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**To: All Branches**

Dear Colleagues,

**New Royal Mail Peugeot Partner 'S', Long Wheelbase, 1.2 (PureTech Engine 110) Mk3 Vans with New Range of Extended Safety Features including an Automatic Electronic Handbrake:**

This is a further update on new vehicles being added to the Royal Mail Fleet which are incorporating a new range of extended safety features and additionally this latest batch of 216 new Peugeot Partner 'S' Mk3 Long Wheelbase Vans will include a new range of Active Safety Systems which include:-

- Active Safety Braking,
- Active Lane Departure Warning,
- Speed Limit Recognition,
- Distance Alert,
- Electronic Handbrake - with automatic application safety feature
- Passenger Air Bag
- Reversing Sensors
- Auto folding door mirrors

**New Electronic Handbrake Safety Technology**

As previously reported, the Health, Safety and Environment Department has been in discussions with Royal Mail Fleet for some time, firstly looking at what Handbrake Safety Technology is available on the market which is simplistic in design but has been engineered to make an enhancement to fleet vehicle operational safety and secondly Royal Mail Fleet and the CWU have been conducting trials of different types of Handbrake Safety Systems. These new Mk3 Peugeot Partners come for the first time with an Electronic Handbrake which is operated by a switch rather than a standard Handbrake Lever. It can be applied manually but it automatically applies when the engine is switched off, so preventing the driver from exiting the vehicle and leaving the handbrake off or not applied firmly enough, as in some roll-away incidents. If the driver opens the door without applying the handbrake and without switching off the engine, a Visual Warning Display comes up along with a loud warning noise to alert the driver of what he/she has done wrong. This new technology development which thankfully Royal Mail Fleet Engineers have specified and included on this batch of vehicles will further contribute to combating the currently high number of vehicle roll-aways.

As reported in LTBs 23/19, 25/19, 92/19 and 146/19, Royal Mail continues to experience a worrying number of vehicle roll-aways, some of which have caused very serious injuries and

even a fatality plus in some cases extensive property damage and huge costs have resulted in some cases as well as Police prosecutions. Royal Mail and the CWU continue to campaign to reinforce driver safety standards and 'mandatory controls' required when parking Royal Mail vehicles, in ongoing efforts to reduce and eliminate vehicle roll-away incidents – RMG and the CWU are again jointly promoting the **"HIT"** driver parking safely 'Acronym' as follows:-

- **Handbrake On**
- **In Gear**
- **Turn the Wheels**

### **Body Version**

The 2018 Peugeot Partner panel van comes in short-wheelbase (SWB) standard and long-wheelbase (LWB) long variants. Royal Mail has purchased the LWB version.

### **Partner 'S' Version**

The Peugeot Partner 'S' model which Royal Mail has purchased comes with the following kit:

- Full bulkhead
- Hill start assist
- Remote central locking with separate locking for the cab
- Electric windows and door mirrors
- Auto lights with Daytime Running Lights
- DAB digital radio
- Bluetooth, USB and audio sockets
- 12V socket in dash area
- Peugeot's Connect SOS system
- Unglazed asymmetric rear doors
- Nearside sliding door (L1 model only)
- Twin sliding side door (L2 model only)

### **The basic exterior dimensions are as follows:**

- Exterior length: 4,400mm Short Wheel Base / 4,750mm Long Wheelbase
- Exterior height: 1,850mm
- Exterior width: 2,100mm (with door mirrors)
- The load area dimensions of the LWB Version are:-
- Load length: 2,160mm Long
- Width between the wheel arches: 1,230mm
- Load volume: 3.9 cubic Long
- Load volume: 4.4 cubic metres
- Maximum payload: 950kg Long
- Items up to 3,350mm long can be loaded into the LWB model.

<b>Vehicle Locations For the First Batch of New Peugeot Partner Mk3 LWB Vans by Area – Offices TBC.</b>
ABERYSTWYTH 4
ABERDEEN 2
ACTON 1
BARNSTAPLE 1
BASINGSTOKE 6
BATH 4
BRISTOL 2

BODMIN 6
BOSTON 1
BRIDGWATER 4
BURY ST EDMUNDS 1
CARDIFF 2
CARMARTHEN 3
CAMBRIDGE 2
CARLISLE 6
CHELMSFORD 2
CHESTER 2
CRAIGAVON 4
CROYDON 2
DERBY 3
EAST LONDON 5
EDINBURGH 3
ELGIN 5
EXETER 4
FRASERBURGH 1
GATWICK 3
GLASGOW 11
GLOUCESTER 2
GRIMSBY 3
HARLOW 3
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD 3
HUNTINGDON 2
HULL 3
INVERNESS 2
IPSWICH 3
KIRKWALL 1
LAIRG 2
LERWICK 1
LEEDS 15
LLANELLI 2
LEICESTER 3
LINCOLN 2
MANCHESTER 2
MILTON KEYNES 3
NEWTOWNABBAY 6
NORTH LONDON 6
NOTTINGHAM 1
NORWICH 3
OMAGH 5
OSWESTRY 2
OXFORD 6

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PWLLHELI 1
REDRUTH 2
ROMFORD 2
ST ALBANS 2
SCARBOROUGH 2
SKIPTON 1
SOUTH LONDON 8
SOUTHAMPTON 3
STEVENAGE 2
STORNOWAY 1
STRANRAER 1
TYNESIDE 2
WALTON 6
WARRINGTON 2
WELLINGTON 3

**Attachments:**

- Electronic Handbrake Instructions
- New Peugeot Partner Van Information Sheet/Slide
- New Peugeot Partner Van Equipment & Technical Specification
- SAC1
- WECSA
- Excel Sheet Listing van locations by Service Centre.

Yours sincerely



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