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| **EXPOSURE DRAFT** |

Australian Postal Corporation (Performance Standards) Amendment (2024 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2024

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor‑General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated 2024

David Hurley

Governor‑General

By His Excellency’s Command

Michelle Rowland **[DRAFT ONLY—NOT FOR SIGNATURE]**

Minister for Communications

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Australian Postal Corporation (Performance Standards) Amendment (2024 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2024*.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

| Commencement information | | |
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| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| 1. The whole of this instrument | The day after this instrument is registered. |  |

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Australian Postal Corporation (Performance Standards) Regulations 2019

1 Section 5 (definition of *areas classification*)

Repeal the definition.

2 Section 5

Insert:

***in major cities*** means located in a Statistical Area Level 1 that is, under Edition 3 of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, as existing at the time this definition commences:

(a) categorised as RA0 (Major Cities of Australia); or

(b) in the Urban Centre and Locality of Hobart; or

(c) in the Urban Centre and Locality of Darwin.

Note: The Australian Statistical Geography Standard could in 2024 be viewed on the website of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (www.abs.gov.au).

3 Section 5 (definition of *priority letter*)

Repeal the definition.

4 Section 5 (definition of *regular letter*)

Omit “priority letter”, substitute “letter for which an additional fee is payable for priority delivery”.

5 Paragraph 7(1)(a)

Omit “daily (except on”, substitute “at least every second day (disregarding”.

6 Subsection 8(6)

Omit “deliver a reserved services letter”, substitute “deliver a regular letter”.

7 Subsection 8(6) (table)

Repeal the table, substitute:

| Delivery time for regular letters | | | |
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| Item | Column 1  If the mail lodgement point is... | Column 2  and the delivery address is... | Column 3  then the delivery time for a regular letter is... |
| Part 1—Delivery within a State | | | |
| 1 | in the capital city of a State | within that capital city | 4 business days after day of posting |
| 2 | in another city, or a town, in a State | within:  (a) that city or town; or  (b) an adjacent city or town in that State | 4 business days after day of posting |
| 3 | in the capital city of a State | in a place within that State other than that capital city | 5 business days after day of posting |
| 4 | in another city, or a town, in a State | in a place within that State other than:  (a) that city or town; or  (b) an adjacent city or town in that State | 5 business days after day of posting |
| 5 | in a place in a State other than a place mentioned in column 1 of item 1 or 2 of this table | within that State | 5 business days after day of posting |
| Part 2—Delivery between States | | | |
| 6 | in the capital city of a State | within the capital city of another State | 6 business days after day of posting |
| 7 | outside the capital city of a State | within the capital city of another State | 7 business days after day of posting |
| 8 | in the capital city of a State | outside the capital city of another State | 7 business days after day of posting |
| 9 | outside the capital city of a State | outside the capital city of another State | 8 business days after day of posting |

8 Subsection 11(2)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(2) At any time, there must be at least 2,500 retail outlets that are not in major cities, and such outlets must be at least 50% of all the retail outlets.

9 Subsection 11(3)

Omit “A retail outlet”, substitute “Retail outlets”.

10 Paragraph 11(3)(a)

Omit “a metropolitan area (within the meaning of the areas classification)”, substitute “major cities”.

11 Paragraph 11(3)(b)

Omit “in the area comprising the non‑metropolitan zones (within the meaning of the areas classification)”, substitute “not in major cities”.