

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE ECONOMY, SMES, SELF-EMPLOYED AND
ENERGY

**21 FEBRUARY 2024. - Law amending the Law of 26 January 2018 on postal
services (1)**

PHILIPPE, King of the Belgians,

To all those present and to come,
Greetings.

The House of Representatives has adopted and We sanction the following:

Article 1. This Law governs a subject referred to in Article 74 of the Constitution.

Article 2. Article 2 of the Law of 26 January 2018 on postal services, as amended by the Law of 17 December 2023, is supplemented by a 35° worded as follows: ‘35° “automatic parcel dispenser”: an automatic deposit to receive, dispatch or return packages.’

Article 3. In Article 3, § 1, of the same Law, modified by the Law of 17 December 2023, 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.

Article 4. 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 subparagraph 2 as follows:

‘The postal infrastructure includes postal boxes, mailboxes and automatic parcel dispensers.’;

3. in paragraph 4, the words ‘, promote the sustainable development of postal services,’ are inserted between the words ‘users’ interests’ and the words ‘or encourage real competition’.

Article 5. In Article 16, § 1, the following amendments are made: 1. in subparagraph 1, point 3 is replaced by the following:

‘3. the distribution of postal items referred to in Article 15, § 1, extends 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, with the latter being notified by a notice left in the box; 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.’

2. subparagraph 2 is repealed.

Let us promulgate this law, order it to bear the seal of the State and be published by the Belgian Official Gazette.

Done in Brussels, on 21 February 2024.

PHILIPPE,

By the King:

The Minister for Postal Services

P. DE SUTTER

Seal of the State:

The Minister of Justice

P. VAN TIGCHELT

Note

(1) House of Representatives

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