

## POSTAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends the Postal Services Act 1987.

*Clause 1* relates to the Short Title and commencement. The Bill is to come into force on 1 December 1989.

*Clause 2* amends section 3 of the principal Act in relation to the exemptions from the restrictions on the carriage of letters.

*Subclause (1)* rewrites the exemption relating to letters delivered by a person engaged by the sender especially for the purpose, not being an employee of that person, to clarify the meaning.

*Subclause (2)* amends the exemption for letters exceeding 500 grams to letters exceeding 200 grams.

*Subclause (3)* amends the exemption for letters of 500 grams or less if a charge of \$1.75 or more per letter is made to letters of 200 grams or less if a charge of—

- (a) \$1.25 is made during the 12 months ending 30 November 1990; and
- (b) \$1.00 is made during the next 12 months; and
- (c) 80c is made thereafter.

*Subclause (3)* rewrites *paragraph (k) of subsection (2)* as *paragraph (k) and paragraph (1)* in relation to the exemption in respect of letters carried to or from a provider of electronic mail services to clarify the meaning and also adds a new exemption, *paragraph (m)*, for letters addressed to a person or persons outside New Zealand.

*Clause 3* inserts 2 new sections 18 and 19 into the principal Act.

The *new section 18* provides for detailed information as set out in the section to be supplied in the annual financial report of the Corporation regarding the scope of its services.

The *new section 19* provides that the Corporation is to supply to the Secretary of Commerce such statements, accounts, or other information required by the Secretary for the purpose of monitoring the efficiency and quality of service provided by the Corporation and its compliance with any agreement between the Crown and the Corporation in relation to prices, frequency, and quality of services.

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### ANALYSIS

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### **An Act to amend the Postal Services Act 1987**

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

**1. Short Title and commencement**—(1) This Act may be read together with and deemed part of the Postal Services Act 1987\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

(2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of December 1989.

**2. Restriction on carriage of letters**—(1) Section 3 (2) of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (c), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(c) Letters delivered by a person engaged by the sender especially for the purpose, not being a person in the business of delivering or procuring the delivery of letters:”

(2) Section 3 (2) (d) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the expression “500 grams”, and substituting the expression “200 grams”.

(3) Section 3 (2) of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing paragraph (i), and substituting the following paragraphs:

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“(i) Letters of 200 grams or less in weight carried at any time in the period commencing on the 1st day of December 1989 and ending with the 30th day of November 1990 if a charge of \$1.25 or more per letter is made in respect of the carriage, taking charge, or sending of each letter: 5

“(ia) Letters of 200 grams or less in weight carried at any time in the period commencing on the 1st day of December 1990 and ending with the 30th day of November 1991 if a charge of \$1 or more per letter is made in respect of the carriage, taking charge, or sending of each letter: 10

“(ib) Letters of 200 grams or less in weight carried at any time on or after the 1st day of December 1991 if a charge of 80 cents or more per letter is made in respect of the carriage, taking charge, or sending of each letter:” 15

(4) Section 3 (2) of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing paragraph (k), and substituting the following paragraphs: 20

“(k) Letters carried to the premises of a provider of electronic mail services for the purposes of being transmitted as electronic mail:

“(l) Letters carried from the premises of a provider of electronic mail services where the contents of such letters have been carried and transmitted in accordance with paragraph (k) of this subsection: 25

“(m) Letters addressed to a person or persons outside New Zealand.”

**3. New sections inserted in relation to furnishing of information**—The principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following sections: 30

**“18. Information to be furnished in annual report—**

(1) For the purposes of this section,—

“ ‘Agency post office’ means an outlet that is owned and operated by a person other than the Corporation and that offers postal and other services pursuant to an agreement with the Corporation: 35

“ ‘Official post office’ means an outlet that is staffed by Corporation personnel and that offers postal and other services: 40

“ ‘Postal delivery centre’ means an outlet which is owned and operated by a person other than the Corporation

and which offers such services as purchase of stamps, postage of parcels and letters, and mail collection over the counter or by private box, pursuant to an agreement with the Corporation.

5 “(2) The Corporation shall, in respect of each financial year, include in the report that it delivers, pursuant to section 15 (1) (a) of the State-Owned Enterprises Act 1986, the following information:

10 “(a) The number of delivery points in New Zealand receiving letters; and

“(b) The frequency of deliveries; and

“(c) The dimensions of the post office network, including—

“ (i) The number of official post offices; and

15 “ (ii) The number of agency post offices; and

“ (iii) The number of postal delivery centres; and

“ (d) Price changes for services subject in whole or in part to statutory protection in nominal and real terms; and

“ (e) The results of an independent survey, commissioned by the Corporation, on—

20 “ (i) The percentage of letters delivered within advertised deadlines; and

“ (ii) The percentage of letters delivered within 3 days of advertised deadlines; and

25 “ (iii) The percentage of letters not delivered within 3 days of advertised deadlines; and

“ (f) Separate accounts for—

“ (i) The service that, at the commencement of this section, is known as the basic letter post and attracts a standard fee of 40c; and

30 “ (ii) Other services subject in whole or in part to statutory protection; and

“ (iii) All other services,—

35 which accounts shall be certified by an independent auditor who shall state whether or not, in the auditor’s opinion, the accounts represent a fair and reasonable allocation of costs and revenues to each of the 3 account categories referred to in this paragraph; and

“ (g) Volumes of letters for—

40 “ (i) The service that, at the commencement of this section, is known as the basic letter post and attracts a standard fee of 40c; and

“ (ii) The service that, at the commencement of this section, is known as Fastpost and attracts a

minimum standard fee of 80c, while any part of that service remains subject to statutory protection.

**“19. Information to Secretary of Commerce—**The Corporation shall provide to the Secretary of Commerce such statements, reports, agreements, accounts, or any other 5 information required by the Secretary of Commerce for the purposes of—

“(a) Monitoring the efficiency and quality of service provided by the Corporation; and

“(b) Monitoring the Corporation’s compliance with any 10 agreement entered into between the Crown and the Corporation in relation to prices, frequency, and quality of services.”