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Royal Mail Fleet - Slip Over Seat Covers for Light Commercial Vehicles/Vans (LCVs):

To: All Branches

Dear Colleagues,

The Health, Safety & Environment Department has been receiving a number of enquiries during the winter from Branch ASRs regarding the health and safety issues associated with LCV van seats getting soaked in bad weather, heavy rain, sleet and snow. Seat bases were soaking up rain water from wet clothing and rain ingress and this was causing obvious problems for subsequent drivers getting soaked from damp seats. Seats were becoming smelly and not fit to use in some cases and can present possible health risks. There was also premature wear and early replacement required in some cases as well as many vans being logged out of service.

Royal Mail Fleet has in response set up a contract to provide 'slip over seat covers' containing Kevlar for the driver seats in LCVs (light commercial vehicles). The intention is to equip all new vehicles starting with new vans delivered from May 2018 onwards. It will provide a waterproof cover to stop the seat base soaking up rain water from wet clothing and deliver extended life and performance of the OE seat cover.

Attachments:

Slip Over Seat Cover Spec
Slip Over Seat Cover Photo

Yours sincerely



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