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I, The Right Honourable Anthony Neil Wedgwood Benn, M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster General, by virtue of the powers conferred on me by sections 5, 8, 10, 11, 15 and 81 of the Post Office Act 1953(a) (as amended or substituted by section 28 of and the Schedule to the Post Office Act 1961(b)), and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make the following regulations:

PART I

INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

Interpretation

1.—(1) In these regulations, except so far as the contrary is provided or the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

"the Act" means the Post Office Act 1953;

"air parcel" means an outgoing parcel intended by the sender to be conveyed through any part of its course in the post by an air mail service;

"bullion" means uncoined and unmanufactured metal;

"cash on delivery parcel" means a parcel upon which, in accordance with a postal arrangement, the Postmaster General or the Postal Administration of a country or place outside the British postal area undertakes at the request of the sender to secure the collection of a sum of money (in these regulations referred to as a "trade charge") on his behalf from the addressee of the parcel as a condition of delivery and upon which the sender has paid the fee for the cash on delivery service;

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36. (b) 9 & 10 Eliz. 2. c. 15.

" coin " means coin whether or not current in the British postal area or elsewhere, except such as is used or designed for purposes of ornament;

" customs duty " includes purchase tax;

" incoming " means received at a post office in the British postal area through the post;

" jewellery " means:

(*a*) gold, silver or platinum or other precious metal in a manufactured state (that is to say, a state in which value is added to the raw material by skilled workmanship), and in this definition are included any coins used or designed for purposes of ornament;

(*b*) diamonds and precious stones;

(*c*) watches, the cases of which are entirely or mainly composed of gold, silver or platinum or other precious metal; and

(*d*) any article of a like nature which, apart from workmanship, has an intrinsic or marketable value;

" letter " includes any communication in the nature of current and personal correspondence;

" member of the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country " and " member of the armed forces of any State allied with the United Kingdom " include a member of any auxiliary service of such respective forces, and a person attached to such respective forces (although not a member thereof) who is permitted to use a forces address;

" outgoing " means posted in the British postal area;

" parcel " means a postal packet which is posted as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of these regulations or any regulations amending or replacing the same, or is received at a post office in the British postal area from abroad by parcel post;

" postal arrangement " means an arrangement made by Her Majesty or by the Postmaster General with respect to the conveyance by post of parcels between the British postal area and places outside that area, or between places outside that area, whether through that area or not;

" postal form " means a form issued by or under the authority of the Postmaster General;

" prescribed " means prescribed by the Postmaster General;

" trade charge " has the meaning assigned to it in the foregoing definition of " cash on delivery parcel ".

(2) Any reference in these regulations to the provisions of any enactment or regulations shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to those provisions as amended re-enacted or replaced by any subsequent enactment or regulations.

(3) Any reference in any regulations to the provisions of any regulations revoked by these regulations shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to the corresponding provisions of these regulations.

(4) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) applies for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Application

2. These regulations, except where otherwise expressed, apply exclusively to parcels transmitted by post from or to the British postal area otherwise than under the Inland Post Regulations 1963(**a**).

PART II

RATES OF POSTAGE AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

Rates of postage

3.—(1) There shall be charged and paid on outgoing parcels (except air parcels) such rates of postage as the Postmaster General may fix not exceeding £4 per parcel up to a maximum weight of 22 pounds.

(2) There shall be charged and paid on outgoing air parcels such rates of postage as the Postmaster General may fix not exceeding £2 per pound or £1 per half pound or fractional part of a pound or half pound (as the case may be) up to a maximum weight of 22 pounds.

(3) The Postmaster General shall publish from time to time in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in such other manner as he may determine the several rates of postage payable under these regulations:

Provided that the rates of postage in respect of outgoing parcels to which these regulations apply which were in force immediately before the commencement of these regulations shall continue in force until superseded by rates fixed under this regulation, and shall take effect as if they had been fixed and published under this regulation.

(4) In any proceeding relating to the postage payable in respect of parcels transmitted under these regulations, the production of a copy of the Gazette stating the rate in question shall be conclusive evidence that such rate is the postage for the time being payable as aforesaid.

Prohibitions

4.—(1) Save as the Postmaster General may either generally or in any particular case allow, there shall not be conveyed or delivered by post any parcel of a description referred to in section 11(1)(*a*), (*b*) or (*c*) of the Act.

