

# The Perspective of the Chairman of the POC

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## Introduction

## Main challenges facing postal operators

- General tendency of declining mail volumes
- Maintaining Universal service obligation
- Strengthening security standards
- Competition with courier companies

## Roles of the POC and POC Chair

Article 18 of the UPU Convention:

“The Postal Operations Council (POC) shall be responsible for operational, commercial, technical and economic questions concerning the postal service.”



The POC Chair should be neutral and facilitate discussions in an appropriate direction.

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## Swift decision-making (1)

### International mail, parcels and EMS

- The Universal Postal Convention, Article 15, states that dangerous substances are not admitted except
  - radioactive materials mentioned in Article 16.1; and
  - biological substances mentioned in Article 16.2.
- Lithium cells and batteries **do not** seem to be **acceptable** for transport by international mail, parcels and EMS.

#### Article 15 Items not admitted. Prohibitions

1 General  
(omitted)

2 Prohibitions in all categories of items  
(omitted)

3 Explosive, flammable or radioactive materials and other dangerous substances:

3.1 The insertion of explosive, flammable or other dangerous substances as well as radioactive materials shall be prohibited in all categories of items.

3.2 Exceptionally, the following substances and materials shall be admitted:

3.2.1 the radioactive materials sent in letter-post items and postal parcels mentioned in article 16.1;

3.2.2 the biological substances sent in letter-post items mentioned in article 16.2.

4-8 (omitted)

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## Swift decision-making (2)

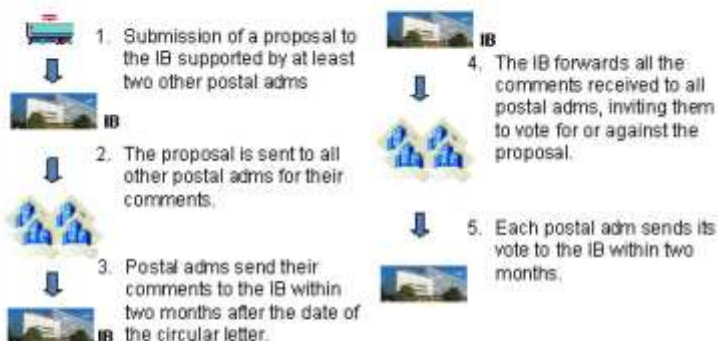
### Japan Post's Concerns

- There is **high potential demand** for sending electronic equipment **by post** such as personal computers, mobile phones and digital cameras that often have lithium batteries packed with them.
- Under the current regulations, those customers wishing to send such lithium-battery-operated equipment have no other choice but to use non-postal services. This is very inconvenient for them, and we may thus **lose our great potential business opportunities**.

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## Swift decision-making (3)

### Procedures to change the Convention between Congresses



To become effective, the proposal must obtain two thirds of the votes and, at least one-half of the Union member countries having the right to vote must take part in the vote.

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## Transparency (Communications with Restricted Unions)

PAPU Administrative Council July 2-9  
APPU Congress September 3-6  
PUASP Congress September 9-13  
Post Europ Plenary Assembly September 18-19




Presentation  
at PAPU  
Executive  
Council

UPU POC March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup> 2014


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## Visual aids (example)

 UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION	
Ordre de discussion	Order of discussion
1. Ouverture de la réunion et adoption de l'ordre du jour	1 Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Structure et composition du CEP - Note du BI	2 Structure and membership of the POC - Memorandum by the BI
3. Rapport du Comité de gestion du CEP - Rapport du Président	3 Report of the POC Management Committee - Chairman's report
4. Adoption du Règlement intérieur du CEP a) Projet de Règlement intérieur révisé b) Principes de prise de décisions et procédures de travail	4 Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the POC a Revised draft of the Rules of Procedure b Decision-making principles and working procedures
12. Création du Groupe «.post»	12 Creation of the .post Group

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<b>C 5 - Groupe «Règlementation et normes»</b>  Point 2 de l'ordre du jour  Règlement de l'Arrangement concernant les services postaux de paiement Proposition	<b>C 5 - Regulations and Standards Group</b>  Agenda item 2  Postal Payment Services Regulations Proposal

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## Close Communication

**Close communication will further improve POC activities.**



# Thank you!