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February 1, 2019

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Dear Brian:

This is in further reference to the notices dated May 7, 2018 and November 21, 2018 (enclosed) regarding the Postal Service's plans to expand the wearable printer proof of concept in Mail Processing Operations to the Automated Package Processing System (APPS) machine.

As previously informed, the process being tested will potentially reduce the need to scan the sack for the airline destination. After the machine bin is swept, a wireless message is sent to the wearable printer and a Dispatch & Routing (D&R) tag is printed directly on the printer that the employee is wearing. The D&R tag is applied to the sack and the sack is sorted into the designated over the road (OTR) container for dispatch.

The subject expansion testing on the APPS will be February 11-15 at the West Valley Processing and Distribution Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Training on the wearable printer will be provided prior to usage. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Dion Mealy at extension 6861.

Sincerely,

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November 21, 2018

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Dear Brian:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service plans to expand the wearable printer proof of concept in Mail Processing Operations to the Automated Package Processing System (APPS). Notice of this test was provided by letter dated May 7 (enclosed).

As previously informed, the process being tested will potentially reduce the need to scan the sack for the airline destination. After the machine bin is swept, a wireless message is sent to the wearable printer and a Dispatch & Routing (D&R) tag is printed directly on the printer that the employee is wearing. The D&R tag is applied to the sack and the sack is sorted into the designated over the road (OTR) container for dispatch.

The schedule for the test on the APPS is as follows:

- November 26-30
  - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania NDC
- December 3-7
  - Greater Newark PDC, Kearny, New Jersey
  - Northwest Rochester, New York PDC
  - Royal Palm PDC, Opa Locka, Florida
  - Los Angeles, California PDC
- January 7-11, 2019
  - Chicago, Illinois Metro Surface Hub PDC (Busse PDC)
- January 14-18, 2019
  - Peachtree PDC, Atlanta, Georgia
  - Portland, Oregon PDC

Training on the wearable printer will be provided prior to usage. Enclosed is the Work Instruction for the APPS Spinner Rack Setup and the Standard Work Instruction: TSA Printers, for the APPS.

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May 7, 2018

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Certified Mail Tracking Number:
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Dear Brian:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service plans to test a proof of concept in Mail Processing Operations regarding streamlining the tagging process for sacks that need an airline assignment through the use of a wearable printer.

Currently, sacks are taken from mail processing equipment to the scan where you band (SWYB) operation, scanned for airline destination and a Dispatch & Routing (D&R) tag is applied. The sack is then sorted into the designated over the road (OTR) container for dispatch.

The process being tested will potentially reduce the need to scan the sack for the airline destination. After the machine bin is swept, a wireless message is sent to the wearable printer and a D&R tag is printed directly on the printer that the employee is wearing. The D&R tag is applied to the sack and the sack is sorted into the designated OTR container for dispatch.

The test is scheduled to occur with the High Throughput Package Sorter (HTPS) and the Small Package Sorting System (SPSS) in the Queens, New York Processing & Distribution Center (P&DC) beginning May 21. Training on the wearable printer will be provided prior to usage.

Enclosed are the following items:

- Processing Operations Service Talk – Wearable Printers
- Standard Work Instruction: Wearable Printers, one for the HTPS and one for the SPSS

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Shannon Richardson at extension 5842.

