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BULLETIN

RE: Meal Periods of Caterers

During the 2025 negotiations for the British Columbia and Yukon Council of Film Unions Master Agreement, Teamsters Local 155 raised concerns regarding the meal periods of Caterers. Specifically, Local 155 advised that Caterers are sometimes unable to take a timely meal period.

This bulletin serves as a reminder that productions should make efforts to ensure that Caterers are provided with a timely meal period, to enable them to eat as well as have time to rest during the workday. The parties recognize that Caterers are busy when the remainder of the crew is in meal period. For that reason, productions should endeavor to provide a meal break prior to the meal service for the remainder of the crew.

The parties also discussed the one (1) hour advance notice that is required under Article B5.04, when the Caterer is unable to schedule a timely meal period. It is understood that some productions may specify the form of that notice (e.g., by text message or email).

Please ensure a copy of this bulletin is distributed to appropriate production personnel.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Gregory J. Hessinger, written in a cursive style.

Gregory J. Hessinger
On behalf of the Canadian Affiliates
of the Alliance of Motion Picture and
Television Producers

A blue ink signature of Jason Lee, written in a cursive style.

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On behalf of the Canadian Media
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