USPS Returns Label API

USPS Web Tools™ Application Programming Interface User Guide

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1.0 Introduction to Web Tools

This document contains a Reference Guide to the USPS Returns Label API. See the <u>Developer's Guide</u> to learn the administrative process for gaining access to the Web Tools APIs as well as the basic mechanism for calling the APIs and processing the results. The Developer's Guide also contains information on testing and troubleshooting.

Note: The Request Parameter sections present the XML input tags for generating live requests along with the restrictions on the values allowed. An error message will be returned if an incorrect value is entered. Also, be aware of the maximum character amounts allowed for some tags - an error will return if values passed exceed these limits. Where a parsing expression or character limit is not documented for tags defined as a String, Web Tools will simply pass in the characters up to the maximum amount allowed and disregard the rest. This is important since the resulting value could prevent a correct response. We recommend integrators check the character length of all values passed in the API request to avoid any truncation or unsuccessful responses.

When building the XML request, pay particular attention to the order and case for tags. An error message will be returned if an incorrect value is entered. Remember that all data and attribute values in this document are for illustration purposes and are to be replaced by your actual values.

1.1 Before you get started:

For information on registering and getting started with Web Tools, please refer to the Step-By-Step guide found on the Web Tools Technical Documentation Page.

Note: The Web Tools user ID (i.e. "123ABCD456") you receive upon registration will not work at www.usps.com (also reference: https://reg.usps.com); USPS Web Tools API user ID credentials are separate and required for API use.

Additional onboarding is required before integrators can begin using the Web Tools USPSReturnsLabel API to generate USPS Return labels. Integrators should contact the USPS Mailing & Shipping Solutions Center (MSSC) at 1-877-672-0007 for assistance. Business hours for the MSSC are Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM-7:00 PM Central. The USPS Returns web page can also be referenced: https://www.usps.com/business/return-services.htm

Note: All Label APIs handle a pipe special character ("|") as a space. Integrators are recommended to not include a pipe special character ("|") in the API request. If a pipe is provided in the API request, Web Tools will treat as a space where applicable in the API XML response, label image, Shipping Partner Event File, and Shipping Services File.

Note: All Label APIs can accept a trademark symbol ("M") in the XML request but any response from the API will strip the symbol from the text (e.g., Firm Name) and will not display the symbol on the printed labels.

2.0 USPS Returns Label API

2.1 Overview

The Web Tools USPS Returns Label API enables customers to receive USPS Return labels which are processed using the new automated return process via Package Platform. USPS Return account holders will pay postage and fees through an Enterprise Payment System (EPS) account so that items can be returned by their customers (at no charge to their customers) using merchant provided USPS Return labels. The API allows integrators to request USPS Return labels for items that can be mailed using Priority Mail Return, Ground Return, and Priority Mail Express Return. For additional USPS Return details, reference:

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/02/25/2020-03170/usps-returns-service.

Initial onboarding will include:

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- Package Platform enrollment
- USPS Returns enrollment
- EPS account enrollment for electronic funds transfer for payment of USPS Return postage.
- USPS Web Tools API registration resulting in generation of Web Tools user ID and access configuration
- Mailer ID (MID) enrollment
- Customer Registration ID (CRID) enrollment
- Configuration of Destination Delivery Address (where applicable)

Customer Types:

The USPS Returns Label API will support the following configuration options determined during initial customer onboarding:

- Non-manifesting (SSF) Option: Supports creation of return labels to a single delivery destination
 address configured per Web Tools UserID. Unique ZIP4 for returns supported. Note: The ability to
 generate return labels to multiple delivery destinations requires separate Web Tools UserIDs for each
 destination address.
- Manifesting (SSF) Option (not eFulfillment): Supports creation of return labels to a configured delivery destination address with options for Insurance extra services. Unique ZIP4 for returns supported. A Shipping Services File will be submitted by Web Tools for return labels on behalf of the integrator.
- Manifesting (SSF) eFulfillment for Returns Option: Supports creation of return labels for eFulfillment
 returns customers to a delivery destination address collected in the API request with options for Insurance
 extra services. A Shipping Services File will be submitted by Web Tools for return labels on behalf of the
 integrator. Note: The USPSReturnsLabel API will AMS-validate the destination addresses provided by
 eFulFillment customers or an error will return. Unique ZIP4s are not applicable to these customers.

USPS Returns Label API Feature	Non-manifesting Option	Manifesting Option (not eFulfillment)	Manifesting Option (eFulfillment)
USPS Returns:	-	-	-
PRIORITY MAIL RETURN	Available	Available	Available
PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS RETURN	Available	Available	Available
GROUND ADVANTAGE RETURN	Available	Available	Available
Extra Services:	-	-	-
Insurance	N/A	Available	Available
HAZMAT Extra Services	Available	Available	Available
Ability to use multiple delivery destination addresses per Web Tools UserID. (Address collected in XML request and submitted in fSSF)	N/A	N/A	Available

USPS Returns Label API Feature	Non-manifesting Option	Manifesting Option (not eFulfillment)	Manifesting Option (eFulfillment)
Ability to specify Customer Reference Number(s) on label	Available	Available	Available
Ability to specify attention line on label for Delivery Destination Address	Available	Available	Available
Support Puerto Rican Origin Addresses	Available	Available	Available
Support Priority Mail Cubic Return Pricing	TBD	TBD	TBD
Label Sizes/types:	-	-	-
Default (6x4 label and receipt printed on same 8.5x11 page) Enumeration: "6X4 PAGE"	Available	Available	Available
 ZPL (203 and 300 dpi) Enumerations: "4X6ZPL203DPI" and "4X6ZPL300DPI" 	Available	Available	Available
True 4x6 portrait Enumeration: "4X6"	Available	Available	Available
True 6x4 landscape Enumeration: "6X4"	Available	Available	Available
True 4x4 (restricted)	TBD	TBD	TBD
USPS Tracking Email	Available	Available	Available
USPS Tracking Email with PDF return label attachment	Available	Available	Available
Support unique Returns ZIP4	Available	Available	N/A
Generate Shipping Services File	N/A	Available	Available
Label volume reporting	Available	Available	Available
2D IMpb Barcode	Available	Available	Available
Optional Fees and Attributes (i.e., dim wt.) Breakdown	Available	Available	Available

