

AN ACT

To establish a Marshall Islands Postal Service, and for related matters, and to provide for the implementation of certain Postal Agreements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS:

PART I. - PRELIMINARY.

1 Section 1. Short title.

2 This Act may be cited as the Postal Service Act 1983.

3 Section 2. Interpretation.

4 (1) In this Act -

5 "the Controller of Postal Services" means the  
6 Controller of Postal Services provided for by  
7 Section 5;

8 "letter" includes a post-card, aerogram, air-letter  
9 or letter card;

10 "mail-bag" includes any form of container or  
11 covering in which postal articles in the course of  
12 transmission by post are conveyed, whether or not it  
13 contains any such article;

14 "postal article" includes a letter, packet or  
15 parcel, and any other article transmissible by mail,  
16 and includes a telegram being carried by mail;

17 "postal authority" includes any duly constituted  
18 postal authority recognized by the Universal Postal  
19 Union;

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1 "postal officer" includes the Controller of Postal  
2 Services and any person employed in the operation of  
3 the Postal Service;

4 "the Postal Service" means the Marshall Islands  
5 Postal Service established by this Act;

6 "postmaster" means the officer in charge of a post  
7 office;

8 "post office" includes -

- 9 (a) any place where postal articles are  
10 received, sorted or delivered; and  
11 (b) any place used for postal purposes; and  
12 (c) any official mail-box or other receptacle  
13 provided by or with the approval of the  
14 Minister for the reception of postal  
15 articles for transmission by mail.  
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17 (2) For the purposes of this Act -

- 18 (a) a postal article shall be deemed to be in  
19 the course of transmission by mail from  
20 the time when it is delivered to a post  
21 office to the time when it is delivered to  
22 the person to whom it is addressed; and  
23 (b) the delivery of a postal article of any  
24 description to a mailman or other person  
25 authorized to receive postal articles of  
26 that description for the mail shall be

1                                   deemed to be a delivery to a post office;  
2                                   and  
3                           (c) the delivery of a postal article to the  
4                           person to whom it is addressed, or -  
5                           (i) to his agent or servant, or other  
6                           person with apparent authority to  
7                           receive it; or  
8                           (ii) at his house or office; or  
9                           (iii) into his private box or mail-box,  
10                           according to the usual manner of  
11                           delivery of his mail, shall be deemed  
12                           to be delivered to the person to whom  
13                           it is addressed.

14           Section 3. References to Postal Agreements, etc.

15                   The inclusion in any provision of this Act of any  
16 reference to -

- 17                   (a) the effect of Section 42, or  
18                   (b) any Postal Agreement referred to in that  
19                   section; or  
20                   (c) any treaty, convention, law, regulation or  
21                   procedure referred to in Section 42 (2);  
22                   or  
23                   (d) any regulations made for the purposes of  
24                   Section 40(3),

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1 does not imply that that section or as the case may be does not apply in  
2 relation to other provisions of this Act, and Section 42 shall be taken  
3 as governing.

4 PART II. - ADMINISTRATION.

5 Section 4. Administration of this Act.

6 The Controller of Postal Services is responsible to the  
7 Minister for the administration of this Act and the proper management of  
8 the Postal Service.

9 Section 5. The Controller.

10 (1) There shall be a Controller of Postal Service.

11 (2) The Controller of Postal Services shall be either -

12 (a) the occupant of an office in the Public Service  
13 with that designation; or

14 (b) in the absence of such an office - a member of  
15 the Department specified by the Minister, by  
16 written notice.

17 (3) A notice under Subsection (2)(b) shall be published  
18 in the Government Gazette.

19 Section 6. The Postal Service.

20 (1) For the purposes of this Act, a Marshall Islands  
21 Postal Service is hereby established.

22 (2) The Controller of Postal Services is the head of the  
23 Postal Service.

