



POSTAL SERVICES ACT 1983

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Postal Services Act 1983

An Act relating to the provision of postal services within Norfolk Island and between Norfolk Island and places outside Norfolk Island.

PART 1 — PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Postal Services Act 1983*.

Commencement

2. This Act shall come into operation on a date fixed by the Administrator by notice published in the Gazette.

Interpretation

3. (1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears —
 - “this Act” includes the Regulations;
 - “article” includes a substance or thing;
 - “Australia”, when used in a geographical sense, includes the prescribed external Territories;
 - “authorised person” means a person authorised by the Minister for the purpose of the provision in which the expression occurs;
 - “convention” means —
 - (a) a convention to which Australia is a party and the application of which extends to Norfolk Island; or
 - (b) an agreement or arrangement between Australia and another country or other countries the application of which extends to Norfolk Island;
 - “mail” includes —
 - (a) a package; or
 - (b) a receptacle; or
 - (c) covering,in which a postal article in course of transmission by post is conveyed, whether the package, receptacle or covering does or does not contain a postal article;
 - “officer” means an officer as defined by section 5 of the *Public Service Act 1979* and includes an employee as so defined, and also includes the Chief Executive Officer;

“postage”, in relation to the transmission of a postal article, means the amount payable for transmission of the postal article by post, including any special charge or additional fee payable for a special service required in connection with the transmission of the article;

“postal article” means an article transmissible by post;

“prescribed external Territory” means an external Territory other than —

- (a) Norfolk Island;
- (b) the Territory of Christmas Island;
- (c) the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Island;

“registered publication” means a copy of a number of a publication registered for transmission by post in accordance with the Regulations.

(2) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears —

- (a) a reference to an office of the Administration is a reference to an office —
 - (i) at which postal articles may be posted; or
 - (ii) from which postal articles transmitted through the post may be delivered to an addressee;
- (b) a reference to the transmission of moneys through the post is a reference to the service provided by the Administration for the purpose of enabling persons to pay money to the Administration for payment to another person;
- (c) a reference to the transmission of a postal article by ordinary post is a reference to the transmission of the article in such manner as will not involve the provision, in relation to the transmission of the article, of a service for which a special charge or additional fee is payable under this Act.

PART 2 — POSTAL SERVICES

Functions imposed on Administration by this Act

4. The functions imposed on the Administration by this Act are —
- (a) to operate postal services for the transmission of postal articles —
 - (i) within Norfolk Island; and
 - (ii) between Norfolk Island and places outside Norfolk Island; and
 - (b) to operate such other services as the Administration is authorised by this Act to operate; and
 - (c) to do all things incidental or conducive to the performance of those functions.

Duties of the Administration under this Act

5. (1) The Administration shall perform the functions imposed on it by this Act in such a manner as will best meet the social, industrial and commercial needs of the people of Norfolk Island for postal service.

(2) In performing the functions imposed on it by this Act the Administration —

- (a) shall comply with directions given to it by the Minister under sections 6 and 10; and

- (b) shall have regard to —
- (i) the desirability of improving and extending its postal services in the light of developments in the field of communications; and
 - (ii) the need to operate the services it provides under this Act as efficiently and economically as practicable.

(3) In an emergency, the Administration may interrupt, suspend or restrict a service provided by it under this Act.

Minister may give directions to the Administration

6. (1) The Minister may give to the Administration written directions with respect to —

- (a) the performance of its functions; and
- (b) the exercise of its powers,

under this Act as appear to the Minister to be necessary in the public interest.

(2) If the Minister gives a direction to the Administration under subsection 6(1), the Minister shall lay a copy of the direction on the Table of the Legislative Assembly within 2 sitting days of giving the direction.

(3) Subsection 6(1) does not authorise the Minister to give a direction with respect to —

- (a) rates of postage; or
- (b) fees,

referred to in section 15.

Powers of the Administration

7. (1) The Administration may do, in Norfolk Island or elsewhere, all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with, or as incidental to, the performance of its functions under this Act.

(2) The generality of subsection 7(1) shall not be taken to be limited by any other provision of this Act conferring a power on the Administration.

(3) The Administration has power, in connection with the performance of its functions under this Act, to provide services for the transmission of money within Norfolk Island and between Norfolk Island and places outside Norfolk Island.

Erection of postal reception boxes

8. (1) The Administration may erect and maintain receptacles or boxes for the reception, for transmission by post, of postal articles in a public road, street or highway or in any other public place.