2.1.1 API Signature

Scheme	Host	Path	API	XML
https://	secure.shippingapis.com	/ShippingAPI.dll?	API=USPSReturnsLabel	&XML=
				(see below)
https://	secure.shippingapis.com	/ShippingAPI.dll?	API=USPSReturnsLabelCertify	&XML=
				(see below)

Note: The "USPSReturnsLabelCertify" API is for testing purposes and will not generate usable labels and barcodes.

2.2 Request Descriptions

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest	Required	Used with API=USPSReturnsLabel	(Alias)	
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / USERID	Required	This attribute specifies your Web Tools user ID. See the <u>Developer's Guide</u> for information on obtaining your USERID. For Example: USERID="XXXXXXXX"	NMTOK EN	
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / PASSWORD	Required	This attribute specifies your Web Tools password. See the <u>Developer's Guide</u> for information on your Password. For Example: PASSWORD="XXXXXXXX"	NMTOK EN	
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / Option	Optional	For future use.	String	
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / Revision	Optional	Used to indicate API version. Use a value of "2" to return a shortened IMpb barcode in the <trackingnumber> tag. For example: <revision>2</revision></trackingnumber>	String	minLength=0 pattern=\d{1} pattern=
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / ImageParameters	Required	Group containing all request parameters pertaining to the Label Image generation.	(Group)	
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / ImageParameters / ImageType	Required	Label Image Type. See Appendix A for Image parameter options. For example: <imagetype>PDF</imagetype>	String	Enumeration= • PDF • TIF • NONE • ZPL

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / ImageParameters/ ImageParameter	Optional	Returns alternate label image. See Appendix A for Image parameter options. For example: <imageparameter>4X6</imageparameter>	String	Default=6X4PAGE Enumerations= • 4X6 • 6X4 • 6X4PAGE • 4X6ZPL203DPI • 4X6ZPL300DPI • SEPARATEREC EIPTPAGE
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerFirstName	Conditionally required (only if CustomerFirm not provided)	First Name of customer returning package. Printed on label and receipt. Either <customerfirstname> and <customerlastname> OR <customerfirm> required. Minimum of 1 character required. Note: <customerfirstname> and <customerlastname> values have a combined 32-character limit when printed on label. Combined values exceeding 32 characters will be truncated due to space limitations on the label. API request eligible to accept up to 50 characters.</customerlastname></customerfirstname></customerfirm></customerlastname></customerfirstname>	String	minLength=1 maxLength=50
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerLastName	Conditionally required (only if CustomerFirm not provided)	Last Name of customer returning package. Printed on label and receipt. Either <customerfirstname> and <customerlastname> OR <customerfirm> required. Minimum of 1 character required. Note: <customerfirstname> and <customerlastname> values have a combined 32-character limit when printed on label. Combined values exceeding 32 characters will be truncated due to space limitations on the label. API request eligible to accept up to 50 characters.</customerlastname></customerfirstname></customerfirm></customerlastname></customerfirstname>	String	minLength=1 maxLength=50

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerFirm	Conditionally required (only if Customer First/Last Name not provided)	Firm Name of customer returning package. Printed on label and receipt. Either <customerfirstname> and <customerlastname> OR <customerfirm> required. Minimum of 1 character required.</customerfirm></customerlastname></customerfirstname>	String	minLength=1 maxLength=50
		Note: <customerfirm> has a 32-character limit when printed on label. Values exceeding 32 characters will be truncated due to space limitations on the label. API request eligible to accept up to 50 characters.</customerfirm>		
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerAddress1	Conditionally required (if address needs secondary info)	Secondary address unit designator and number (such as an apartment or suite number). For example: "APT 202" or "STE 100" etc. Note: This tag must be included in the request, even if the value is null, to return a successful response. For addresses that do not require secondary information, integrators should include " <customeraddress1></customeraddress1> " in the request.	String	minLength=0 maxLength=50
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerAddress2	Required	Address of customer returning the package. (Primary Street address). For example: <customeraddress2>123 Main St.</customeraddress2>	String	minLength=1 maxLength=50
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerUrbanizatio n	Conditionally required (if address is in Puerto Rico)	Urbanization of customer returning the package.	String	minLength=0 maxLength=50
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerCity	Required	City of customer returning the package.	String	minLength=1 maxLength=28
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerState	Required	State of customer returning the package. Value should be passed as two-letter state abbreviation. For example: <customerstate>DC</customerstate>	String	pattern=\w{2} pattern= minLength=2 maxLength=2
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerZip5	Required	ZIP Code of customer returning the package.	String	pattern=\d{5}

