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CONDITION 7 NOTIFICATION:

Amendment to requirements for Mixed Weight Mailsort, Walksort and Presstream mailings produced and presented from multiple sites

Dear Derek,

In accordance with Condition 7 of Royal Mail's Licence, I am writing to advise you of a change to the specification for Royal Mail's mixed weight Mailsort, Walksort and Presstream products where a single mailing is produced and presented from multiple sites that will take effect on the 23rd July 2007.

The specification change has been brought about by Royal Mail's ongoing intention to make access to its products as easy as possible. Currently the product requirements are not specific in relation to weight declaration for single mixed weight mailings posted from multiple sites. We have recognised that in some instances it may not be possible to calculate a single weight - actual, average or average assumed where appropriate - for all items mailed from multiple sites. Typically weight varies from region to region owing to the inclusion of inserts or advertising material. This change will specifically allow customers with such mailings to declare different weights - actual, average or average assumed where appropriate - for each portion of mail posted from each site.

The actual requirement will state:

"If you are using more than one mailing house for a single mailing, and the weight of the items within that single mailing vary, then ideally the whole mailing should be declared at a single uniform weight (average, average assumed or actual as appropriate for the weight profile of the whole mailing).

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Alternatively, each site may declare a single different weight (average, average assumed or actual as appropriate for the weight profile of the portion of a mailing) for the entire portion of the mailing from that site. You must declare items within a single mailing or portion of a mailing from a single site at one single weight.”

This change will make it easier for customers posting large mixed weight mailings from multiple sites to calculate correct weight information.

Detail on this change will be added to appropriate sources of information e.g. Mailsort User Guide in due course and the revised versions will be placed on Royal Mail's website prior to the changes taking effect.

This notification will be published on the Royal Mail website within four working days and a copy has been sent to Postwatch.

Please let me know if I can offer any further information on this alteration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Waples". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'W'.

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