

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE
NATIONAL RURAL LETTER CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION**

The Postal Service is committed to completing the deployment of 15,000 right-hand drive postal-owned or postal-leased vehicles to rural routes as outlined in MOU 13 of the National Agreement between the United States Postal Service and the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association. This deployment, which will bring the total number of right-hand drive postal vehicles assigned to rural routes to 40,804; will be completed as soon as possible following the purchase of additional vehicles for the Postal Service fleet.

During the interim period, carriers on rural routes that have assigned Employer provided vehicles and receive delivery point sequence (DPS) flats may, at their option, case and strap out DPS flats with other mail in accordance with Handbook PO-603, Section 15, *Schedules*. Casing of DPS flats at the carrier's option will not affect or modify mail count procedures or the application of the DPS flats time standard. Additionally, management may require these carriers to take DPS flats directly to the street without casing in certain situations, such as, leaving so late as to cause significant delays in the customer's anticipated delivery window; being unable to return to the office in order to meet the primary dispatch; or exceeding, on a consistent basis, the overall weekly evaluation of the route.

Rural carriers on routes with assigned Employer provided vehicles may case DPS flats as outlined above, until either the Postal Service fulfills its obligation under MOU 13, or the implementation of the revised Evaluated Compensation System; whichever occurs first.



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