# 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 the 11-digit ZIP (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: |
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| All parcels entered through commercial channels, including, but not limited to:<br>• Priority Mail Express™<br>• Priority Mail®<br>• First-Class Package Services®<br>• Parcel Select®<br>• Parcel Select Lightweight®<br>• Postage paid by permit imprint, postage meter, PC Postage®, Precancelled stamps, Franked Mail, or Official Mail Accounting System | • All packages paid for at the retail price and inducted through retail transactions<br>• Periodicals parcels<br>• Merchandise Return Service® (MRS) permit holders not using a PC Postage-based return service – exempt from Shipping Services file<br>• Standard Mail Marketing® product samples with a simplified address or a Detached Address Label (DAL)<br>• Priority Mail letters and flats using stamps as postage or Priority Mail Forever Prepaid Flat Rate packaging<br>• Priority Mail letters and flats prepared in a high-speed environment featuring a unique Intelligent Mail Barcode and electronic documentation with USPS approval.<br>• Priority Mail Express pieces with postage paid through a postage meter imprint and using a Label 11-B<br>• Priority Mail Express pieces entered under a Priority Mail Express Manifesting Agreement (PMEM) and paid via a USPS Corporate Account<br>• 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
- Mail Class
- Processing Category
- Mailer ID
- Transaction ID (a 12-digit number detailing the date and file sequence)
- Payment account number (e.g. permit number)
- 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 **Click N Ship Business Pro** 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

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## 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 a certified IMpb Shipping Services File solution and/or an eVS application.

| Vendor Name | Software Name | Website | Phone | eVS Certified | IMpb Certified | Classes of Mail Offered | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2Ship Solutions | 2Ship | 2ship.com | 855-552-7447 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | BPM | Intl | Other |
| ABOL Software | AMX | abolsoftware.com | 678-494-3172 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | Intl | Other |
| ABOL Software | iabol | iabol.com | 678-494-3172 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | Intl | Other |
| AccuZIP Inc. | AccuZIP6 | accuzip.com | 800-233-0555 | | X | | | FCPS | | PSL | SMNP | BPM | | Other |
| AccuZIP Inc. | AccuZIP6 Lite | accuzip.com | 800-233-0555 | | X | | | FCPS | | PSL | SMNP | BPM | | |
| Anchor Computer | MaxPresort | anchorcomputersoftware.com | 240-631-2100 | X | X | | | FCPS | | | SMNP | BPM | | Other |
| Apps Associates | ShipConsole | appsassociates.com | 978-399-0230 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | | | Other |
| BCC Software, LLC | Mail Manager | bccsoftware.com | 800-453-3130 | | X | | | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | | Other |
| BCC Software | Mail Manager Full- Service | bccsoftware.com | 800-453-3130 | | X | | | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | | Other |
| Bell & Howell | Netsort | www.BellHowell.net | 847-423-7520 | X | X | | PM | FCPS | | | | BPM | | |
| Best Manifesting | Best Ship | bestmanifesting.com | 484-949-8703 | X | X | | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | | Other |
| Centiro Solutions | Centiro Universe | centiro.com | +4633290390 | X | | | PM | FCPS | | | | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Confirm Delivery | MailPieceAssembly 3.3 | tech@confirmdelivery.com | 888 960-6245 | | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | | Other |
| ConnectShip | ConnectShip Progistics | connectship.com | 866-461-4470 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | Intl | Other |
| DigitalShipper | DigitalShipper | digitalshipper.com | 651-348-4080 | | X | | PM | FCPS | PS | | | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Endicia.com | Label Server API/eVS | endicia.com/eVS | 800-576-3279 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | | | Other |
| EnrouteSystems | Enroute | enroutecorp.com | 425-284-9700 | X | X | PME | PM | | PS | PSL | | | | Other |
| Flagship Software | iAddress | flagshipsoftware.com | 866-672-0007 | | X | | | | | | | BPM | | |
| FP Mailing Solutions | MailOne 2.0 | fp-usa.com | 630-827-5728 | | X | PME | PM | FCPS | | | | | | |
| Harvey Software | CPS | postalshippingsoftware.com | 800-231-0296 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | BPM | Intl | Other |
| HAL Systems, Inc. | OutBound | halsystems.com | 618-281-3268 | | X | | PM | FCPS | PS | | | BPM | Intl | Other |
| JDA | JDA Parcel | jda.com/support/contact-support | 800-990-9632 | X | X | | PM | FCPS | | | | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Kewill | Clippership | kewill.com | 978-482-2523 | | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | | BPM | | Other |
| Kewill | Flagship | kewill.com | 978-482-2523 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Logicor | GlobalShip | logicor.com | 480-857-7900 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | BPM | | Other |
| Logicor | GlobalShip iSeries | logicor.com | 480-857-7900 | | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | | BPM | | Other |
| Manhattan Associates | Warehouse Mgt for IBMi | manh.com | 877-596-9208 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | BPM | | Other |
| Micronite, Inc. | CortexShip | micronite.com | 916-781-6700 | X | | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Neopost | EMS | neopostinc.com/Products | 800-339-3456 | | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Novotran Solutions | Novotran TMS | sales@novotran.com | 800-668-9735 | X | X | PME | PM | FSPS | PS | | | BPM | | Other |
| Pitney Bowes | SendSuite Shipping | pb.com/sendsuite | 800-888-0288 | | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Pitney Bowes | SendSuite Live | pbsendsuitelive.com | 800-888-0288 | | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Postage Saver | Smart Parcel Mailer | smartParcelMailer.com | 713-334-5274 | | X | | | FCPS | | PSL | SMNP | | | |
| ProShip, Inc. | ProShip | proshipsoftware.com/product-suite | 414-302-2929 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Satori Software Inc | Satori Presort | satorisoftware.com | 800-553-6477 | X | X | | | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | | Other |
| SCANDATA | PTMS 14.01 | scandata | 512-358-1585 | | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | | | |
| SCANDATA | PTMS 12.00.00K | scandata | 512-358-1585 | | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | BPM | | Other |
| Varsity Logistics | ShipSoft | varsitylogistics.com | 650-392-7908 | X | X | | PM | FCPS | PS | | | BPM | | Other |
| WindowBook | Postal Package Partner | windowbook.com/Products | 800-524-0380 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Xinno | Xinno Software | support@xinno.com | 201-489-7373 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | | | Other |

