

Postal Services Regulations 2008

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POSTAL SERVICES ACT
(CHAPTER 237A)

POSTAL SERVICES REGULATIONS 2008

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 61 of the Postal Services Act, the Information Communications Development Authority of Singapore, with the approval of the Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts, hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

- 1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Postal Services Regulations 2008 and shall

come into operation on 2nd May 2008.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“class licence” has the same meaning as in the Postal Services (Class Licence) Regulations 2005 (G.N. No. S 481/2005);

“foreign postal administration” means a postal operator that has been designated by a country outside Singapore as the postal administration for that country responsible for fulfilling the obligations under the UPU Acts;

“postal administration for Singapore” means a postal licensee that is designated by the Postal Authority as the postal administration responsible for fulfilling the obligations under the UPU Acts in Singapore;

“prohibited article” means any article referred to in regulation 3;

“UPU Acts” means the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union, the Universal Postal Convention and any agreements, regulations, rules, appendices, annotated acts and codes, manuals or arrangements issued thereunder, as amended from time to time, that are —

- (a) published by the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union in pursuance of the agreement concluded by the member countries concerned in the Universal Postal Union Congress; and
- (b) applicable to Singapore.

PART II

PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED TRANSMISSION BY POST

Prohibited articles

3.—(1) Except as may be provided in regulation 4, no person shall —

- (a) send by post, tender for posting or deliver to a postal licensee for posting;
or
- (b) convey, despatch or deliver by post,

any article specified in paragraph (2) (referred to in these Regulations as a prohibited article).

(2) A prohibited article is —

- (a) any article consisting of or containing —
- (i) any arms, explosives or explosive precursors within the meaning of the Arms and Explosives Act (Cap. 13), or any truncheon, handcuffs, or such other weapon or equipment referred to in section 18 of the Private Investigation and Security Agencies Act (Cap. 249) or section 22A of the Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) Act (Cap. 184);
 - (ii) any biological agent specified in the First Schedule or Second Schedule to the Biological Agents and Toxins Act (Cap. 24A) or any toxin specified in the Fifth Schedule to that Act, except as authorised by that Act;
 - (iii) any chemical weapon or scheduled chemical within the meaning of the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act (Cap. 37B) or any radioactive material or irradiating apparatus within the meaning of the Radiation Protection Act (Cap. 262);
 - (iv) any corrosive substance or explosive substance or any offensive weapon or scheduled weapon within the meaning of the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act (Cap. 65);
 - (v) any hazardous substance within the meaning of the Environmental Protection and Management Act (Cap. 94A);
 - (vi) any petroleum or flammable material within the meaning of Part VI of the Fire Safety Act (Cap. 109A);
 - (vii) any controlled drug, or any controlled equipment, controlled material or controlled substance, within the meaning of the Misuse of Drugs Act (Cap. 185), except as authorised by that Act;
 - (viii) any poison, including any preparation, solutions, compound, mixture or natural substance containing poisonous substances unless sent in accordance with the provisions of the Poisons Act (Cap. 234);
 - (ix) any goods the import or export of which is prohibited under the Regulation of Imports and Exports Act (Cap. 272A);

- (x) any chewing gum, which is prohibited from being sold or advertised for sale under the Sale of Food (Prohibition of Chewing Gum) Regulations (Cap. 283, Rg 2);
 - (xi) any other dangerous article or substance that is capable of posing a significant risk to health, safety or property when transported by air;
 - (xii) any securities of any kind payable to bearer, bank notes, currency notes or travellers' cheques, unless sent by registered or insured post;
 - (xiii) any lottery ticket or any advertisement of prizes or any other announcement relating to any public lottery, sweepstake or other gambling transaction;
 - (xiv) any pamphlet, magazine, newsletter or other type of publication which is prohibited under any written law from being published, circulated or distributed in Singapore;
- (b) any article liable to customs duty —
- (i) not sent by parcel post, or enclosed in a letter packet or small packet for delivery in a country or place which admits such parcels or packets; and
 - (ii) in the case of letter packets and small packets, not posted in compliance with regulation 6; or
- (c) any article which by the laws of the country or place in which the article is posted or to which the article is addressed (being a country or place outside Singapore), it is unlawful to send by post.

(3) In paragraph (2), “lottery ticket” and “public lottery” shall have the same meanings, respectively, assigned to them in the Common Gaming Houses Act (Cap. 49).

Restricted postal articles

4.—(1) Notwithstanding regulation 3 —

- (a) a person may send by post, tender for posting or deliver for posting any prohibited article to any holder of a class licence; and
- (b) any holder of a class licence may convey, despatch or deliver by post, any