



announcing version 9.9.4

This release supports USPS rate and service changes effective **May 12, 2008**. Highlights of these changes include:

- Introduction of commercial pricing for Priority Mail and Express Mail
- Express Mail pricing by weight and zone
- Shape-based pricing for First-Class Mail International

An overview of changes can be found below. For additional information, visit <http://www.usps.com/prices>

Be on the lookout for email notifications with additional details on **Endicia** support. We are in the process of adding this feature and plan to release it later this year!

Domestic

First-Class Mail

StarShip will continue to support Retail Parcels (1-13 ounces). Rates have changed, business rules remain the same.

Priority Mail

The USPS has established new commercial based prices with a separate price list for customers who use the permit imprint (manifest) AND confirmation services. If these 2 conditions are met, StarShip will automatically rate your shipment based on the commercial rate pricing.

Are you interested in taking advantage of the commercial rate discounts?

More information on the 2 requirements is below.

Manifest Mailing – this means that StarShip will print the shipping label WITH a permit number. The permit number is used in lieu of postage. Customers who ship 50 lbs. or 200 pieces per mailing are eligible to manifest their mail. For your convenience, StarShip supports 2 levels of manifesting:

- MAC Gold – does not require certification by your local post office and supports:
 - First-Class
 - Priority Mail
 - Parcel Post (Inter and Intra BMC)
- MAC – requires certification by your local post office and supports:
 - First-Class
 - Priority Mail
 - Parcel Post
 - Media Mail
 - Bound Printed Matter

Confirmation Services – bar coded shipping labels allow you to verify delivery. Review the [checklist](#) to get started.

Express Mail

With the exception of the flat-rate envelope, Express Mail service is no longer priced based on weight alone. Instead, Express Mail service will offer zone-based prices based on weight and distance consistent with standard industry practices. This results in customers paying less for nearby destinations.

Note: StarShip 9.9.4 does not support commercial pricing for Express Mail. HOWEVER, we are in the process of adding Endicia support. See future release notes for additional details.

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Parcel Post, Media Mail & Bound Printed Matter

Rates have changed, business rules remain the same.

International

First-Class Mail International

Shape-based pricing is now being introduced for International shipments; separate prices will be available for letters, large envelopes (flats) and packages. As with domestic, StarShip will support Retail Package pricing.

All other international services will reflect the new rates, but business rules will remain the same.

As in the past, StarShip 9.9.4 will support international rating only; postage statements and manifest reports are not available for international shipments.

FAQ's

When should I install the update?

The new rate and service changes will take affect as soon as you run the update. Therefore, we recommend installing the update *after* your last USPS on Friday May 9th.

I am manifesting my mail, what steps should I take to stay compliant?

StarShip is currently going through MAC and MAC Gold re-certification. The USPS has extended our certification for an additional 30 days. In the meantime, StarShip will print the new PS forms and manifest report formats.

Attn: MANIFEST MAILERS

This release includes the new postage statement and manifest report formats. We are in the process of going through MAC and MAC Gold re-certification and will notify you when that process is complete.

Highlight of new features this year

DHL International

- Supports Worldwide Priority Express and non-dutiable shipments such as documents and reports
- Optional services include: Shipment value protection and Delivery Duty Paid/Unpaid
- Prints bar coded shipping labels, commercial invoice and certificate of origin

Shipment Exception Reporting

StarShip now simplifies the task of refund processing by reporting shipments that the carrier fails to deliver by the guaranteed date/time. Reporting is available for the UPS, FedEx and DHL carrier modules.

Support for USB scales

Automatically read the weight from your USB scales. Tested models include the Fairbanks Ultegra, Mettler Toledo PS60 and PS6L. Other USB scales may also work, but we cannot guarantee it.

StarShip Server interfaces

Interfaces that utilize the StarShip Server such as the Sage MAS 90 and MAS 200 interface may now be configured by the user to process shipments without the user interface. Provided all of the shipment information is sent through the transaction is correct, StarShip will automatically process it without bringing up the Ship screen.

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