(2) Subject to the powers of the Postmaster General under regulation 10, there shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any parcel:

(*a*) containing:

(i) opium, morphine, cocaine, or other narcotic:

Provided that such narcotics may be sent for medical or scientific purposes to countries which admit them when sent for those purposes by parcel post;

(ii) any living creatures, other than bees, leeches and silkworms;

(iii) anything which by the law of the country or place in which the parcel is posted or to which it is addressed or of any country or place through which it may pass, it is unlawful respectively to send, import or convey by parcel post;

(iv) save as the Postmaster General may either generally or in any particular case allow, coin, gold bullion, and silver bullion, or silver partly manufactured exceeding £200 in value;

(v) any imitation of a bank note within the meaning of section 38 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925(**b**);

(**a**) S.I. 1963/2137 (1963 III, p. 4745) as amended by S.I. 1965/502 (1965 I, p. 1251).
(**b**) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 86.

(*b*) containing or bearing any fictitious stamp (not being a fictitious stamp which is authorised to be made by or under Post Office regulations) or any counterfeit impression of a stamping machine used under the direction or by the permission of the Postmaster General, or any counterfeit of any other impression authorised by or under these regulations to be used to denote payment of postage or fees;

(*c*) containing or having thereon any letter, except so far as may be permitted by the relative postal arrangement;

(*d*) having thereon, or on the cover thereof, any words, letters or marks (used without due authority) which signify or imply, or may reasonably lead the recipient thereof to believe, that the parcel is sent on Her Majesty's service;

(*e*) of such a form or colour or so made up for transmission by post as to be likely in the opinion of the Postmaster General to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the parcel;

(*f*) having anything written, printed or otherwise impressed upon or attached to any part of the parcel which, either by tending to prevent the easy and quick reading of the address of the parcel or by inconvenient proximity to the stamp or stamps used to denote payment of postage or fees, or in any other way, is in itself, or in the manner in which it is written, printed, impressed or attached, likely in the opinion of the Postmaster General to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the parcel;

(*g*) 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;

(*h*) 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;

(*i*) consisting of or containing two or more parcels or other postal packets (of the same or of different descriptions) addressed to different persons who are at different addresses.

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

(*a*) addressed to a country 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, 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 regulation 20(1)(*c*).

Packing

5. Every parcel shall be made up and secured in such manner as in the opinion of the Postmaster General is calculated to preserve the contents from loss or damage in the post, to prevent any tampering with the contents, and

to prevent injury to any other postal packet in course of conveyance, or to any receptacle in which the same is conveyed, or to an officer of the Post Office or other person who may deal with such packet.

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 3 feet 6 inches or the combined length and girth of which exceeds 6 feet (the girth to be measured round the thickest part) or the weight of which exceeds 22 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 $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and either its length or its diameter shall be not less than 4 inches;

(*b*) otherwise, the parcel shall have at least one surface measuring not less than 4 inches in length and not less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ 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 $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches and of which the shorter side measures not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Fees for customs clearance

7. Where an incoming parcel contains any article liable to customs duty, and the Postmaster General so directs, there shall be charged and paid by the addressee if the parcel shall be delivered to him the further fee of 1s. where the duty does not exceed 10s., or the further fee of 2s. where the duty exceeds 10s.

Posting

8.—(1) All outgoing parcels shall be posted: (*a*) by being handed to an officer on duty at the counter of a post office designated by the Postmaster General for that purpose, on the days and within the hours during which such office shall be open to the public for the posting of parcels, or (*b*) (in circumstances in which the Postmaster General permits that mode of posting) by being handed to an officer of the Post Office for the time being authorised to receive parcels for the post otherwise than as aforesaid.

(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.

Payment of postage and fees

9.—(1) Except as the Postmaster General may otherwise direct, and subject to the provisions of these regulations, the postage and fees payable on every outgoing parcel shall be prepaid.

(2) The provisions of these regulations with reference to prepayment of postage and fees shall not apply to postage and fees payable on parcels with respect to which the Postmaster General has entered into an arrangement with the senders thereof for the grant of credit facilities.

(3) Payment of postage fees payable under these regulations may be denoted:

(*a*) by adhesive postage stamps;

(*b*) by impressions of stamping machines working under the direction or by the permission of the Postmaster General;

(*c*) by the use of an embossed or impressed stamp cut out of or otherwise detached from an envelope, cover, postcard, or other postal form; or

(*d*) in such other manner as the Postmaster General may from time to time permit.

