



# Competition and Consumer (Price Notifications—Australia Post Letter Services) Declaration 2015

made under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*

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## About this compilation

### This compilation

This is a compilation of the *Competition and Consumer (Price Notifications—Australia Post Letter Services) Declaration 2015* that shows the text of the law as amended and in force on 29 March 2025 (the **compilation date**).

The notes at the end of this compilation (the **endnotes**) include information about amending laws and the amendment history of provisions of the compiled law.

### Uncommenced amendments

The effect of uncommenced amendments is not shown in the text of the compiled law. Any uncommenced amendments affecting the law are accessible on the Register ([www.legislation.gov.au](http://www.legislation.gov.au)). The details of amendments made up to, but not commenced at, the compilation date are underlined in the endnotes. For more information on any uncommenced amendments, see the Register for the compiled law.

### Application, saving and transitional provisions for provisions and amendments

If the operation of a provision or amendment of the compiled law is affected by an application, saving or transitional provision that is not included in this compilation, details are included in the endnotes.

### Modifications

If the compiled law is modified by another law, the compiled law operates as modified but the modification does not amend the text of the law. Accordingly, this compilation does not show the text of the compiled law as modified. For more information on any modifications, see the Register for the compiled law.

### Self-repealing provisions

If a provision of the compiled law has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law, details are included in the endnotes.

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## **Part 1—Preliminary**

### **1 Name**

This instrument is the *Competition and Consumer (Price Notifications—Australia Post Letter Services) Declaration 2015*.

Note: The name of this instrument has been amended. This instrument was previously named the *Price Notification Declaration (Australia Post Letter Services) (No. 2) 2015*.

### **3 Authority**

This instrument is made under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.

### **4 Definitions**

Note: Expressions have the same meaning in this instrument as in the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* as in force from time to time—see paragraph 13(1)(b) of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

In this instrument:

***Australia Post*** means the Australian Postal Corporation.

***convention*** has the same meaning as in the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989*.

***the Act*** means the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.

## Part 2—Price notifications

### 5 Declaration of letter services and declared person

- (1) The provision of letter services by Australia Post for the carriage within Australia of letters is declared to be a notified service for the purposes of Part VIIA of the Act.

Note: Under subsection 95X(1) of the Act, the Minister may declare goods and services of a specified description to be notified goods and services for the purposes of Part VIIA of the Act (about prices surveillance).

- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to:
- (a) letter services that are not reserved to Australia Post under Division 2 of Part 3 the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989*; and
  - (b) letter services that involve the supply by Australia Post of a special service for which a special charge or additional fee is payable; and
  - (c) letter services under an incoming overseas mail service to which a convention applies.
- (3) For the purposes of this Instrument, a letter service involves the supply by Australia Post of a ***special service for which a special charge or additional fee is payable*** if:
- (a) the letter service is supplied at a rate lower than the ordinary rate, subject to the sender meeting certain requirements of that letter service including, but not limited to, requirements in relation to:
    - (i) the volume of letters lodged; or
    - (ii) the format of letters lodged; or
    - (iii) the pre-sorting of letters lodged; or
    - (iv) the content of letters lodged; or
    - (v) the sender of letters lodged; or
    - (vi) the method of payment; or
    - (vii) the method of lodgement; or
  - (b) the letter service is supplied at a rate higher than the ordinary rate on account of goods that are integral to the letter service being supplied by Australia Post as part of that letter service including, but not limited to, the following:
    - (i) an envelope; or
    - (ii) a packet; or
    - (iii) a parcel; or
    - (iv) a container; or
    - (v) a wrapper; or
    - (vi) a card; or
  - (c) the letter service is supplied at a rate higher than the ordinary rate on account of additional features being supplied by Australia Post as part of that letter service including, but not limited to, the following:
    - (i) priority delivery; or
    - (ii) reply paid; or

(iii) carriage of non-rectangular-shaped articles.

