

**Guidelines on Sending
Election Advertisements to Registered Electors
in the Custody of the Correctional Services Department**

(Note: The following guidelines serve to illustrate that certain mail items which, if possessed by electors in the custody of the Correctional Services Department (“CSD”), may cause security hazards to penal institutions, and hence will be rejected. The list of items set out below is by no means exhaustive.)

For security reasons and to maintain good order and discipline in penal institutions, any election advertisement (“EA”) mailed to registered electors in the custody of the CSD will be subject to security checks. An EA will be rejected if it falls within any of the following categories:

Materials

- (a) made of metal or plastic materials;
- (b) laminated materials;
- (c) sharp objects; or
- (d) materials coated with powder-like substances.

Content/Information

- (a) on how to manufacture arms, ammunition, weapons, explosives, harmful or deleterious substances, intoxicating liquor, or any dangerous drugs within the meaning of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap 134);
- (b) that depicts, describes or encourages violence in penal institutions, or the escape by any inmate/prisoner from penal institutions;
- (c) that encourages gambling in penal institutions, or adversely affects the rehabilitation of electors in the custody of the CSD;
- (d) that abets or induces electors in the custody of the CSD to commit offences enumerated in the Prison Rules (Cap 234A) or any other criminal offences;
- (e) that poses threat to any individual’s personal safety or to the security, good order and discipline of penal institutions; or
- (f) that is obscene/indecent.

Size and Volume

- (a) items larger than A4 size; or
- (b) oversized items.

Remarks: For enquiries, please contact the Principal Officer (Penal Operations)3 of the CSD at 2582 4023.

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