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerZip4	Optional	ZIP+4 Code of customer returning the package.	String	pattern=\d{4} pattern=
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / POZipCode	Conditionally required (if mail entry ZIP Code different than CustomerZip5	ZIP Code of Post Office or collection box where item is mailed. May be different than CustomerZip5. This tag will take precedence over CustomerZip5 when provided. Will be used to populate the SSFv2.0 H1 pos. 7 Entry Facility ZIP Code field. For example: <pozipcode>20770</pozipcode>	String	pattern=\d{5}
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / AllowNonCleansedO riginAddr	Optional	Allows Non-Validated Origin Street Address. Enter "true" to bypass street address validation failures/errors or "false" if only validated addresses should be allowed.	Boolean	Default=false Enumerations= • true • false
		Note: Integrators are recommended to always use "false" to ensure no delivery issues. In the event USPS cannot validate the street address, this tag will "bypass" address validation error when "true" is indicated to allow label creation which could impact delivery. The <allownoncleansedoriginaddr> excludes City, State, and ZIP Code which must be valid for a successful response. Reference https://pe.usps.com/text/pub28/28c2 001.htm.</allownoncleansedoriginaddr>		
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RetailerATTN	Optional (May be specified when <returnspost ageType>=5)</returnspost 	Attention line for Retailer Address. If supplied, this optional value will override the value stored in the Retailers WebTools Profile.	String	minLength=0 maxLength=50
		Note: <retailerattn> has a 32-character limit when printed on label. Values exceeding 32 characters will be truncated due to space limitations on the label. API request eligible to accept up to 50 characters.</retailerattn>		

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RetailerFirm	Conditionally required (When <returnspost agetype="">=5)</returnspost>	Firm Name of Retailer Address for return package. Printed on label and receipt. <retailerfirm> is required for eFulfillment customers using <returnspostagetype>=5. Minimum of 1 character required. Note: <customerfirm> has a 32-character limit when printed on label. Values exceeding 32 characters will be truncated due to space limitations on the label. API request eligible to accept up to 50 characters.</customerfirm></returnspostagetype></retailerfirm>	String	minLength=0 maxLength=50
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RetailerAddress1	Optional (May be specified when <returnspost ageType>=5)</returnspost 	Secondary address unit designator and number (such as an apartment or suite number). For example: "APT 202" or "STE 100" etc. Note: <retaileraddress1> may be specified by eFulfillment customers using <returnspostagetype>=5. The value supplied will override the value stored in the Retailers WebTools Profile. eFulfillment customers supplying an empty tag or not supplying this tag will also override the value stored in the Retailers WebTools Profile resulting in no RetailerAddress1 line being displayed.</returnspostagetype></retaileraddress1>	String	minLength=0 maxLength=50
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RetailerAddress2	Conditionally required (When <returnspost agetype="">=5)</returnspost>	Address of Retailer where the package will be returned. (Primary Street address). For example: <retaileraddress2>123 Main St.</retaileraddress2> Note: <retaileraddress2> is required for eFulfillment customers using <returnspostagetype>=5. Minimum of 1 character required.</returnspostagetype></retaileraddress2>	String	minLength=1 maxLength=50
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RetailerCity	Conditionally required (When <returnspost agetype="">=5)</returnspost>	City of Retailer where the package will be returned. Note: <retailercity> is required for eFulfillment customers using <returnspostagetype>=5.</returnspostagetype></retailercity>	String	minLength=1 maxLength=28

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RetailerState	Conditionally required (When <returnspost ageType>=5)</returnspost 	State of Retailer where the package will be returned. Value should be passed as two-letter state abbreviation. For example: <retailerstate> DC<!-- RetailerState --> Note: <retailerstate> is required for eFulfillment customers using <returnspostagetype>=5.</returnspostagetype></retailerstate></retailerstate>	String	pattern=\w{2} pattern= minLength=2 maxLength=2
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RetailerZip5	Conditionally required (When <returnspost agetype="">=5)</returnspost>	ZIP Code of Retailer where the package will be returned. Note: <retailerzip5> is required for eFulfillment customers using <returnspostagetype>=5.</returnspostagetype></retailerzip5>	String	pattern=\d{5}
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RetailerZip4	Conditionally required (When <returnspost agetype="">=5)</returnspost>	ZIP+4 Code of Retailer where the package will be returned. Note: <retailerzip4> is required for eFulfillment customers using <returnspostagetype>=5.</returnspostagetype></retailerzip4>	String	pattern=\d{4} pattern=
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RetailerEmail	Conditionally required (When <returnspost agetype="">=5)</returnspost>	Email for Retailer of the return package. Note: Either <retaileremail> OR <retailerphone> is required for eFulfillment customers using <returnspostagetype>=5.</returnspostagetype></retailerphone></retaileremail>	String	pattern=([\w\- \.]+)@(([\w-]+\.)+)[a-zA-Z]{2,4} pattern=
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RetailerPhone	Conditionally required (When <returnspost agetype="">=5)</returnspost>	Phone number for Retailer of the return package. Note: Either <retaileremail> OR <retailerphone> is required for eFulfillment customers using <returnspostagetype>=5.</returnspostagetype></retailerphone></retaileremail>	String	pattern= \s* [0- 9]{10})?
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / WeightInOunces	Optional	Package weight used to calculate postage. Items must weigh 70 pounds (1120 ounces) or less. For example: <weightinounces>80</weightinounces> Note: If weight not supplied, 4oz used.	Integer	Default=4 minInclusive=0 maxInclusive=112 0

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / ServiceType	Required	Enter one of the valid Mail Service entries: "PRIORITY" for Priority Mail Return. "EXPRESS" for Priority Mail Express Return. "GROUND" for Ground Advantage Return.	String	Enumeration= • PRIORITY • EXPRESS • GROUND
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / ReturnsPostageType	Conditionally required (Required for eFulfillment users)	The Postage Type for the Return label. Note: Required for USPSReturnsLabel callers registered as eFulfillment users. Non-eFulfillment users may omit this tag or supply it with an empty value.	String	Enumeration= • 5
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / Width	Optional	Value must be numeric. Units are inches. For example: <width>5.5</width> Note: If partial dimensions are provided, an error response will return. Length, Width, Height are required for accurate pricing of a rectangular package when any dimension of the item exceeds 12 inches. In addition, Girth is required only for a non-rectangular package in addition to Length, Width, Height when any dimension of the package exceeds 12 inches. For rectangular packages, the Girth dimension must be left blank as this dimension is to only be used for non-rectangular packages. For details on dimensional weight pricing, please reference the Domestic Mail Manual Section 123.1.4 for Retail Mail and Section 223.1.6 for Commercial Mail. https://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/index.htm	Decimal	minExclusive=0.0 totalDigits=10

