

Government Decree 84/2020 (3 April)
laying down derogations applicable to the provision of postal services during the
period of state of danger

The Government,
acting within its original legislative power laid down in Article 53 (2) of the Fundamental Law, having regard to the provisions of Act XII of 2020 on the containment of coronavirus,
acting, with respect to section 5, within its original legislative power laid down in Article 53 (3) of the Fundamental Law, on the basis of authorisation by the National Assembly under section 3 (1) of Act XII of 2020 on the containment of coronavirus,
acting within its function laid down in Article 15 (1) of the Fundamental Law,
orders as follows:

Section 1 (1) With derogations laid down in sections 2 and 3, to universal postal services, to postal services replacing universal postal services and to postal services not replacing universal postal services, and, in connection with these services, to postal service providers the common derogations from the Act on postal services laid down in paragraphs (2) and (3) shall apply.

(2) Items that cannot be delivered by way of a letter box shall not be delivered by the postal service provider to the specified location if it is registered by the epidemiological authority as a place of isolation, observation or quarantine (hereinafter “quarantine”) during the period of quarantine; instead, it shall be held at the disposal of an authorised person not subject to quarantine at the delivery point for the holding period set out in the postal service contract, and after the expiry of the holding period, the rules on undeliverability shall apply.

(3) The postal service provider shall be authorised to deliver a postal parcel to an *ad hoc* recipient also in the absence of a specific provision by the sender to that effect, provided that the addressee expressly requests delivery to the *ad hoc* recipient.

Section 2 (1) By way of derogation from section 1, to universal postal services and, in connection with those, to universal postal service providers the derogations from the Act on postal services laid down in paragraphs (2) and (3) shall apply.

(2) The universal postal service provider shall be authorised to deliver a registered postal item to the addressee or to other authorised recipient specified by the Government by means of a decree without personal hand-over

a) by placing the item of correspondence sent only with delivery as registered mail as extra service into the letter box and recording the fact of the delivery without recording a signature,

b) by delivering, after establishing personal contact, an item of correspondence, official document, or postal parcel, sent with advice of delivery or declaration of value as an extra service at the address or delivery point, verifying the data necessary for identification of the recipient while maintaining a distance of 1.5 meters if possible, and personally recording the name of the recipient and the type and number of his document suitable for personal identification, and recording the fact of the delivery at the same time, but without recording the signature of the recipient.

(3) During the period of the quarantine, the postal service provider shall not deliver items that cannot be delivered by way of a letter box to a specified location recorded as a place of quarantine; instead, it shall suspend the performance of the postal service contract. It shall attempt to deliver items that cannot be delivered by way of a letter box after the provisions of law, or adopted by authorities, concerning the quarantine cease to have effect; until that date, such items shall be held at the disposal of an authorised recipient not subject to quarantine at the delivery point. If the attempt at delivery remains unsuccessful, after the expiry of the holding period, the rules on undeliverability shall apply.

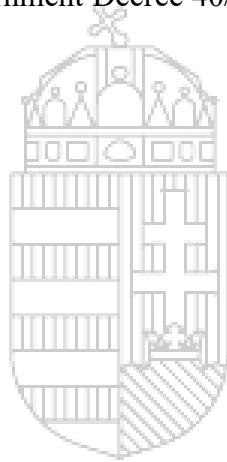
Section 3 (1) By way of derogation from section 1, to postal services replacing universal postal services and to postal services not replacing universal postal services and, in connection with those services, to postal service providers, the derogations from the Act on postal services laid down in paragraph (2) shall apply.

(2) The postal service provider shall be authorised to deliver registered postal items to the addressee or other authorised recipient specified by the Government by means of a decree without personal hand-over. In this case, the postal service provider shall deliver, after establishing personal contact, the item at the address or delivery point, verifying the required data of the recipient while maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 meters if possible and recording such data personally, if necessary, and recording the fact of the delivery at the same time, but without recording the signature of the recipient.

Section 4(1) With the exception specified in paragraph (2), this Decree shall enter into force on the day following its promulgation.

(2) Section 5 shall enter into force on the fifteenth day following the promulgation of this Decree.

Section 5 The Government extends the temporal scope of this Decree until the end of the period of state of danger under Government Decree 40/2020 (11 March) on the declaration of state of danger.



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