Upcoming Label List Improvements

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At the previous National Postal Forum, Mailers expressed the following Label Lists concerns:

- Mailers can't map Label Lists to Drop Ship locations.
- Mailers want advance notification of Label List changes.
- Mailers stated that inconsistent data exists in USPS Systems.

To address these concerns, USPS will be reengineering the Label List process by creating the External Label List System. Enhancements will also be made to the Facility Access and Shipment Tracking (FAST). Improvements include the following:

❶ Item 1: Improve overall Label List data accuracy between USPS Systems
  o ZIP Code range consistency will be enforced between the Label Lists and the Mail Directions file. (example: SCFs cannot be split across ADCs, and presort destinations cannot be split across drop points.)

❷ Item 2: Provide advance notification of Label List changes by including Label effective dates in the Label List files

❸ Item 3: Provide a link between Drop Ship locations and the External Label Lists
  o Mailers will be able to search for destination drop points in FAST using Label List records
  o Evaluating future changes to the Mail Directions file to include Label List properties for destination drop points

❹ Item 4: Post the Label List files and properties including acceptable CIN Groups on the FAST Resources page. Updates to Label List files will be posted on the publication dates of Postal Bulletins containing Label List update articles.

Mailers can expect to see these improvements in the Label List process sometime in summer 2007.