



Web Tools Release Notes

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1 Revision History

Date	Author	File Version	Change Description
12/30/2025	Maggie Tillar	V1.1	Initial external version

2 Implementation Summary

External testing availability via the Web Tools CAT / stg- environment for each release can be found in the respective section below. The external test environment can be accessed, using your production USERID, via the following URL scheme, host and path:

- Secure APIs: <https://stg-secure.shippingapis.com/ShippingApi.dll>

If you receive an authorization error, please contact webtools@usps.gov and include your USERID.

Note: Gray coloring indicates production release changes have been implemented.

2.1 Announcements

2.1.1 New USPS APIs Platform

- Summary: New USPS APIs are available on the USPS Developer Portal. The new platform offers more API customization, product offerings, and payment options. Additional features include increased security via OAuth 2.0 authentication. Visit <https://developers.usps.com> for details.
 - The Web Tools API platform will be retired on January 25, 2026. All users must migrate to the new USPS APIs to avoid service disruptions.
 - Provide migration feedback at [Migration Feedback Form](#) or if you are a Software vendor at [Software Vendor Migration Feedback Form](#).
 - Reference www.usps.com/webtools for Web Tools to USPS APIs migration support materials.
 - Webinars are scheduled weekly on Thursdays at 2:00 PM Eastern Time except during holidays. Dial-in information:
 - Join via Zoom: [Join the Webinar](#)
 - Webinar ID: 161 859 0229
 - Passcode: 290586
 - Phone One-Tap: US: +1 503 336 1236 or +1 952-229-5070
 - Contact [USPS API Support](#) for support and indicate and API issue value of "USPS APIs" and Additional Details value of "Web Tools Migration".
 - Industry Alerts:
 - [June 2025 Alert](#)
 - [February 2025 Alert](#)
 - [November 2024 Alert](#)

2.2 Production Release: January 15, 2026

External testing: Dec. 30

The API changes noted below will be released to production in the late-night hours of January 15, 2026. USPS is enacting a Price Change on January 18, 2026, which will be available on January 15 when using a ship date of January 18 or beyond. All domestic and international price calculator and shipping label APIs will reflect updated pricing in XML responses, on shipping label images, and in the Shipping Services Files (see Appendix A for full list of price calculator and label APIs). For information on specific prices being updated, please go to <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2025/1114-usps-recommends-new-competitive-prices-for-2026.htm>. To test updated prices, use a ship date of 1/18/26 or later in our lower testing environments.

Changes beyond basic price updates are explained below, per API.

2.2.1 First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS) Updates

1. Summary: Web Tools will make updates to support five weight-based price points: 8, 16, 32, 48, and 64 ounces for First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS).
 - o Impacted APIs:
 - International Price Calculator API (API=IntlRateV2)
 - International Label API (API=eVSFirstClassMailIntl)
2. Summary: Web Tools will make updates to support the removal of the Post Exprés logo from First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS) labels.
 - o Impacted APIs:
 - International Label API (API=eVSFirstClassMailIntl)
 - o FCPIS CN22 PS 2976 customs forms will remove the current Post Exprés logo and replace with "F" service icon.
 - Examples:

Current FCPIS Post Exprés logo	Updated FCPIS "F" service icon
	

Table 1: FCPIS Label Icons

3. Summary: Web Tools will make updates to remove International Registered Mail service ability for First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS). Changes will not impact First-Class Mail International (FCMI) which will allow International Registered Mail.
 - o Impacted APIs:
 - International Price Calculator API (API=IntlRateV2)
 - o International Price Calculator API (API=IntlRateV2) updates:
 - Registered Mail extra service (<ServiceID>="103") will no longer return for FCPIS (<ServiceID="15">)

2.2.2 French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Reunion Price Group Updates

1. Summary: French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Reunion price groups will be updated to match those of parent country France. Web Tools APIs will be updated to support these price group changes. Reference USPS Notice 123 for details <https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange>.
 - o Impacted APIs:
 - International Price Calculator API (API=IntlRateV2)
 - External – International Label APIs (APIs=eVSExpressMailIntl, eVSPriorityMailIntl, eVSFirstClassMailIntl)
 - Legacy Customs Form CN22 International Label API (API=CustomsCN22V2)
 - Legacy Customs Form CP72 International Label API (API=CustomsCP72V3)
 - o New French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Reunion price groups:
 - Priority Mail Express International (PMEI) will be 15.
 - Note: PMEI only available to French Guiana, Guadeloupe and Martinique. PMEI is not available to Reunion.
 - Priority Mail International (PMI) will be 15.
 - Flat Rate Envelopes and Boxes will be 4.
 - First-Class Mail International (FCMI) will be 5.
 - First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS) will be 15.