(4) No stamp indicating on the face thereof payment of a registration fee (with or without postage) shall be used to denote payment of postage or fees on any uninsured parcel.

(5) Parcels bearing the impression of stamping machines or intended for impression by stamping machines, and parcels on which payment of postage is denoted by a printed impression, or by an impression made by any other process authorised by the Postmaster General, shall be accepted only at such post offices, within such hours, and under and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Postmaster General may consider appropriate.

(6) The stamp or impression denoting payment of postage or fees shall be placed in such position on the parcel as the Postmaster General may consider appropriate.

Treatment of irregular parcels

10.—(1) Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, any parcel which is found when in the post not to comply with a provision of the law of the country or place in which the parcel was posted or to which it is addressed or of any country or place through which it may pass (including the Act, these regulations and the provisions referred to in regulation 28), or not to be accompanied by a document required by any such provision, or to have been posted otherwise than in accordance with regulation 8(1), may be either detained or returned or given up to the sender, or dealt with or disposed of in such other manner as the Postmaster General may think fit.

(2) Any incoming parcel which is found when in the post not to comply with the provisions of regulation 4(2)(*h*) may if the Postmaster General thinks fit be delivered to the addressee subject to such charge as the Postmaster General may fix in the particular case, not exceeding the total of the charges which would have been payable in respect of each of the separate parcels or other postal packets contained therein if they had been posted singly without prepayment of postage in the British postal area addressed to the country or place of origin of the parcel.

Charges on incoming parcels

11. There shall be charged on an incoming parcel and paid by the addressee on its delivery the amount of any deficient postage and any fees and charges which are payable in respect of the parcel under the law or regulations of any part of the British postal area or any country or place from or through which the parcel has been transmitted but have not been paid.

Return of outgoing parcels

12. Where an outgoing parcel is received back from a country or place outside the British postal area for return to the sender in accordance with the relative postal arrangement there shall be charged on the parcel so received and paid by the sender, whether or not the parcel is returned to the sender:

(*a*) the amount of any deficient postage and any fees and charges which are payable in respect of the parcel under the law or regulations of any part of the British postal area or any country or place from or through which the parcel has been transmitted but have not been paid; and

(*b*) postage in respect of the return transmission at such rate and such other charges as the Postmaster General may consider appropriate having regard to the terms of the relative postal arrangement.

Withholding of parcels from delivery or return

13.—(1) The Postmaster General may withhold any incoming parcel from delivery to the addressee, or any outgoing parcel received back in the manner described in regulation 12 from return to the sender, until all sums due thereon have been paid.

(2) Where the sums due in respect of any such parcel, or of parcels on hand for delivery or return to the same person on any one occasion, amount to more than £20, the Postmaster General may give notice to that person accordingly and require that, before such delivery or return is effected, he should pay the amount due within such period and at such office as shall be specified in such notice.

Undeliverable parcels

14.—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs of this regulation, an incoming parcel which cannot be delivered, and an outgoing parcel which is received back from a country or place outside the British postal area for return to the sender in accordance with the relative postal arrangement and which cannot be returned to the sender, or in respect of which any sums due thereon under regulation 11 or regulation 12 have not been paid within such period as the Postmaster General may consider reasonable, may be dealt with or disposed of as the Postmaster General may think fit.

(2) Where an incoming parcel cannot be delivered as originally addressed, and in accordance with the relevant postal arrangement the sender has furnished the name and address within the British postal area of a substituted addressee, and the parcel is forwarded to the substituted address, there shall be charged on the parcel on its delivery all such sums as are referred to in regulation 11, and the following additional postage:

(*a*) if the parcel does not exceed the limit of weight applicable to inland parcels, the postage at the Inland rate chargeable on a parcel of the same weight;

(*b*) if the parcel exceeds the said limit of weight, such sum not exceeding 7s. as the Postmaster General may consider appropriate.

(3) Where an incoming parcel cannot be delivered within such time as the Postmaster General may consider reasonable, or delivery of it is refused, and subsequently the sender or the addressee requests that the parcel should be delivered, the Postmaster General may if he thinks fit comply with such request; and in that event there shall be charged on the parcel and paid by the addressee on its delivery all such sums as are referred to in regulation 11 (including any further charge incurred if the parcel has already been returned to

the country or place of origin), and the additional postage referred to in paragraph (2) of this regulation.