24 (3) The members of the Postal Service shall be -

25 (a) members of the Public Service; or



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- 1 (b) a letter carried by a person on a journey under  
2 taken by him otherwise than for the delivery of  
3 that letter or any other letter, and without  
4 hire, reward or other profit or advantage for  
5 so doing; or  
6 (c) a letter solely concerning the affairs of the  
7 sender or receiver, sent by a messenger for  
8 that purpose; or  
9 (d) subject to Subsection (3), a letter solely  
10 concerning goods sent by sea, land or air, to  
11 be delivered with the goods to which the letter  
12 relates; or  
13 (e) a letter carried by a servant of the sender or  
14 receiver, or by a special messenger employed by  
15 him; or  
16 (f) a letter sent on the service of the Republic.  
17 (3) A letter referred to in Subsection (2)(d) must be  
18 open to inspection and shall have prominently displayed on it the words  
19 "Consignee's Letter", or words to the same effect.  
20 (4) Except in accordance with Subsection (2) or with an  
21 agreement or arrangement made by the Minister under this Act, or a  
22 Postal Agreement referred to in Section 42, none of the following  
23 persons, in their capacities as such, shall receive, carry or deliver  
24 any letter: -  
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- 1 (a) a common carrier, or the servant or agent of a  
2 common carrier, except for a letter concerning  
3 goods in his vessel, vehicle or aircraft; and  
4 (b) the owner or master of a vessel, vehicle or  
5 aircraft, or the servant or agent of the owner  
6 or master, except for a letter of the owner of  
7 the vessel, vehicle or aircraft or of goods on  
8 board the vessel, vehicle or aircraft; and  
9 (c) passengers or other persons on a vessel,  
10 vehicle or aircraft; or  
11 (d) a postal officer, except for a letter in course  
12 of transmission by mail.

13 Section 8. General powers of the Minister.

14 (1) While a Postal Agreement referred to in Section 42  
15 is in effect, the powers of the Minister under this section are subject  
16 to -

- 17 (a) the provisions of that Agreement; and  
18 (b) the provisions of any treaty, convention, law,  
19 regulation or procedure referred to in Section  
20 42(2); and  
21 (c) any regulations made for the purposes of  
22 Section 40(5).

23 (2) Subject to this Act the Minister may make such  
24 arrangements as he thinks proper for the operation and development of  
25 postal services within the Marshall Islands, and in particular may

1 implement the provisions of any convention or agreement of the Universal  
2 Postal Union not in conflict with the provisions of this Act or of the  
3 regulations made under Section 40.

4 (3) The Minister may establish post offices at such  
5 places as he thinks proper, and may close any such post office.

6 Section 9. Overseas mail.

7 (1) The transmission of postal articles addressed to or  
8 received from any place outside the Marshall Islands is subject to the  
9 provisions of any convention or agreement (including a Postal Agreement  
10 referred to in Section 42) in regard to the transmission of such  
11 articles through the mails to which the Republic is a party or which is  
12 binding on the Republic.

13 (2) Without limiting the generality of Subsection (1),  
14 but subject to Section 42, as long as the Republic is a party to or is  
15 bound by the Postal Parcels Agreement of the Universal Postal Union, the  
16 transmission of postal articles between the Marshall Islands and any  
17 place outside the Marshall Islands shall be in accordance with that  
18 Agreement.

19 (3) If any postal article is mailed or sent by mail in  
20 contravention of -

21 (a) this Act; or

22 (b) any regulations made under Section 40; or

23 (c) any convention or agreement (including a Postal  
24 Agreement referred to in Section 42) to which

1 the Republic is a party or which is binding on  
2 the Republic,  
3 transmission or carriage of the article may be refused and the article  
4 may, if necessary, be detained and opened by a postal officer.

5 (4) In a case to which Subsection (3) applies, the  
6 postal article may be -

7 (a) subject to the provisions of any convention,  
8 agreement or regulations as to additional  
9 postage or other charges - returned to the  
10 sender or forwarded to its destination, or

11 (b) destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the  
12 Controller of Postal Services directs.

13 PART IV. - STAMPS AND POSTAGE CHARGES.

14 Section 10. Postage stamps.

15 (1) The Minister may -

16 (a) cause to be issued postage stamps of such kinds  
17 and denominations as he considers necessary for  
18 the purposes of this Act; and

19 (b) declare that any postage stamps issued under  
20 paragraph (a) shall cease to be valid for the  
21 purposes of this Act.

22 (2) The Controller of Postal Services shall, from time  
23 to time, cause notice of stamps on issue and stamps invalidated to be  
24 published in the Government Gazette.

