CDS & CDS.POST
Conditions for testing
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Two options to test CDS

Designated operators and Customs users wishing to test CDS have two options:

- **Local version of CDS**
  Implement a local version of CDS in their IT environment

- **Test CDS.POST**
  Test CDS.POST that is hosted by the Universal Postal Union's Postal Technology Centre

In both cases, the designated operators and Customs have access to the full features of the application.

Exchange of ITMATT

The exchange of EDI messages between Posts (ITMATT) is an important component of the test plans. The PTC allows operators testing CDS or CDS.POST to exchange ITMATT messages with other operators through POST*Net. The ITMATT messages are copied in near real-time from the POST*Net platform to the pre-production platform of CDS.POST. In the case of CDS users, as pre-production mailboxes cannot be set up for CDS, the messages are copied to the production EDI mailboxes.
However, the growing number of operators testing CDS or CDS.POST leads to extra work to redirect test messages to the pre-production platform, exclude test messages from reports and system monitoring, manage partnerships, etc.

In addition, the Posts exchanging hundreds of thousands of ITMATT messages with partners cannot process them all for test purposes.

New conditions for testing CDS and CDS.POST

This document describes the new conditions for testing CDS and CDS.POST.

CDS

The operators have three options:

- **Manually exchange**
  Manually exchange ITMATT messages with partners through the import/export interface and outside the Post*Net network;

- **ITMATT exchanges in production**
  ITMATT messages can be exchanged in the production environment.
  As the ITMATT messages exchanged through Post*Net will be invoiced, the designated operator may decide to limit the number of partners.

- **CDS.POST pre-production**
  Perform the tests on the pre-production platform of CDS.POST (with the CDS.POST conditions outlined).

CDS.POST

- **Copied once per day**
  The incoming ITMATT messages will be copied once per day from POST*Net to CDS. POST (pre-production);

- **Only 10 first messages**
  Only the first 10 messages per partner and per day will be copied from Post*Net to CDS.POST;

- **Maximum of 5 partners**
  The posts will be allowed to send ITMATT messages to a maximum of 5 partners (no limit for inbound ITMATT messages);

- **3 months**
  The test phase will not last more than 3 months. At the end of the testing period the operators will still be able to access CDS. POST but will not be able to send ITMATT messages to their partners;

At the end of the test phase, operators wishing to continue exchanging ITMATT messages with partners will be moved to production.