2.2.3 Belgium Insurance Updates

1. Summary: Web Tools APIs will be updated to support changes in insurance limits when Shipping to Belgium. Priority Mail Express International (PMEI) insurance limits for Belgium will be updated from \$650 to no longer available. Priority Mail International (PMI) insurance limits for Belgium will be updated from \$650 to \$600.
 - o Impacted APIs:
 - International Price Calculator API (API=IntlRateV2)
 - International Label APIs (APIs=eVSExpressMailIntl, eVSPriorityMailIntl)

2.2.4 Airmail M-Bag Updates

1. Summary: Web Tools APIs will support changes in Airmail M-Bag availability per UPU standards (i.e., UPU – International Bureau – List of designated operators offering the M bag as an optional supplementary service).
 - o Impacted APIs:
 - International Price Calculator API (API=IntlRateV2)
 - o International Price Calculator API (API=IntlRateV2) updates:
 - Web Tools will return updated Airmail M-Bag availability (<ServiceID="28">) per the UPU country list.

2.2.5 Maintenance

1. Database maintenance updates to offload accounts disabled due to inactivity.

3 Appendices

3.1 Appendix A – Price Calculator and Label APIs

3.1.1 Domestic Price Calculator APIs

Description	API Name
Domestic Price Calculator	RateV4

3.1.2 International Price Calculator APIs

Description	API Name
International Price Calculator	IntlRateV2, IntlRate (deprecated)

3.1.3 Domestic Label APIs

Description	API Name
USPS Returns Label API	USPSReturnsLabel
Domestic Label API – eVS	eVS
SCAN Form	SCAN

3.1.4 International Label APIs

Description	API Name
PMEI Label API – eVS	eVSExpressMailIntl
PMI Label API – eVS	eVSPriorityMailIntl
FCPIS Label API – eVS	eVSFirstClassMailIntl
GXG Label API – eVS (deprecated)	eVSGXGGetLabel (deprecated)
Customs Form CN22 (deprecated)	CustomsCN22V2 (deprecated)
Customs Form CP72 (deprecated)	CustomsCP72V3 (deprecated)

3.2 Appendix B – Sample API Requests, Responses, and Labels

3.2.1 Sample XML Requests

This section provides sample XML requests to the test/staging environment that demonstrate some of the changes implemented to our APIs in this release. These requests are provided as a reference to aid in your understanding of the changes and in your integration with our updated APIs. You should still complete your typical testing and verification processes to ensure that your system is communicating properly with the most updated versions of the Web Tools APIs.

Please note that you must place your valid USERID and Password into the request. Sample responses are provided below the sample requests to illustrate the changes that will occur to the XML schema. Please note that the data within the tags may differ depending on inputs provided. Areas of note are highlighted.

Examples will be added when applicable.

3.2.2 Sample Labels/Receipts

This section provides sample label and receipt images to the test/staging environment that demonstrate some of the changes implemented to our APIs in this release. These samples are provided as a reference to aid in your understanding of the changes and in your integration with our updated APIs. You should still complete all your usual testing and verification processes to ensure that your system is communicating properly with the most updated version of Web Tools.

Examples will be added when applicable.

3.3 Appendix C – HTTPS/Secure Web Tools APIs Security Certificate Info

3.3.1 SSL Security Certificate Updates (HTTPS APIs)

Common Name (CN)	Envir.	URLS
Web Tools Legacy HTTPS APIs	TEST	<i>https://stg-secure.shippingapis.com/shippingapi.dll</i>
Web Tools Legacy HTTPS APIs (New)	TEST	<i>https://stg-production.shippingapis.com/ShippingApi.dll</i>
Web Tools PROD HTTPS APIs	PROD	<i>https://secure.shippingapis.com/ShippingAPI.dll</i>
Web Tools PROD HTTPS APIs (New)	PROD	<i>https://production.shippingapis.com/ShippingAPI.dll</i>