Air parcels

15.—(1) An air parcel shall bear an "Air Mail" label affixed close to the address (or to each address if the parcel is addressed in more than one place).

(2) A parcel shall be transmissible as an air parcel only if it is addressed to any such country or place as may from to time be prescribed.

PART III

POSTAL FACILITIES

General

16. The postal facilities referred to in these regulations 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 these regulations) as the Postmaster General may from time to time consider expedient.

Express delivery

17. Upon every outgoing parcel marked with the word "Express" or with such other words as may indicate the desire of the sender that the postal packet may be delivered by special messenger, being a parcel addressed to a country or place wherein delivery by special messenger is provided for by the relevant postal arrangement, there shall be charged and prepaid the fee of 1s.

Cash on delivery parcels

18.—(1) The trade charge on a cash on delivery parcel shall not exceed £40 or such lesser sum as may be fixed by the relative postal arrangement, and shall not include a fractional part of a penny.

(2) The following rules shall apply to outgoing cash on delivery parcels:

(*a*) There shall be charged and paid at the time of posting, in addition to the postage and any other charges payable on the parcel, a fee according to the scale of fees set out in Schedule 1.

(*b*) The sender shall mark on the cover of the parcel (otherwise than in pencil) the word "Remboursement" followed by the amount of the trade charge.

(*c*) Where the sender is required to fill up a despatch note, he shall mark thereon (otherwise than in pencil) the amount of the trade charge.

(*d*) The sender shall fill up (otherwise than in pencil) a trade charge money order form so far as may be required.

(*e*) No erasure or correction shall be made in the amount of the trade charge wherever it may be required to be shown.

(*f*) The Postmaster General shall furnish to the sender a certificate of posting bearing an acknowledgement that the cash on delivery fee has been paid and stating the amount of the trade charge.

(*g*) The Postmaster General shall upon receiving advice from the Postal Administration of the country or place of destination of the parcel that the trade charge has been collected remit the amount to the sender or a person named by him by means of a trade charge money order or by such other means as the Postmaster General may think fit.

(3) The following rules shall apply to incoming cash on delivery parcels:

(*a*) There shall be charged and paid on the delivery of the parcel, in addition to any other sums due thereon, a fee of 4d.

(*b*) The parcel shall not be given up to the addressee or opened at his request until the trade charge, the delivery fee, and any other sums due on the parcel have been paid.

(*c*) The Postmaster General shall upon receiving the trade charge from the addressee remit the amount to the sender or a person named by him through the Postal Administration of the country or place of origin of the parcel by means of the trade charge money order form received with the parcel, or by such other means as the Postmaster General may think fit.

Delivery free of charges

19.—(1) Where the relative postal arrangement so provides, the sender of an outgoing parcel other than a cash on delivery parcel may request that the parcel shall be delivered free of customs duty and of all other charges due thereon at the time of delivery, and in such case the following rules shall apply:

(*a*) The sender shall mark on the cover of the parcel either the words "To be delivered free of charges" or the words "Franc de droits".

(*b*) The sender shall pay at the time of posting such sum as the Postmaster General may require as a deposit in respect of the customs duty and other charges which may be due on the parcel at the time of delivery.

(*c*) The sender shall sign an undertaking in the prescribed form to pay to the Postmaster General on demand the amount of the customs duty and the said other charges, less the amount of the deposit paid.

(*d*) The Postmaster General shall furnish to the sender a certificate of posting bearing an acknowledgement that the said deposit has been paid.

(*e*) If the deposit paid exceeds the amount of the customs duty and the said other charges, the Postmaster General shall repay the balance to the sender.

(2) Where the relative postal arrangement so provides, the sender of an outgoing cash on delivery parcel may request that the parcel shall be delivered free of customs duty and of all other charges due thereon at the time of delivery except the trade charge, and in such case the rules set out in paragraph (1) of this regulation shall apply:

Provided that the words to be marked on the cover of the parcel shall be "To be delivered free of charges except the trade charge".

Insured parcels

20.—(1) Where the relative postal arrangement so provides, an outgoing parcel may be insured, and in such case the following rules shall apply:

(*a*) The parcel shall not be addressed to an addressee identified by initials only, or addressed in pencil.

(*b*) 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.