25 Section 11. Rates of postage.

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1                   (1) Subject to this Act and to the regulations made  
2 under Section 40, there shall be paid on each postal article for  
3 transmission by mail such postage and other charges as are prescribed by  
4 these regulations.

5                   (2) Subject to Subsection (3), the postage and other  
6 charges shall be prepaid by means of valid postage stamps issued under  
7 this Act, not previously used, obliterated or defaced.

8                   (3) With the approval of the Controller of Postal  
9 Services, postage may be paid at the time of mailing.

10                   Section 12. Understamped postal articles.

11                   (1) If the full amount of postage and other charges due  
12 on a postal article is not paid in accordance with Section 11, there is  
13 payable at the time of delivery the deficiency of postage and charges  
14 together with such fee as is prescribed for the purpose by the  
15 regulations made under Section 40.

16                   (2) The person to whom a postal article on which any  
17 postage, charge or fee is due (whether under Subsection (1) or imposed  
18 by another postal authority) is tendered for delivery shall pay, on his  
19 acceptance of delivery, the amount due.

20                   (3) If a person refuses to pay any postage, charge or  
21 fee due on a postal article for delivery to him, the Controller of  
22 Postal Services or a postmaster may withhold the article (unless it is  
23 an article sent on the service of the Republic) until it is paid.

24                   PART V. - REGISTRATION AND COMPENSATION.

25                   Section 13. Registration.

1           The sender of a postal article may, upon payment of the  
2 registration fee prescribed by the regulations made under Section 40,  
3 have the package registered by, and obtain a receipt for it from, a  
4 postmaster.

5           Section 14. Compensation for loss or damage.

6           (1) The Controller of Postal Services may pay  
7 compensation for the loss, while in the custody of the Postal Service,  
8 of a registered postal article, subject to any applicable monetary  
9 limitations and other conditions prescribed by the Universal Postal  
10 Union.

11           (2) Subject to Section 42, the Controller of Postal  
12 Services may pay compensation for the loss of, or for damage to -

13                   (a) a postal article accepted for transmission by  
14 mail to or from the Marshall Islands; or

15                   (b) the whole or part of the contents of any such  
16 article

17 in accordance with the provisions of the Parcels Post Agreement of the  
18 Universal Postal Union.

19           (3) Compensation is not payable if -

20                   (a) the loss or damage was due to causes outside  
21 the control of the Postal Service and could not  
22 be avoided by the exercise of due care; or

23                   (b) the loss or damage arose wholly or in part  
24 through the fault of the sender or receiver.

25           Section 15. Insurance of postal articles.

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1           The Minister may provide for the insurance of postal  
2 articles subject to such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the  
3 regulations made under Section 40, and may enter into an agreement with  
4 another postal authority for the reciprocal exchange of insured postal  
5 articles.

6                           PART VI. - MONEY ORDERS.

7           Section 16. Provision for money orders.

8                   (1) Subject to Section 42, the regulations made under  
9 Section 40 may provide for the remittance of sums of money through the  
10 postal and telegraphic services.

11                   (2) Subject to Section 42, the Minister may from time to  
12 time determine at what post offices money orders may be issued and paid.

13           Section 17. Exemption from liability in respect of money  
14 orders.

15                   Subject to Section 42, the Republic is not liable for any  
16 loss caused by -

- 17                           (a) anything done in accordance with any  
18 regulations made under Section 40 for the  
19 purposes of this Part; or  
20                           (b) the payment of a money order; or  
21                           (c) any delay in the payment of a money order; or  
22                           (d) any other irregularity in connexion with a  
23 money order,

24 and no postal officer is liable for any such loss unless he caused it  
25 fraudulently.



1 payment for the carriage of them at the rate prescribed by the Universal  
2 Postal Union.

3 Section 20. Delivery of mail-bags from overseas to  
4 postmaster, etc.

5 Any mail-bags which, at the time of the arrival of a  
6 vessel or aircraft at any place in the Marshall Islands from any place  
7 outside the Marshall Islands, are on board the vessel or aircraft and  
8 are addressed to that place shall be delivered to the postmaster or a  
9 Customs officer at that place, or to some other person authorized for  
10 the purpose by the Controller of Postal Services.

