

LABOR RELATIONS



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Mr. Ivan Butts
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Dear Ivan:

The Postal Service is proposing revisions to Handbook PO-603 *Rural Carrier Duties and Responsibilities* and Handbook M-41 *City Delivery Carriers Duties and Responsibilities*, Section 812.31, *Safe Practices*. Revisions are being made to reflect evolving safety policies as a result of the purchase of the Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (NGDV's). Driving NGDV's with the doors open presents unacceptable safety hazards.

Additionally, the vehicle has been engineered and designed with specific safety features which require all doors to be in the closed position when in operation.

- A copy of M-41 Section 812.31, *Safe Practices* with track changes
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- A copy of PO-603, Section 171.1, with track changes
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Please contact Bruce Nicholson at extension 7773 if you have questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Lloyd".

for James Lloyd
Director
Contract Administration (NALC)

Enclosures

PO-603 – Rural Carrier Duties and Responsibilities

171 Traffic Safety and Accident Reporting

171.7 Vehicle Doors

When traveling to and from the route and entering or crossing intersecting roadways, all vehicle doors must be closed. When operating a RHD vehicle on delivery routes and traveling in intervals of 500 feet (1/10 mile) or less between delivery stops, the sliding door on the driver's side may not be left open under normal operation.

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M-41 – City Delivery Carriers Duties and Responsibilities

812 Safety Practices

812.31 When traveling to and from the route, when moving between park and relay points, and when entering or crossing intersecting roadways, all external vehicle doors must be closed. When operating a vehicle with sliding driver's cab doors on delivery routes and traveling in intervals of 500 feet (1/10 mile) or less at speeds not exceeding 15 MPH between delivery stops, the right-hand sliding cab door may not be left open under normal operation.

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