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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 5 April 2021 and assented to by the President on 21 April 2021:—

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No. 10 of 2021.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
21 April 2021.



An Act to amend the Postal Services Act (Chapter 237A of the 2000 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code (Chapter 68 of the 2012 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Postal Services (Amendment) Act 2021 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Postal Services Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the definitions of “code of practice” and “standard of performance” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definitions:

““code of practice” means a code of practice issued or approved under section 23M or 24;

“common property” and “limited common property” have the meanings given by section 2(1) of the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act;”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “correspondent” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““delivery service provider”, in relation to an article or a thing mentioned in paragraph (a) of the definition of “parcel”, means a person that —

(a) conveys any such article or thing from any place to a public parcel locker or vice versa; and

(b) performs all incidental services of collecting, sorting, sending, despatching and placing in or collecting from a public parcel locker any such article or thing;”;

- (c) by deleting the definition of “equipment” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definitions:

““equipment” —

- (a) in relation to a public parcel locker — includes any appliance, apparatus or accessory used or intended to be used with the public parcel locker; or
- (b) in any other case — includes any appliance, apparatus or accessory used or intended to be used for postal purposes;

“Housing and Development Board” means the Housing and Development Board established by section 3 of the Housing and Development Act;”;

- (d) by deleting the definition of “parcel” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definitions:

““parcel” means —

- (a) an article or a thing that is placed in a parcel locker for collection by an intended recipient, a person authorised by the intended recipient or a delivery service provider, as the case may be; or
- (b) a postal article which is posted at a post office in Singapore as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Act or is received at a post office in Singapore by parcel post;

“parcel locker” means a box or receptacle that is provided or used for the receipt of parcels addressed to any person, but does not include a letter box or a posting box;”;

- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “posting box” in subsection (1), the following definitions:

““public parcel locker” means a parcel locker mentioned in section 23B(a);

“public parcel locker network” has the meaning given by section 23B;

“public parcel locker network operator” means a person appointed by the Postal Authority under section 23C(1);”;

(f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “public postal licensee’s installation or plant” in subsection (1), the following definitions:

““related installation”, in relation to a public parcel locker, includes any structure, equipment or cable used or intended for use with the public parcel locker;

“related software”, in relation to a public parcel locker or a public parcel locker network, means any software used or intended to be used to operate the public parcel locker or public parcel locker network;”;

(g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “sender” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““standard of performance” means a standard of performance issued or approved under section 24;”;

(h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “TAS” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““Town Council” means a Town Council established by section 4 of the Town Councils Act;”;

(i) by inserting, immediately after the words “physical medium” in subsection (2), the words “(not exceeding 500 grams in weight)”.

Amendment of section 3A**3. Section 3A of the principal Act is amended —**

(a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsections:

“(2A) Additionally, it is the function and duty of the Postal Authority —

- (a) to promote the efficiency and ensure the security and reliability of the public parcel locker network;
- (b) to ensure that public parcel lockers are reasonably accessible to all people in Singapore, and are supplied as efficiently and economically as practicable and at performance standards that reasonably meet the social, industrial and commercial needs of Singapore;
- (c) to exercise regulatory functions in respect of the public parcel locker network in Singapore; and
- (d) to exercise regulatory functions in respect of the determination and approval of prices, tariffs and charges in relation to, and the provision of, public parcel lockers.

(2B) In discharging the functions and duties imposed on the Postal Authority by subsection (2A), the Postal Authority is to have regard to the following matters:

- (a) efficiency and economy;
- (b) the social, industrial and commercial needs of Singapore for public parcel lockers;
- (c) the provision of public parcel lockers at rates consistent with efficient service.”; and