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System Messages Specification

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Abstract

This document describes the messaging protocol for use by mailers and their consignees. The Mail.XML™ Transaction Protocol defines the roles and responsibilities of Shippers and Consignees and defines the format and method for message exchange. This messaging protocol is designed to be XML and Web-Services compliant.

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About Mail.XML™

Mail.XML™ is bringing a paradigm change to the industry by increasing business function specific B2B (Business to Business) communication within the industry that supports automation and in the end enables cost avoidance and higher profits through improved competence and effectiveness of communication. Mail.XML is designed to increase efficiency and lower costs by removing many manual data entry processes and enabling quick near real time communication between business partners. Mail.XML currently supports container-based scheduling, pick up and drop off business processes, as well as identifying different business entities responsible for performing different services such as quality of mailing, address correction, and delivery confirmation on a mailing. The core focus of Mail.XML is communication between industry members and from industry to the final mail processing and delivery organization that delivers the mail to the end consumer, e.g., USPS. In the next few versions of Mail.XML the focus moves across mailing supply chain channels, and includes advanced functions such as such as payment; automated verification; enabling first, second, and third-party communication and incorporating presort planning, printing, and distribution processes.

What's New in Mail.XML Version 26.3?

With this release, the Mail.XML Messaging Protocol moves to Version 26.3. This release supports structure changes required by mailing industry and Postal Service.
Changes supported by Mail.XML 26.3 include:

- 2619 – Proposal to support the new promotions and add-ons for 2025 Mailing Promotions.
- 2622 - Proposal to support the types of Election Mail (Election Mail Official Ballot and Election Mail Non-Ballot Materials)
- 2623 - Proposal to support Protected Origin Mixed ADC pallet preparation level for Periodicals flats.

About Mail.XML Schema Modularization

Today Mail.XML messages are grouped into 8 message types.

- Transportation Messages (TM)
- Mailing Messages (MM)
- Data Distribution Messages (DD)
- Dynamic Payment Template Messages
- Identification Messages (ID)
- Supply Chain Messages (SC)
- Informed Visibility (IV)
- System Messages
- Base: Shared simple types
- Definitions: Shared complex types and elements

The simple types shared across 2 or more modules are found in the Base schema. Likewise, the shared definitions module contains complex type definitions and elements that are shared across 2 or more modules.

Mail.XML Module Versioning Rules

The following versioning rules will be followed:

The Mail.XML wrapper schema**.xsd) will always be given the next higher version number (or Errata designation) when any update is made to base, defs or any module. The name of the .xsd file will indicate the new version and the new version number will be used in the namespace and target declarations:
xmlns:mailxml="http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml"
targetNamespace="http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml"

- When updates are made, only those modules that are updated will be given the next higher version number (or Errata letter designation).

- If updates are made to the base or defs, then the base and defs xsds will be given the next higher version number (or Errata designation) and all modules that call to them will also be given the next higher version number (or Errata designation).

For example:

- If the wrapper version is labeled as xmlns:mailxml="http://deliverytech. org/Specs/mailxml26.3A/mailxml" then at least one of the XSDs is at same version such as filename ='Mail.XML_26.3A.xsd' <- Errata A

- If the wrapper version is labeled as xmlns:mailxml="http://deliverytech. org/Specs/mailxml26.3B/mailxml" then at least one of the XSDs is at same version such as filename ='Mail.XML_26.3B.xsd' <- Errata B

- If the wrapper version is labeled as xmlns:mailxml="http://deliverytech.

org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml" then at least one of the XSDs is at same version such as filename ='Mail.XML_26.3.xsd' <- Major Version

Mail.XML 26.3 XSD Modules

The following Mail.XML XSD modules/namespaces are used:

- Mail.XML_tm.xsd: This module contains all the transportation (or FAST) messages and the attributes, elements and complex types that are unique to these messages. Namespace=Mail.XML_tm:
- Mail.XML_mm.xsd: This module contains all the mailing messages (eDoc) and the attributes, elements and complex types that are unique to these messages. Namespace=Mail.XML_mm:
- Mail.XML_iv.xsd: This module contains informed visibility messages and the attributes, elements and complex types that are unique to these messages. Namespace=Mail.XML_iv:
- Mail.XML_dd.xsd: This module contains all the data distribution messages and the attributes, elements and complex types that are unique to these messages. Namespace=Mail.XML_dd:
- Mail.XML_id.xsd: This module contains all the identification messages and the attributes, elements and complex types that are unique to these messages. Namespace=Mail.XML_id:
- Mail.XML_sc xsd: This module contains all the supply chain messages and the attributes, elements and complex types that are unique to these messages. Namespace=Mail.XML_sc:
- Mail.XML_defs.xsd: This module contains all the common definitions of attributes, elements and complex types that are used across two or more message types. Namespace=Mail.XML_defs:
- Mail.XML_base.xsd: This module contains simple types that are shared across two or more modules that make up Mail.XML. These can be considered a building block for any message group. Namespace=Mail.XML_base:
- Mail.XML.xsd: This module contains the system messages of Mail.XML and is used to build custom profiles for Mail.XML. Namespace=Mail.XML:

The Mail.XML™ 26.3 Messaging Documentation Set

The Mail.XML Messaging Specification has been organized into a set of documents. This *Schemas Specification* is one document in a set of documents that make up the Mail.XML Specification 26.3. Updates in this Specification are NOT backwardly compatible with previous versions. Other documents in the specification set include:

- Mail.XML™ 26.3: Transportation Messaging Specification documents all transportation messages
- Mail.XML™ 26.3: Mailing Messaging Specification documents all mailing messages
- Mail.XML™ 26.3: Informed Visibility Specification documents all informed visibility messages
- Mail.XML™ 26.3: Data Distribution Messaging Specification documents all data distribution messages
- Mail.XML™ 26.3: Identification Messaging Specification documents all identification messages
- Mail.XML™ 26.3: Supply Chain Messaging Specification documents all supply chain messages
- Mail.XML™ 26.3: System Messaging Specification documents all systems and fault messages
- Mail.XML™ 26.3: Simple Types Specification documents all simple types used across Mail.XML
- messages
- Mail.XML™ 26.3: Common Definitions Specification documents all shared elements and complex

- types.
- Mail.XML™ 26.3: Schemas contains the .XSDs that make up the Mail.XML Messaging Specification

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Schema mailxml_sc_26.3.xsd

schema location: **..\XSDs\mailxml_sc_26.3.xsd**
attributeFormDefault: **qualified**
elementFormDefault: **qualified**
targetNamespace: **http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc**

Elements

ContainerStatusDelivery
ContainerStatusNotification
ContainerStatusQueryRequest
ContainerStatusQueryResponse
OriginalContainerLinkageCancelRequest
OriginalContainerLinkageCancelResponse
OriginalContainerLinkageCreateRequest
OriginalContainerLinkageCreateResponse
PostageAdjustmentCreateRequest
PostageAdjustmentCreateResponse
SiblingContainerCancelRequest
SiblingContainerCancelResponse
SiblingContainerCreateRequest
SiblingContainerCreateResponse