(2) The Administration shall keep in good order, and may, at any time demolish or remove, a receptacle or box erected by it for the reception of postal articles.

Administration may act as agent, etc

9. The Administration may make arrangements with —

- (a) a Minister of State acting on behalf of the Commonwealth Government; or
- (b) the Administration of a Territory; or
- (c) a Minister of State acting on behalf of a State; or

- (d) an authority of —
 - (i) the Commonwealth; or
 - (ii) a State,

for the doing —

- (e) of an act or thing by the Administration on behalf of the Commonwealth, the Administration of that Territory, that State or that authority, as the case may be, being an act or thing that can conveniently be done in conjunction with the performance of the functions of the Administration under this Act; or
- (f) by a Department of State, the Administration of that Territory, a Department of that State or that authority, as the case may be, on behalf of the Administration of any act or thing that the Administration is authorised to do under this Act.

Issue and sale of postage stamps

10. (1) The Administration shall issue and sell postage stamps —

- (a) in such quantities; and
- (b) indicating such amounts of postage,

as the Minister directs.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall be taken to impose on the Administration a duty —

- (a) to repurchase; or
- (b) to accept as payment, except as payment of postage in respect of the transmission of a postal article,

postage stamps sold by the Administration, or letter-cards, aerogrammes or other articles sold by the Administration on which the Administration has caused to be impressed or printed a representation of, or a design resembling, a postage stamp indicating an amount of postage.

Payment of postage

11. (1) Payment of postage in respect of the transmission of a postal article may be made —

- (a) in prescribed circumstances - in money; or
- (b) except as otherwise prescribed - by affixing to the article uncanceled postage stamps —
 - (i) issued by the Administration; and
 - (ii) indicating an amount of postage equal to or greater than the amount of the postage payable in respect of the transmission of the article,

but not otherwise.

(2) An envelope, letter-card, aerogramme or other article on which the Administration has caused to be impressed or printed a representation of, or a design resembling, a postage stamp indicating an amount of postage shall be deemed to have affixed to it a postage stamp issued by the Administration indicating that amount of postage.

(3) Where an envelope, letter-card, aerogramme or other article has impressed or printed on it a representation of, or a design resembling, a postage stamp of a kind issued by the Administration, it shall, for all purposes, be presumed, unless the contrary is established, that the Administration caused the representation or design to be so impressed or printed on it.

(4) Where payment of postage may be made in money, the regulations may prescribe conditions to which that payment is subject.

(5) The following postal articles may be transmitted by the Administration by ordinary post free of charge —

(a) a petition or address to the Governor-General or to the Administrator, being a petition or address the weight of which does not exceed 500 grams and which is posted with a cover or in a cover that is open at the ends or the sides; and

(b) a postal article issued by the Administrator to persons using the postal services provided by the Administration for purposes connected with those services (including an article notifying a change of address), being an article marked in a manner determined by the Minister.

(6) A postal article, being —

(a) official correspondence from —

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(iii) the Government of Norfolk Island;

(iv) the Legislative Assembly or an officer of the Legislative Assembly;

(v) a member of the Legislative Assembly; or

(vi) the Postal Service; or

(b) a postal article received by post from outside Norfolk Island (not being a postal article in respect of which fees are required to be collected by virtue of a convention or of a provision of the regulations),

shall be transmitted by the Administration by post free of charge.

When postage need not be pre-paid

12. (1) The Administration may, with the Minister's approval, make arrangements with a person under which the postage payable in respect of postal articles to which the arrangement applies posted by that person may be paid by that person after the articles have been posted.

(2) The Administration may, with the Minister's approval, make an arrangement with a person under which the postage payable in respect of postal articles to which the arrangement applies posted by another person is to be paid by that first-mentioned person after the articles have been posted.

(3) Postal articles to which an arrangement under this section applies may be transmitted and delivered before the postage is paid.

Postal articles on which postage insufficiently pre-paid

13. (1) Where the postage is not fully pre-paid on a postal article posted for delivery in Norfolk Island, the Administration is entitled to be paid, as a condition of delivery, such fee, in addition to the amount of —

- (a) the postage; or
- (b) the deficient postage,

payable in respect of the transmission of the article, as is payable in accordance with a determination made by the Minister.

(2) For the purposes of this section, where the postage is paid in full in respect of a postal article in accordance with an arrangement of a kind referred to in section 12 that is applicable to the article, the postage in respect of that postal article shall be deemed to have been fully pre-paid.

Postage stamps to be valuable securities

14. A postage stamp issued by the Administration shall be deemed to be a valuable security for the purposes of any law with respect to larceny.

