

Postal Services Regulations 2000

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**POSTAL SERVICES ACT 1999
(ACT 42 OF 1999)**

POSTAL SERVICES REGULATIONS 2000

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 51 (2) and 61 of the Postal Services

Act 1999, the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore appointed as the Postal Authority, with the approval of the Minister for Communications and Information Technology, hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Postal Services Regulations 2000 and shall come into operation on 21st January 2000.

Definitions

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

“insured letter” shall be deemed to include any insured letter which is transmissible under the Universal Postal Union Agreement for the exchange of insured letters for the time being in force, and the detailed regulations thereunder;

“Postal Services Guide” means the Guide issued by the public postal licensee under regulation 20;

“prohibited article” means any article that is prohibited under regulation 3 from being posted or conveyed or delivered by post.

PART II

CONDITIONS ON TRANSMISSION OF POSTAL ARTICLES

Prohibited postal articles

3.—(1) Except as may be provided in regulation 4, no person shall post, convey or deliver by post —

(a) any article consisting of or containing —

(i) any explosive or flammable substance;

(ii) controlled drugs under the Misuse of Drugs Act (Cap.185), except as authorised by that Act or the regulations made thereunder;

- (iii) poisons, including any preparations, solutions, compounds, mixtures or natural substances containing poisonous substances unless sent in accordance with the provisions of the Poisons Act (Cap.234);
 - (iv) any other dangerous article or substance that is capable of posing a significant risk to health, safety or property when transported by air;
 - (v) machine-skimmed or hand-skimmed milk;
 - (vi) any arms, firearms or parts of firearms or any other lethal, barrelled weapons of any description from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged or which can be adapted for the discharge of any such shot, bullet or missile or any weapons of whatever description designed or adapted for the discharge of any noxious liquid, gas or other thing or any component part of any weapon hereby prohibited to be posted;
 - (vii) plants with soil or other growing or potting medium from any country except West Malaysia; or
 - (viii) securities of any kind payable to bearer, banknotes, currency notes or travellers' cheques, unless sent by registered or insured post;
- (b) any article consisting of or containing any public lottery ticket or any advertisement of prizes or any other announcement relating to any public lottery, sweepstake or other gambling transaction;
- (c) any article liable to customs duty unless —
- (i) 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, bearing on the address side a green label giving the description, weight and the value of the articles enclosed;
- (d) any article which by the laws of the country or place in which the postal article is posted or to which the postal article is addressed, it is unlawful to send by post;

- (e) any pamphlet, magazine, newsletter or other type of publication which is prohibited under any written law from being published, circulated or distributed in Singapore; or
- (f) any bubble gum, or dental chewing gum, or any like substance prepared from a gum base of vegetable or synthetic origin and intended for chewing.

(2) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (1), “lottery ticket” and “public lottery” have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Common Gaming Houses Act (Cap. 49).

Restricted postal articles

4.—(1) Notwithstanding regulation 3, the following substances may be posted or conveyed or delivered by post if packed in accordance with conditions determined by the public postal licensee, subject to the Postal Authority’s approval:

- (a) celluloid and cinematograph films;
- (b) radioactive substances; and
- (c) perishable biological substances exchanged between officially recognised, qualified laboratories.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(c), whether a laboratory is officially recognised or qualified shall be determined by the Postal Authority.

Detention of prohibited article

5.—(1) An employee of the public postal licensee may open any sealed postal article if he suspects the postal article to contain any prohibited article and any prohibited article found, other than a postal article permitted to be posted or conveyed or delivered by post under regulation 4, may be detained and dealt with in accordance with section 23 of the Act.

(2) Without prejudice to any action which may be taken under paragraph (1), the Postal Authority may by order in writing direct a public postal licensee to detain all or any postal articles sent by any person or persons named in the order who are reasonably suspected of carrying on any business in, or acting as agents for, the dissemination of prohibited articles.

(3) Upon receipt of the order referred to in paragraph (2), the public postal licensee may detain and open any postal article sent by the person named in the order and any