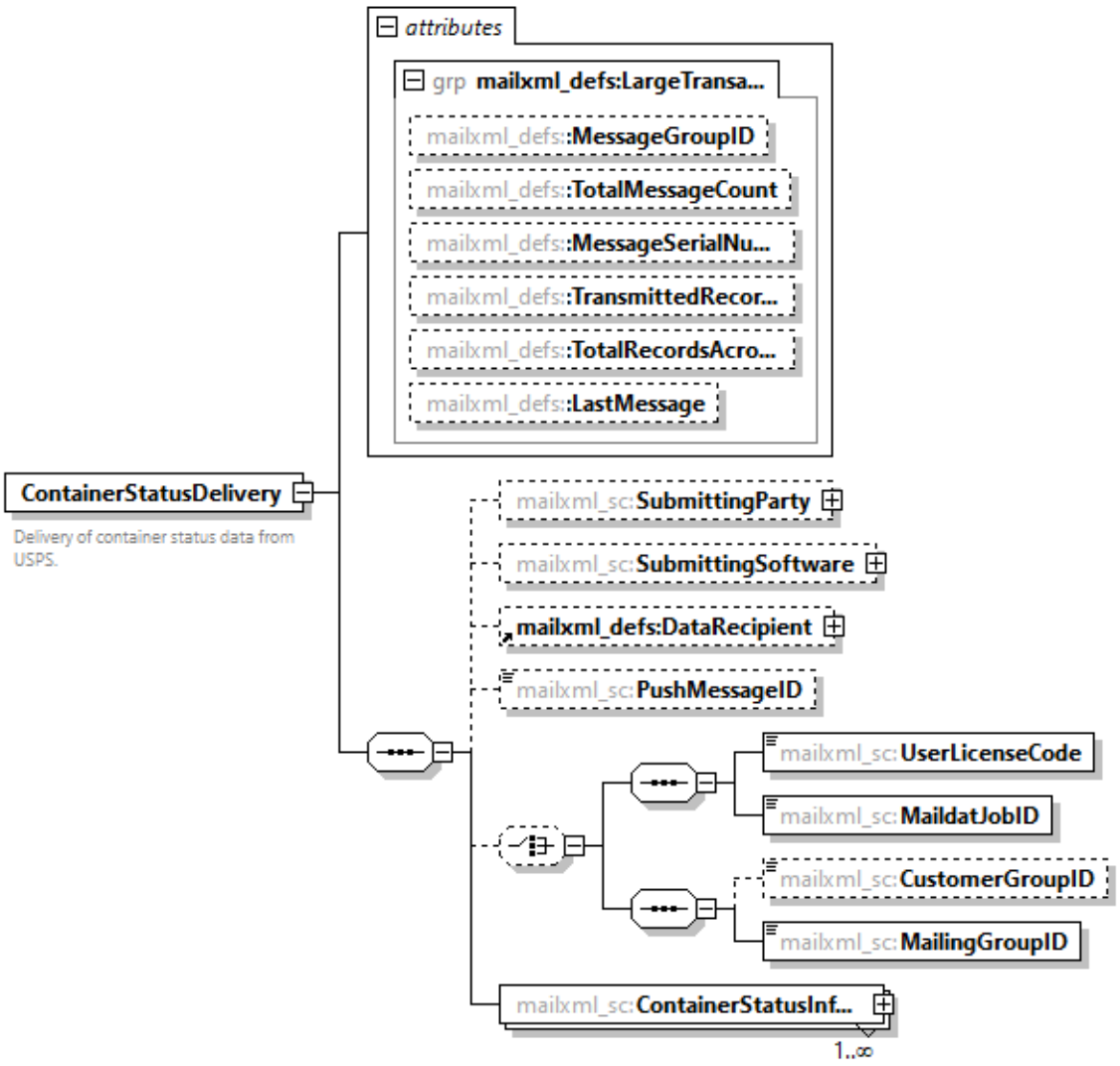
Complex types

CSQBlockType
linkageType
linkingContainerIDType

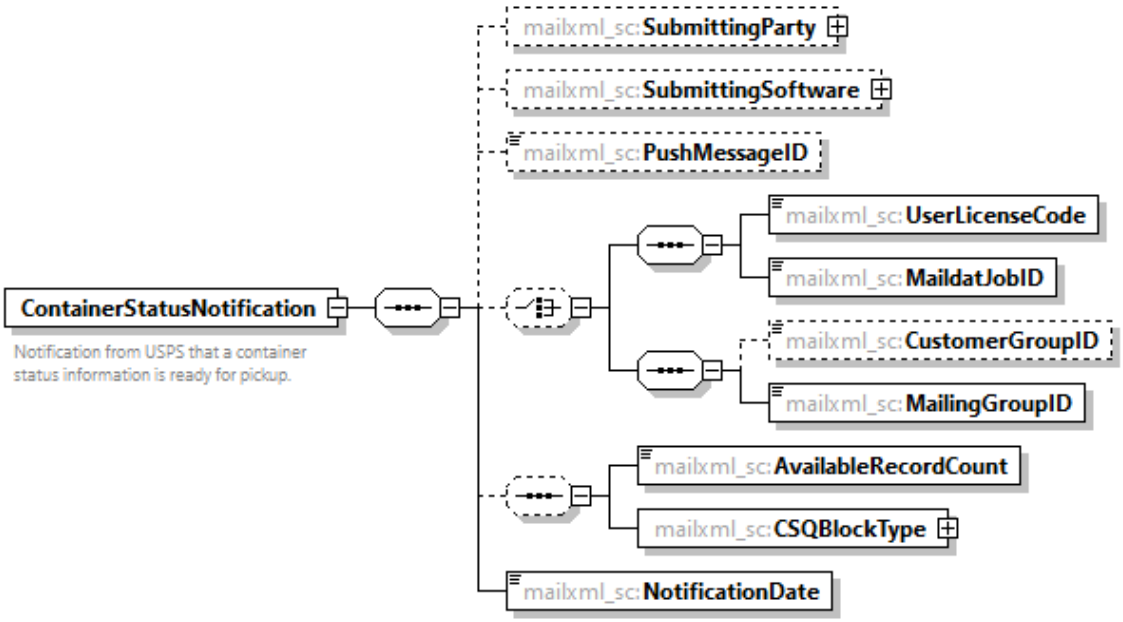
Simple types

adjustmentStatusType
adjustmentType
containerInfoIncludedInResponseFlagType
creditDebitIndicator

