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BUECT: Step 4 Decision Regarding Catalog Count in Gallipolis, OH R8-C-0108/C8R4FC19357

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On October 21, a Step 4 decision regarding the proper counting of catalogs was issued, interpreting Postal Bulletin 21702. After further consultation with Delivery Services at Headquarters, it was determined that Postal Bulletin 21202 has been misinterpreted. Though the decision in this particular case must stand, the correct policy on the counting of catalogs is as follows:

If a catalog will fit into an <u>empty separation</u>, all like catalogs for that size separation will be counted as <u>flats</u>, regardless of the fact that more than one catalog must be cased into that separation, and regardless of the number of the number of families or deliveries in that particular separation. If a catalog will not fit into an <u>empty separation</u> because of size, then all like catalogs for that size separation will be counted as <u>parcels</u>.

Please inform all interested parties of this interpretation.

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