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For the Immediate Attention of All:

Postal Branches
Divisional Representatives
Area Distribution Representatives

Dear Colleagues

JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN ROYAL MAIL LOGISTICS AND THE CWU ON DIRECT VISION STANDARDS FOR THE GREATER LONDON BOUNDARY

Branches and representatives are advised that the department were recently informed by Royal Mail Logistics that Transport for London (TfL) are introducing a new standard for vehicles called 'Direct Vision Standards' (DVS) within the Greater London Boundary. The new standard was due to come into force on 26th October 2020 but has now been deferred to February 2021 as a result of the Covid-19 crisis.

The DVS changes are designed to improve driver visibility of all pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists and will entail installation of the following required safety equipment on vehicles over 12 tonne GWT:

- Blind Spot vision for the driver (near side camera and 3 sensors)
- Warning Speakers informing the public that the vehicle is turning left
- In cab monitor that links to the near side camera (for viewing only not recording)
- Appropriate decals stickers

Royal Mail have advised the department they currently have 471 in scope vehicles that operate within the Greater London Boundary which will need to adopt the revised TfL standard.

Discussions have therefore been taking place which have concluded in a Joint Statement being agreed to enable activity to take place in relation to the required changes. A copy of the document which has been endorsed by the Postal Executive is attached for information.

Colleagues will note that The Vehicle Group has been selected to retrofit the non-compliant vehicles from the end of April 2020 and this is due to be completed by end August 2020. Due to the specialist nature of the retrofit it is not possible at this time to undertake this work in house.

All drivers must be trained on the kit and equipment before driving a retrofitted vehicle. The Advanced Driver Coaches will deliver the training and provide support to the drivers using The Vehicle Group's training video and materials which will be provided.

The activity will be jointly reviewed at the end of installation and again three months after the deployment of the retrofitted vehicles, with the Network Working Group monitoring the impact of the changes.

Any enquiries in relation to this LTB should be addressed to Davie Robertson, Assistant Secretary, email: dwyatt@cwu.org quoting reference 202.12

Yours sincerely

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