11 Section 21. Carriage of internal mail.

12 (1) The Controller of Postal Services may require the  
13 master of any vessel or aircraft operating within the Marshall Islands,  
14 or the owner or driver of any vehicle carrying passengers or goods for  
15 hire or reward, to receive, carry and deliver postal articles at the  
16 places at which he calls.

17 (2) The compensation for any services rendered by a  
18 person under Subsection (1) shall be determined by agreement between the  
19 Controller of Postal Services and that person, or in default of  
20 agreement by the Minister.

21 PART VIII - PROHIBITED ARTICLES.

22 Section 22. Dangerous goods and live animals.

23 No person shall send by mail -

- 24 (a) any explosive, inflammable, filthy, noxious or  
25 deleterious substance; or

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1 (b) any sharp instrument not properly protected or  
2 (c) any living animal, or  
3 (d) any article or thing which is likely to cause  
4 injury or damage to any person or to other  
5 postal articles in the course of transmission  
6 by mail,  
7 except upon such conditions as are prescribed by the regulations made  
8 under Section 40.

9 Section 23. Controlled substances.

10 No person shall send by mail any controlled substance  
11 within the meaning of 63 TTC Ch. 4 (1980 Edn.) (the Trust Territory  
12 Controlled Substances Act), or marijuana within the meaning of the  
13 Marijuana Control Act 1983, except as permitted by that law and any  
14 other applicable law, and with any regulations made under Section 40.

15 Section 24. Other prohibited articles.

16 No person shall send by mail -

- 17 (a) any indecent, obscene or seditious publication  
18 or article, or  
19 (b) any postal article having on it or on its cover  
20 any words, pictures, marks or designs of a  
21 indecent, obscene, seditious or grossly  
22 offensive character; or  
23 (c) any postal article bearing a fictitious postage  
24 stamp, or a postage stamp that has been



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- 1 (b) performs any service incidental to conveying  
2 otherwise than by mail any letter within the  
3 exclusive privilege; or  
4 (c) sends, or tenders or delivers to be sent,  
5 otherwise than by mail a letter within the  
6 exclusive privilege; or  
7 (d) makes a collection of letters excepted from the  
8 exclusive privilege for the purpose of sending  
9 them otherwise than by mail; or  
10 (e) carries, receives, tenders, delivers or  
11 collects letters in contravention of Section 7  
12 (4),

13 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to a fine of not more than  
14 \$25.00 in respect of each such letter.

15 Section 27. Failing to receive mail for carriage.

16 (1) Any person who refuses or fails, without reasonable  
17 excuse, to comply with a requirement under Section 19(1) is guilty of a  
18 misdemeanor and is liable for each such refusal to a fine of not more  
19 than \$1,000.

20 (2) Any person who refuses or fails, without reasonable  
21 excuse, to comply with a requirement under Section 21(1) is guilty of a  
22 misdemeanor and is liable for each such refusal to a fine of not more  
23 than \$500.

24 Section 28. Failing to deliver overseas mail.

1                   Any person who, knowingly or negligently, detains or  
2 keeps in his possession, or who fails to deliver, any mail-bag or postal  
3 article to which Section 20 applies is guilty of a misdemeanor and is  
4 liable to a fine of not more than \$1,000.

5                   Section 29. Prohibited articles.

6                   (1) Any person who contravenes or attempts to contravene  
7 Section 22, 23 or 24 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to  
8 imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or to a fine of not  
9 more than \$1,000 or both.

10                  Section 30. Taking or opening mail-bag, etc.

11                  A person who unlawfully -

12                         (a) takes away or opens a mail-bag carried by any  
13                                 vessel, vehicle or aircraft in pursuance of  
14                                 this Act; or

15                         (b) takes a postal article in the course of  
16                                 transmission by mail out of any such mail-bag,  
17 is guilty of a crime and is liable to imprisonment for a period not  
18 exceeding five years.

