



MANAGEMENT  
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Revised Kyoto Convention  
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**DRAFT REVISED RKC GUIDELINES FOR CHAPTER 2 OF SPECIFIC ANNEX J  
ON POSTAL TRAFFIC**

**(Item VII on the Agenda)**

**I. Introduction**

1. The Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) stipulates principles for simplified and harmonised Customs procedures. In particular, Specific Annex J, chapter 2 (Specific Annex J.2) of the RKC provides for simplified Customs provisions applicable to postal traffic. As of September 2016, 23 WCO Members have accepted Specific Annex J.2 (Algeria, Australia, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Korea (Rep of), Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Senegal, Switzerland, Uganda, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Papua New Guinea, Togo, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, and Nigeria).
2. At the 33<sup>rd</sup> WCO–UPU Contact Committee meeting held in Berne on 18-19 November 2013, the UPU International Bureau presented the results of the two questionnaires sent to UPU member countries on Specific Annex J.2. Among other things, it was recognised that the Guidelines to the Standards and Recommended Practices of Specific Annex J.2 warranted revision, as they had become outdated. It was agreed that a virtual working group, under the WCO–UPU Contact Committee, would review the current Guidelines and make suggestions on any deletions or additions, using the WCO CLiKC platform.
3. The WCO–UPU Contact Committee, in consultation with the WCO Secretariat and the UPU International Bureau, asked the United States of America to lead the study, along with interested representatives from postal members and Customs members.

**II. Draft Updated Guidelines**

4. The virtual working group has since finalised the review and update of the Guidelines including three Appendices, which were presented to the 35<sup>th</sup> WCO–UPU Contact Committee meeting held in Berne on 29-30 October 2015.
5. The WCO–UPU Contact Committee approved 'in principle' the updated Guidelines with suggested changes. Noting that the RKC Management Committee

(RKC/MC) being the competent body to review and update the RKC Guidelines as provided in article 6 of the RKC, the Contact Committee suggested that the draft updated Guidelines should be presented to the RKC Management Committee (RKC/MC) for its consideration through a Contracting Party. Australia as the Co-Chair of the WCO-UPU Contact Committee has brought forward this proposal for the consideration of the RKC/MC. The draft updated Guidelines with suggested changes (underlined) are reproduced in Annex to the document.

### **III. Actions requested**

6. The RKC Management Committee is requested to :
- discuss, and, if appropriate, adopt the updated Guidelines on Specific Annex J.2 of the RKC; and
  - provide any further guidance on the acceptance and implementation of Specific Annex J.2 and related Guidelines.

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