Postal Services Act 2000

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PART V

OFFENCES IN RELATION TO POSTAL SERVICES

Offences of interfering with the mail

84 Interfering with the mail: general

(1) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, he—
   (a) intentionally delays or opens a postal packet in the course of its transmission
       by post, or
   (b) intentionally opens a mail-bag.

(2) Subsections (2) to (5) of section 83 apply to subsection (1) above as they apply to
    subsection (1) of that section.

(3) A person commits an offence if, intending to act to a person’s detriment and without
    reasonable excuse, he opens a postal packet which he knows or reasonably suspects
    has been incorrectly delivered to him.

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) of section 83 (so far as they relate to the opening of postal
    packets) apply to subsection (3) above as they apply to subsection (1) of that section.

(5) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) or (3) shall be liable on
    summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to
    imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.