3.3.2 SSL Security Certificate Updates (HTTPS Web Tools 2.0 APIs):

Common Name (CN)	Envir.	URLS
Web Tools 2.0 APIs	TEST	<i>https://cat-webtools.usps.com/</i>
White Label APIs	TEST	<i>https://staging-whitelabel.shippingapis.com/</i>
Web Tools 2.0 APIs	PROD	<i>https://webtools.usps.com/</i>
White Label APIs	PROD	<i>https://whitelabel.shippingapis.com/</i>

3.4 Appendix D – Categories for International Shipping Regulatory Mandates

Category (<ItemCategory>)	SubCategory (<ItemSubCategory>)
Appliances, Parts & Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Compressors • Bathroom Appliances • Clothing Iron • Coffee Makers, Toasters & Other Heat-generating Kitchen Appliances • Cutting Blades • Fans • Food Grinders • Heaters, Radiators & Air Conditioning Units • Mechanical Kitchen Appliances • Microwave Ovens • Other Household Appliances • Other Kitchen Appliances • Oven, Cooktops & Ventilating Hoods • Refrigerators & Freezers • Sewing Machines • Sinks, Toilets & Bathtubs • Vacuum Cleaners • Washing Machines & Dryers • Weighing Scales
Arts & Collectibles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antique Hand-Painted & Hand-Drawn Art • Antiques Over 100 Years Old • Archaeological, Zoological & Historical Collector's Pieces • Art Paint & Brushes • Art Prints • Blank Art Canvas • Coin • Hand-Painted & Hand-Drawn Art • Non-Original Wooden Art • Original Prints & Engravings • Original Sculptures & Carvings • Sewing Materials • Stamp Collections • Statuettes and Ornaments
Automotive & Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aircraft & Parts • Bicycles & Accessories • Car, Truck & Tractor Parts • Cranes • Diesel-powered Cars & Trucks • Electric Cars & Trucks • Gas-powered Cars & Trucks • Motorcycle & Bicycle Parts • Motorcycles • Railway & Tramway Vehicles & Parts • Scooters & Chairs for the Disabled & Parts • Ship & Boat Parts • Ships & Boats • Spacecraft & Parts • Special Vehicles (e.g., Fire Trucks, Cement Mixers, etc.)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tractors & Work Trucks• Trailers
Beauty & Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air Fresheners & Incense• Bath & Hand Soap• Bath salts• Contact Lenses• Contraceptives• Dental Fittings & Hygiene• Feminine Hygiene• Hair Cutting Tools• Hair Dryers, Straighteners & Curlers• Make-up• Manicure & Pedicure Sets• Massage Tools• Medicine, Ointments, First Aid & Bandages• Other Hygiene• Pedometer• Perfume & Deodorant• Personal Medical Equipment• Shampoo & Hair Products• Shaving & Waxing• Vaccines, Blood, & Cell Cultures
Books, Movies & Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Books & Brochures• Catalogs• Coloring Books• DVDs, CDs, Tapes & Other Recorded Media• Maps & Globes• Music Boxes• Musical Instruments & Parts• Newspapers, Journals & Magazines• Printed Decals• Sheet Music
Clothing & Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby Clothes• Belts & Buckles• Fabric Material• Glasses & Sunglasses• Gloves and Mittens• Hats & Headgear• Hoodies, Sweaters & Cardigans• Luggage, Backpacks, Bags & Wallets• Men's & Boys' Jackets, Shirts & Suits• Men's & Boys' Pants & Swimwear• Men's & Boys' Underwear & Pajamas• Other Clothing Accessories• Shoes & Accessories• Socks, Pantyhose & Tights• Ties & Scarves• Used Clothing• Wigs & False Hair• Women's & Girls' Jackets, Shirts & Dresses• Women's & Girls' Pants, Skirts & Swimwear• Women's & Girls' Underwear & Pajamas

Electronics, Computers & Cameras	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audio-playing Devices• Batteries & Power Banks• Cables & Connectors• Cameras, Video Cameras & Parts• Chargers• Computer Parts & Accessories• Device Cases & Bags• DVD & Blu-ray Players• Gift, Credit & Smart Cards• GPS Devices & Radios• Laptops & Desktops• Electrical Parts• Smoke Detectors & Alarms• Speakers, Headphones & Microphones• Streaming Service Devices• Telephones & Smartphones• Televisions & Projectors• Traffic & Safety Signal Equipment• Video Game Consoles & Games
Food & Groceries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alcoholic Beverages• Baby Formula• Chocolate & Cocoa Products• Coffee, Tea & Mate• Dairy & Eggs• Extracts & Concentrates• Fats & Oils• Fruit• Fruit & Nut Mix• Grains & Flour• Jams & Jellies• Live Fish & Seafood• Meat & Fish• Nuts• Other Food Items• Sauces• Soda & Other Drinks• Soups & Broths• Spices & Sugar• Syrup & Molasses• Tobacco Products & E-cigarettes• Treats• Vegetables & Other Plants
Home & Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adhesives & Tape• Animal Hides & Parts• Artificial Plants & Flowers• Bedding & Towels• Candles• Clocks & Parts• Clothing Hangers• Containers & Baskets• Curtains• Electric Kitchen Appliances• Furniture

