

PRODUCT BULLETIN #91 - New Postal Enhancements

As you know, our software was available to meet the new postal requirements on July 1, 1996. At the time, due to the limited amount of time to implement and test our software, we did not implement all the features of the Re-classification. Instead we concentrated on being sure that the features and requirements most needed by our clients were in place and correct. Now we have gone back and implemented all features of the class Standard A. In addition we have implemented all additional changes that have been made to the regulations governing this class since July, 1996.

As of July 1, 1997, barcoded tray and sack tags were required. We implemented this feature in March, 1997, well ahead of the requirement.

August 20, 1997, we will implement the following additional features to our Postal capabilities:

1. Automated (bar-coded) Enhanced Carrier Route for letters
2. Automated Flats
3. 3602 Postage Report Worksheet
4. Additional presort refinements, including 3-digit carrier route trays
5. Mail Distribution counts

Automated Enhanced Carrier Route - You can now order bar-coded carrier route labels for letters. This class does not exist for flats. This class has a small cost advantage over plain Enhanced Carrier Route for regular mailings, and a somewhat larger cost advantage for non-profit mailings.

Automated Flats - You can now order bar-coded flats (but NOT bar-coded carrier route, see paragraph above). This is useful for those mailings which have very few addresses that carrier route. Also you may choose to bar-code the residuals from a carrier route mailing.

3602 Postage Report Worksheet - We can now produce a worksheet which you or your mail house can use to complete the 3602 Postage Report. Later this year, we will implement printing of this report on the USPS Form.

Additional Presort Refinements - We have now implemented all the elements of the presort for Standard A Mail. The most significant of these is an addition to the original reclassification, called the 3-digit carrier route tray sort. If you choose this option (it is the default), it will decrease the number of trays required for a mailing. In general the other additional elements that we have now implemented will result in somewhat fewer left-overs in mailings.

Mail Distribution Counts - If you request a counts-only run on a label order, in addition to the overall label count, you can now get a count by Sectional Control Facility (SCF), just request the "Mail Distribution Report" in your comments. These counts can help you plan your mailing, particularly if you are considering multi-drops. The cost for this report is \$25, in addition to the \$25 for the label count.

Many of these features require additional information. Attached is a check list to help you gather the necessary information for a label order.