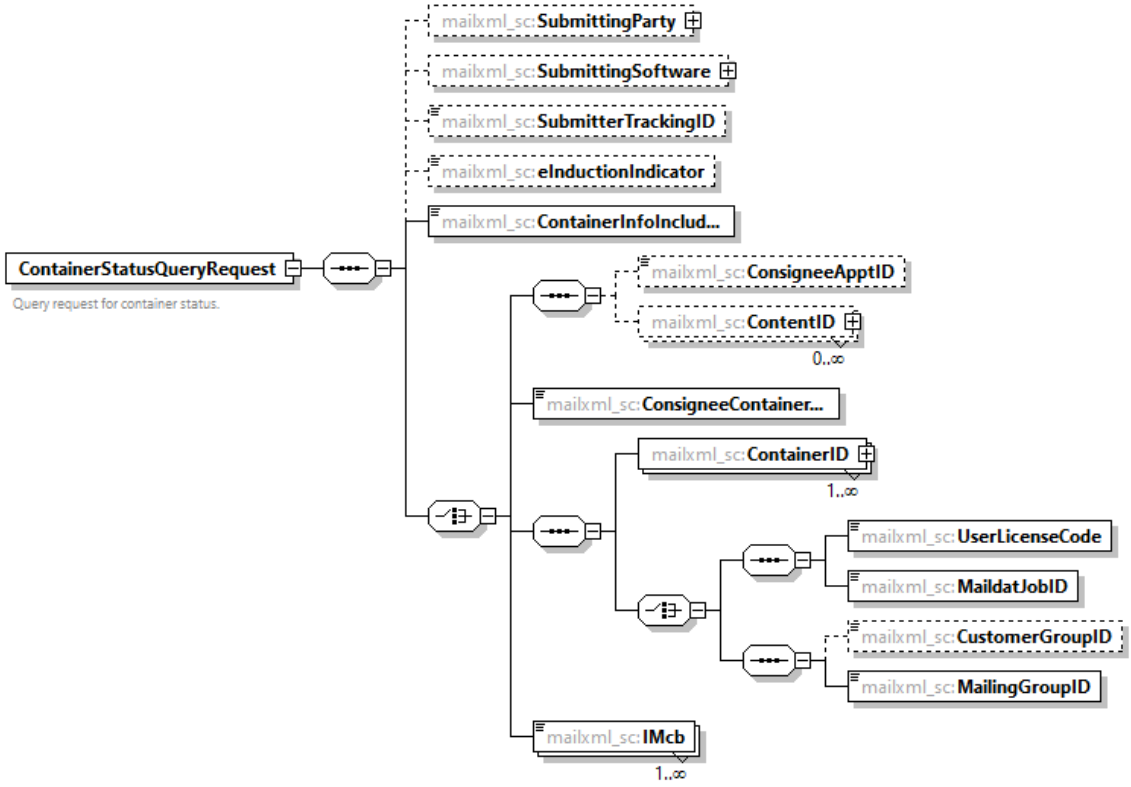
element **ContainerStatusDelivery**

diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Delivery of container status data from USPS.

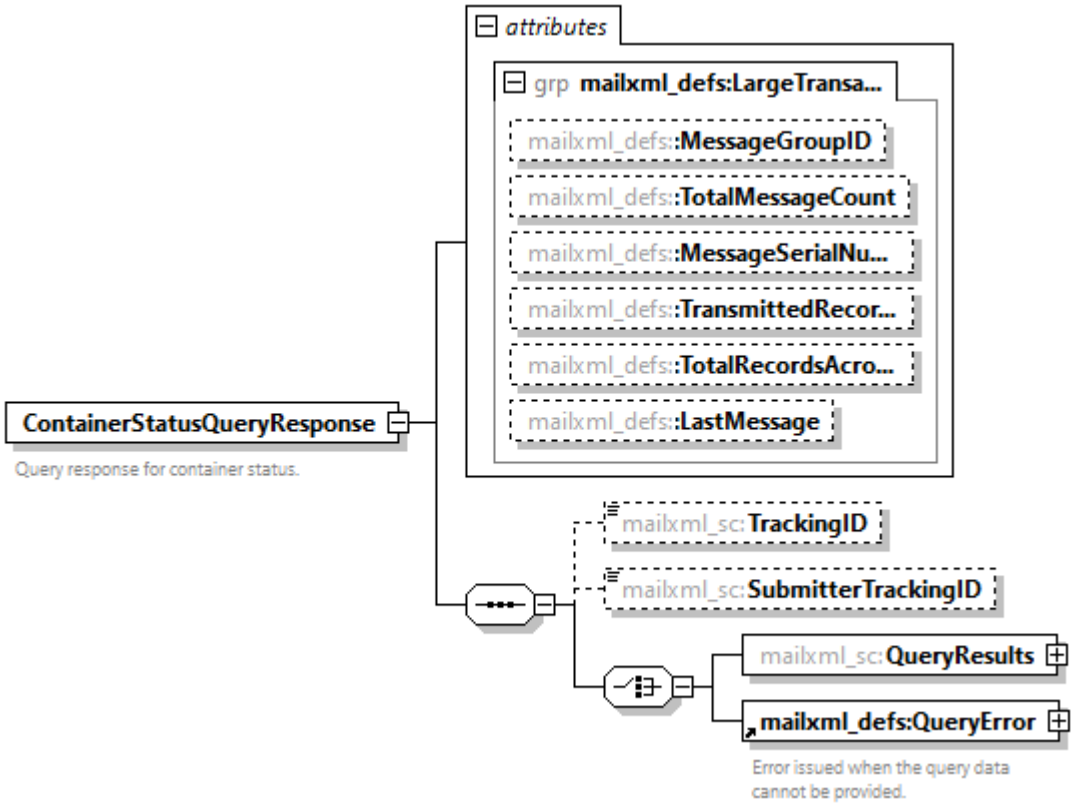
element **ContainerStatusNotification**

diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Notification from USPS that a container status information is ready for pickup.

