

### SCHEDULE 3

#### Issue and receipt of postal ballot papers

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##### **Delivery of postal ballot papers**

**13.**—(1) For the purposes of delivering postal ballot papers, the constituency returning officer may use—

- (a) a universal service provider;
- (b) a commercial delivery firm; or
- (c) persons appointed under rule 35(1) of Schedule 5.

(2) Where the services of a universal service provider or commercial delivery firm are to be used, envelopes addressed to postal voters shall be counted and delivered by the constituency returning officer with such form of receipt to be endorsed by that provider or firm as may be arranged.

(3) Postage shall be prepaid on envelopes addressed to the postal voters (except where subparagraph (1)(c) applies).

(4) Return postage shall be prepaid on all covering envelopes where the address provided by the postal voter for the receipt of the postal ballot paper is within the United Kingdom.