PME = Priority Mail Express   |   PM = Priority Mail   |   FCPS = First-Class Package Services   |   PS = Parcel Select   |   PSL = Parcel Select Lightweight
SMNP = Standard Mail Nonprofit   |   BPM = Bound Printed Matter   |   Intl = 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 | | | | | | | | |
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| Endicia.com | 800-576-3279 x 140 | endicia.com | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | | | Intl | Other |
| Pitney Bowes | 877-822-0996 | pb.com/smb/online-postage-stamps | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | | Intl | Other |
| Stamps.com | 888-434-0055 | stamps.com/postage-online/how-it-works/ | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | BPM | Intl | 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 or a certified Shipping Services File solution.

| Vendor Name | Website | Entry Points | Phone | eVS Certified | IMpb Certified | Classes of Mail Offered | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | Intl | Other |
| Blue Package Delivery | bluepackage.com | DNDC, DDU | 651-773-0031 | X | X | | PM | | PS | PSL | | BPM | | Other |
| C3PS | c3ps.us | DNDC, DDU, Other | 513-604-1611 | X | X | | | | PS | PSL | | BPM | | |
| DHL GlobalMail | dhlglobalmail.com | DNDC, DSCF, DDU, Origin | 513-403-6294 | X | X | | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | | BPM | Intl | Other |
| FedEx SmartPost | fedex.com/us/smartpost | DNDC, DSCF, DDU | 800-463-3339 | | X | | | | PS | PSL | | BPM | | Other |
| International Bridge / Parcel Pool | myib.com | DNDC, DSCF, DDU, Origin | 877-727-2354 | | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | | BPM | | Other |
| Newgistics | newgistics.com | DNDC, DSCF, DDU, Origin | 866-647-0688 | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | PSL | SMNP | BPM | Intl | Other |
| United Parcel Service | ups.com | DDU | | X | X | | | | PS | PSL | | 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 | IMpb Certified | Classes of Mail Offered | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Click-N-Ship Business Pro | 877-264-9693 option 7 or evs@usps.com | gateway.usps.com under Shipping Services | X | X | PME | PM | FCPS | PS | | | | Intl | |

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Charts are current as of 12/21/2015.
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**