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Johannesburg, The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) has published the Regulations on the Conveyance of Mail (**Regulations No. 32644**). The Regulations were published on the 16th of October 2009, in the Government Gazette No. 91272. The purpose of the Regulations on Conveyance of Mail is to provide for the following:

- To regulate the conveyance of mail and general powers and duties of conveyors;
- To regulate legal possession and ownership of mail
- To eradicate exposure of mail to the risk of loss, theft, fraud damage and tampering.

Schedules A and B of the said regulations have lists of dangerous as well as prohibited goods which are not to be conveyed by mail.

The lists are as follows:

Schedule A:

Dangerous Goods

Explosives- ammunition, fireworks, igniters

Compressed Gas- aerosol products, carbon dioxide gas, cigarette lighter, butane.

Flammable liquids- Alcohol, flammable paint and thinners, flammable varnish removers, turpentine, petroleum products, benzene.

Flammable solids- metallic magnesium, matches, zinc powder

Oxidising material – some adhesives, some bleaching powders, hair of textile dyes made of organic peroxides, fibreglass repair kits, chlorine.

Poison including drugs and medicines- although some are acceptable in prescription quantities and non-infectious perishable biological substances are accepted when packed and transmitted appropriately

Radioactive Material

Corrosives- corrosive cleaning liquid, paint or varnish removers, mercury filled thermometers.

Miscellaneous- magnetised materials, oiled paper, polymerisable materials

Schedule B:

Prohibited goods

Bank notes- including all South African notes of whatever issue or denomination, and the bank notes or currency notes of any other country.

Asbestos

Bees, leeches, silkworms or any other animal or living organism

Coins

Firearms or parts thereof

Furs

Human or animal remains, including ashes

Ivory

Uninsured Jewellery

Perfumery products

A film or publication which falls in the category of XX or X18 in terms of the Films and Publications Act 65 of 1996 as amended

Perishable items

Uninsured Precious metals

Uninsured Precious stones, which means, all valuable natural mineral stone, silica or substances extracted from the group, whether in their natural state or refined, processed, set or treated and includes semi-precious stones and any other natural or synthetic mineral, stone, silica or substance whether in a natural state, cut or uncut, refined, processed, set or treated.

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