Charges for postage and other services

15. (1) Subject to subsection 15(2) —

- (a) the rate of postage for the transmission of a postal article posted in Norfolk Island for delivery within Norfolk Island or Australia; and
- (b) the fee for a service that the Administration provides under this Act,

is the same rate of postage or fee as would be payable for —

- (c) the transmission of that postal article; or
- (d) the provision of that service,

as the case may be, within Australia by Australia Post in accordance with determinations made by the Board of Directors of Australia Post under section 32 of the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989* of the Commonwealth, as if Norfolk Island formed part of the State of New South Wales.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 15(1), the Regulations may prescribe —

- (a) a rate of postage for the transmission of a prescribed postal article posted in Norfolk Island for delivery -
 - (i) within Norfolk Island; or
 - (ii) within Australia; or
- (b) a fee for a service provided by the Administration under this Act,

different from that applicable by virtue of subsection 15(1), and that prescribed rate of postage or fee shall apply instead of the rate of postage or fee which would, but for this subsection, have been applicable by virtue of subsection 15(1).

(3) Unless the Regulations prescribe otherwise the rate of postage for the transmission of a postal article posted in Norfolk Island for delivery within a place outside Norfolk Island and Australia is a rate of postage equal to the rate of postage that would have been payable for the transmission of that postal article to that place if it had been posted in Australia.

Special charges

16. (1) Notwithstanding section 15, the Administration may with the Minister's approval enter into an agreement with a person to transmit postal articles of a particular kind on behalf of that person at rates of postage other than the rates applicable by virtue of section 15.

(2) An agreement under subsection 16(1) shall provide for postage in respect of the transmission of postal articles of a kind to which the agreement relates to be payable in accordance with specified rates of postage, being rates related to the number of postal articles of that kind posted in accordance with the agreement during a specified period.

(3) An agreement under subsection 16(1) may be subject to conditions with respect to —

- (a) the manner of packing, addressing and marking the articles; and
- (b) the manner and place of posting the articles; and
- (c) the arrangement of the articles so as to facilitate their delivery,

and, in that event, the rates of postage provided for by the agreement do not apply in respect of the articles unless the person posting the articles complies with the conditions.

PART 3 — OFFENCES**Letters not to be carried for reward**

17. (1) A person shall not —

- (a) carry or convey a letter for reward; or
- (b) cause a letter to be carried or conveyed for reward otherwise than by the Administration.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

(2) Subsection 17(1) does not apply to —

- (a) the carriage or conveyance of a letter that —
 - (i) exceeds 500 grams in weight; or
 - (ii) is concerned only with goods and is carried or conveyed with, and delivered with, those goods; or
- (b) the carriage or conveyance of a letter that —
 - (i) relates only to the affairs of a person; and
 - (ii) is carried or conveyed by an employee of that person; or
- (c) the carriage or conveyance of a letter from the place of business or residence of a person for posting at the nearest office of the Administration; or
- (d) the carriage or conveyance of a letter from an office of the Administration to the place of business or residence of the person to whom the letter is addressed; or
- (e) the carriage or conveyance of a letter for the Administration by an officer, a contractor to the Administration or an officer or employee of such a contractor.

Forgery of stamps, etc

18. (1) In this section “a postal article defined in subsection 18(1)” means an envelope, letter-card, aerogramme or other article on which the Administration has caused to be impressed or printed a representation of, or a design resembling, a postage stamp indicating an amount of postage.

(2) A person shall not forge —

- (a) a postage stamp of a kind issued by the Administration; or
- (b) a postal article defined in subsection 18(1).

(3) A person shall not, without lawful authority or excuse —

- (a) use; or
- (b) have in his possession; or
- (c) dispose of,

a paper or article that has —

- (d) affixed to it; or
- (e) printed on it,

a mark resembling, or apparently intended to resemble or pass for, a postage stamp issued by the Administration, knowing that it is not a postage stamp so issued.

(4) A person shall not, without lawful authority or excuse —

- (a) use; or
- (b) have in his possession; or
- (c) dispose of,

an article resembling, or apparently intended to resemble or pass for a postal article defined in subsection 18(1), knowing that it is not such a postal article.

(5) A person shall not, without lawful authority —

- (a) make; or
- (b) have in his possession,

a die, plate or instrument capable of making an impression in the form of, or in a form resembling, or apparently intended to resemble or pass for —

- (c) a postage stamp of a kind issued by the Administration; or
- (d) a design of a kind impressed or printed on postal articles defined in subsection 18(1).

