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**To: All Branches**

Dear Colleagues,

**Royal Mail Group (SHE) Safety Flash – Ineffective and Unofficial Repair To a Perspex Panel on a MK4 York Container Causing an Unnecessary Workforce Hazard:**

### **Introduction and Background:**

A Safety Flash has been issued by the Royal Mail Group Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) Team (copy attached), following a recent incident in a Mail Centre when an Mk4 York Container Perspex panel broke open hitting an employee.

### **Description of the Incident and Key Issues:**

An unauthorised and inadequate temporary repair was undertaken to re-fix a broken Perspex panel on a Mk4 York Container, leaving it in a dangerous condition.

After being fully loaded on to a PSM and under the weight and bulk of the parcels contained inside, the Perspex panel gave way and sprung open with some force hitting an employee. Parcels then fell out of the York Container striking the foot of the employee also.

### **Key Management Activities and Learning Points:**

- Always complete a check of a York Container's condition before use
- Follow the Safe System Of Work at all times
- Ensure that the MK4 York SSOW is understood and followed by all employees
- Display the Safety Flash on the office SHE Notice board

### **Attachment:**

- Copy of RMG SHE Safety Flash FY20 020 'Mk 4 York Container Repairs'

Yours sincerely



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