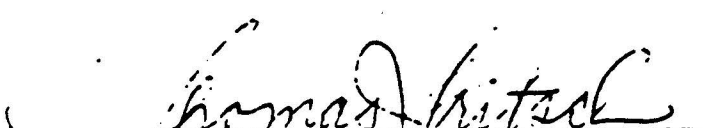



There has been some confusion as to the distinction between "basic local/out-of-town splits," which is assigned to mail handlers, and distribution, which is assigned to clerks.

The term basic local/out-of-town splits was intended to encompass that activity where initial separations are made by ZIP Code and city, state address information, to expedite subsequent distribution or dispatching and pouching operations. For example, the type of separations allowable would be for local city, local SCF, home state, SCFs and major cities within the home state, states for which the local office performs major city and sectional center separations in their pouching operations, groups of mixed states, where separation in the opening unit would expedite pouching operations. The allowable separations will be based on city, state, and 3- and 5-digit ZIP Code information.


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