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / Length	Optional	Value must be numeric. Units are inches. Length should be longest dimension when compared to Width and Height values supplied. For example: <length>11</length> Note: If partial dimensions are provided, an error response will return. Length, Width, Height are required for accurate pricing of a rectangular package when any dimension of the item exceeds 12 inches. In addition, Girth is required only for a non-rectangular package in addition to Length, Width, Height when any dimension of the package exceeds 12 inches. For rectangular packages, the Girth dimension must be left blank as this dimension is to only be used for non-rectangular packages. For details on dimensional weight pricing, please reference the Domestic Mail Manual Section 123.1.4 for Retail Mail and Section 223.1.6 for Commercial Mail. https://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/index.ht	Decimal	minExclusive=0.0 totalDigits=10
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / Height	Optional	Value must be numeric. Units are inches. For example: <height>7</height> Note: If partial dimensions are provided, an error response will return. Length, Width, Height are required for accurate pricing of a rectangular package when any dimension of the item exceeds 12 inches. In addition, Girth is required only for a non-rectangular package in addition to Length, Width, Height when any dimension of the package exceeds 12 inches. For rectangular packages, the Girth dimension must be left blank as this dimension is to only be used for non-rectangular packages. For details on dimensional weight pricing, please reference the Domestic Mail Manual Section 123.1.4 for Retail Mail and Section 223.1.6 for Commercial Mail. https://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/index.htm	Decimal	minExclusive=0.0 totalDigits=10

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / Girth	Conditionally required (if package is non-rectangular)	Note: Girth is required only for a non-rectangular package. For rectangular packages, girth must be left blank. Value must be numeric. Units are inches. Girth is distance around the thickest part of package (perpendicular to the length). For details on dimensional weight pricing, please reference the Domestic Mail Manual Section 123.1.4 for Retail Mail and Section 223.1.6 for Commercial Mail https://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/index.htm . For example: <girth>25</girth> Note: If partial dimensions are provided, an error response will return. (i.e. Length, Width, and Height must all be supplied with Girth).	Decimal	minExclusive=0.0 totalDigits=10
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / Machinable	Optional	Machinable parcels are defined as parcels less than or equal to 15"x18"x22" inches and less than or equal 25 pounds. Any parcel that exceeds either threshold (dimensions or weight) will be considered nonmachinable. Note: The API will validate provided dimensions and/or weight to determine machinability. In this case the <machinable> tag will be ignored. If these are not provided, then the <machinable> tag will be used to designate if shipment is Machinable (true) or Nonmachinable (false). For example: <machinable>true</machinable></machinable></machinable>	Boolean	Default=true Enumerations= • true • false
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / VendorCode	Optional		String	minLength=0 maxLength=4
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / VendorProductVersio nNumber	Optional		String	minLength=0 maxLength=8

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / MailOwnerMID	Optional		String	minLength =0 maxLength =9 pattern =\d{9} pattern =\d{6} pattern =\d{0}
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerRefNo	Optional	Used to collect RMA number. The <customerrefno> value will be used to populate the SSFv2.0 D1 pos. 21 Customer Reference Number field.</customerrefno>	String	minLength=0 maxLength=30
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / PrintCustomerRefNo	Optional	Used to print <customerrefno> value on the label. The <printcustomerrefno> must be set to "true" in order to display <customerrefno> on the label.</customerrefno></printcustomerrefno></customerrefno>	Boolean	Default=false Enumerations= • true • false
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / CustomerRefNo2	Conditionally required (When <returnspost agetype="">=5)</returnspost>	Used to collect merchant ID. Note: <customerrefno2> is required for eFulfillment customers using <returnspostagetype>=5.</returnspostagetype></customerrefno2>	String	minLength=0 maxLength=30
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / PrintCustomerRefNo 2	Optional	Used to print <customerrefno2> data on the label. The <printcustomerrefno2> must be set to "true" in order to display <customerrefno2> value on the label.</customerrefno2></printcustomerrefno2></customerrefno2>	Boolean	Default=false Enumerations= • true • false
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / SenderName	Optional	Used for the USPS Tracking email. Indicates the name of the person or company sending the USPS tracking email notification.	String	minLength=0 maxLength=50
		Note : No email is returned when generating a Sample (i.e., API=USPSReturnsLabelCertify) request.		

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / SenderEmail	Optional	Used for the USPS Tracking email. Indicates the email address of sender used for USPS tracking email notification. Valid email addresses must be used.	String	pattern=([\w\- \.]+)@(([\w-]+\.)+)[a-zA-Z]{2,4} pattern=
		Note: <recipientemail> must be populated to generate USPS tracking email notification. If <senderemail> provided without <recipientemail>, USPS tracking email notification will not be generated. Note: No email is returned when generating a Sample (i.e., API=USPSReturnsLabelCertify) request.</recipientemail></senderemail></recipientemail>		
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RecipientName	Optional	Used for the USPS Tracking email. Indicates the name of the person or company receiving the USPS tracking email notification. If recipient name not provided, email will be addressed to <recipientemail> value provided. Note: No email is returned when generating a Sample (i.e., API=USPSReturnsLabelCertify) request.</recipientemail>	String	minLength=0 maxLength=50
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / RecipientEmail	Optional	Required to generate the USPS Tracking email. Indicates email address of recipient receiving the USPS tracking email notification. Valid email addresses must be used. Note: No email is returned when generating a Sample (i.e., API=USPSReturnsLabelCertify) request.	String	pattern=([\w\- \.]+)@(([\w-]+\.)+)[a-zA-Z]{2,4} pattern=
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / TrackingEmailPDF	Optional	Used to indicate if a PDF return label will be attached (true) or not (false) to the USPS Tracking email.	Boolean	Default=false Enumerations= • true • false
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / ExtraServices	Optional	Groups extra services elements	(Group)	