(6) A person shall not utter, knowing it to be forged —

- (a) a postage stamp; or
- (b) a postal article defined in subsection 18(1).

(7) A person shall be deemed to utter —

- (a) a forged postage stamp; or
- (b) a forged postal article of the kind referred to in subsection 18(1),

as the case may be, if —

- (c) he tenders or puts it off; or
- (d) attempts to tender or put it off; or
- (e) uses or deals with it; or

- (f) attempts to use or deal with it; or
- (g) attempts to induce any person to use, deal with, act upon or accept it.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 10 years.

Special paper for postage stamps

19. A person shall not, without lawful authority or excuse —

- (a) knowingly make, use, have in his possession, sell or dispose of paper —
 - (i) provided for, or used by, the Administration for the purpose of printing postage stamps; or
 - (ii) resembling, or apparently intended to resemble or pass for, paper provided for, or used by, the Administration for that purpose; or
- (b) knowingly make, use, have in his possession, sell or dispose of paper —
 - (i) provided for, or used by, a person other than the Administration for the purpose of printing postage stamps for the Administration; or
 - (ii) resembling, or apparently intended to resemble or pass for, paper provided for, or used by, a person other than the Administration for that purpose; or
- (c) knowingly make, use, have in his possession, sell or dispose of any instrument or thing for making a mark resembling, or apparently intended to resemble or pass for, a distinctive mark used on paper especially provided for the purpose of printing postage stamps by or on behalf of the Administration.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 4 years.

Fraudulently removing stamps

20. (1) A person shall not, with intent to defraud —

- (a) remove from a postal article sent by post a postage stamp affixed to the article; or
- (b) remove from a postage stamp that has previously been used a postmark or cancellation mark made on the stamp; or
- (c) use for postal purposes a postage stamp that —
 - (i) has previously been used for postal purposes; or
 - (ii) has been obliterated or defaced.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 1 year.

(2) In proceedings for an offence against subsection 20(1)(c), proof that the person charged with the offence caused the postal article to be posted is *prima facie* evidence that he used the stamp affixed to the postal article for postal purposes.

Retaining or secreting postal articles

21. Where —

- (a) a person finds a postal article which appears —
 - (i) to be in the course of the post; or
 - (ii) to have been lost in the course of the post or of delivery of the post; or
- (b) a postal article is wrongly delivered to a person by or on behalf of the Administration,

the person shall not wilfully retain, secrete, keep or detain the article.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

Improperly obtaining postal articles

22. A person shall not, by a false pretence or false statement, obtain delivery of a postal article sent by post, being an article that is not addressed to that person.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 5 years.

Wrongful delivery of postal articles

23. An officer, a contractor to the Administration or an officer or employee of such a contractor shall not wilfully deliver a postal article sent by post to a person other than the person to whom it is addressed or his authorised agent.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

Stealing postal articles

24. (1) A person shall not —

- (a) with intent to defraud, take from the possession of an officer, a contractor to the Administration or an officer or employee of such a contractor; or
- (b) with intent to defraud, take from a place appointed by the Administration for the receipt or delivery of postal articles; or
- (c) steal, fraudulently misappropriate, convert to his own use, secrete or destroy,

any —

- (d) mail;
- (e) postal article in the course of the post; or
- (f) part of a postal article in the course of the post.

(2) A person shall not receive any —

- (a) mail;
- (b) postal article sent by post; or
- (c) part of a postal article sent by post,

knowing that the mail, article or part, as the case may be, had been —

- (d) fraudulently taken; or
- (e) stolen; or
- (f) misappropriated; or
- (g) secreted.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 7 years.

Tampering with the mail

25. A person shall not —

- (a) open any mail or postal article in the course of the post unless he is authorised to do so by the Minister or by the addressee; or
- (b) with intent to defraud, open or tamper with any mail or postal article in the course of the post and addressed to another person.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

Obstructing conveyance of mail

26. A person shall not wilfully obstruct or hinder the conveyance or delivery by or on behalf of the Administration of any mail or postal article.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 1 year.

Obstructing officers

27. (1) A person shall not assault or wilfully obstruct an officer in the execution of his duty under this Act.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

(2) A person shall not, while in or upon premises used in connection with the performance of the Administration's functions under this Act —

- (a) behave in a disorderly manner; or
- (b) obstruct or hinder the doing, by or on behalf of the Administration, of any act or thing that the Administration is authorised by this Act to do, including the provision of a service that the Administration is so authorised to provide.

Penalty: 2 penalty units.

