



SUPPLY CHAIN WORKING GROUP
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PAPU SECURITY ACTION GROUP (PSAG)
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PAPU SECURITY ACTION GROUP GENESIS

1. Subject: <ul style="list-style-type: none">PAPU Security Action Group Genesis	References/Paragraphs POC C1 PSG 2024.1 – Doc 8
2. Decisions expected: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Take note of the document;Recap on the Terms of Reference of the PSAG.	Resolution 02/PAPU/AC/XLII/2024 No.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In pursuit of Article 8 of the UPU Convention and its Regulations, which encourages Designated Operators to comply with the S58 and S59 standards and attain certification, the UPU created regionally selected groups of Security Experts who have been trained in the security certification process, methodology, and requirements. These security experts support the Member States with guidance and clarifications on successfully implementing the security standards S58/S59 requirements and achieving the Security Certification.

The Security Standards Certification process was, after analysis, reviewed in 2023, with the objective of identifying gaps and areas for improvement, to ensure consistency by security certification reviewers and Designated Operators (DOs) engaging in the certification process.

The review of the security certification methodology identified the Postal Security Group (PSG) and Security Action Groups (SAGs) within Restricted Unions as the necessary guiding pillars that would support the UPU security standards S58/S59 and the associated certification process. The Security Action Groups (SAGs) will operate in the regions, through the Restricted Unions, in furtherance of the UPU Mission.

The security certification process is to be implemented and sustained through Regional Development Plans (RDPs); hence, PAPU's support for the Africa Region is necessary to ensure coordinated regional implementation and evaluation of the S58 and S59 standards compliance.

2.0 CREATION OF PAPU SECURITY ACTION GROUP (PSAG)

In light of the above, the PAPU 42nd Administrative Council approved the creation of the PASG vide **Resolution No. 02/PAPU/AC/XLII/2024**.

Within the PAPU Governance structures, compliance with security standards S58 and S59 falls under the Supply Chain Working Group and its implementation is included in the Working Group Action Plan. The PSAG therefore reports to the Supply Chain Action Group.

3.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE PSAG

PAPU Security Action Group's overarching objective is to develop, coordinate, facilitate and implement the Africa region security strategies in line with the UPU postal security standards, S58 & S59 in collaboration with the Postal Security Group (PSG).

4.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PAPU-SAG

The Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the PAPU Security Action Group are as follows:

- i) Develop a strategy to assist Designated Operators (DOs) in Africa in the implementation of UPU security standards S58 and S59 with the goal of achieving certification, setting out clear timelines and targets in line with the prescribed UPU security certification process guidelines;
- ii) Create awareness with regards to postal security and safety by developing a regional training workshop schedule with target audiences that may include mail handlers, security personnel and drivers. This platform may also be used to disseminate DOs' experience of security challenges and best practices in the region;
- iii) Arrange and/or facilitate security reviews or compliance audits in line with UPU security standards for DOs within the region wishing to achieve certification, with guidance from the PSG.
- iv) Produce regular and timely reports on the progress made by DOs in improving the security status of their critical facilities in line with the provisions of the security standards.
- v) Conduct monitoring with a focus on the following:
 - a) Security awareness and compliance with UPU security standards S58/S59.
 - b) Security reviews and certification relative to UPU security standards S58/S59.
 - c) Elimination of dangerous goods and prohibited items in the postal network.
 - d) Collaboration with regional security and regulatory entities.
 - e) Assist in curbing international mail violations or theft in line with existing local post-related criminal laws.
 - f) Evaluation and analysis of regional quarterly security reports.
- vi) Complete, with advice from PAPU Secretariat, a self-assessment of the work done at the end of each term to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of the PAPU-SAG.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The PSAG members are implored to:

- Take note of the genesis of the Group and
- Recap the Terms of Reference which will shape the activities to be undertaken by the Group.