

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS,
AFL-CIO

For the purpose of conducting mail counts and route inspections on traditional casing equipment, letter size is defined as mail that can be cased into the letter separations of a standard six-shelf case without folding or bending (approximately six inches in height). Letter size does not include newspapers, rolls, small parcels, flats, magazines, or catalogs under two pounds, even though these items may be cased into the letter separations of a standard case without folding or bending.

When mail counts and route inspections are conducted in a unit where letter mail is cased into four- and/or five-shelf case configurations that have been established as a result of any joint agreement, the existing definition of letter-sized mail will not change; the 18 and 8 standard remains applicable. Under these conditions, local management will meet with the local union prior to the dry run training to determine an efficient means to verify mail of questionable size during the week of count and inspection, e.g., a measuring strip on each case or use of a template as a reference point.

The acceptance by the parties of this approach to letter size definition and case configuration is without prejudice to the parties' rights under Article 34 of the National Agreement, and shall not be cited by either party in the grievance or arbitration procedure or any other forum which does not pertain to the implementation of this agreement.

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