



# **CRAN**

Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia

## **OPENING REMARKS**

FOR

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AT THE

**PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON PRESCRIBING  
LICENSE CATEGORIES AND LICENSING PROCEDURES  
FOR POSTAL SERVICE LICENSEES**

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MANAGEMENT**

- **Esteemed ICT & Postal Service stakeholders,**
- **CRAN management,**
- **CRAN colleagues,**
- **Members of the media,**
- **Invited guests,**
- **Ladies and gentlemen,**

Good morning and a very warm welcome to this consultative meeting!

CRAN was established under the Namibian Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009), to provide regulation to postal services in addition to telecommunications, broadcasting and radio spectrum. However, since its inception in 2011, CRAN has not yet started regulating the postal and courier sector.

In August 2015, the first postal consultative meeting was conducted at the Windhoek Country Club and Resort. The meeting aimed at assessing if CRAN's mandate is adequate, effective and responsive enough in dealing with the postal sector market changes, and the impact it has on the efficient delivery of postal products and services in Namibia.

In January 2016, a postal regulation training was held at the Safari Hotel to provide attendees with a summary of findings on the Namibian postal legal and market study. The study gave insight into the global postal environment, concepts of regulation, postal sector policy and postal reform strategy.

### **Ladies and gentlemen**

We are gathered here today, to discuss the proposed regulations prescribing license categories and licensing procedures for postal service licensees as per Government Gazette No. 6651, dated 17 July 2018. The objectives of these

regulations are to prescribe postal service license categories and to regulate the issue, amend, transfer and renew of postal service licenses. In addition, the regulations are aimed at determining license fees, amending, transferring and renewing postal service licenses. These regulations will apply to all courier and postal service licensees.

### **Ladies and gentlemen**

The categories for postal service license will be:

- Public operator postal license;
- Private operator postal license; and
- Courier service license.

With regards to Nampost, they will be required to apply to the Authority for a public operator postal licence within 6 months from the date the Minister of Information Communication and Technology publishes a notice in the *Gazette* contemplated in section 95(2) of the Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009). The public postal licence which will be issued to Nampost, will be valid indefinitely.

In terms of section 98(d) of the Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009), the expedited pick-up and delivery of postal articles involving the transport of packages or documents from one place to another within Namibia or from Namibia to an international destination are deemed to be postal services for the purpose of Chapter VII of the Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009).

Therefore, every person/organisation who before the commencement of these regulations was rendering courier services in Namibia must, within 12 months after the commencement of these regulations, immediately apply to the Authority for a courier service license, if that person/organisation intends to continue rendering such courier services.

Furthermore, any person/organisation who after the commencement of these regulation intends to render courier services in Namibia must, subject to the provisions of these regulations, apply to the Authority for a courier service license.

### **Ladies and gentlemen**

In conclusion, this consultative meeting provides a platform for stakeholders to understand the implications of regulating postal services in Namibia. It further provides the quality, security and mail integrity involved in the postal sector, including the universal service obligations and universal service costings and pricing. All licensees will be adhered to comply with the cost accounting regulations.

With these few words, I thank you and look forward to your meaningful contributions and deliberations.