19                  Section 31. Detention of mail-bag or postal article.

20                  A person who -

21                         (a) fraudulently retains, or

22                         (b) wilfully secretes, keeps or detains; or

23                         (c) when required by a postal officer to do so  
24                                 fails to deliver up,

25 a mail-bag or postal article which is in the course of transmission by

1 mail and which -

2 (d) ought to have been delivered to some other  
3 person; or

4 (e) has been found by him or any other person,  
5 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to imprisonment for a period  
6 not exceeding six months or to a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

7 Section 32. Falsely inducing delivery.

8 A person who, by means of a false pretence or  
9 misstatement, causes a postal officer to deliver a postal article to a  
10 person other than the person to whom it is addressed is guilty of a  
11 misdemeanor and is liable to a fine of not more than \$500.00.

12 Section 33. Maliciously opening postal article.

13 A person who, not being a postal officer, wilfully and  
14 with intent to cause loss or damage to the other person or to obtain  
15 some benefit for himself, opens a postal article addressed to some other  
16 person and which is in the course of transmission by mail, or which has  
17 been transmitted by mail, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to a  
18 fine of not more than \$500.00.

19 Section 34. Imitation of stamps and marks.

20 A person who, without lawful authority, makes on any  
21 envelope, wrapper, card, form or paper sent by post -

22 (a) any mark in imitation of, similar to or  
23 purporting to be any stamp or mark of the  
24 Postal Service or of a post office, or of the

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1 United States Postal Service in use under a  
2 Postal Agreement referred to in Section 42; or  
3 (b) any words, letters or marks which suggest or  
4 imply that a postal article is sent on the  
5 service of the Republic,  
6 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to a fine of not more than  
7 \$250.00.

8 Section 35. Obstructing the mail.

9 A person who wilfully obstructs or retards the mail, or  
10 wilfully obstructs a postal officer in the performance of his duties, is  
11 guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to a fine of not more than  
12 \$250.00.

13 Section 36. Damaging, etc., mail-boxes, etc.

14 A person who unlawfully -

- 15 (a) places or attempts to place in or against a  
16 mail-box, letter-box or other receptacle for  
17 the reception of postal articles any fire,  
18 match, light, explosive substance, filth or  
19 dangerous, noxious or deleterious substance; or  
20 (b) commits a nuisance in or against any such  
21 receptacle; or  
22 (c) does or attempts to do anything likely to  
23 injure any such receptacle,  
24 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to imprisonment for a period  
25 not exceeding six months.

1                   Section 37. Offences by postal officers.

2                   (1) A postal officer who grants or issues a money order  
3 with a fraudulent intent is guilty of a crime and is liable to  
4 imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years.

5                   (2) A postal officer who, contrary to his duty -

6                   (a) opens or tampers with any postal article in the  
7 course of transmission by mail, or procures or  
8 permits any such article to be opened or  
9 tampered with; or

10                  (b) wilfully conceals, detains or delays any such  
11 postal article, or procures or permits any such  
12 article to be concealed, detained or delayed,  
13 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to imprisonment for a period  
14 not exceeding one year.

15                   Section 30. Failure to comply with this Act, generally.

16                   If -

17                   (a) a postal officer, or

18                   (b) the master, or a member of the crew of, a  
19 vessel or aircraft; or

20                   (c) any other person employed or authorized by,  
21 under or for the purposes of this Act to  
22 receive, sort, carry or deliver any mail or  
23 postal articles,

24 contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Act, or of the  
25 regulations made under Section 40, for which no other penalty is

1 provided, he is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to a fine of not  
2 more than \$250.00.

3 PART X. - MISCELLANEOUS.

4 Section 39. Evidence.

5 (1) In any proceedings for an offence against this Act,  
6 evidence that any article is in the course of transmission by mail, or  
7 has been accepted by the Postal Service or a post office, is sufficient  
8 evidence that the article is a postal article.

9 (2) In any proceedings, a mail-bag or postal article in  
10 the charge of or being carried by a postmaster or other postal officer,  
11 or any other person employed or authorized by, under or for the purposes  
12 of this Act, shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be in the  
13 course of transmission by mail.

14 (3) Where in any proceedings for an offence in relation  
15 to a postal article in the course of transmission by mail it is  
16 necessary to aver the ownership of a postal article, it is sufficient to  
17 aver that the article is the property of the Postal Service.

