

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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to provide for establishment of Pakistan Courier and Logistic Authority

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish the Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority and to regulate by law the operations of Pakistan courier and logistics service providers and to provide for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

it is enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority Act, 2018.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.— In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context.—

(a) “Act” means the Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority Act, 2018;

(b) “code of conduct” means the code of conduct to be prescribed by the Authority under its rules for courier and logistics service providers;

(c) “cargo” means any shipment, consignment or goods intended for transmission by rail, road, ship, boat, aircraft or any other mode including operating as a cargo agent, as a freight forwarder, cargo consolidating, terminal operation and any other transport intermediary or incendiary services thereto for cargo;

(d) “Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority;

- (e) "civil servant" means civil servant as defined in the Civil Servants Act, 1973(LXXI of 1973);
- (f) "common carrier" means any person or entity who makes directly or indirectly on commercial basis arrangements for the purpose of receiving, collecting, carrying, conveying and tendering cargo and logistics service which also includes packets, parcels, shipments, consignments and goods, operating as a cargo agent, as a freight forwarder, cargo consolidation, terminal operation in Pakistan or abroad and any person who acts in Pakistan as an agent or subsidiary of a foreign courier and logistics service providing company;
- (g) "company" means a company as defined in the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017);
- (h) "courier and logistics service provider" means any person or entity by whatever name called, who makes directly or indirectly on commercial basis, arrangements for the purpose of receiving, collecting, carrying, conveying, tendering or delivering packets, parcels, shipments, consignments and goods in Pakistan or abroad including cargo and logistics service through any mode, operating as a cargo agent, as a freight forwarder, cargo consolidation, terminal operation and any person who acts in Pakistan as an agent or subsidiary of a foreign courier and logistics service providing company;
- (i) "Director General" means the Director General appointed under section 7;
- (j) "Fund" means Pakistan Courier and Logistics service Regulatory Authority Fund;
- (k) "Government" means the Federal Government;
- (l) "inland mail" means letters, parcels, packets or any other kind of communication sent by one post office to another in Pakistan;

- (m) "letter" means a communication by one person to another including opened or closed envelopes, postcards and documents sent in writing, printed or typed;
- (n) "licence" means licence granted under this Act;
- (o) "licensee" means a holder of a licence under this Act;
- (p) "logistics service" means service provided by any person or entity by whatever name called, who makes directly or indirectly on commercial basis, arrangements for the purpose of receiving, collecting, carrying, conveying, tendering logistics service which also includes packets, parcels, shipments, consignments and goods, operating as a cargo agent, as a freight forwarder, cargo consolidation, terminal operation in Pakistan or abroad and any person who acts in Pakistan as an agent or subsidiary of a foreign courier and logistics service providing company;
- (q) "mail" includes inland, foreign and transit letters, parcels, packets or any other kind of communication sent by one post office to another in Pakistan or abroad;
- (r) "member" means the member of the Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority including the Chairperson;
- (s) "Ministry of Communications" means Ministry of Communications of the Government;
- (t) "post office" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Post Office Act, 1898 (VI of 1898);
- (u) "regulations" means the regulations made under this Act; and
- (v) "rules" means rules made under this Act.

3. Establishment of Authority.— (1) As soon as may be, but not later than sixty days of the commencement of this Act, the Ministry of Communications shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish an Authority to be known as Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority for accomplishment of the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire, hold and dispose of property both moveable and immovable and shall by the its name specified in sub-section (1) sue and be sued.

(3) The Authority shall exercise powers subject to the provisions of this Act.

(4) The principal office of the Authority shall be at Islamabad and it may set up as many offices in other parts of the country as it deems necessary.

4. Composition of Authority.— (1) The Authority shall consist of the following members, namely to be appointed by the Government or a person authorised by it in this behalf:-

(a)	a suitable and an eminent professional having rich experience in business, management, finance or economics;	<i>Chairperson</i>
(b)	two persons from Pakistan courier and logistics service providers;	<i>Members</i>
(c)	one person who shall be member Legal having excellent legal expertise in the relevant field to assist the Authority in legal matters;	<i>Member</i>
(d)	A nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary of the Division to which subject of communications stands allocated;	<i>Member</i>
(e)	A nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary of the Division to which subject of commerce stands allocated;	<i>Member</i>
(f)	A nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary of the Division to which subject of ports and shipping stands allocated;	<i>Member</i>
(g)	A nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary of the Division to which subject of railways stands allocated;	<i>Member</i>
(h)	A nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary of the Division to which subject of finance stands allocated;	<i>Member</i>
(i)	A nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary of the Division to which subject of law and justice	<i>Member</i>