USPSReturnsLabelR equest / ExtraServices/ ExtraService	Optional, repeating up to unbounded times	Use to specify extra service Service is specified, USPS the default, base service. Currently available services	Tracking will be	String	whiteSpace=collap se Enumeration= • 100 • 101
		Service Name	Service ID		• 125
		Insurance	100		HAZMAT Services: • 810
		Insurance (Express)	101		• 811
		Insurance (Priority)	125		• 812 • 813
		HAZMAT Services	Service ID		• 814
		Air Eligible Ethanol	810		• 815 • 816
		Package	010		•817
		Class 1 – Toy	811		• 818
		Propellant/Safety Fuse Package			• 819 • 820
		Class 3 – Flammable	812		• 821
		Liquid Package	012		• 822 • 823
		Class 7 – Radioactive Materials Package	813		• 824 • 825
		Class 8 – Corrosive Materials Package	814		826827828
		Class 8 – Nonspillable Wet Battery Package	815		• 829 • 830
		Class 9 – Lithium Battery Marked – Ground Only Package	816		• 831 • 832
		Class 9 – Lithium Battery – Return package	817		
		Class 9 – Lithium batteries, marked package	818		
		Class 9 – Dry Ice Package	819		
		Class 9 – Lithium batteries, unmarked package	820		
		Class 9 – Magnetized Materials Package	821		
		Division 4.1 – Flammable Solids or Safety Matches Package	822		

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
		Division 5.1 – Oxidizers 823 Package		
		Division 5.2 – Organic 824 Peroxides Package		
		Division 6.1 – Toxic 825 Materials Package		
		Division 6.2 – Infectious 826 Substances Package		
		Excepted Quantity 827 Provision Package		
		Ground Only Hazardous 828 Materials		
		ID8000 Consumer 829 Commodity Package		
		Lighters Package 830		
		LTD QTY Ground 831 Package		
		Small Quantity Provision 832 Package		
		Note: When <extraservice>="125" and <insuredamount> is less than or equal to \$100, the insurance price returned will be zero ("\$0.00") to reflect baked-in insurance. If <insuredamount> is greater than \$100, the insurance price returned will reflect an extra cost since baked-in insurance was exceeded.</insuredamount></insuredamount></extraservice>		
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / InsuredAmount	Conditionally required (When insurance extra service is also indicated)	Use this tag for entering an insurance amount, if applicable. For example: <insuredamount>100.00</insuredamount>	Decimal	minInclusive=0.0 maxInclusive=500 0.00
		Note : The maximum insurance available may vary by the Return Mail Service type requested.		

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / WaiverOfSignature	Optional	No Signature Required for Delivery. Enter "true" if you do not want a signature for receipt of the package or "false" if you do. For example: <waiverofsignature>true</waiverofsignature>	Boolean	Default=false Enumerations= • true • false
USPSReturnsLabelR equest /ReturnFees	Optional	This tag must be set to "true" for <fees> to be returned. This tag is used so customers can see what fees apply to their postage.</fees>	Boolean	Default=false Enumerations= • true • false
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / OriginalTrackingNum ber	Optional	Collects the original tracking number (i.e., IMpb) over labeled on the package. Value must be numeric and correspond to defined IMpb barcode lengths per USPS Pub 199.	String	
USPSReturnsLabelR equest / OriginalTrackingNum berConstruct	Optional	Barcode construct code for <originaltrackingnumber>. Value must be valid 3-character IMpb barcode construct defined in USPS Pub 199 Appendix J Table 1.</originaltrackingnumber>	String	
		For Example: <originaltrackingnumberconstruct>C01<!-- OriginalTrackingNumberConstruct--></originaltrackingnumberconstruct>		
USPSReturnsLabelR equest	Required	Used with API=USPSReturnsLabel	(Alias)	

2.2.1 Sample Request

Non-manifesting (SSF) XML Request:

- <USPSReturnsLabelRequest USERID="XXXXXXXXXX" PASSWORD="XXXXXXXXXX">
- <Option/>
- <Revision></Revision>
- <ImageParameters>
- <ImageType>PDF</ImageType>
- ImageParameters>
- <CustomerFirstName>Cust First Name</CustomerFirstName>
- <CustomerLastName>Cust Last Name</CustomerLastName>
- <CustomerFirm>Customer Firm</CustomerFirm>
- <CustomerAddress1/>
- <CustomerAddress2>PO Box 100</CustomerAddress2>

- <CustomerUrbanization/>
- <CustomerCity>Washington</CustomerCity>
- <CustomerState>DC</CustomerState>
- <CustomerZip5>20260</CustomerZip5>
- <CustomerZip4>1122</CustomerZip4>
- <POZipCode>20260</POZipCode>
- <AllowNonCleansedOriginAddr>false</AllowNonCleansedOriginAddr>
- <RetailerATTN>ATTN: Retailer Returns Department</RetailerATTN>
- <RetailerFirm>Retailer Firm</RetailerFirm>
- <WeightInOunces>80</WeightInOunces>
- <ServiceType>PRIORITY</ServiceType>
- <Width>4</Width>
- <Length>10</Length>
- <Height>7</Height>
- <Girth>2</Girth>
- <Machinable>true</Machinable>
- <CustomerRefNo>RMA%23: EE66GG87</CustomerRefNo>
- <PrintCustomerRefNo>true</PrintCustomerRefNo>
- <CustomerRefNo2> EF789UJK </CustomerRefNo2>
- <PrintCustomerRefNo2>true</PrintCustomerRefNo2>
- <SenderName>Sender Name for Email</SenderName>
- <SenderEmail>senderemail@email.com</SenderEmail>
- <RecipientName>Recipient of Email</RecipientName>
- <RecipientEmail>recipientemail@email.com</RecipientEmail>
- <TrackingEmailPDF>true</TrackingEmailPDF>
- <ExtraServices>
- <ExtraService></ExtraService>
- </ExtraServices>
- </USPSReturnsLabelRequest>

