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**For the Immediate Attention of All:**

Postal Branches  
Divisional Representatives  
Area Distribution Representatives  
LGV Representatives

Dear Colleagues

**JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN ROYAL MAIL AND THE CWU ON THE EXTENSION OF  
THE USE OF LONGER DOUBLE DECK SEMI TRAILERS**

Branches and representatives will recall that in 2012 a Joint Statement was concluded with the business in relation to the introduction of 45 Longer Double Deck Semi Trailers (LTB 564/12 refers). In 2014 it was subsequently agreed that an additional 44 trailers would enter service bringing the number to 89 trailers.

The business recently informed the department that, as part of the ongoing Government activity, Royal Mail have now been offered the opportunity to increase the number of 110 York trailers within the Fleet by up to 200. However, following analysis of the requirement for the additional trailer capacity along with parking availability, it has been agreed that Royal Mail should not take up the full entitlement at this time. Instead it has been agreed that the number of 110 York trailers in the fleet could be increased by 50, which would bring the total number in service to 139. Royal Mail has since informed the department that 30 trailers will be procured in the first tranche.

Discussions have therefore taken place with the business to conclude a Joint Statement to allow the extension to take place, which has been endorsed by the Postal Executive and a copy of which is attached for your information.

Colleagues will note that the introduction of the additional trailers will adhere to the 2012 Joint Statement, which covers all issues relating to the use of 110 York trailers, including:

- Driver Training/Familiarisation
- Site Assessment/Route Planning
- Duty Construction
- Health and Safety

The deployment of the additional trailers will be monitored and it is agreed that any further increase beyond the levels defined in the agreement will be the subject of further consultation and agreement at National level.

Any enquiries in relation to this LTB should be addressed to Davie Robertson, Assistant Secretary, email: [dwyatt@cwu.org](mailto:dwyatt@cwu.org) or [shayman@cwu.org](mailto:shayman@cwu.org) quoting reference number: 233.07.

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