(*c*) The seals, labels and postage stamps affixed to the parcel shall be so spaced that they cannot conceal injuries to the cover; and no label or

postage stamp shall be folded over two sides of the cover so as to hide the edge.

(*d*) 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 3/8 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 1/5 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 3 inches apart shall be placed along the edges of each joint or loose flap. Where the contents exceed £120 in value the box or case shall be at least 3 feet 6 inches in length and girth combined.

(*e*) The sender shall mark on the cover of the parcel (otherwise than in pencil) the words "Insured for" followed by the sum, in words and figures, for which the parcel is to be insured. Such sum shall not exceed either (i) the real value of the contents and the packing (including any container in which the contents may be enclosed), or (ii) the sum of £400 or such lesser sum as may be fixed by the relative postal arrangement or (iii) in the case of a parcel for transmission to a British Forces' Post Office or to a ship of the Royal Navy, the sum of £50.

(*f*) Where the sender is required to fill up a despatch note, he shall mark thereon (otherwise than in pencil) the sum in words and figures for which the parcel is to be insured.

(*g*) No erasure or correction shall be made in the address or in the sum for which the parcel is to be insured wherever these particulars are to be shown.

(*h*) There shall be charged and paid at the time of posting, in addition to the postage and any other charges payable on the parcel, an insurance fee comprising: (i) a sum equal to the registration fee chargeable for the registration of an outgoing postal packet other than a parcel under the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Regulations for the time being in force, and (ii) the compensation fee appropriate to the sum for which the parcel is to be insured according to the scale of fees set out in Part I of Schedule 2.

(*i*) On the posting of the parcel the Postmaster General shall furnish to the sender a certificate of posting bearing an acknowledgement that the insurance fee has been paid and stating the amount for which the parcel has been insured.

(2) If an outgoing parcel containing any article which, under the relative postal arrangement, is not transmissible in an uninsured parcel is found in the post uninsured, the parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may think fit.

(3) On the delivery of an incoming insured parcel the recipient shall give a written receipt therefor in the prescribed form. Where such a receipt is not obtained, the parcel may nevertheless be delivered, or may be withheld and dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may think fit.

(4) If an incoming parcel containing any such article as is mentioned in paragraph (2) of this regulation is found in the post uninsured, the parcel may be delivered on payment of a fee equal to the registration fee chargeable for the registration of an outgoing postal packet other than a parcel, or may be returned to the Postal Administration of the country or place of origin.

Compensation

21.—(1) If a parcel, or any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of a parcel, be lost or damaged whilst in the course of conveyance by post under the provisions of these regulations, the Postmaster General may pay such sum as he may think just to any person or Postal Administration, if in his opinion such person or Administration establishes a reasonable claim to compensation:

Provided that:

(*a*) in the case of an uninsured parcel the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum appropriate thereto according to the scale set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2, having regard to the weight of the parcel;

(*b*) in the case of an outgoing insured parcel, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum appropriate thereto according to the scale set out in Part I of Schedule 2, having regard to the compensation fee paid in respect of the parcel;

(*c*) in the case of an incoming insured parcel the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of £400 or such lesser sum as, having regard to the compensation fee paid in respect of the parcel, may be fixed by the relative postal arrangement.

(2) Compensation shall not be payable in respect of the loss of or damage to any parcel or any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of any parcel where:

(*a*) an application relating to the parcel is not received, either by the Postmaster General or by the Postal Administration of the country or place from or to which the parcel was transmitted, from the person claiming compensation within one year of the date of posting of the parcel;

(*b*) the cause of such loss or damage is beyond the control of the Postmaster General and of the Postal Administration of any country or place under whose administration the parcel is at the time of such loss or damage; or

(*c*) the parcel cannot be traced or otherwise accounted for by reason of the destruction of official documents where the cause of such destruction is beyond the control of the Postmaster General and of the Postal Administration of any other country or place.

(3) The decision of the Postmaster General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss of or damage to a parcel, or of or to any article enclosed in or forming part thereof, shall be final and conclusive.

Redirection by the public

22.—(1) An incoming parcel may be redirected from its original address, or any substituted address, to the same addressee at any other address either within or outside the British postal area if (*a*) the parcel is eligible for transmission to the place of the new address and complies with the conditions applicable to such transmission and (*b*) the sender has not forbidden redirection by means of a note to that effect on the address side of the parcel in English or in any other language understood at the original delivery office.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) (4) and (5) of this regulation the person redirecting an incoming parcel shall pay additional postage thereon at the rate applicable to the transmission of a parcel of like weight posted in the British

postal area to the country or place (whether within or outside the British postal area) to which the parcel is redirected.