Sincerely,

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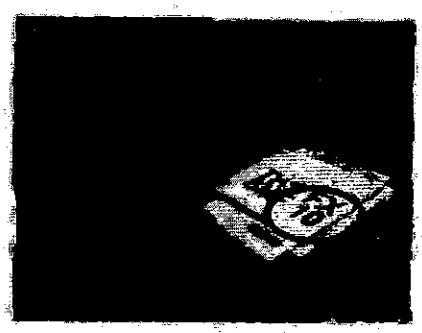
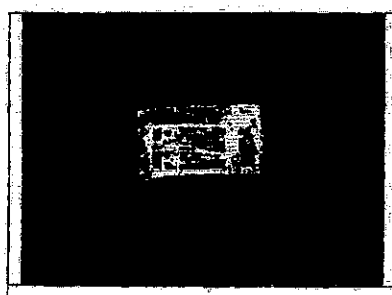
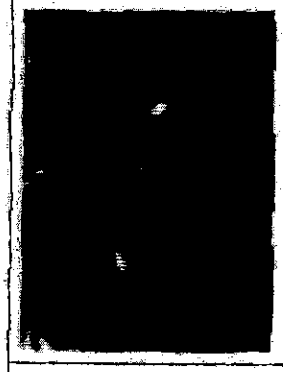
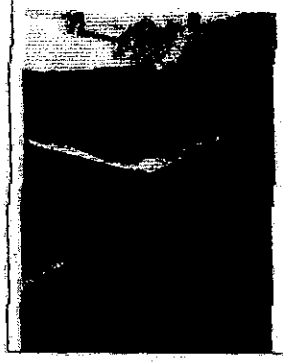
Standard Work Instruction: TSA Printers

Stop Sortation → Sweep & Tie Out Sack → D&R Tag Placement → Sort Sack

	Important Steps	Key Points	Reasons for Key Points
	1. When you have a printer and are to ready to sweep bin, press the **SWEEP** button on the horsehead.	• Pressing the **SWEEP** button causes the D&R tag to print on printer on your person.	• If done incorrectly, the D&R tag will not print and sacks may cause delayed processing.
	2. Spin the spinner rack and sweep sack ensuring it is tied out with the strap secure.	• Sack must be tied out properly • **DO NOT** take parcels out of one sack and place into the other sack on the spinner rack	• Sacks that are not properly tied out may open and cause missent mail during transit to destination • If done incorrectly, the weight on D&R tag will not match weight in sack causing delayed processing.
	3. Before applying label to the white landing strip on the sack, verify D&R tag from TSA printer matches *the 3 digit ADC* code on the *ATLAS label and.* 4. If tag prints "ERROR", sort sack to SWYB	• If D&R tag does not print, check the overflow printer • Sacks with ERROR labels must go to SWYB	• If your printer is out of range, the D&R tag will print at the overflow printer • Weight of sacks with ERROR labels need to *be verified due to* improper sweeping *(didn't follow step 1* properly)
	5. Match airline bin # (in black on D&R tag) to the dedicated OTR and sort accordingly.	• **The airline bin # is not the same as the bin # on the APPS** • Sacks with "ERROR" tags must go to SWYB	• Proper sorting is vital *for service (misspent* containers) and cost (bypass containers reduce operating costs)

Work Instruction: APPS Spinner Rack Setup

Remove Old Tags and Labels → Hang Extra Sacks → Hook First Sacks → Position Under Chute

	Important Steps	Key Points	Reasons for Key Points
	1. Remove old D&R tags and labels from the sacks.	• Old labels must be removed from sacks and the D&R tag pulled off.	• Removing the tags and labels ensures the labeling and tagging after sortation is not accidentally skipped.
	2. Hang six sacks on the L hooks (in the center of the rack) of each side of the rack as shown in the picture. Place over both hooks at the same time.	• Some sack grommets are placed too far apart to hook easily. If this is the case, rotate the sack so that the grommets can be hooked or use another sack. • Note: Extra sacks removed to aid in picture quality.	• Hanging these sacks is important to ensuring there is a constant supply of sacks when sweeping.
	3. Hook the top sack on each side of the rack onto the movable hooks so that it is fully open.	• The sacks must be fully open to catch the mail.	• A fully open sack reduces the chance of mail falling on the floor or getting jammed in the sack.
	4. Position the rack so that one sack is directly under the chute.	• Using your foot, depress and engage the locking brake. • If the rack slides out, place it again and ensure the brake is engaged. • Proceed to set up machine as you normally would. • Do not pre label sacks with sack labels.	• *Using the locking* brake prevents the rack from moving out of position. • *Pre-labeled sacks* increase the chance of mail getting sent to the wrong destination.