Manifesting (SSF) XML Request:

- <USPSReturnsLabelRequest USERID="XXXXXXXXXX" PASSWORD="XXXXXXXXXX">
- <Option/>
- <Revision>2</Revision>
- <ImageParameters>
- <ImageType>PDF</ImageType>

- <ImageParameter>4X6</ImageParameter>
- <ImageParameter>SEPARATERECEIPTPAGE
- /ImageParameters>
- <CustomerFirstName>Cust First Name</CustomerFirstName>
- <CustomerLastName>Cust Last Name</CustomerLastName>
- <CustomerFirm>Customer Firm</CustomerFirm>
- <CustomerAddress1/>
- <CustomerAddress2>150 CALLE A/CustomerAddress2>
- <CustomerUrbanization>URB REPTO VETERANO</CustomerUrbanization>
- <CustomerCity>San Juan</CustomerCity>
- <CustomerState>PR</CustomerState>
- <CustomerZip5>00926</CustomerZip5>
- <CustomerZip4>0221</CustomerZip4>
- <POZipCode>20260</POZipCode>
- <AllowNonCleansedOriginAddr>true</AllowNonCleansedOriginAddr>
- <RetailerATTN>ATTN: Retailer Returns Department</RetailerATTN>
- <RetailerFirm>Retailer Firm</RetailerFirm>
- <WeightInOunces>10</WeightInOunces>
- <ServiceType>EXPRESS</ServiceType>
- <Width>4</Width>
- <Length>10</Length>
- <Height>7</Height>
- <Girth>2</Girth>
- <Machinable>true</Machinable>
- <CustomerRefNo>RMA%23: EE66GG87</CustomerRefNo>
- <PrintCustomerRefNo>true</PrintCustomerRefNo>
- <CustomerRefNo2> EF789UJK </CustomerRefNo2>
- <PrintCustomerRefNo2>true</PrintCustomerRefNo2>
- <SenderName>Sender Name for Email</SenderName>
- <SenderEmail>senderemail@email.com
- <RecipientName>Recipient of Email</RecipientName>
- <RecipientEmail>recipientemail@email.com</RecipientEmail>
- <TrackingEmailPDF>true</TrackingEmailPDF>
- <ExtraServices>
- <ExtraService>101</ExtraService>
- </ExtraServices>

- <InsuredAmount>100</InsuredAmount>
- <WaiverOfSignature>true</WaiverOfSignature>
- </USPSReturnsLabelRequest>

Manifesting (SSF) eFulfillment for Return XML Request:

- <Option/>
- <Revision>2</Revision>
- <ImageParameters>
- <ImageType>PDF</ImageType>
- <ImageParameter>6X4PAGE</ImageParameter>
- /ImageParameters>
- <CustomerFirstName>Cust First Name</CustomerFirstName>
- <CustomerLastName>Cust Last Name</CustomerLastName>
- <CustomerFirm>CustomerFirm>/CustomerFirm>
- <CustomerAddress1>232</CustomerAddress1>
- <CustomerAddress2>PO Box 100</CustomerAddress2>
- <CustomerUrbanization/>
- <CustomerCity>Washington</CustomerCity>
- <CustomerState>DC</CustomerState>
- <CustomerZip5>20260</CustomerZip5>
- <CustomerZip4>1236</CustomerZip4>
- <POZipCode>20260</POZipCode>
- <AllowNonCleansedOriginAddr>true</AllowNonCleansedOriginAddr>
- <RetailerATTN>ATTN: Retailer Returns Department</RetailerATTN>
- <RetailerFirm>Retailer Firm</RetailerFirm>
- <RetailerAddress1>Ste 100</RetailerAddress1>
- <RetailerAddress2>2 Massachusetts Ave NE</RetailerAddress2>
- <RetailerCity>Washington</RetailerCity>
- <RetailerState>DC</RetailerState>
- <RetailerZip5>20212</RetailerZip5>
- <RetailerZip4>1726</RetailerZip4>
- <RetailerEmail>Returns@Retailer.com</RetailerEmail>
- <RetailerPhone>2125551234</RetailerPhone>
- <WeightInOunces>10</WeightInOunces>
- <ServiceType>GROUND</ServiceType>

- <ReturnsPostageType>5</ReturnsPostageType>
- <Width>12</Width>
- <Length>24</Length>
- <Height>16</Height>
- <Girth>0</Girth>
- <Machinable>true</Machinable>
- <VendorCode>1000</VendorCode>
- <VendorProductVersionNumber>102</VendorProductVersionNumber>
- <MailOwnerMID>817463</MailOwnerMID>
- <CustomerRefNo>RMA%23: EE66GG87</CustomerRefNo>
- <PrintCustomerRefNo>true</PrintCustomerRefNo>
- <CustomerRefNo2>EF789UJK</CustomerRefNo2>
- <PrintCustomerRefNo2>true</PrintCustomerRefNo2>
- <SenderName>Sender Name for Email</SenderName>
- <SenderEmail>senderemail@email.com</SenderEmail>
- <RecipientName>Recipient of Email</RecipientName>
- <RecipientEmail>recipientemail@email.com</RecipientEmail>
- <TrackingEmailPDF>true</TrackingEmailPDF>
- <ExtraServices>
- <ExtraService>100</ExtraService>
- </ExtraServices>
- <InsuredAmount>100</InsuredAmount>
- <ReturnFees>true</ReturnFees>
- </USPSReturnsLabelRequest>

