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The Union grieved the Agency's implementation of certain official-time limits set forth in an executive order that conflicted with the parties' existing collective-bargaining agreement. The Arbitrator denied the grievance. The Union filed exceptions on the ground that the award was contrary to the Federal Service Labor-Management Statute (the Statute) because the Agency unlawfully implemented the executive order during the extended term of the parties' agreement. Because § 7116(a)(7) of the Statute does not permit an agency to enforce a rule or regulation which is in conflict with a collective-bargaining agreement if the agreement was in effect before the date the rule or regulation was prescribed, the Authority found that the award was contrary to law.

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