The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1948

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We, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by sections 2, 4, 12 and 82 of the Post Office Act 1908(**a**) and section 6 of the Post Office (Amendment) Act 1935(**b**), and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of His 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:—

Warrant to be read with the principal Warrant.

1. This Warrant shall be read as one with the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant, 1948(**c**), hereinafter called "the principal Warrant".

Amendment of regulations 1 and 2 of, and the First Schedule to, the principal Warrant.

2.—(1) The following provision shall be added to sub-paragraph (i) and to sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (1) of regulation 1 of the principal Warrant (which said sub-paragraphs specify the rates of postage to be charged on letters and postcards posted in the British Islands, on British ships on the high seas, on His Majesty's ships of war outside the British Islands or by members of His Majesty's military or air forces serving outside the British Islands for transmission to certain destinations outside the British Islands):—

"or (*e*) in Burma, Egypt, Palestine or Trans-Jordan,".

(2) Paragraph (*a*) and paragraph (*d*) of regulation 2 of the principal Warrant (which said paragraphs specify the rates of postage to be charged on letters and postcards posted at certain British Postal Agencies for transmission to certain destinations) are hereby revoked and the following paragraphs are substituted therefor:—

"(*a*) On every letter and postcard posted at a British Postal Agency at Tangier or in Morocco (Spanish Zone) for transmission to the British Islands, or posted at the said Agency at Tangier for transmission to any country or place specified in the First Schedule hereto (except Morocco) or to Eire, Burma, Egypt, Palestine or Trans-Jordan, the rates of postage specified in Part I of the Second Schedule hereto;

(*d*) On every letter and postcard posted at a British Postal Agency in the Persian Gulf for transmission to the British Islands or to any country or place specified in the First Schedule hereto

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(**a**) 8 Edw. 7. c. 48. (**b**) 25 & 26 Geo. 5. c. 15.
(**c**) S.I. 1948 No. 590, p. 3556 above.

(except any other Postal Agency in the Persian Gulf) or to Eire, Burma, Egypt, Palestine or Trans-Jordan, the rates of postage specified in Part I of the Second Schedule hereto; ".

(3) The references to Burma, Egypt, Palestine and Trans-Jordan in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant are hereby revoked.

Amendment of regulations 3 and 11 of the principal Warrant.

3. The minimum rate of postage on an outgoing commercial packet shall be increased by one halfpenny, and accordingly paragraph (*a*) of the proviso to regulation 3 and paragraph (*c*) of regulation 11 of the principal Warrant are hereby revoked and—

(*a*) the following paragraph is substituted for paragraph (*a*) of the proviso to the said regulation 3:—

" (*a*) the minimum rate of postage on a commercial packet shall be threepence; and ", and

(*b*) the following paragraph is substituted for paragraph (*c*) of the said regulation 11:—

" (*c*) That the minimum rate of postage on each packet shall be threepence if the packet contains articles transmissible in a commercial packet and one penny if it consists of articles transmissible in printed packets and sample packets."

New regulation 10 of the principal Warrant.

4. Regulation 10 of the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the following regulation is substituted therefor:—

" **10.**—(1) There shall be charged and paid:—

(*a*) on every Forces letter a rate of postage of two and a half pence;

(*b*) on every Air letter a rate of postage of sixpence;

(*c*) on every Air Mail packet (other than a Forces letter or an Air letter) a rate of postage of two shillings and sixpence for each half ounce or fractional part of a half ounce in weight.

Provided that the Postmaster General may from time to time remit any part of the said rate of postage on any class or classes of Air Mail packet (other than a Forces letter or an Air letter) addressed to any specified country or place, and may at any time terminate any such remission.

(2) When the Postmaster General remits a part of the said rate of postage or terminates any such remission he shall publish in the London Gazette the amount of postage payable on Air Mail packets to which such remission or termination of a remission relates, and in any proceeding relating to the postage payable in respect of any such Air Mail packet the production of a copy of the Gazette stating the amount in question shall be conclusive evidence that such amount is the postage for the time being payable as aforesaid."

Further amendment of regulation 11 of the principal Warrant.

5. Paragraph (*b*) of regulation 11 of the principal Warrant (which specifies conditions to be observed where articles are grouped together in one packet) is hereby revoked and the following paragraph is substituted therefor:—

" (*b*) That the total weight of the packet does not exceed the maximum weight specified in this Warrant in relation to a

printed packet if the packet includes an article or document transmissible in a printed packet, or does not exceed the maximum weight so specified in relation to a commercial packet if the packet includes papers or documents transmissible in a commercial packet and does not include an article or document transmissible in a printed packet; "

Amendment of regulation 16 of the principal Warrant.

