

<b>THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM</b>
<b>FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE STRATEGY AND SUPPORT</b>
<b>... - Preliminary draft law amending the Law of 26 January 2018 on postal services</b>
<p>PHILIPPE, King of the Belgians,</p> <p>To all those present and to come, Greetings.</p>
On the proposal of the Minister for Postal Services,
<b>WE HAVE DECREED AND HEREBY DECREE:</b>
The Minister for Postal Services is responsible for presenting in Our name to the House of Representatives the draft law whose content is as follows:
<b>Article 1.</b> This Law governs a subject referred to in Article 74 of the Constitution.
<b>Article 2.</b> Article 2 of the Law of 26 January 2018 on postal services is supplemented by point 28 worded as follows:
‘28. ‘automatic parcel dispenser’: an automatic locker to receive, send or return packages.’;
<b>Article 3.</b> In Article 3 of the same Law, paragraph 1 is supplemented by point 9, worded as follows:
‘(9) without prejudice to the application of Article 16, distribute packages to dwellings equipped with a parcel box, which complies with the regulations enacted by the Minister, on the proposal of the Institute, or of a mailbox placed at the edge of the public road and within reach, which complies with the regulations enacted by the Minister, on the proposal of the Institute. If the package presented cannot be distributed to the address of the addressee, it shall be kept in the municipality or possibly in another place closer to the address of the addressee, with the latter being notified by a notice left in the box, or, where the addressee has consented to such, electronically. Another place of distribution may also be defined by the postal service provider, with the agreement of the addressee.’.
<b>Article 4.</b> In Article 9 of the same Act, the following amendments are made:
1. in paragraph 1, the words ‘, promote the sustainable development of postal services,’ are inserted between the words ‘users’ interests’ and the words ‘or encourage real competition’;
2. paragraph 1 is supplemented by paragraph 2 as follows:
‘ The postal infrastructure includes postal boxes, mailboxes and automatic parcel dispensers.’.
3. in paragraph 1, the words ‘, promote the sustainable development of postal services,’ are inserted between the words ‘users’ interests’ and the words ‘or encourage real competition’.
<b>Article 5.</b> In Article 16(1), the following amendments are made:
1. point 3 is repealed;
2. paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
‘ The distribution of postal items referred to in Article 15, § 1(2) and (3), must extend to all dwellings of the Kingdom provided that they have a mailbox placed at the edge of the public road

and within reach, which complies with the regulations enacted by the Minister, on the proposal of the Institute, or a parcel box, which complies with the regulations issued by the Minister, on the proposal of the Institute. If the package presented cannot be distributed to the address of the addressee, it shall be kept in the municipality or possibly in another place closer to the address of the addressee, with the latter being notified by a notice left in the box, or, where the addressee has consented to such, electronically. This place must be accessible at least five days a week, except on Sundays and statutory holidays. Another place may also be defined by the universal service provider, with the agreement of the addressee.'.

**Article 6.** This Law shall enter into force on [the day of its publication in the Moniteur belge/DATE].

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By the King:

The Minister for Postal Services

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