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**POSTAL LAWS
AND REGULATIONS**
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incompetent for same, shall have the right, upon written request, to a hearing before a post-office inspector, on his case, and shall be furnished a statement in writing of the reasons for his rejection by official responsible for same.

(4) This hearing shall occur, except under unusual conditions preventing same, within ten days from the date of his request. In case of a postponement, the rural carrier affected shall be given a written statement of the reason for the postponement.

(5) The rural carrier shall have the right to be represented at the hearing by not more than three representatives of his own choosing.

(6) The provisions of this Act shall not be construed as supplanting any civil-service regulations in effect on the date of its enactment. (Secs. 1-7, 62 Stat. 236; 39 U. S. C. 213-219.)

(c) Hearings. (1) Requests for hearing before a post-office inspector shall be addressed to the inspector in charge of the division in which the route is located. The inspector designated to conduct the hearing will notify the requesting carrier of the date and place of the hearing which shall be held, if practicable, at the post office from which the carrier's route emanates, otherwise it will be held at some suitable nearby place. Notice of any postponement will also be given by the inspector.

(2) Testimony of the rural carrier and his representatives shall be heard after they have been duly sworn, and he should be permitted to file such written statements or briefs as are pertinent to the issues.

(3) Report of the testimony received at the hearing should be made to the Department for the information of the First Assistant. The report will contain the inspector's recommendation and be accompanied by any written statements or briefs filed by the carrier.

(4) After consideration by the First Assistant, the carrier will be notified of the results by that official.

§ 137.20 Assignment of substitute rural carriers—(a) may serve more than one route. If deemed advisable by the postmaster, a substitute rural carrier may be assigned to two or three routes, but not more.

(b) When no substitute available. When a substitute rural carrier is no longer available for service, the postmaster shall promptly report that fact to the Department.

§ 137.21 Assignment of mail handlers—(a) Restrictions. A person employed merely as a mail handler or workman without examination under the civil-service rules shall not be assigned to work of the grade performed by classified employees.

(b) Duties. Mail handlers shall not be assigned to clerical duties. The work to which mail handlers shall be assigned consists of loading and unloading motor trucks, trucking mail in the office, setting up and taking down bag racks, dumping mail, making simple distribution of parcels where no scheme knowledge is involved, operating canceling machines, cleaning and oiling machines, conveyors, etc., carrying mail from canceling machines to distribution cases and from letter drops to facing tables, handling empty pouches and sacks, and such other similar work as the postmaster may direct.