

6 Lists of prohibited¹ and restricted² articles

There are various prohibitions on items sent via international mail, ranging from worldwide prohibitions, eg narcotics, country-specific prohibitions (subject to that country's import regulations) and Postal prohibitions by country (allowable by import laws, but prohibited under Postal regulations)

6.1 Lists made available to the Postal officials responsible for accepting Postal items for abroad: —

6.2 Where applicable:

- a articles not listed in the general prohibitions: —
- b if there is no list mentioned in 6.1, articles that are prohibited from importation, entry or transmission by post as a result of national legislation:
 - United Nations Sanctions to embargo countries
 - Narcotics
 - Other obligations arising from Malta's adherence to various conventions such as CITES
 - Articles mentioned in Section 13 of the Post Office Act of 1975

Prohibitions

- 1 There shall not be posted, or tendered or made over in order to be transmitted by post, or delivered by post:
 - a any postal article containing any explosive, inflammable, dangerous, dirty, noxious or deleterious substance; or
 - b any postal article containing any sharp instrument or any such other article or thing which might expose to injury any person or which might soil or damage any other postal article in the course of transmission by post; or
 - c any postal article which is seditious within the meaning of any enactment relating to sedition; or
 - d any postal article of any kind or form whatsoever which is in any way threatening, offensive or libellous; or
 - e any postal article of any kind or form whatsoever which is pornographic or obscene in accordance with regulations made under Section 208 of the Criminal Code; or
 - f any postal article containing any living creature other than a creature accepted by the Postmaster General as transmissible by post; or
 - g any postal article containing any proposal, circular or ticket relating to lotteries other than lotteries set-up or permitted by the Government of Malta; or
 - h any postal article containing any imitation of a currency note or of a bank note or any of the forged instruments referred to in Sections 166 and 167 of the Criminal Code; or
 - i any postal article containing or bearing any fictitious stamp (not being a fictitious stamp which is authorized to be made by or under Post Office Regulations or by or under the appropriate regulations of any foreign postal administration) or any counterfeit impression of a stamping or franking machine used under the direction or with the permission of the Postmaster General or any counterfeit of any other impression authorized by these regulations for use to denote payment of postage or fees; or
 - j any postal article having thereon, or on the cover thereof, any words, letters or marks which are used without due authority but which signify or imply, or may reasonably lead the recipient to believe that the postal article is sent on Government Service; or
 - k any postal article of such size, form or colour or so made up for transmission by post as to be likely, in the opinion of the Postmaster General to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the postal article; or

¹ Definition of a prohibited article: goods, the importation or exportation of which is forbidden by law.

² Definition of a restricted article: goods, the importation or exportation of which is controlled or regulated by national legislation.

6.2 b (Cont)

- l any postal article having anything written, printed or impressed upon or attached thereto which, either by tending to prevent the easy and quick reading of the address on the postal article or by inconvenient proximity to the stamp or stamps used in the payment of postage, or in any other way, is in itself, or in the manner in which it is written, printed, impressed or attached, likely, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the postal article; or
 - m any postal article whereon the payment of postage or fees purports to be denoted by any stamp or impression which has been previously used to denote payment of the postage or fees on any other postal article; or
 - n any postal article bearing more than one address on the address side of the article; or
 - o any postal article containing any narcotic or psychotropic substance or any other drug or medicine unless its transmission by post is authorized by or under any enactment or regulation; or
 - p any postal article containing any item the importation or circulation of which is prohibited in the country or place of destination or in any country or place through which the said postal article will be transmitted.
- 2 Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph g of paragraph 1 of this regulation relating to lotteries set-up or permitted by the Government, the Postmaster General may refuse to transmit any postal article relating to any such lottery as aforesaid if such article does not conform with instructions relating thereto issued by a competent authority and communicated to the Postmaster General; any in any such case he may return it to the sender or otherwise deal with it as he may deem fit.
- 3 For the purposes of this regulation, «lottery» includes any scheme for distributing prizes under which the recipients or the number or the value of the prizes depend on a future uncertain event or a combination of such events.

6.3 Articles which require the addressees' compliance with import restrictions or conditions (permits, quotas, etc). Conditions or quotas applicable:

Foodstuffs, medicinals and chemicals require the approval of the Health authorities.
Certain goods require an import licence (for further information please refer to "Supplies and Services Act (Cap. 117), Importation (Control) (Amendment) Regulations, 1990".

6.4 Other relevant information

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