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Dear Brian:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service is implementing Alarm Resolution Protocols for the International Service Centers (ISC) relative to the Third-Party Canine (3PK9) program. These protocols are scheduled to go live on February 24, 2021.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) mandated that all international mail 16 ounces or greater must be screened for explosives before it is carried on international flights. The Postal Service and TSA agreed for the Postal Service to screen outbound international mail for explosives at the ISCs locations. This will be done with 3PK9 teams, canine teams certified by the TSA. This screening will take place on site at the ISC.

The supervisor would be required to follow the steps below once the canine a piece of MTE:

1. Call the Inspection Service at 1-877-696-5322
2. Isolate the Alerted MTE
3. Unload and separate mail sacks/NMOs in Alerted MTE on the floor, spaced at four-foot intervals for the refined search
4. K9 will conduct refined search
5. Take alerted sack/Non-Machinable Object (NMO) to the x-ray machine. If no sack/NMO is identified all items in the Alerted MTE go to the x-ray machine
6. Place the sack/NMO into the x-ray machine and use the SmartTech Diagnostic Tool
7. Wait for the results of the x-ray interpretation

Please contact Leigh Hsu at 202-268-4799 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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