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 postal packets (except parcels) sent to or received from British Commonwealth or foreign countries (except the Republic of Ireland). The main changes are:

1. The rates of postage on all classes of packet (except air mail packets and magazines for Canada) posted in the British postal area to civilian destinations are increased, as are the rates on certain classes of packet sent to and from the Forces.

2. The cheaper Commonwealth rate of postage ceases to apply to packets for certain non-Commonwealth countries to which it formerly extended.

3. The charge on incoming packets liable to customs duty is increased.

4. Charges are fixed for certain facilities relating to incoming packets in bond.

5. The registration fee is increased.

1957 No. 1329

The British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1957

Made - - - -	*29th July*, 1957
Laid before Parliament	*31st July*, 1957
Coming into Operation	*1st October*, 1957

We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all 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 1950(b) (hereinafter called "the Principal Warrant") and all Warrants amending the same.

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

Charge for fulfilment of Customs formalities

2. In regulation 8 of the Principal Warrant (which prescribes a fee on incoming parcels containing articles liable to customs duty), for the words "sixpence" and "one shilling" there shall be substituted respectively the words "one shilling" and "two shillings".

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36. (b) S.I. 1950/1200 (1950 II, p. 367). (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Return and disposal of undelivered parcels

3. In paragraph (4) of regulation 12 of the Principal Warrant as amended by regulation 3 of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1955(a) (which specifies the maximum charge for transmission or re-transmission of undelivered incoming parcels exceeding fifteen pounds in weight), for the words "five shillings" there shall be substituted the words "seven shillings".

Re-direction

4.—(1) In paragraph (2) of regulation 16 of the Principal Warrant as amended by regulation 5 of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1955 (which specifies the maximum charge for re-direction of parcels exceeding fifteen pounds in weight within the British Islands), for the words "five shillings" there shall be substituted the words "seven shillings".

(2) In paragraph (3) of the said regulation 16 (which relates to the re-direction of parcels to addresses in the Republic of Ireland):

(*a*) the words "not exceeding eleven pounds in weight" are hereby revoked;

(*b*) at the end of the sub-paragraph there shall be inserted the following words:

"Where the parcel exceeds fifteen pounds in weight there shall be charged on such parcel in respect of such re-direction a sum not exceeding seven shillings".

Postal facilities

5. Regulation 17 of the Principal Warrant (which relates to the delivery of parcels in bond at substituted addresses) is hereby revoked, and the following regulation shall be substituted therefor:

"*Parcels in bond*

17.—(1) The Postmaster-General may, on application being made in such manner as he may direct by the addressee of any incoming parcel in bond:

(*a*) make a search for the parcel in order that it may if possible receive expedited customs examination; or

(*b*) re-address the parcel to any person either within or outside the British postal area; or

(*c*) permit the addressee or his authorised agent, attending at the place where the parcel is, to re-address the parcel to any person either within or outside the British postal area.

(2) There shall be charged and paid in respect of the facilities provided for in this regulation, in addition to any fees payable under regulation 8:

(i) for each of the facilities mentioned in sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of paragraph (1), the fee appropriate to the number of parcels comprised in the application, according to the scale of fees set out in columns 1 and 2 of the table following;

(a) S.I. 1955/1879 (1955 II, p. 2012)

(ii) for the facility mentioned in sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1), the fee appropriate to the number of parcels comprised in the application, according to the scale of fees set out in columns 1 and 3 of the table following.

TABLE

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3
Number of parcels	£ s. d.	s. d.
1	5 0	2 6
2	7 0	3 6
3	9 0	4 6
4	11 0	5 6
5	12 0	6 0
6 to 10 inclusive	14 0	7 0
11 to 20 „	18 0	9 0
21 to 30 „	1 2 0	11 0
31 to 40 „	1 6 0	13 0
41 to 50 „	1 10 0	15 0
Every additional 25 or part thereof ...	5 0	2 6

(3) There shall be charged and paid in respect of each parcel which is re-addressed under this regulation the additional postage and fees which would have been payable thereon under regulation 16 if it had been re-directed under that regulation to the new address.

(4) These facilities may be provided by the Postmaster-General at such times, during such periods, at such post offices, in such circumstances, and on such conditions (not being inconsistent with the provisions of this Warrant) as the Postmaster-General may from time to time consider expedient.

(5) In this regulation a parcel in bond means a parcel which is in the custody of the Postmaster-General at some place appointed by him and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise for customs examination."

Registration of parcels transmitted from one British postal agency to another in the Persian Gulf

6. The scale in Part III of the Second Schedule to the Principal Warrant as substituted by regulation 3 of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant, 1952(a) (which Part sets out the scale of registration fees and maximum compensation in respect of registered parcels posted at a British postal agency in the Persian Gulf for transmission to an address served by another such agency in the Persian Gulf), is hereby revoked, and the scale set out in the First Schedule hereto shall be substituted therefor.

Minor and Consequential Amendments

7. The amendments set out in the Second Schedule hereto, being amendments to the Principal Warrant which relate to minor matters or are amendments consequential upon amendments made by this Warrant, shall be made in the regulations specified in the said Schedule.

(a) S.I. 1952/797 (1952 III, p. 2607).

Citation and Commencement

8. This Warrant may be cited as " The British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1957," and shall come into operation on the 1st day of October 1957.

Dated this 29th day of July, 1957.

Harwood Harrison,
Anthony Barber,
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Ernest Marples,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

26th July, 1957.

Regulation 6. THE FIRST SCHEDULE HERETO

PART III OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL WARRANT AS SUBSTITUTED BY THIS WARRANT

Col. 1 Registration fee (in addition to ordinary postage)	Col. 2 Maximum Compensation	Col. 1 Registration fee (in addition to ordinary postage)	Col. 2 Maximum Compensation
s. d.	£	s. d.	£
1 0	10	1 10	200
(minimum registration fee)		1 11	220
1 1	20	2 0	240
1 2	40	2 1	260
1 3	60	2 2	280
1 4	80	2 3	300
1 5	100	2 4	320
1 6	120	2 5	340
1 7	140	2 6	360
1 8	160	2 7	380
1 9	180	2 8	400

Regulation 7. THE SECOND SCHEDULE HERETO

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Regulation	Amendment
The Principal Warrant	
7 and 8	For the references to Section 14 of the Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882 substitute references to Section 16 of the Post Office Act, 1953.
18 (3) (*a*)	After " Warrant " insert " or the British Postal Agencies (Commonwealth and Foreign Post) Warrant (as the case may be) ".
19 (2) (as substituted by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant, 1952).	For the word " sixpence " substitute the words " one shilling ".
22 (2) (i) (*a*) (as amended by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant, 1952).	For the words " the registration fee of sixpence " substitute the words " a registration fee equal to the registration fee charged for the registration of an outgoing postal packet (other than a parcel) by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant or the British Postal Agencies (Commonwealth and Foreign Post) Warrant (as the case may be) for the time being in force,".
23 (2) and 23 (3) (as amended by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant, 1952).	For the word " sixpence " in each paragraph substitute the words " one shilling ".
The British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant, 1952.	Regulations 3, 4 and 5 are hereby revoked.
The British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1955.	Regulations 3 and 5 are hereby revoked.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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This Warrant relates to the parcel post between the British Islands and places abroad (except the Republic of Ireland) and between the British Postal Agencies and other places. The main changes are as follows:

1. The fees on incoming parcels containing articles liable to customs duty are increased.

2. The maximum charges on certain undelivered and re-directed parcels exceeding 15 lb. in weight are increased.

3. Increased charges are fixed for certain facilities relating to incoming parcels in bond.