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Background

(A) The Publishing Volume Commitment Incentive (the **Incentive**) give Postage Credits to customers who continue to post the same or higher volumes of Publishing Mail than they posted in the 12 months before entering into the Incentive.

(B) We will give you Postage Credits (at the rates set out on our Website) for Eligible Items qualifying under the terms of the Incentive.

1. Definitions. Capitalised words/expressions used in these Incentive Terms will have the meaning given to them in the Framework Terms, if they are not in these Incentive Terms:

- (a) "**Agreed Volume Commitment**" means the anticipated volume of Publishing Mail items we expect you to post during the Incentive, based on the volume forecast by you in your application. We will notify you of your Agreed Volume Commitment if we approve your application;
- (b) "**Matched Volume Target**" means the volume of Publishing Mail items that we agree you posted in the 12 months before the date of your Incentive application. We will notify you of your Matched Volume Target if we approve your application;
- (c) "**Postage Credits Rate**" means the postage credit rate applicable to the Large Letter service used to post the relevant Eligible Item as set out on our Website; and
- (d) "**Publishing Mail**" means a magazine, newsletter or journal which we have approved qualifies as publishing mail in accordance with the entry criteria set out in our Publishing Volume Commitment Incentive Simple Guide (available from our Website). We will review each of the publication titles you list on your application form to confirm whether they qualify as Publishing Mail.

2. Incentive Postings: Subject to the Framework Terms and the other terms below, we will award you Postage Credits as per paragraph 7 below if, during the Incentive Period, you post enough Eligible Items to meet at least 95% of your Matched Volume Target. If you meet at least 95% of your Matched Volume Target, we will award you Postage Credits on each Eligible Item you posted during the Incentive Period, up to your Agreed Volume Commitment (unless we decide otherwise as per clause 7.3).

3. Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible to participate in the Incentive: (a) you must have posted at least 250,000 Publishing Mail items in the 12 months before the date of your application and (b) your Agreed Volume Commitment must be for at least 250,000 Eligible Items.

4. Eligible Items:

4.1 Postage Credits will only be earned on Eligible Items. An Eligible Item is a Publishing Mail item which:

- (a) is sent using any service for Large Letters (as published on our Website) posted either with: (a) Royal Mail (whether directly or through a mailing agent and/or an access operator); and/or (b) a Direct Delivery Provider; and
- (b) does not qualify for postage credits under any other incentive you have with us. For the avoidance of doubt, if you are eligible to receive postage credits for a Publishing Mail item you are posting as part of any other Royal Mail incentive, those items shall not be an Eligible Item for the purposes of this Incentive.

4.2 You do not need to post Eligible Items using the Royal Mail Mailmark® service, but from a future date (which we will confirm to you), if you do not hold an Online Business Account with us, you do need to declare all Publishing Mail items on a Mailmark e-manifest for it to count as an Eligible Item. We will give you at least one (1) months' notice before we introduce this requirement, after which any Publishing Mail item not declared on a Mailmark e-manifest will not be an Eligible Item, nor will it count towards your Matched Volume Target.

5. Forecasts and new publications

5.1 Your application form must include details of the volume of all Publishing Mail by title, that you posted in the preceding twelve months. You will also be asked to provide us a total annual volume forecast of your Publishing Mail per title in your application form. Your forecast must identify the title of each publication to be posted during the Incentive Period, so that we can verify that it qualifies as Publishing Mail. All historic volumes and forecasts must be accurate.

5.2 You may ask us to add new publications during the Incentive Period by telling us the name of the publication and your proposed volume for that publication. If we approve a new publication as Publishing Mail, then:

- (a) the approved forecast for that Publication may (subject to paragraph 5.3) be added to your Agreed Volume

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- (b) if, after we have approved it, you post items of that publication which qualify as Eligible Items, those items will count towards your Matched Volume Target.
- 5.3 We reserve the right (in our sole discretion) not to include your volume forecast for a new publication to your Agreed Volume Commitment.
- 5.4 If, after we have approved your application form, you wish to change your forecasts and/or your Agreed Volume Commitment, such change must be agreed with us, otherwise it will not apply.
- 5.5 We may contact you if at any time during the Incentive Period your postings of Eligible Items are not in line with your forecasts.
- 6. Postage Credit Limit:** Unless we decide otherwise (as per clause 7.3), you will not be entitled to Postage Credits on any volume of Eligible Items in excess of your Agreed Volume Commitment.
- 7. Validation and Calculation of Postage Credits:**
- 7.1 At the end of the Incentive Period we will validate your entitlement to the Postage Credits you have claimed. We will do this by checking that the total volume of Eligible Items that you posted during the Incentive Period at least equals 95% of your Matched Volume Target. If it does, then we will award you Postage Credits. The value of your Postage Credits will be calculated by applying the applicable Postage Credit Rate multiplied by the volume of Eligible Items you posted during the Incentive Period up to a maximum of your Agreed Volume Commitment.
- 7.2 If, as a result of the validation exercises referred to in paragraph 7.1, we think that any of the volume of Eligible Items for which you claimed Postage Credits is inconsistent with your approved application form, then we may take other factors into consideration (such as the accuracy of your forecasts in your application form) to determine whether, notwithstanding that inconsistency, that volume is valid. This may include discussing with you the reason for any inconsistency. If we are dissatisfied (in our absolute discretion) with the reason for such inconsistency we will not pay Postage Credits to you under this Incentive on that invalidated volume.
- 7.3 In certain circumstances, we may decide to award you more Postage Credits than that to which you are strictly entitled under the Incentive, if we consider (in our absolute discretion) it fair and reasonable to do so when assessing your Postage Credit Application Form. For example, despite the Postage Credit Limit in paragraph 6, we may decide (but do not have to) to pay Postage Credits on up to 110% of your Agreed Volume Commitment where we consider it fair and reasonable to do so.
- 8. Application Period:** only completed application forms we receive before 31 December 2018 will be considered for participation in the Incentive.
- 9. Incentive Period:** a period of 12 months starting from the Start Date. If we approve your application form, we will email you to confirm your Start Date.
- 10. Postage Credit Rates:** The applicable Postage Credit Rates for this Incentive can be found on our Website. We will tell you if we change any of these Postage Credit Rates on 30 (thirty) Working Days' notice.
- 11. Liability:** In addition to (and without affecting) the other Framework Terms, our liability to you under or in connection with this Incentive will be limited to £10,000.
- 12. Cancellation of Incentive:** If you have not started posting Eligible Items within six (6) months of the Start Date then we may cancel the Incentive without liability to you. We will email you to confirm such cancellation.