354	www.myib.com	DNDC, DSCF, DDU, Origin	X	X		PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L		BPM		Other
Newgistics 866-647-0688	www.newgistics.com	DNDC, DSCF, DDU, Origin	X	X		PME	PM	FCPS	PS	PS-L	SM-NP	BPM	Int'l	Other
United Parcel Service	www.ups.com	DDU	X	X					PS	PS-L		BPM		Other

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DNDC = Destination Network Distribution Center | DSCF = Destination Sectional Center Facility | DDU = Destination Delivery Unit | Origin = Origin Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU) or Detached Mail Unit (DMU)

Click-N-Ship Business Pro™:

This tool is a downloadable software solution from the USPS that allows business mailers to generate shipping labels and securely pay postage via electronic manifest files. Use of the Tool is free for business mailers who typically have a daily volume of 50 packages or 50 pounds. Click-N-Ship Business Pro does non-presort packages only; international capabilities were added in Spring 2014.

No Cost to Use USPS Tool	Help Desk Contact Information	Website for enrollment and information	eVS Certified	Shipping Services File w/Transaction ID	Classes of Mail Offered										
					PME	PM	FCPS	PS					Int'l	Other	
Click-N-Ship Business Pro	877-264-9693 option 7 evs@usps.com	gateway.usps.com under Shipping Services	X	X		PME	PM	FCPS	PS					Int'l	

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Charts current as of 2/20/2015.

For the latest lists and more information about eVS, please visit ribbs.usps.gov/evs.

For more information on IMpb or Shipping Services Files, visit ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=intellmailpackage

Contact the Confirmation Services – eVS Help Desk **1-877-264-9693, option 2 or 4** or email evs@usps.gov