18 Section 40. Regulations.

19 (1) Subject to Subsection (3), the Cabinet may make  
20 regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters  
21 that are required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed by the  
22 regulations, or that are necessary or convenient to be so prescribed for  
23 carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and in particular in relation  
24 to -

- 1 (a) the receipt, dispatch, carriage and delivery of  
2 postal articles; and  
3 (b) the fees to be charged for the carriage of  
4 postal articles and for any other service  
5 provided under this Act or the regulations; and  
6 (c) the permissible dimensions and weights of  
7 postal articles; and  
8 (d) the registration of postal articles; and  
9 (e) the franking of official postal articles; and  
10 (f) the treatment of undeliverable postal articles,  
11 and  
12 (g) the conditions under which private mail-boxes  
13 and private mail-bags may be supplied; and  
14 (h) the supply, sale and use of postage stamps; and  
15 (i) the insurance of postal articles; and  
16 (j) the operation of the money-order service.

17 (2) The regulations may provide for penalties of  
18 imprisonment for periods not exceeding three months, or fines of not  
19 more than \$250.00, or both, for contraventions of or failures to comply  
20 with the regulations.

21 (3) While a Postal Agreement referred to in Section 42  
22 is in effect -

- 23 (a) regulations made under this section shall not  
24 be inconsistent with that Agreement or with any  
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1 treaties, conventions, laws, regulations and  
2 procedures referred to in Section 42 (2); and  
3 (b) the regulations may provide for the adaptation  
4 of the provisions of this Act to the  
5 requirements and circumstances of that  
6 Agreement.

7 (4) A certificate given by or on behalf of the United  
8 States Postal Service that a regulation or proposed regulation complies  
9 with Subsection (3)(a) or (b) is conclusive as to that fact.

10 PART XI. - TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.

11 Section 41. Compliance with U.P.U. requirements.

12 Until such time as the Republic is a member of the  
13 Universal Postal Union in its own right, in the administration of this  
14 Act all relevant requirements, conventions and agreements of the Union  
15 shall, subject to this Act, and in particular to Section 42, be complied  
16 with as if they were binding on the Republic.

17 Section 42. Effect of postal agreements.

18 (1) In this section, "Postal Agreement" means -

19 (a) The Agreement Concerning Postal Services  
20 between the United States Postal Service and  
21 the Government of the Marshall Islands signed  
22 for the Government of the Marshall Islands on  
23 25 June 1983 and for the United States Postal  
24 Service on 14 July 1983; or

1 (b) Article VI and related provisions of the  
2 Federal Programs and Services Agreement  
3 Concluded Pursuant To Sections 221, 224, 225  
4 and 232 of the Compact of Free Association  
5 between the Government of the Marshall Islands  
6 and the Government of the United States of  
7 America done at Majuro on 25 June 1983,  
8 and includes any agreement amending, modifying or replacing any such  
9 agreement or provided for in it.

10 (2) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, while any  
11 Postal Agreement is in effect this Act is subject to the provisions of  
12 that Agreement, and compliance in any relevant respect with the  
13 treaties, conventions laws, regulations and procedures of or applicable  
14 to the United States Postal Service shall be deemed to be compliance  
15 with this Act.

16 Section 43. Status of the U.S. military postal system.

17 Nothing in this Act affects the operation of military  
18 post offices and mail facilities operated, in accordance with applicable  
19 laws or agreements between the Republic and the Government of the United  
20 States, by or on behalf of the Armed Forces of the United States.

21 PART XII. - EFFECTIVE DATE.

22 Section 44. Effective date.

23 This Act becomes effective on the date the agreement  
24 concerning Postal Services between the United States Postal Service and  
25 Government of the Marshall Islands takes effect.

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Certificate.

I hereby certify:

(1) that the above Nitijela Bill No. 24 has been passed by the Nitijela of the Marshall Islands on the 27th day of September 1983, and

(2) that I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No. 24 has been passed in accordance with the Constitution of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of the Nitijela.

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk of the Nitijela this 7th day of October, 1983.

/s/ Atlan Anien  
Atlan Anien, Speaker  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest:

/s/ Donald F. Capelle  
Donald F. Capelle, Clerk  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Concurred by High Commissioner Hon. Janet McCoy - 10/31/83