EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Warrant, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Warrant consolidates with amendments the regulations relating to postal packets (other than parcels) sent to or received from British Commonwealth or Foreign Countries, and provides for the changes introduced by the Universal Postal Convention of Ottawa. The chief changes are:

(1) The maximum weight of 11 lbs. for printed packets containing a single book is extended to printed packets containing more than one book (reg. 15).

(2) A minimum size for postal packets is introduced (reg. 15).

(3) Provision is made enabling the Post Office to make up deficient postage on outgoing postal packets, or to send on unpaid or underpaid air mail packets for surface mail (reg. 18).

(4) Provision is made for the charge of additional postage on incoming postal packets redirected by air mail to the British postal area without prepayment of the additional postage (reg. 18).

(5) Provision is made for the sending of reply postcards on their outward and return transmissions by air mail (reg. 21).

(6) There are changes in the requirements as to the packing of sample packets (reg. 25), small packets (reg. 26), insured letters (reg. 40), and insured boxes (reg. 42), and as to the posting of packets consisting of literature for the blind (reg. 30).

(7) Enquiry may be made into the suspected loss or non-delivery of a registered packet, on payment of a fee of 3d. (reg. 44).

(8) There are new conditions as to the redirection of postal packets (reg. 45).

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The British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1959

Made - - - -	*19th March,* 1959
Laid before Parliament	*26th March,* 1959
Coming into Operation	*1st April,* 1959

We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all the powers given to us by sections 5, 8, 15 and 81 of the Post Office Act, 1953(a) and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct and declare as follows:—

Interpretation

1.—(1) This Warrant shall be read as one with the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant, 1958(b) (hereinafter called " the principal Warrant ").

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36. (b) S.I. 1958/829 (1958 II, p. 1948).

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a) applies to the interpretation of this Warrant as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendments to the principal Warrant

2. The principal Warrant shall be amended as follows:

(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation one, in the definition of "air parcel", for the words "conveyed or intended to be conveyed at the request of the sender" there shall be substituted the words "intended by the sender to be conveyed".

(2) For regulation two there shall be substituted the following:

"*Application*

2. This Warrant, except where otherwise expressed, applies exclusively to parcels transmitted by post from or to the British postal area otherwise than under the Inland Post Warrant, 1955(b)."

(3) In paragraph (1) of regulation four (which regulation contains certain prohibitions), for the words "whereof the sending is prohibited by" there shall be substituted the words "of a description referred to in paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) or (*c*) of".

(4) In paragraph (2) of regulation four, for the words "Subject to the provisions of this Warrant" there shall be substituted the words "Subject to the powers of the Postmaster-General under regulation ten".

(5) In sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (2) of regulation four, for the words "for the prepayment", and in sub-paragraph (*f*) of the same paragraph, for the words "in the payment", there shall be substituted the words "to denote payment".

(6) After sub-paragraph (*f*) of paragraph (2) of regulation four there shall be added the following:

"(*fa*) bearing any stamp or impression of a stamping machine denoting payment of postage or fees which is imperfect or mutilated or defaced in any way, or across which anything is written or printed or otherwise impressed; but a stamp shall not be deemed to be imperfect or mutilated or defaced within the meaning of this provision by reason only that it is distinctively perforated with initials by means of a punch if the perforating holes are not larger than those dividing one stamp from another in a sheet of stamps;".

(7) For sub-paragraph (*g*) of paragraph (2) of regulation four there shall be substituted the following:

"(*g*) whereon the payment of any postage or fees purports to be denoted by any stamp or impression which has been previously used to denote payment of the postage or fees on any other postal packet or any other Revenue duty or tax".

(8) At the end of regulation four there shall be added the following:

"(3) Subject as aforesaid, there shall not be posted or conveyed by post an outgoing uninsured parcel:

(*a*) addressed to a county or place to which under the relative postal arrangement insured parcels may be sent from the British postal area, if the parcel contains coin, bank notes, currency notes,

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) S.I. 1955/1877 (1955 II, p. 2014).

securities or instruments payable to bearer, platinum gold or silver whether manufactured or not, jewellery, or other valuable articles; or

(*b*) addressed to any other country or place, if the parcel does not comply with the provisions of sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1) of regulation eighteen."

(9) For regulation six there shall be substituted the following:

"*Limits of weight and size*

6.—(1) Save as the Postmaster-General may either generally or in any particular case allow, no parcel shall be posted, conveyed, or delivered by post the length of which exceeds three feet six inches or the combined length and girth of which exceeds six feet (the girth to be measured round the thickest part) or the weight of which exceeds twenty-two pounds or such lesser length, combined length and girth, or weight as may be provided for in the relative postal arrangement.

