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Date
15 October 2024

Post Office
100 Wood Street
London EC2V 9ER

Your Ref: FOI2024/01198

Classification:
Public

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2024/01283

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited (“**Post Office**”) on 22 September 2024, which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“**FOIA**”).

In your email you have requested the information shown verbatim in bold below:

“Thank you for your response to my previous request. I would like to submit a narrowed request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, focusing on specific aspects of Post Office Limited's operational framework related to its Articles of Association and financial services. My revised inquiries are as follows:

1) Articles of Association:

Please provide any amendments or sections of the Articles of Association that specifically address the acceptance of bills of exchange or other negotiable instruments as payment. This includes any provisions that outline the authority or limitations of Post Office Limited in accepting such instruments. For your reference, this is the link to the Companies House page where you will find the incorporation document: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/02154540/filing-history?page=14>

We can confirm that there are no specific sections in Post Offices’ Articles of Association (“**AoA**”) that relate to Bills of Exchange (“**BoE**”) and therefore Post Office does not hold this information. Amendments to Post Offices’ Articles of Association

are filed on its Companies House records. We understand this request to be specific to Bills of Exchange and no other negotiable instruments.

For information, the current Post Office AoA can be found on the corporate website at the following link:

<https://corporate.postoffice.co.uk/en/governance/our-structure/useful-corporate-information/>. Previous versions can be found under the Incorporation category on the following link on the Companies House website:

<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/02154540/filing-history>

2) Acceptance of Bills as Payment:

Clarify whether Post Office Limited is authorized to accept bills of exchange as payment for debts when named as a payee option. If so, provide details on the types of bills accepted and the procedures for their acceptance.

Confirm whether Post Office Limited is subject to the Bills of Exchange Act 1882 or if there are any exemptions applicable.

For each query, please provide the source of the information, including relevant links to documents, reports, or legal statutes.

Post Office considers that Question 2 above does not contain a request for recorded information. Although your request can be in the form of a question, rather than a request for specific documents, the FOIA does not oblige an authority to answer a question if this would mean creating new information or giving an opinion or judgment that is not already recorded, which applies to the question you have raised.

You can find information on the services provided by Post Office on the following website: <https://www.postoffice.co.uk/banking-and-bills>

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of this response, you do have a right to request an internal review. You can do this by writing to the address above within 40 working days of receipt of this response stating your reasons for your internal review request or alternatively, by emailing information.rights@postoffice.co.uk.

If, having requested an internal review by Post Office, you are still not satisfied with our response you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Team

information.rights@postoffice.co.uk

<https://corporate.postoffice.co.uk/en/governance/access-to-information/access-to-information/>

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