

Crimes Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2) 2002 No. 66

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Statutory Rules 2002 No. 66

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Justice and Customs

Subject: *Crimes Act 1914*

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Section 91 of the *Crimes Act 1914* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations, prescribing all matters required or permitted by the Act to be prescribed, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

The purpose of the Regulations is to amend the *Crimes Regulations 1990* to repeal Regulation 6F which specifies what substances or things, without exception, must not be carried by post, or those substances or things that could only be carried if handled and packaged according to Australian Post Regulations.

The provisions in Regulation 6F have been made redundant following the repeal of section 85X of the Act, which contained offences relating to the posting of dangerous and other substances.

Section 85X of the Act was repealed and replaced by new provisions in the *Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-Hoax and Other Measures) Act 2002* which replace outdated postal offences to encompass the use of all postal services and other like services not just Australia Post as at present. A separate Minute proposes that replacement Regulations be created under section 471 of the Schedule to the new *Criminal Code Act 1995*, in the *Criminal Code Regulations 2002*.

The Regulations commenced on gazettal.