



ASIAN-PACIFIC POSTAL UNION

9 November 2010

APPU CIRCULAR No. 9

TO : APPU Members
FROM : Director of the APPU Bureau
SUBJECT : Vote for amending Articles 15 and 16 of UPU Convention

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Please be advised that the due date to vote on the proposed amendments to Article 15 (Items not admitted. Prohibitions) and Article 16 (Admissible radioactive materials and infectious substances) of the UPU Convention as per the International Bureau circular letter of 18 October 2010 Reference: 0115 (DER.OTAR) 1220 is **18 December 2010**.

The significance of these amendments is that they allow designated postal operators to accept electronic equipment containing lithium batteries in order to meet our customers' needs. Therefore the Bureau would like to urge all member countries to vote for these amendments as soon as possible by using the Ballot form as per the attachment.

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Director

Ballot form

Proposals by the Postal Operations Council – Article 15 of the Universal Postal Convention – Items not admitted. Prohibition and Article 16 of the Universal Postal Convention – Admissible radioactive materials and infectious substances

Please complete this ballot and return it to the UPU International Bureau at the following address as soon as possible **but no later than 18 December 2010** (two months after the date of dispatch of this letter):

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Member country	
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This member country votes as follows on the proposals by the Postal Operations Council to amend articles 15 and 16 of the Convention, with the aim of allowing member countries or designated operators to accept items containing small quantities of lithium batteries (a maximum of four lithium cells or two lithium batteries), taking account of the recent changes made in the 2009–2010 edition of the International Civil Aviation Organization's *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*.

(Please tick the appropriate box.)

POC (article 15)	For <input type="checkbox"/>	Against <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
POC (article 16)	For <input type="checkbox"/>	Against <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>

NB. – Countries that have not sent their vote within two months from the date of this circular letter will be regarded as having abstained.