

What you need to know about the new USPS® Intelligent Mail Indicia (IMI) Standards

The USPS® now requires that all new mailing systems meet the Intelligent Mail Indicia (IMI) standards as the mailing systems go to market. It provides more transparent and detailed transaction data, enables automation of costly back-office operations, and employs better security standards.

New IMI standards offer full compliance

- ✓ Provides transaction level data for each mail piece daily
- ✓ Supports automated refunds, refund authorization, and fraud detection (data on IMpB, PIC)
- ✓ Restricts Keyed-In-Postage (KIP), which supports proper mail rating/classification for USPS
- ✓ Provides end mailer information for Federal Government compliance
- ✓ Supports the tracking and management of reprinted indicia
- ✓ Provides improved indicia constructs that support Fraud Detection, Readability, and Indicia Management
- ✓ Supports the USPS to accurately calculate short paid and over paid postage (data on TW, Price, Notice123, Extra Services)
- ✓ FIPS 140-2 Security Level 3+ (EFP/EFT) (security strength to deter current threats)
- ✓ Improved security for Rate Table, Log Files and Data Exchange Interface

Benefits of the new IMI standards

Accurate postage



Even the most careful manual data entry may produce errors. With an IMI, the postage is automatically calculated after you input the required Service Class. Using IMI saves money and mail is not returned for lack of postage.

Automatic updates



The USPS requires systems with IMI to connect to the manufacturer's servers every 72 hours. With frequent use information, the USPS is better able to manage mail flow. Updates arrive to the meter in a timely fashion, including rate changes and other modifications, avoiding over or short payment.

Stronger security



Federal Information Processing (FIP) is the organization that creates standards for data encryption. IMI adheres to their standards to ensure that information transmits securely, whether it is going to or from the postage meter.

Greater connectivity



There is no need for a dedicated phone line. Instead, dedicated LAN connections are required to ensure a constant connection, which enables faster updates and postage refills.

The new IMI captures more data, provides the USPS with more real-time data, and ensures that you always use the correct amount of postage.

The iX-Series by Quadi^{ent} meet the latest IMI and Dimensional Weighing (DIM) USPS requirements. Gain a complete suite of tools that offer a one-stop approach to processing, tracking, reporting and reconciling postage expenses for mail and parcels.

To learn more about Quadi^{ent}'s IMI compliant iX-Series postage meters, visit quadi^{ent}.com