

**Guidelines for Candidates on Sending Election Advertisements
to Registered Electors and Authorised Representatives
in the Custody of the Correctional Services Department**

**(Note: The following list is not an exhaustive list of items which will be
rejected by the Correctional Services Department (“CSD”).**

For security reasons and to maintain good order and discipline in penal institutions, any election advertisement (“EA”) mailed to registered electors/authorised representatives (“ARs”) in the custody of the CSD will be subject to security check; CSD will reject the EA that falls within any of the following categories:-

Materials

- (a) metallic or plastic materials;
- (b) laminated materials;
- (c) sharp objects; or
- (d) materials coated with powder-like substance.

Content/Information

- (a) on how to manufacture arms, ammunition, weapon, explosives, harmful or deleterious substance, intoxicating liquor or any dangerous drugs within the meaning of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap. 134);
- (b) that depicts, describes or encourages violence in the penal institutions, or the escape by any inmate/prisoner from the penal institutions;
- (c) that encourages gambling in the penal institutions, or adversely affects the rehabilitation of electors/ARs in the custody of the CSD;
- (d) that abets or induces electors/ARs 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 the penal institutions; or
- (f) that is obscene/indecent.

Size & 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.

Correctional Services Department

January 2015

(Revised in May 2025)