General Terms and Conditions for “pick@home”

1 Area of validity

These General Terms and Conditions (GTC) govern the contractual relationship between customers (hereinafter the “Customer”) and Post CH Ltd (Wankdorfallee 4, Bern, Switzerland; hereinafter “Swiss Post”) for use of the service “pick@home”.

The rules governing this service, together with the documents GTC “Login Customer Center” and the GTC “Postal Services” in their current versions supplement these General Terms and Conditions and form the basis for use of pick@home. All terms and conditions can be viewed at www.swisspost.ch/gtc.

On confirmation of an order, the Customer accepts these General Terms and Conditions without reservation as part of the contract and recognizes Swiss Post’s currently applicable price list at www.swisspost.ch/sending.

References to persons apply to individuals of all gender identities and to more than one person.

2 Service offering

With “pick@home”, the Customer can commission Swiss Post to collect return parcels from their home, office or another address in Switzerland using the channels for order confirmation.

Swiss Post may modify, expand or discontinue pick@home at any time without obtaining the express consent of the Customer. The Customer shall be notified of any changes to the services offered in an appropriate manner at least 30 days in advance.

Swiss Post provides its services in accordance with the company resources available and implements all economically reasonable, technically feasible and appropriate measures to secure its data and services. It may delegate the provision of services to third parties.

3 Channels for order confirmation

3.1 Use via Login to the Customer Center

The use of pick@home via the Customer Center requires that the Customer is logged in and registered for the Customer Center and has a pre-printed return label provided by the distance seller.

3.2 Use via the Post-App

A pick@home order can also be entered using the Post-App. This requires a pre-printed return label from the distance seller.

The information from the last order (e.g. sender address, handover location, parcel size) is saved locally in the Post-App to be used for future orders.

3.3 Use via the distance seller’s website

3.3.1 Distance sellers have the option to integrate pick@home into their website. Special provisions for this option are agreed contractually with each distance seller.

The distance seller can also integrate pick@home into its website if the Customer does not yet have a pre-printed return label. In this case, the system will generate a return label which the mail carrier will bring when collecting a parcel.

4 Mailing options and value-added services

Mailing options and value-added services may be limited, depending on the level of participation of the distance seller. The following mailing options are available:

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The value-added services available also depend on the provisions for the basic services listed above. Swiss Post reserves the right to offer a reduced range of value-added services for pick@home.

5 Weight

The Customer is responsible for ensuring that the weight class chosen in the system matches the actual weight of the parcel. If it does not, Swiss Post reserves the right not to collect the consignment. No refund will be made.

6 Costs assumed by distance sellers

6.1 Distance sellers have the option of assuming all or part of the cost of an order. This reduces the price paid by the Customer during order entry. The system displays to the Customer the effective amount to be paid. This applies both to orders commissioned in Swiss Post’s “pick@home” online service and on the distance seller’s website.

6.2 Any distance seller with a franking licence that bears a number beginning with 99.01 can sign a rate agreement for pick@home. Entitlement to (partial) assumption of costs is only available if the distance seller has concluded an agreement to that effect with Swiss Post.

6.3 Distance sellers who do not provide their customers with return labels can also assume all or part of the cost of the pick@home order.
7 Payment
7.1 Commissioning via Swiss Post’s Customer Center
The Customer uses the payment options available in the Customer Center (except invoicing) and accepts the associated conditions.

7.2 Commissioning via the distance seller’s website
The Customer uses the payment options available in the integrated payment module and accepts the associated conditions.

8 Packaging and addressing
8.1 The consignments to be collected must be packaged, addressed and ready for shipment. Consignments are subject to the provisions of the GTC “Postal Services” and the associated service descriptions of PostPac, Priority / Economy or Bulky goods Economy.

8.2 If a pre-printed return label is provided by the distance seller, it must be placed on the consignment.

The Customer can use the domestic parcel labels online service to create address labels for normal parcel shipping.

Packages with incorrect barcodes and/or labels (e.g. cut out, recipient address covered, reused shipping label, photocopied label etc.) will not be collected. Costs for failed collections of this type are not refunded.

9 Collection of consignments
9.1 The Customer can select a handover point from a list in the system (impersonal handover) or indicate that the consignment will be handed personally to the mail carrier. For impersonal handovers, the Customer is responsible for ensuring that the consignment is protected from the weather. The handover point must be selected from the list. Other handover points are not supported.

9.2 The collection order is placed when the ordering process is completed and is confirmed to the Customer at the e-mail address specified while ordering. The Customer guarantees the accuracy of the details provided (e.g. name, address, e-mail address, etc.).

9.3 Each individual item to be collected is considered to have been handed over to Swiss Post when there is a corresponding scan event. The parcel’s barcode is scanned and the Customer receives an e-mail or SMS notification informing him or her whether the collection was successful or not.

9.4 Swiss Post will not be liable for the loss of consignments ordered for collection before receipt by Swiss Post. No liability will be accepted for late or missed collection attempts, unless Swiss Post has acted with wilful intent or gross negligence. Swiss Post shall under no circumstances be liable for consequential losses or loss of profit. Neither is it liable for loss of consignments after a collection attempt, if the mail carrier was unable to collect the consignment due to non-compliance with the mailing or packaging requirements.

9.5 The order is considered complete after an unsuccessful attempt at collection. Where Swiss Post is not at fault, there is no entitlement to a renewed attempt at collection or to a refund.

10 Data protection
The general data protection provisions of the GTC “Postal Services for Private Customers” apply.

The data privacy statement on the website www.swisspost.ch/dataprivacy-statement provide further information about data processing by Swiss Post.

11 Legal form of publication
The applicable GTC which also form an integral part of the contract (GTC “Postal Services” and GTC “Login, Customer Center”) are published electronically and can be viewed at www.swisspost.ch/gtc. In individual cases, Swiss Post may issue a hard copy of the GTC at a Customer’s request. The Customer acknowledges that a hard copy of the GTC is merely a copy of the currently valid, sole legally binding, electronically published versions of the GTC, and that the information contained therein is only legally binding insofar as it corresponds with the electronic version.

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