

# **Postal Services (Amendment) Bill**

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An Act to amend the Postal Services Act (Chapter 237A of the 2000 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

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 may be cited as the Postal Services (Amendment) Act 2007 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

## Amendment of section 2

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

- (a) by inserting, immediately before the definitions of “code of practice” and “standard of performance” in subsection (1), the following definition:

“ “addressee”, in relation to a postal article, means the person to whom the communication is addressed;”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definitions of “code of practice” and “standard of performance” in subsection (1), the following definitions:

“ “correspondent”, in relation to a postal article, means the sender or person to whom it is addressed;

“direct mail” means a letter consisting solely of advertising, marketing or publicity material and comprising an identical message (except for the addressee’s name, address and identifying number and other modifications which do not alter the nature of the message) which is sent to more than one addressee, to be conveyed and delivered at the address indicated by the sender on the letter itself or on its wrapping;”;

- (c) by deleting the definitions of “letter” and “mail bag” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definitions:

“ “letter box” means any box or receptacle which the owner or occupier of any premises has provided or agreed to be used for the receipt of postal articles addressed to those premises;

“mail bag” means any form of container or covering in which postal articles in the course of transmission by post are enclosed by a postal licensee in Singapore or a foreign postal administration for the purpose of conveyance by post, whether or not it contains any such articles;”;

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

““post” means any system for the collection, despatch, conveyance, sorting, handling and delivery of postal articles by or through a postal licensee;

“post office” includes any building, house, room, vehicle or place used for the provision of any postal services;”;

- (e) by deleting the definitions of “postal service”, “postcard” and “posting box” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definitions:

““postal service” means any service for the conveyance of postal articles from one place to another by post, and includes the incidental services of receiving, collecting, sorting, sending, despatching and delivering such postal articles and any other services which relates to any of those services and is provided in conjunction with any of them;

“posting box” includes any pillar box, wall box or other box or receptacle provided by or under the authority of a postal licensee for the purpose of receiving postal articles for transmission by post;”;

- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “repealed Act” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““sender”, in relation to a postal article, means a person whose communication it originates from;”;

- (g) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(2) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, “letter” means any communication in written form on any kind of physical medium to be conveyed and delivered (otherwise than electronically) to a particular addressee or address indicated by the sender on the letter itself or on its wrapping, and includes a postal article containing such communication, but does not include any book, catalogue, newspaper or periodical.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), any reference to communication to be conveyed or delivered otherwise than electronically shall be a reference to a communication to be conveyed or delivered otherwise than —

- (a) by means of a telecommunication system within the meaning of the Telecommunications Act (Cap. 323); or