2.3 Response Descriptions

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse	Required		(Alias)	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / BarcodeNumber	Required	Tracking / Confirmation number for the package. This tag returns a long form IMpb that includes routing information: 42020904198592019xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	String	

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / TrackingNumber	Required	Tracking / Confirmation number for the package. This tag returns a shortened IMpb that begins with the Channel Application ID:	String	
		92019xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
		TrackingNumber is available when <revision> is greater than or equal to "2"</revision>		
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / LabelImage	Optional	Binary representation of the label in the form selected (PDF, TIF). Default response will contain a single <labellmage> tag containing label and receipt on the same page. Note: Not returned when <imagetype>="NONE" is specified in</imagetype></labellmage>	base64Binary	Default= <labelimage> contains label and receipt on same page</labelimage>
		request.		
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / ReceiptImage	Optional	Binary representation of the Receipt in the form selected (PDF, TIF).	base64Binary	
		Note: Only returned when SEPARATERECEIPTPAGE is specified in the request.		
USPSReturnsLabelResponse / RetailerATTN	Optional	Attention line of Retailer receiving the return package.	String	maxLength=50
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / RetailerFirm	Optional	Firm Name of Retailer receiving the return package. Configured "Delivery Destination Company" used. Future enhancements will also use <retailerfirm>.</retailerfirm>	String	MaxLength=50
		Note: <retailerfirm> value truncated after 32-characters when printed on label due to space limitations. API response eligible to return up to 50 characters.</retailerfirm>		
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / RetailerAddress1	Optional	Address of Retailer receiving the return package. Secondary address unit designator and number (such as an apartment or suite number). For example: "APT 202" or "STE 100" etc. Configured "Delivery Destination Address2" used.	String	

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / RetailerAddress2	Required	Address of Retailer receiving the return package. Configured "Delivery Destination Address" used.	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / RetailerCity	Required	City of Retailer receiving the return package. Configured "Delivery Destination City" used.	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / RetailerState	Required	State of Retailer receiving the return package. Configured "Delivery Destination State" used.	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / RetailerZip5	Required	Zip5 of Retailer receiving the return package. Configured "Delivery Destination Zip Code" used.	String	pattern=\d{5}
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / RetailerZip4	Required	Zip4 of Retailer receiving the return package. Configured "Delivery Destination Zip Code" used.	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / RDC	Required	Retail Distribution Code printed on label for USPS processing purposes. Note: The following MCSetCodes are used by USPSReturnsLabel API to determine RDC:	String	
		Service MCSetCode Ground Return 0006 Priority Mail 0003 Return		
		Priority Mail 0007 Express		
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / Postage	Required	Postage amount for the return package. Note: Does not include any extra	String	minLength=0
		service fees or surcharges.		
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / ExtraServices	Optional	Groups extra service information specified in request.	(Group)	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / ExtraServices / ExtraService	Optional, repeating up to unbounde d times	Groups extra service information specified in request.	(Group)	

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / ExtraServices / ExtraService / ServiceID	Optional	Extra Service ID included in request	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / ExtraServices / ExtraService / ServiceName	Optional	Extra Service name	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / ExtraServices / ExtraService / Price	Optional	Extra Service fee	Decimal	
USPSReturnsLabelResponse / Zone	Required	Postal Zone. USPS defined distance codes assigned to each origin and destination ZIP Code pairing for every ZIP Code number in the nation. These distance codes, referred to as zones, are designated as "1 through 9."	String	
USPSReturnsLabelResponse / DimensionalWeight	Optional	Dimensional Weight of package used to determine postage. Postage based on actual weight (specified in <weightinounces>) or the dimensional weight, whichever is greater.</weightinounces>	String	
		For example, <dimensionalweight>14.0alWeight></dimensionalweight>		
		For details on dimensional weight pricing, please reference the Domestic Mail Manual Section 123.1.4 for Retail Mail and Section 223.1.6 for Commercial Mail. https://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/index.htm		
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / CarrierRoute	Required	Carrier Route	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / LogMessage	Optional	Messaging for integrators of this API. It may contain additional information about this particular request / response, or general information about the API or Web Tools. In typical implementations, whenever this tag is encountered, the message is written to the console log file for later analysis.	String	

Tag Name	Occurs	Description	Туре	Validation
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / Fees	Optional	Returned when "Fees" is True Dimensional weight pricing will include length and volume fees to account for cost of processing oversized parcels		
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / Fee	Required		String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / Fee / FeeType	Required	Indicates what type of Fee is being requested: - Non Standard Length Fee(s) - Non Standard Volume Fee(s) - Live Animal Transportation Fee(s)	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / Fee / FeeType / FeePrice	Required	Fee price. See Notice 123 for fee applicability and pricing.	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / Fees / Fee / FeeType / FeePrice / FeeInformation	Required	Fee Information indicates the fee is <rate></rate>	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / Fees / Fee / FeeType / FeePrice / FeeInformation / FeeInfo FeeInfoType="PriceType"	Required	Fee Information indicates the fee is <rate></rate>	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / Attributes	Required	When <returnfees> = True, the new Attributes tag will return to show Oversize fees and/or Dimensional Weight fees. Any future package attributes that impact a price returned will be included in the attributes tag.</returnfees>	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse / Attributes / AttributeKey	Required	Attribute Key: • DimensionalWeightR = RetailRate • DimensionalWeightCB = Commercial Rate • DimensionalWeightCP = Commercial Plus Rate • Oversized	String	
USPSReturnsLabelRespo nse	Required		(Alias)	

