



POST OFFICE ACT
ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS
NOTICE NO. P03/2020

In accordance with the Post Office Act (the "Act") the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") may impose "essential requirements" as set out in this Notice on the supply of postal services in Gibraltar. These requirements shall be based on the following non-economic reasons –

- a) the confidentiality of correspondence;
- b) the security of the network as regards the transport of dangerous goods.

1. Confidentiality of correspondence

- 1.1. The Authority considers the confidentiality of correspondence in connection with the sending, conveyance and delivery of postal items to relate to protecting the integrity of mail. As such, all postal service providers in Gibraltar shall establish and apply adequate mail integrity procedures that may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of minimising the exposure of postal items to the risk of loss, theft, damage or interference and for the management of access and prevention of unauthorised access to mail.
- 1.2. Postal service providers shall refer to the Authority's document entitled, "*Guidelines for Protecting the Integrity of Mail*" for further information and guidance on this.
- 1.3. Postal service providers shall keep their mail integrity procedures under review and if necessary, the Authority may require the postal service provider to amend its operational procedures to ensure that the matters mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are sufficiently provided for.

2. Dangerous Goods

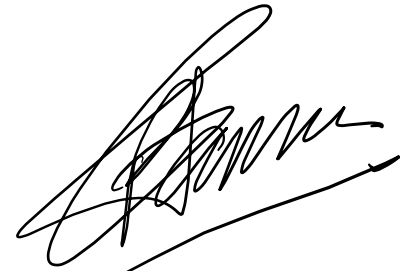
- 2.1. There are numerous items or substances which may not be posted because they are deemed to be 'dangerous' or 'prohibited' and can pose a risk to health, safety, property or the environment. 'Restricted' items may be sent (*under certain conditions*) but packaging, volume, quantity, labelling and product restrictions may apply.

2.2. Postal service providers in Gibraltar shall observe any relevant local and international legislation and/or guidance relating to the transport of dangerous goods and shall respect the prohibitions and restrictions of other countries as well as those of any other third parties involved. (e.g. airlines, transportation companies, etc.)

2.3. Postal service providers shall observe any relevant customs requirements.

THE AUTHORITY HEREBY IMPOSES THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE ON ALL POSTAL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN GIBRALTAR.

Dated this 14th day of July 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul J Canessa', written in a cursive style.

**Paul J Canessa
Chief Executive Officer
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