(3) An incoming parcel may be redirected to an address within the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland without prepayment of the additional postage if (*a*) the parcel does not appear to have been opened or altered otherwise than by the substitution of a new address, and (*b*) the name of the addressee has not been obscured by any adhesive label used to indicate the new address. On the delivery of such parcel within the British postal area the addressee shall pay additional postage at the rate appropriate under paragraph (2) of this regulation, and the Postmaster General may withhold delivery of the parcel unless the additional postage is so paid.

(4) The Postmaster General may (without prejudice to his general power of remission under regulation 26) remit the additional postage payable under paragraph (2) of this regulation if (*a*) the parcel is re-posted on the day of its delivery at the address from which it is redirected or on the next day following (Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and public holidays being disregarded for this purpose), (*b*) it is redirected to an address served from the same delivery office as the address from which it is redirected or to an address in the same town delivery area, and (*c*) it conforms with the conditions specified in paragraph (3) for redirection without prepayment of postage.

(5) An incoming parcel redirected to an address outside the British postal area other than in the Republic of Ireland shall be re-posted in accordance with regulation 8; and if such parcel is posted without prepayment of the additional postage the Postmaster General may treat it as a parcel which cannot be delivered unless he is satisfied that the additional postage will be paid on delivery of the parcel.

(6) An incoming insured parcel which is redirected to a new address within the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland will be accepted for transmission as an insured parcel only if the parcel does not appear to have been opened and it is re-posted without any additional cover by being handed to an officer on duty at the counter of a post office designated by the Postmaster General for the purpose.

(7) An incoming insured parcel which is redirected to a new address elsewhere will be accepted for transmission as an insured parcel only if (*a*) the parcel does not appear to have been opened, (*b*) it is re-posted without any additional cover by being handed to an officer on duty at the counter of a post office designated by the Postmaster General for the purpose, (*c*) it complies with the conditions applicable to insured parcels sent by post from the British postal area to the country or place in which the new address is situated, and (*d*) the person redirecting the parcel pays an insurance fee in accordance with regulation 20(1) (*h*) unless the Postmaster General is satisfied that such fee will be paid on delivery of the parcel.

(8) A parcel posted in the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland and transmitted under the Inland Post Regulations for the time being in force to an address within the British postal area may be redirected from its original address and re-transmitted under these regulations to the same addressee at any address which is not within the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland:

Provided that:

(*a*) the parcel shall be re-posted in accordance with regulation 8, and additional postage shall be payable thereon at the rate applicable to the transmission of a parcel of like weight posted in the British postal area to the new address; and if such additional postage is not paid the Postmaster General may treat the parcel as one which cannot be delivered; and

(*b*) 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 these regulations, and if such a parcel is redirected to any other country or place, all labels and markings on the parcels indicating registration shall be obliterated before it is re-posted.

Advice of delivery and enquiries

23.—(1) (*a*) The sender of an outgoing insured parcel, on making a request in a prescribed form at the time of posting or within one year thereafter, and on payment of an advice of delivery fee of 6d., may obtain an advice of delivery of the parcel.

(*b*) The advice of delivery form may if the sender of the parcel so requires be transmitted by air to, or from, or both to and from, the country or place of address of the parcel; and the sender shall if the Postmaster General so directs pay a further fee of 3d. for each transmission of the advice of delivery form by air.

(2) The sender of an outgoing insured parcel, on making a request within one year after the day of posting, and (unless an advice of delivery fee has already been paid in respect of the parcel) on payment of an enquiry fee of 6d., may cause an enquiry to be made into the suspected loss or non-delivery of the parcel.

Parcels in bond

24.—(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;

(*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:

(*a*) 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 Schedule 3;

(*b*) for the facility mentioned in paragraph (1) (*c*), 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 Schedule 3.

(3) There shall be charged and paid by the original addressee in respect of each parcel which is re-addressed under this regulation (*a*) the additional postage and fees which would have been payable thereon under regulation 22 if it had been redirected under that regulation to the new address, and (*b*) such fee as would have been payable by the addressee under regulation 7 if the parcel had been delivered to him.

(4) 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.