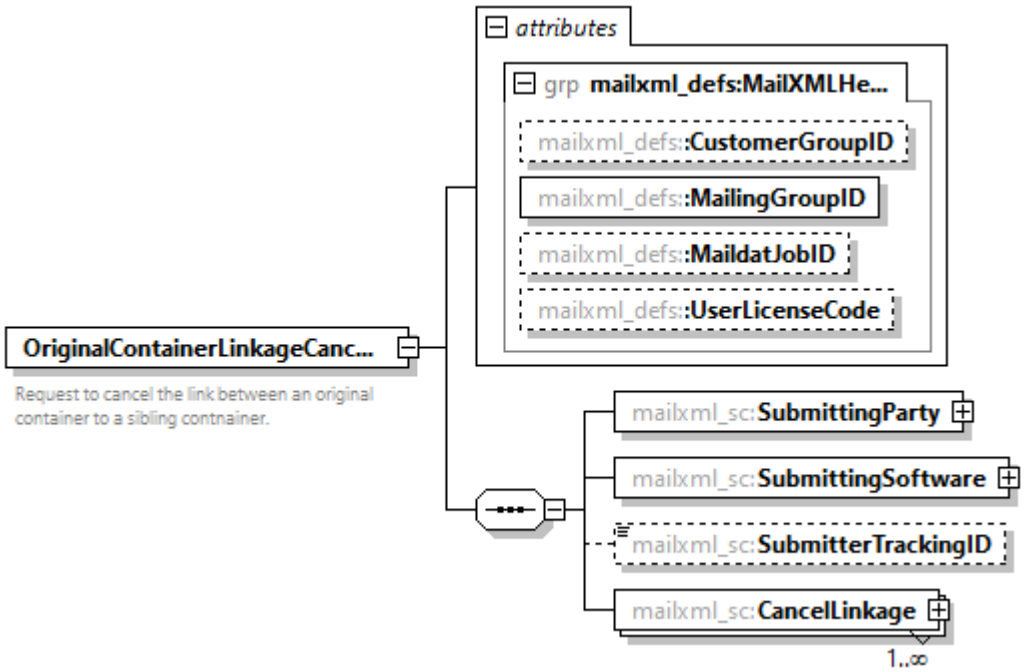
element **ContainerStatusQueryRequest**

diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Query request for container status.

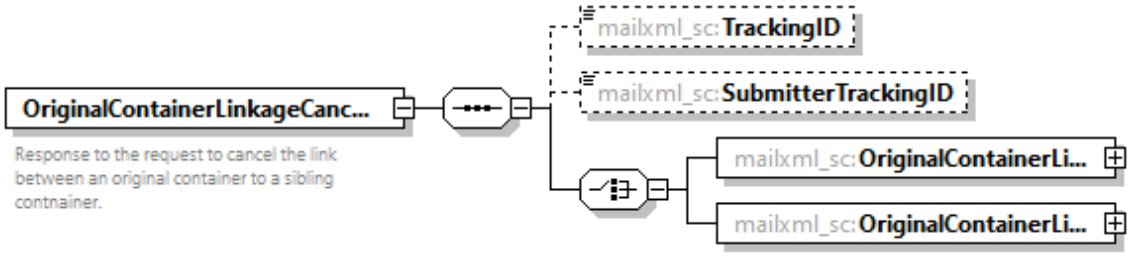
element **ContainerStatusQueryResponse**

diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Query response for container status.

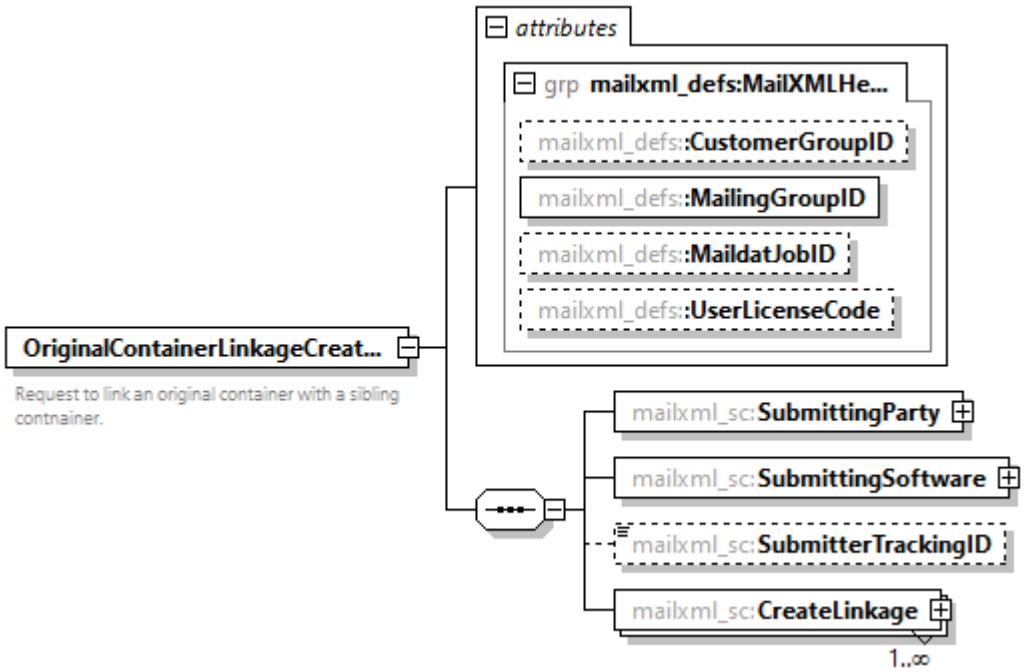
element **OriginalContainerLinkageCancelRequest**

diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Request to cancel the link between an original container to a sibling contnainer.