2.3.1 Sample Response

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XML Response:
<USPSReturnsLabelCertifyResponse>
  <BarcodeNumber>420202121726925989XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX/BarcodeNumber>
  <TrackingNumber>925989XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX/TrackingNumber>
  <Labellmage>--- Base 64 Binary stream Suppressed for documentation---
  <RetailerATTN>ATTN: Retailer Returns Department</RetailerATTN>
  <RetailerFirm>RETAILER FIRM</RetailerFirm>
  <RetailerAddress1>STE 100</RetailerAddress1>
  <RetailerAddress2>2 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NE</RetailerAddress2>
  <RetailerCity>WASHINGTON</RetailerCity>
  <RetailerState>DC</RetailerState>
  <RetailerZip5>20212</RetailerZip5>
  <RetailerZip4>1726</RetailerZip4>
  <RDC>0001</RDC>
  <Postage>43.71</Postage>
  <ExtraServices>
    <ExtraService>
      <ServiceID>100</ServiceID>
      <ServiceName>Insurance</ServiceName>
      <Price>3.40</Price>
    </ExtraService>
  </ExtraServices>
  <Zone>01</Zone>
  <DimensionalWeight>28</DimensionalWeight>
  <CarrierRoute>C000</CarrierRoute>
  <Fees>
    <Fee>
      <FeeType>Nonstandard Length fee > 22 in.</FeeType>
      <FeePrice>4.00</FeePrice>
    </Fee>
    <Fee>
      <FeeType>Nonstandard Volume fee > 2 cu. ft.</FeeType>
      <FeePrice>15.00</FeePrice>
    </Fee>
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</Fees>
<Attributes>
<Attribute Key="DimensionalWeight">28</Attribute>
</Attributes>
</USPSReturnsLabelCertifyResponse>
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3.0 Appendix A – Image Parameter Options

Image Parameter(s)	Description	Receipt	Image Type
6X4 PAGE	1 image returned: Full Page 8.5x11 with 6x4 label and receipt (current default).	Yes, included in single image	PDF, TIF
6X4 PAGE SEPARATERECEIPTPAGE	2 images returned:1) Full Page 8.5x11 with 6x4 label2) Receipt on Full Page 8.5x11	Yes, but on separate full page	PDF, TIF
4X6	1 image returned: True 4x6	No	PDF, TIF
4X6 SEPARATERECEIPTPAGE	2 images returned:1) True 4x6 label2) Receipt on Full Page 8.5x11	Yes, but on separate full page	
6X4	1 image returned: True 6x4	No	PDF, TIF
6X4 SEPARATERECEIPTPAGE	2 images returned: 1) True 6x4 label True 2) Receipt on Full Page 8.5x11	Yes	PDF, TIF
4X6ZPL203DPI	1 image returned: 4x6 ZPL 203	No	ZPL
4X6ZPL300DPI	1 image returned: 4x6 ZPL 300	No	ZPL

4.0 Appendix B - Label Samples

4.1 USPS Returns Label Sample - Priority Mail Return

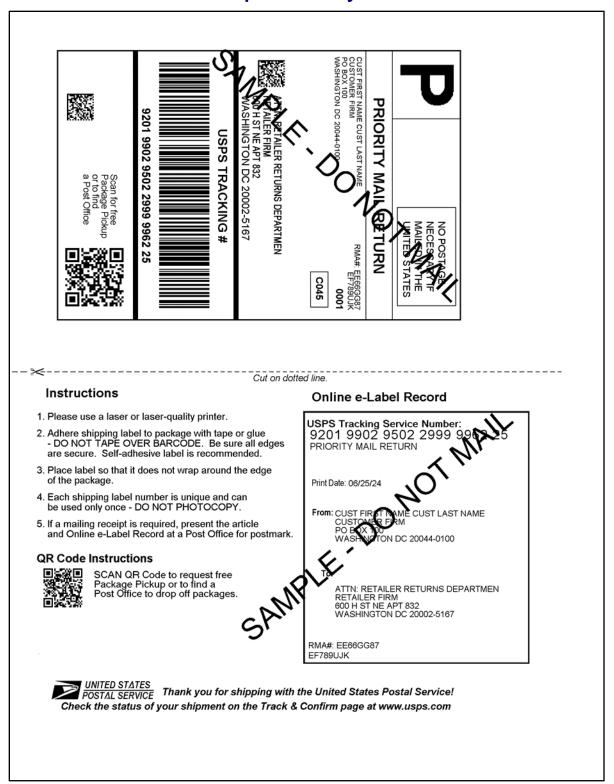


Figure 1: USPS Priority Mail Return label

4.2 USPS Returns Label Sample – Priority Mail Express Return



Figure 2: Priority Mail Express Return label

4.3 USPS Returns Label Sample - Ground Advantage Return



Figure 3: USPS Ground Advantage Return label

5.0 Appendix C - Unique ZIP+4

Web Tools USPSReturnsLabel allows a unique Returns ZIP4 which can be used instead of the ZIP4 returned from AMS in the XML response <RetailerZip4>, barcode, label, receipt, and SSF.

Context: Today local AMS generates a unique Returns destination ZIP4 for larger volume returns shippers but does not share this data outside of AMS DB with other internal systems. As a result, a unique Returns ZIP4 will fail AMS validation and standardize to the ZIP4 of the physical address. For the Web Tools USPS Returns API, a configured unique ZIP4 allows customers to bypass the AMS ZIP4.

Ex. Destination Address: "16840 BUCCANEER LN HOUSTON, TX 77058 + XX50* – the unique ZIP4 is "XX50", AMS standardizes to "2563" – when the unique ZIP4 option is configured in Web Tools, the unique returns ZIP4 of "XX50" is used.