

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Australian Money Orders

Australia Post has recently detected a number of counterfeit Australian Money Orders. These Money Orders are believed to originate overseas, with people trading on the Internet the most likely victims.

Australian Money Orders are only sold in Australia and can only be obtained from Australia Post, so any received from overseas are most likely to be counterfeit.

Australia Post advises all people who trade electronically or remotely, to check the validity of the payment they receive, before despatching goods.

Money Orders presented at post offices are validated before payment and Money Orders paid into bank accounts are subject to the normal cheque clearance and dishonour processes before payment.

Australia Post is assisting Federal & State Police with their investigations into these counterfeits.

Information on the Australia Post Money Order service can be obtained by calling **13 13 18**.

Customers who are concerned that they may have unknowingly received a counterfeit Money Order, can verify its authenticity by calling Australia Post's Money Order Centre on **1300 362 030**.