PART V

GENERAL

Parcels posted on ships of the Royal Navy or by Forces abroad

25. The provisions of these regulations which apply in relation to outgoing parcels (whether or not by virtue of an express reference to outgoing parcels) shall, so far as applicable, apply to any parcel:

(*a*) posted on board a ship of the Royal Navy (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British postal area); or

(*b*) posted by a member of the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country serving outside the British postal area, or a member of the armed forces of any State allied with the United Kingdom serving outside the British postal area with the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country, for transmission through a British Forces' Post Office at which British postage stamps are issued;

whether it is addressed to a person outside or within the British postal area.

Remission of postage and fees

26. The Postmaster General may remit in whole or in part any postage or other sums chargeable under these regulations in such cases or classes of cases as he may determine.

Application of Inland Post Regulations

27. The regulations specified in Schedule 4 shall apply to parcels transmitted by post under the provisions of these regulations, to the extent and subject to the modifications specified in the said Schedule.

Saving

28. Nothing in these regulations shall prejudice, or affect the operation of, the provisions of the Postal Packets (Customs and Excise) Regulations 1962(a) or any other regulations or warrant made or having effect as if made under section 16 of the Act, or any regulations made by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under any Act relating to customs.

Revocation

29. The regulations mentioned in Schedule 5 are hereby revoked.

Citation and commencement

30. These regulations may be cited as "the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Regulations 1965", and shall come into operation on the 13th December 1965.

Dated 20th September 1965.

Anthony Wedgwood Benn,
Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

(a) S.I. 1962/2279 (1962 III, p. 3168).

Regulation 18

SCHEDULE 1

CASH ON DELIVERY PARCELS

Scale of Fees

Trade charge												*Fee* s.	d.
Not exceeding	£1					..	..	..	..	..	..		4½
Exceeding	£1	but not exceeding			£2	..	..	..	..	..			7
„	£2	„	„	„	£3	..	..	..	..	..			9½
„	£3	„	„	„	£4	..	..	..	..	..		1	0
„	£4	„	„	„	£5	..	..	..	..	..		1	2½
„	£5	„	„	„	£6	..	..	..	..	..		1	5
„	£6	„	„	„	£7	..	..	..	..	..		1	7½
„	£7	„	„	„	£8	..	..	..	..	..		1	10
„	£8	„	„	„	£9	..	..	..	..	..		2	0½
„	£9	„	„	„	£10	..	..	..	..	..		2	3
„	£10	„	„	„	£11	..	..	..	..	..		2	5½
„	£11	„	„	„	£12	..	..	..	..	..		2	8
„	£12	„	„	„	£13	..	..	..	..	..		2	10½
„	£13	„	„	„	£14	..	..	..	..	..		3	1
„	£14	„	„	„	£15	..	..	..	..	..		3	3½
„	£15	„	„	„	£16	..	..	..	..	..		3	6
„	£16	„	„	„	£17	..	..	..	..	..		3	8½
„	£17	„	„	„	£18	..	..	..	..	..		3	11
„	£18	„	„	„	£19	..	..	..	..	..		4	1½
„	£19	„	„	„	£20	..	..	..	..	..		4	4
„	£20	„	„	„	£21	..	..	..	..	..		4	6½
„	£21	„	„	„	£22	..	..	..	..	..		4	9
„	£22	„	„	„	£23	..	..	..	..	..		4	11½
„	£23	„	„	„	£24	..	..	..	..	..		5	2
„	£24	„	„	„	£25	..	..	..	..	..		5	4½
„	£25	„	„	„	£26	..	..	..	..	..		5	7
„	£26	„	„	„	£27	..	..	..	..	..		5	9½
„	£27	„	„	„	£28	..	..	..	..	..		6	0
„	£28	„	„	„	£29	..	..	..	..	..		6	2½
„	£29	„	„	„	£30	..	..	..	..	..		6	5
„	£30	„	„	„	£31	..	..	..	..	..		6	7½
„	£31	„	„	„	£32	..	..	..	..	..		6	10
„	£32	„	„	„	£33	..	..	..	..	..		7	0½
„	£33	„	„	„	£34	..	..	..	..	..		7	3
„	£34	„	„	„	£35	..	..	..	..	..		7	5½
„	£35	„	„	„	£36	..	..	..	..	..		7	8
„	£36	„	„	„	£37	..	..	..	..	..		7	10½
„	£37	„	„	„	£38	..	..	..	..	..		8	1
„	£38	„	„	„	£39	..	..	..	..	..		8	3½
„	£39	„	„	„	£40	..	..	..	..	..		8	6