element **OriginalContainerLinkageCancelResponse**

diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Response to the request to cancel the link between an original container to a sibling contnainer.

element **OriginalContainerLinkageCreateRequest**

diagram	
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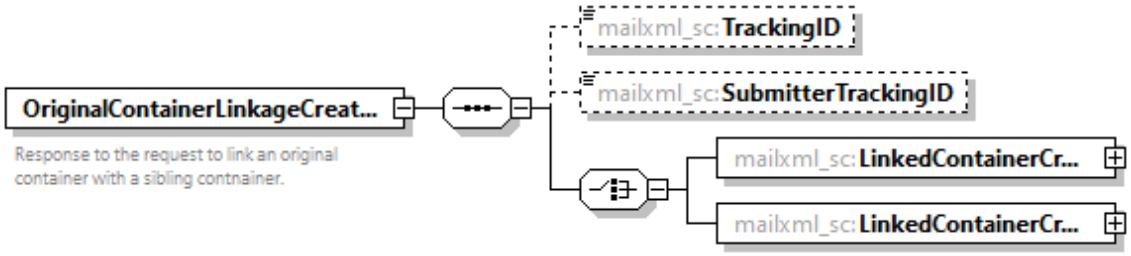
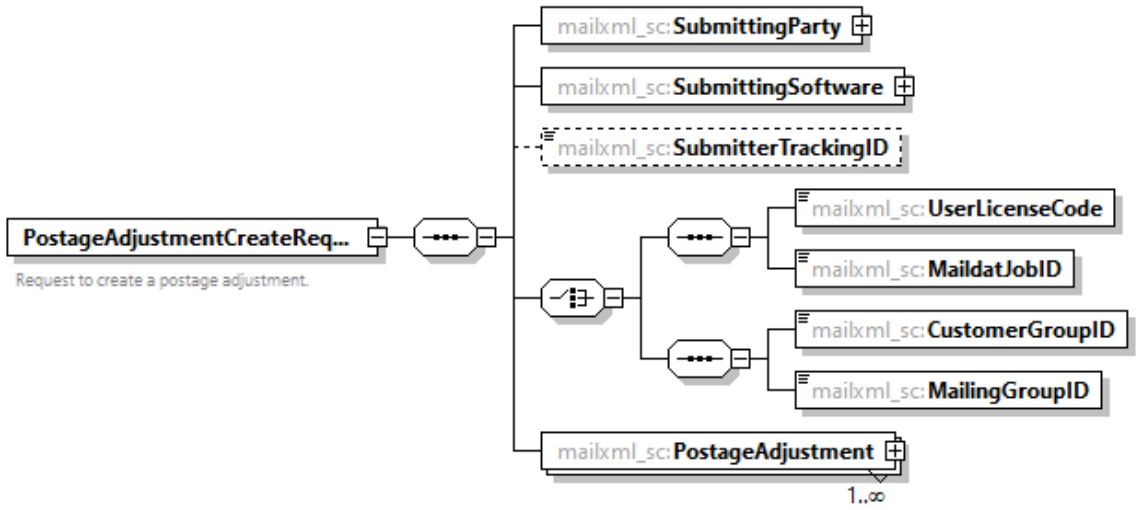
annotation	documentation Request to link an original container with a sibling contnainer.

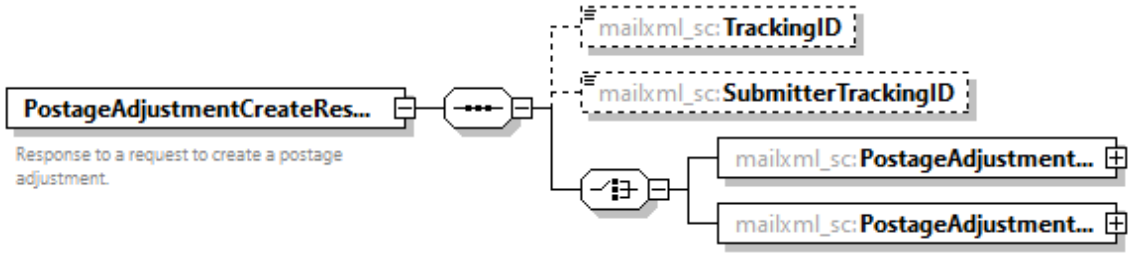
element **OriginalContainerLinkageCreateResponse**

diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Response to the request to link an original container with a sibling contnainer.