(2) Save as aforesaid, no parcel shall be posted, conveyed, or delivered by post unless its size is within the following minimum limits:—

(*a*) where the parcel is made up in the form of a roll, its length and twice its diameter taken together shall be not less than six and three quarter inches, and either its length or its diameter shall be not less than four inches;

(*b*) otherwise, the parcel shall have at least one surface measuring not less than four inches in length and not less than two and three quarter inches in breadth:

Provided that the foregoing minimum limits of size shall not apply to a parcel having securely tied or affixed to it a rectangular address label of cardboard or strong paper of which two adjacent sides together measure not less than six and one quarter inches and of which the shorter side measures not less than one and a half inches."

(10) For paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation eight (which relates to posting), there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Every outgoing parcel shall bear the name and full address of the addressee, which shall be written otherwise than in pencil, or in copying-ink pencil on a previously dampened surface.

(3) On the posting of an outgoing parcel the sender shall fill up a despatch note in a prescribed form if required so to do, and shall fill up such customs declarations, certificates, and other documents and affix such labels respecting the contents of the parcel as may be required by the law of the country or place in which the parcel is posted or to which it is addressed, or as the Postmaster-General may direct."

(11) For the first line of paragraph (3) of regulation nine (which relates to the payment of postage and fees), there shall be substituted the following:

"(3) Payment of postage or fees payable under this Warrant may be denoted—".

(12) Paragraph (4) of regulation nine is hereby revoked.

(13) In paragraph (5) of regulation nine, for the words "in payment" there shall be substituted the words "to denote payment".

(14) In paragraph (6) of regulation nine, for the words "the postage is prepaid" there shall be substituted the words "payment of postage is denoted".

(15) In paragraph (7) of regulation nine, for the words "in payment" there shall be substituted the words "denoting payment".

(16) In paragraph (1) of regulation ten, after the word "pass" in the fourth line there shall be added the words ("including the Act, this Warrant, and the provisions referred to in regulation twenty-six)".

(17) In regulation fifteen (which relates to express delivery), the words "(which word or words are hereinafter referred to as an "express marking")" shall be omitted.

(18) Sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of regulation seventeen (which sub-paragraph provides for a fee on the posting of a parcel for delivery free of customs charges) is hereby revoked; and in sub-paragraph (*e*) of the same paragraph for the words "the said fee and the said deposit have" there shall be substituted the words "the said deposit has".

(19) After sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of regulation eighteen (which paragraph contains rules for outgoing insured parcels), there shall be added the following:

"(*aa*) The parcel shall be sealed by lead or steel seals, or by wax seals all of the same kind of wax, in a manner and quantity calculated to prevent tampering with the contents without damage to the wrapping or seals; each seal shall bear the same private mark of the sender."

(20) For sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1) of regulation eighteen there shall be substituted the following:

"(*c*) Where the contents include coin, bullion or jewellery they shall be enclosed in a strong metal box, or a case made of wood of a minimum thickness of three eighths of an inch, unless plywood is used and the edges are reinforced by metal angle strips, in which case the minimum thickness of the wood shall be one fifth of an inch. The box or case shall be sewn up or otherwise fastened in a wrapper of linen, canvas, strong paper or other substantial material. The address shall be written on the actual covering of the parcel and seals not more than three inches apart shall be placed along the edges of each joint or loose flap. Where the contents are jewellery exceeding £120 in value the box or case shall be at least three feet six inches in length and girth combined."

(21) In sub-paragraph (*e*) of paragraph (1) of regulation eighteen after the words "the sum" there shall be added the words "in words and figures".

(22) At the end of paragraph (8) of regulation twenty (which provides for the redirection of inland parcels to places abroad under the principal Warrant), there shall be added the following:

"And provided further that if a parcel which was transmitted as a registered parcel in the inland post is redirected to a country or place to which insured parcels may be sent from the British postal area, it shall on re-posting be insured under this Warrant, and if such a

parcel is redirected to any other country or place, all labels and markings on the parcel indicating registration shall be obliterated before it is re-posted."

(23) Sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (2) of regulation twenty-one (which sub-paragraph provides for an additional fee for the sending by air of replies to enquiries) is hereby revoked.

(24) In regulation twenty-three (which makes provision as to parcels posted on ships of the Royal Navy or by Forces abroad), the words after the word "area" in the fifteenth line to the end of the regulation shall be omitted.

(25) In the heading to the Fifth Schedule, for the reference "Regulation 29" there shall be substituted "Regulation 27".

Citation and commencement

3. This Warrant may be cited as "The British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1959", and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1959.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1959.

Graeme Finlay,
P. E. O. Bryan,
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Ernest Marples,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

18th March, 1959.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Warrant, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Warrant amends the regulations relating to parcels sent to or received from British Commonwealth or foreign countries (except the Republic of Ireland). The main changes, consequent on the adherence of the United Kingdom to the Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Agreement, are as follows:—

(1) A minimum size for parcels is introduced.

(2) The fee of 6d. on outgoing parcels to be delivered free of customs charges is abolished.

(3) The additional fee of 3d., payable on an enquiry about the suspected loss of a parcel when the reply to the enquiry is to be sent by air mail, is abolished.

(4) There are new requirements as to the insurance and packing of parcels containing certain valuable articles.