Regulations 20 and 21

SCHEDULE 2

INSURANCE AND COMPENSATION

PART I

Insured Parcels

Compensation fees	Maximum compensation	Compensation fees	Maximum compensation
s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
2	24 0 0	3 0	228 0 0
4	36 0 0	3 2	240 0 0
6	48 0 0	3 4	252 0 0
8	60 0 0	3 6	264 0 0
10	72 0 0	3 8	276 0 0
1 0	84 0 0	3 10	288 0 0
1 2	96 0 0	4 0	300 0 0
1 4	108 0 0	4 2	312 0 0
1 6	120 0 0	4 4	324 0 0
1 8	132 0 0	4 6	336 0 0
1 10	144 0 0	4 8	348 0 0
2 0	156 0 0	4 10	360 0 0
2 2	168 0 0	5 0	372 0 0
2 4	180 0 0	5 2	384 0 0
2 6	192 0 0	5 4	396 0 0
2 8	204 0 0	5 6	400 0 0
2 10	216 0 0		

PART II

Uninsured Parcels

Weight of Parcel	Maximum compensation
	£ s. d.
Not exceeding 3 lb.	1 3 0
Exceeding 3 lb. but not exceeding 7 lb.	1 15 0
Exceeding 7 lb. but not exceeding 11 lb.	2 18 0
Exceeding 11 lb. but not exceeding 22 lb.	4 13 0

Regulation 24

SCHEDULE 3

ADDITIONAL FEES FOR RE-ADDRESSING PARCELS IN BOND

Column 1	Column 2	Column 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

Regulation 27

SCHEDULE 4

APPLICATION OF INLAND POST REGULATIONS

Inland Post Regulations 1963(a).	
reg. 14 (Treatment of packets addressed to deceased persons).	The reference in reg. 14(1)(*d*) to the Inland Post Regulations 1963 shall be read as a reference to these regulations. The reference in reg. 14(2) to reg. 5 of the Inland Post Regulations 1963 shall be omitted, and the additional postage and fees referred to in reg. 22 of these regulations shall be payable on each redirected parcel on delivery.
reg. 26 (Postal facilities —general).	This regulation shall apply for the purpose only of the application of the other provisions of the Inland Post Regulations 1963, mentioned in this Schedule to parcels transmitted by post under these regulations.
reg. 31 (Poste restante)	The reference in para. (*h*) to the provisions of the Inland Post Regulations 1963 as to the return of postal packets shall be read as a reference to reg. 14 of these regulations.
reg. 46(2) and (3) (Payment of trade charge to sender); reg. 47 (Trade charge money orders—crossing); reg. 48 (Trade charge money orders—payment to bankers); reg. 49 (Discharge to Crown by payment); reg. 50 (Void trade charge money orders).	These provisions shall apply to trade charge money orders used for the remission of trade charges under reg. 18(2)(*g*) of these regulations.
reg. 54 (Variation of route).	
Schedule 2 (Postal facilities), items 2, and 10 to 19 inclusive.	The facilities referred to in items 10 to 19 inclusive shall extend to parcels transmitted by post under these regulations, without further charge, but the additional postage and fees referred to in reg. 22 of these regulations shall be payable on the delivery of each parcel redirected in accordance with item 12.
Schedule 3 (Express delivery services), items 2, and 4 to 7 inclusive.	The limits of size and weight in respect of items 2 and 4 shall be those specified in these regulations.

(a) S.I. 1963/2137 (1963 III, p. 4745) as amended by S.I. 1965/502 (1965 I, p. 1251).

Regulation 29

SCHEDULE 5

REGULATIONS REVOKED

Column 1 Regulations revoked	Column 2 References
The British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant 1958.	S.I. 1958/829 (1958 II, p. 1948).
The British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant 1959.	S.I. 1959/499 (1959 II, p. 2166).
The British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant 1961.	S.I. 1961/143 (1961 I, p. 258).
The British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1963.	S.I. 1963/562 (1963 I, p. 644).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the regulations.)

These regulations, which come into operation on 13th December 1965, consolidate with minor and drafting amendments the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant 1958 and the instruments amending it. The instruments are set out in Schedule 5.