(3) An officer who has reasonable grounds for believing that a person is acting in contravention of subsection 27(2) may —

- (a) require the person to leave the premises; and
- (b) if the person refuses or fails to comply with the request, with such assistance as he deems necessary, remove the person from that place.

Injury to property of Administration

28. (1) A person shall not, without the authority of the Administration —

- (a) wilfully tamper with; or
- (b) injure; or
- (c) damage; or
- (d) destroy,

a —

- (e) receptacle or box for the reception of postal articles; or
- (f) a stamp vending machine belonging to the Administration; or
- (g) a notice affixed to property of the Administration for the purposes of this Act.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

(2) A person shall not, without the authority of the Administration —

- (a) wilfully alter; or
- (b) interfere with; or
- (c) obliterate,

any writing or marking on —

- (d) a receptacle; or
- (e) a box for the reception of postal articles; or
- (f) a stamp vending machine; or
- (g) a notice affixed to property of the Administration for the purposes of this Act.

Penalty: 2 penalty units.

Offensive substance in postal boxes

29. (1) A person shall not put, or cause to be put, into —

- (a) an office of the Administration; or
- (b) a receptacle or box for the reception of postal articles,

a fire, match or light, or filthy, offensive, or noxious material or matter.

(2) A person shall not commit a nuisance in or against —

- (a) an office of the Administration; or
- (b) a receptacle or box for the reception of postal articles.

Penalty: 2 penalty units.

Delivery of mail from vessels and aircraft

30. Where mail is carried to Norfolk Island on —

- (a) a vessel; or
- (b) an aircraft,

for delivery in Norfolk Island, the master of the vessel, or the person in charge of the aircraft, as the case may be, shall, upon demand by a person authorised by the Minister deliver —

- (c) the mail; or
- (d) the part of the mail to which the demand relates,

to that person or in accordance with his directions.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

Sending explosives through the post

31. Except —

- (a) with the Minister's approval; and
- (b) in compliance with such conditions as the Minister determines,

a person shall not send by post a postal article that encloses or contains an explosive, dangerous or deleterious substance.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 10 years.

PART 4 — MISCELLANEOUS**Reward for information as to damage to property**

32. Where the Administration learns, as a result of information furnished to the Administration by a person, the identity of a person who has —

- (a) wilfully destroyed; or
- (b) damaged; or
- (c) defaced; or
- (d) removed; or
- (e) interfered with,

property belonging to, or under the control of, the Administration, and used or intended to be used for or in connection with its duties under this Act, the Administration may, with the Minister's approval, pay to that first-mentioned person, by way of reward, a sum determined by the Minister not exceeding —

- (f) \$100; or
- (g) such higher amount as may be prescribed.

Postal articles deemed to be property of the Administration

33. Mail or a postal article —

- (a) sent by post; or
- (b) under the control of the Administration,

shall, for the purpose of legal proceedings with respect to a prosecution for an offence in connection with that mail or postal article, be deemed to be the property of the Administration while —

- (c) in the post; or
- (d) under the control of the Administration,

as the case may be.

Contributions towards the provision of special services or facility

34. (1) Where a person (including the Commonwealth, a State, a Territory and an authority of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory) applies to the Administration for the provision of postal services of a special kind or in special circumstances, or for the provision of a special facility, the Administration may with the approval of the Minister enter into an agreement with the person with respect to the provision of the services or facility under which the person agrees —

- (a) to make a contribution towards the cost of providing the service or facility; or
- (b) to render other assistance to the Administration for the purpose of facilitating the provision of the service or facility; or
- (c) to indemnify the Administration against any loss the Administration may suffer by reason of the provision of the service or facility.

(2) An agreement referred to in subsection 34(1) may provide for the person to advance to the Administration an amount on account of the cost of providing the service or facility upon such terms and conditions as to the repayment of the whole or a part of the advance as are specified in the agreement.

Remission of charges

35. The Minister may —

- (a) in a particular case for special reasons; or
- (b) in cases included in a particular class of cases for special reasons,

remit or reduce a charge that would otherwise be payable to the Administration under this Act.

Delegation

36. (1) The Minister may, either generally or in relation to a matter or class of matters, by writing signed by him, delegate all or any of his powers under this Act (except this power of delegation).

(2) A power delegated under subsection 36(1) —

- (a) may be exercised by the delegate in accordance with the instrument of delegation; and
- (b) is revocable at will and does not prevent the exercise of the power by the Minister.