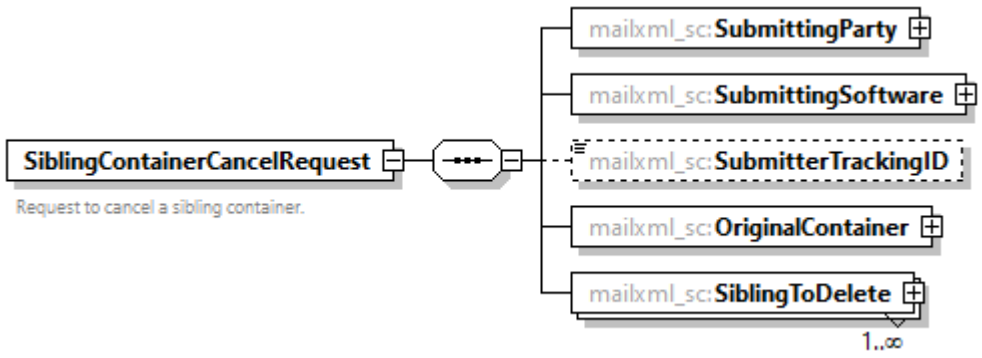
element **PostageAdjustmentCreateRequest**

diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Request to create a postage adjustment.

element **PostageAdjustmentCreateResponse**

diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Response to a request to create a postage adjustment.

element **SiblingContainerCancelRequest**

diagram	
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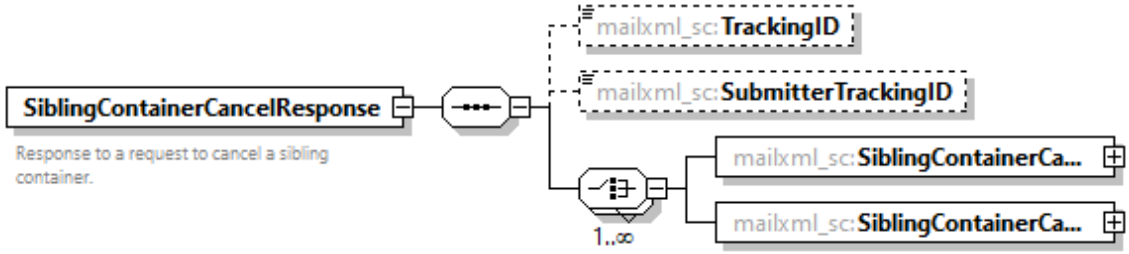
annotation	documentation Request to cancel a sibling container.

element **SiblingContainerCancelResponse**

diagram	
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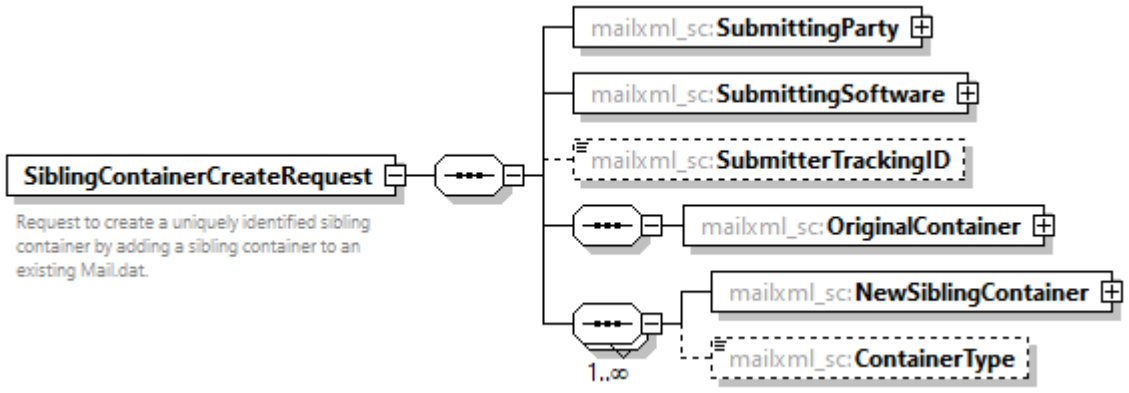
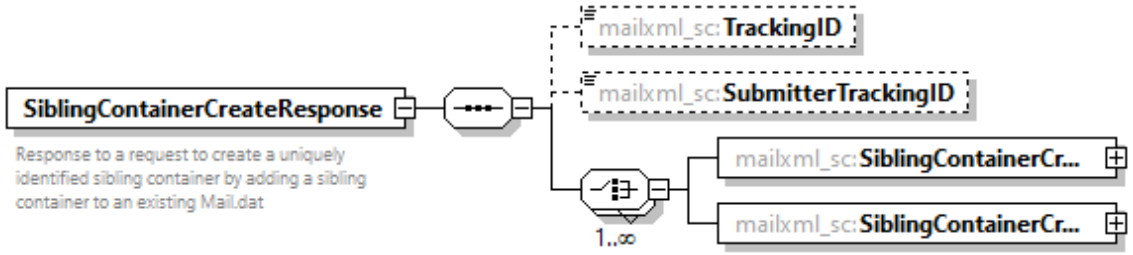
element **SiblingContainerCreateRequest**