(6) Australia Post is declared to be a declared person in relation to the notified service under subclause (1).

Note: Under subsection 95X(2) of the Act, the Minister may declare a person to be, in relation to goods and services of a specified description, a declared person for the purposes of Part VIIA of the Act (about prices surveillance).

## **6 Cessation**

This instrument ceases to have effect the day before it is repealed under Part 4 of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

Note 1: Under subsection 95X(4) of the Act, the Minister must specify the time when this instrument ceases to have effect. The instrument will cease to have effect at that time unless it is revoked sooner.

Note 2: Under subsection 50 of the *Legislation Act 2003*, a legislative instrument is repealed on the first 1 April or 1 October falling on or after the tenth anniversary of registration of the instrument.

## Endnotes

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

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The endnotes provide information about this compilation and the compiled law.

The following endnotes are included in every compilation:

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

Endnote 2—Abbreviation key

Endnote 3—Legislation history

Endnote 4—Amendment history

### Abbreviation key—Endnote 2

The abbreviation key sets out abbreviations that may be used in the endnotes.

### Legislation history and amendment history—Endnotes 3 and 4

Amending laws are annotated in the legislation history and amendment history.

The legislation history in endnote 3 provides information about each law that has amended (or will amend) the compiled law. The information includes commencement details for amending laws and details of any application, saving or transitional provisions that are not included in this compilation.

The amendment history in endnote 4 provides information about amendments at the provision (generally section or equivalent) level. It also includes information about any provision of the compiled law that has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law.

### Misdescribed amendments

A misdescribed amendment is an amendment that does not accurately describe how an amendment is to be made. If, despite the misdescription, the amendment can be given effect as intended, then the misdescribed amendment can be incorporated through an editorial change made under section 15V of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

If a misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect as intended, the amendment is not incorporated and “(md not incorp)” is added to the amendment history.

**Endnote 2—Abbreviation key**

ad = added or inserted	orig = original
am = amended	par = paragraph(s)/subparagraph(s) /sub-subparagraph(s)
amdt = amendment	pres = present
c = clause(s)	prev = previous
C[x] = Compilation No. x	(prev...) = previously
Ch = Chapter(s)	Pt = Part(s)
def = definition(s)	r = regulation(s)/rule(s)
Dict = Dictionary	reloc = relocated
disallowed = disallowed by Parliament	renum = renumbered
Div = Division(s)	rep = repealed
exp = expires/expired or ceases/ceased to have effect	rs = repealed and substituted
F = Federal Register of Legislation	s = section(s)/subsection(s)
gaz = gazette	Sch = Schedule(s)
LA = <i>Legislation Act 2003</i>	Sdiv = Subdivision(s)
LIA = <i>Legislative Instruments Act 2003</i>	SLI = Select Legislative Instrument
(md not incorp) = misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect	SR = Statutory Rules
mod = modified/modification	Sub-Ch = Sub-Chapter(s)
No. = Number(s)	SubPt = Subpart(s)
o = order(s)	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be commenced
Ord = Ordinance	

## Endnotes

### Endnote 3—Legislation history

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Commencement</b>	<b>Application, saving and transitional provisions</b>
Price Notification Declaration (Australia Post Letter Services) (No. 2) 2015	14 September 2015 (F2015L01429)	15 September 2015	—
Competition and Consumer (Price Notifications—Australia Post Letter Services) Amendment (Measures No. 1) Declaration 2025	28 March 2025 (F2025L00441)	29 March 2025	—

## Endnote 4—Amendment history

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<b>Provision affected</b>	<b>How affected</b>
Pt 1 heading	ad F2025L00441
c 1	rs F2025L00441
c 2	rep LA s48D
c 3	rep LA s48C; ad F2025L00441
c 4	rs F2025L00441
Pt 2 heading	ad F2025L00441
c 5	am F2025L00441
c 6	am F2025L00441

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