



AICES

Association of International Couriers and Express Services

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**Licences under the Postal Services Act 2000:
Licensing Framework in a Fully Open Market**

AICES notes the publication of the above document. We welcome Postcomm's efforts to engage with stakeholders and develop policy for the fully open market. However we seek confirmation that the revised arrangements do not impact the express delivery industry.

The work of our members (with a very few specific exceptions) is not licenced under the Postal Services Act. We note in this document that paragraph 2.9 sets out:

"Postcomm proposes to continue licensing the conveyance of letters which weigh less than 350 grams and cost less than £1..."

This confirms our understanding that the measures contained in this document do not apply to the operations of our members, as packages we deliver are almost always more than 350g or £1.

We note the upcoming consultation around the Common Operational Procedures Code of Practice. AICES will submit a full response to this consultation, but our position is that the Code of Practice should only apply to licenced operators, and should not be used in relation to the unlicensed area.

Yours sincerely,

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