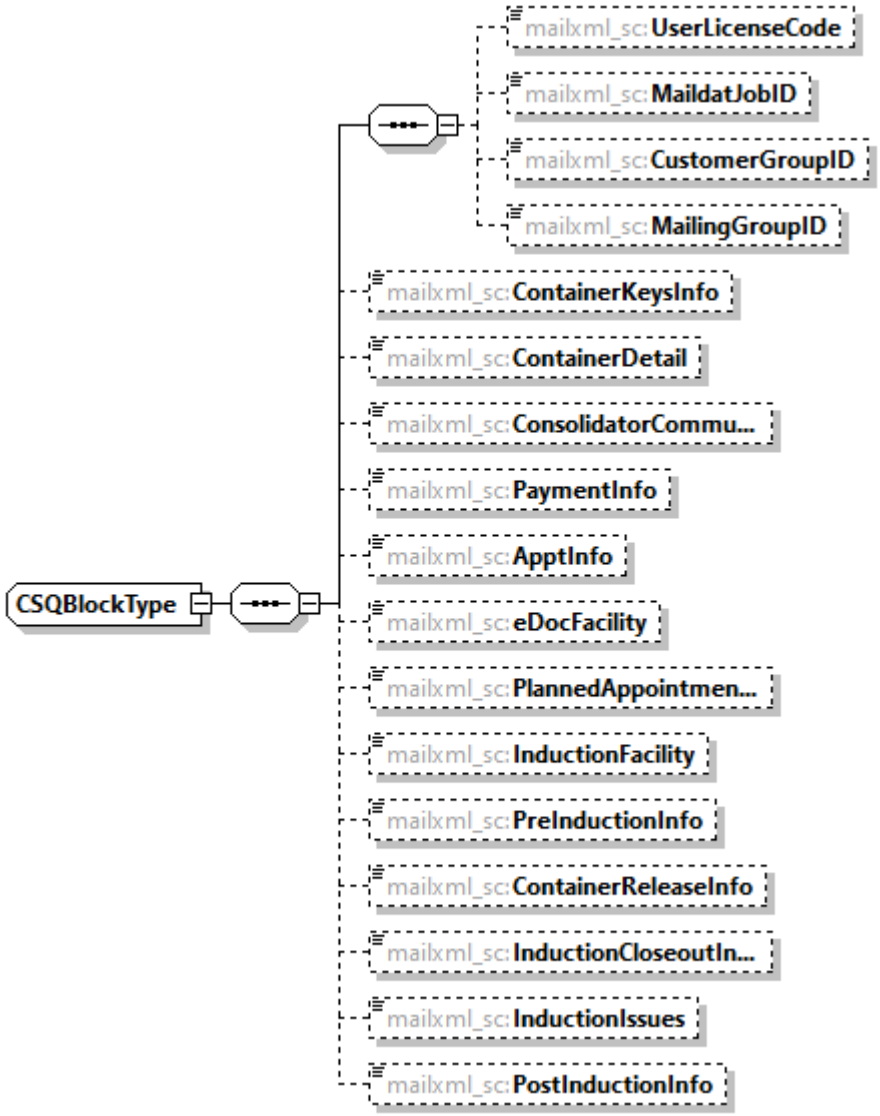
diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Request to create a uniquely identified sibling container by adding a sibling container to an existing

	Mail.dat.

element **SiblingContainerCreateResponse**

diagram	
namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
annotation	documentation Response to a request to create a uniquely identified sibling container by adding a sibling container to an existing Mail.dat

complexType **CSQBlockType**

diagram	
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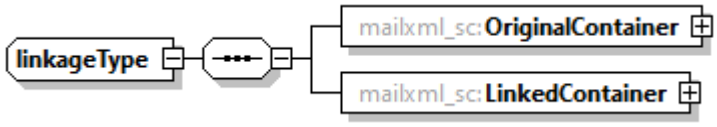
complexType **linkageType**

diagram	
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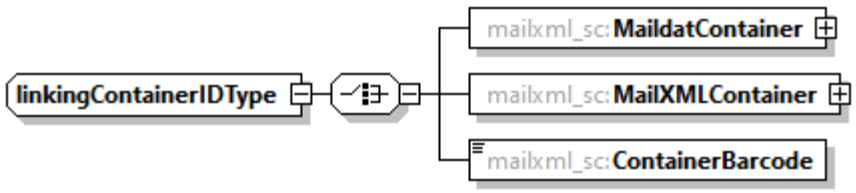
complexType **linkingContainerIDType**

diagram	
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simpleType **adjustmentStatusType**

namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
type	restriction of **xs:string**

simpleType **adjustmentType**

namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
type	restriction of **xs:string**

simpleType **containerInfoIncludedInResponseFlagType**

namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
type	restriction of **xs:string**

simpleType **creditDebitIndicator**

namespace	http://delivery-tech.org/Specs/mailxml26.3/mailxml_sc
type	restriction of **xs:string**

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