Repeal

37. The following enactments are repealed in so far as they relate to the provision of postal services —

- (a) *Post and Telegraph Act 1957*;
- (b) *Post and Telegraph Act 1966*;
- (c) *Post and Telegraph Act 1975*;
- (d) *Post and Telegraph (Amendment) Act 1980*.

Transitional provisions

38. (1) Postage stamps valid for the payment of postage under the *Post and Telegraph Act 1957* immediately before the commencement of this Act may, subject to this Act, be used after that commencement for the payment of postage payable under this Act.

(2) Rights and liabilities under the *Post and Telegraph Act 1957*, in respect of the provision of postal services, subsisting immediately before the commencement of this Act shall after that commencement continue to subsist and be enforceable.

Regulations

39. (1) The Administrator may make Regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing matters —

- (a) required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed; or
- (b) necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

(2) In particular, the Regulations may make provision for and in relation to —

- (a) the forfeiture to the Administration of —
 - (i) postal articles or of the contents of postal articles, that have been dealt with in accordance with this Act but cannot be delivered to the addressees or returned to the senders; or
 - (ii) articles the transmission of which through the post is prohibited by this or any other enactment;
- (b) arrangements as to the collection of duties of customs or other duties lawfully payable in respect of goods transmitted by post;

- (c) methods of dealing with postal articles that may contain goods on which duties of customs are payable;
- (d) procedures for and in relation to the opening and examination of postal articles by or in the presence of officers;
- (e) prohibiting, restricting, regulating or imposing conditions with respect to the sending by post of—
 - (i) articles that are or could be dangerous or noxious;
 - (ii) articles consisting of, containing or bearing matter of an indecent, obscene or offensive nature; and
 - (iii) articles consisting of or containing matter not solicited by the persons to whom the articles are sent;
- (f) the establishment, management and operation of offices, the receipt, transmission and delivery of postal articles, and the conduct and duties of officers;
- (g) the terms and conditions, governing the receipt, transmission and delivery of postal articles;
- (h) the weight and dimensions of postal articles;
- (j) the registration and insurance of postal articles;
- (k) the registration of publications;
- (l) the sale of postage stamps, the licensing of persons to sell stamps and the commission to be allowed to persons so licensed;
- (m) the conditions governing the refund of postage;
- (n) unclaimed, undelivered or refused postal articles;
- (o) the redirection of postal articles, and the return of postal articles to senders;
- (p) the mode of defacing or cancelling stamps on postal articles;
- (q) the payment of compensation in respect of the loss or rifling of, damage to, or delay in delivery of postal articles;
- (r) the provision of private boxes, private bags, community bags and free bags;
- (s) the terms and conditions governing the transmission of moneys through the post;
- (t) the sale of stationery and packing material;
- (u) the conditions governing philatelic sales and services;
- (v) penalties not exceeding a fine of 2 penalty units or imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both, for offences against the regulations.

Terms and conditions of postal service

40. (1) The Regulations may incorporate by reference, either wholly or in part and with or without modification, terms and conditions as in force at a particular time or as in force from time to time, prescribed or published by an authority or body, whether or not it is a Norfolk Island authority or body.

(2) Terms and conditions of service adopted under this section may require anything referred to in the terms and conditions to be in accordance with any other terms or conditions referred to in the terms and conditions so adopted.

(3) The Minister shall cause a copy of the terms and conditions referred to in adopted terms and conditions to be available for inspection by members of the public at the Administration offices, without charge, during normal office hours.

NOTES

The *Postal Services Act 1983* as shown in this consolidation comprises Act No. 13 of 1984 and amendments as indicated in the Tables below.

Enactment	Number and year	Date of commencement	Application saving or transitional provision
<i>Postal Services Act 1983</i>	13, 1984	17.2.94	
<i>Postal Services Amendment Act 1994</i>	2, 1994	17.2.94	
<i>Postal Services (Charges) Amendment Act 1994</i>	15, 1994	1.7.94	
<i>[Previously consolidated as at 2 July 1994]</i>			
<i>Postal Services (Consequential Amendments) Act 1994</i>	20, 1994	29.9.94	
<i>Interpretation (Amendment) Act 2012</i> <i>[to substitute throughout — Commonwealth Minister for Minister; and to substitute Minister for executive member]</i>	14, 2012	28.12.12	

Table of Amendments

ad = added or inserted or am = amended rep = repealed rs = repealed and substituted

Provisions affected	How affected
3	am 2, 1994
11(6)	am 15, 1994
15	am 2, 1994
39	am 2, 1994
40	ad 2, 1994

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