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Household Cleaners & Trash Bags• Lamps & Lighting• Live Plants & Fresh Flowers• Mirrors• Other Household Items• Other Outdoor & Garden Items• Rugs & Mats• Sacks & Bags• Safes & Strong-boxes• Statuettes & Other Decor• Tableware & Kitchenware• Toilet Paper, Napkins & Tablecloths
Industrial, Scientific & Machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agricultural & Food Machinery• Batteries & Accumulators• Buttons & Mannequins• Dies & Tanning Extracts• Electric Parts, Electronic Waste & Scrap• Energy-generating Equipment• Explosives & Combustibles• Industrial Animal Products• Industrial Furnaces & Ovens• Industrial Glass Items• Industrial Metal Items• Industrial Plastic Items• Industrial Rubber Items• Industrial Stone & Cement Items• Industrial Textile Items• Industrial Vacuum Cleaners• Industrial Washers & Dryers• Industrial Wood Items• Laboratory Equipment• Magnets• Measuring Equipment• Medical Equipment• Metal-working Machinery• Motors & Generators• Moulds• Navigation & Surveying Equipment• Ores, Mineral Fuels & Oils• Organic Compounds• Other Chemical Products• Other Electrical Machinery & Parts• Other Industrial Machinery• Other Industrial Machinery Parts• Other Minerals & Stone• Packing Materials & Containers• Precious Metal Compounds & Inorganic Chemicals• Printing & Paper Machinery• Railway Materials• Semiconductor-producing Machinery• Textile Machinery• Transformers• Vegetative Materials

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vending Machines• Welding Equipment
Jewelry & Watches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Imitation Jewelry & Parts• Jewelry Boxes & Cases• Jewelry of Pearls or Precious Metal & Parts• Pearls & Precious Stones• Precious Metals• Watches & Parts
Office Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Account Books, Receipt Books & Binders• Adhesive & Tape• Calculators• Calendars• Chalkboards & Dry Erase Boards• Documents & Business Cards• Erasers• Filing Cabinets & Trays• Letter Openers• Other Mathematical Tools• Other Plastic School Supplies• Paper & Paperboard• Pencil Sharpeners, Staplers & Other Office Machines• Pens & Pencils• Printers & Ink• Safety Pins, Paper Clips & Staples• Scissors• Stamps
Pet Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cages & Accessories• Fish Tanks, Terrariums & Accessories• Food Bowls• Leashes, Harnesses & Saddles• Litter Box• Pet Beds• Pet Food• Pet Toys
Sports & Outdoors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air Mattresses & Sleeping Bags• Air Pumps• Binoculars & Telescopes• Camping Backpacks & Sports Bags• Compasses• Firearms & Weapons• Firewood & Charcoal• Fireworks & Flares• Fishing Gear• Grills & Stoves• Hammocks• Lamps & Flashlights• Matches & Lighters• Pans & Dutch Ovens• Sports Equipment & Balls• Tents, Tarps & Rope• Umbrellas• Walking Sticks & Whips

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Sports• Winter Sports
Tools & Construction materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carpet, Flooring and Tile• Doors & Windows• Hand Tools• Lawn Equipment• Lumber & Furniture Wood• Metal Mountings• Moulding Patterns & Engineering Drawings• Nails, Screws & Bolts• Other Equipment• Other Metal Equipment• Paint, Varnish & Paint Thinner• Pipes & Hoses• Power Tools & Parts• Pulleys, Winches & Generators• Pumps, Compressors & Generators• Roofing• Safety Gear & Scaffolding• Stone, Gravel & Brick• Tape, Construction Adhesive & Putty• Wire & Rods
Toys & Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amusement Park Equipment• Arcade Games• Games & Puzzles• Other Toys• Wheeled Toys