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this regulation, the maximum weight of a printed packet shall be increased to six-and-a-half pounds, and accordingly the references to a printed packet in paragraph (*a*) of regulation 16 of the principal Warrant are hereby revoked and the following paragraph shall be added to the said regulation:—

" (*e*) In the case of a printed packet addressed to:—

(1) Any part of His Majesty's dominions or any of the specified countries or places:—

(i) Six-and-a-half pounds in weight.

(ii) Two feet in length and eighteen inches in breadth or depth.

(2) Any foreign country or place (except the specified countries or places):—

(i) Six-and-a-half pounds in weight.

(ii) Two feet in length or breadth or depth or three feet in length, breadth and depth combined."

(2) Sub-paragraph (iv) of the proviso to regulation 16 of the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the following sub-paragraph is substituted therefor:—

" (iv) A single printed volume sent as a printed packet to any part of His Majesty's dominions or to any other country or place may be forwarded if it does not exceed eleven pounds in weight."

(3) In regulation 16 of the principal Warrant the expression " the specified countries or places " shall include Palestine.

Amendment of regulation 18 of the principal Warrant.

7. Sub-paragraph (i) of the proviso to paragraph (1) of regulation 18 of the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the following sub-paragraph is substituted therefor:—

" (i) no stamp or impression of a stamping machine which is imperfect or mutilated or defaced in any way shall be used in payment or to denote payment of postage, 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."

Amendment of regulations 22 and 66 of the principal Warrant.

8.—(1) The following sub-paragraph shall be added by way of further exception to paragraph (4) of regulation 22 of the principal Warrant (which said paragraph provides that nothing shall be attached to a postcard except as therein provided):—

" (*c*) In the case of the " reply " half of a reply postcard, the " request " (or used) half thereof if a questionnaire to be answered by the addressee is printed on the back of the " reply "

half, provided that the address on the " request " half is struck through and the card is so folded that that address is turned to the inside."

(2) Paragraph (3) of regulation 66 of the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the following paragraph is substituted therefor:—

" (3) The expression " reply postcard " means a postcard in two parts, one part (or where regulation 22 of this Warrant so allows, both parts) of which may without further payment be again transmitted through the post."

Amendment of regulations 26, 29 and 30 of the principal Warrant.

9. The words " telephone number " where they occur in sub-paragraph (i) of the proviso to paragraph (2) of regulation 26, in paragraph (6) of regulation 29 and in paragraph (3) of regulation 30 of the principal Warrant (which respectively state what may by way of exception be indicated outside or inside certain postal packets) are hereby revoked and by way of enlargement thereof the words " telephone exchange and number " are substituted therefor.

Further amendment of regulation 29 of the principal Warrant.

10. By way of further relaxation of the requirement that samples must be placed in bags, boxes or removable envelopes to admit of easy inspection, the first sentence of the proviso to paragraph (3) of regulation 29 of the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the following sentence is substituted therefor:—

" Provided that articles that would be spoilt if packed in that manner, or samples that are placed in a transparent cover which enables the contents to be inspected, may exceptionally be transmitted in a cover hermetically sealed; and samples of industrial and vegetable products may be posted in covers closed by the manufacturers or sealed by an inspecting authority of the country of origin."

Amendment of First Schedule to the principal Warrant.

11. The words " New Zealand and overseas territories and the trust territory of Western Samoa " in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant are hereby revoked and the following words are substituted therefor:—

" New Zealand (including the Cook Islands) and overseas and trust territories, viz:—

The Tokelau Islands, Ross Territory and the trust territory of Western Samoa."

Amendment of Second Schedule to the principal Warrant

12.—(1) Paragraph 4 of Part I of the Second Schedule to the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the following paragraph is substituted therefor:—

" 4. On every letter posted on a British ship on the high seas for transmission to the United States of America, which exceeds one ounce in weight:

for the first ounce	3d.
for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof ...	2d."

(2) Paragraph 2 of Part III of the Second Schedule to the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the following paragraph is substituted therefor:—

" 2. On every letter exceeding one ounce in weight:
for the first ounce ... ... 3d.
for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof ... 2d."

(3) The word " very " in paragraph 3 of Part III of the Second Schedule to the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the word " every " is substituted therefor.

Application of 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

13. The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of this Warrant as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Short title.

14. This Warrant may be cited as " The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1948 ".

Commencement.

15. This Warrant shall come into operation on the First day of July, 1948.

Dated this 17th day of June, 1948.

R. J. Taylor,
Wm. Hannan,
Two of the Commissioners of
His Majesty's Treasury.

Wilfred Paling,
His Majesty's Postmaster General.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant amends the principal Warrant—the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant, 1948(a)—in order in the main to give effect to the Universal Postal Convention of Paris. The chief changes in postal rates are an increase of one halfpenny on outgoing commercial packets (regulation 3); and an increase of one halfpenny for each ounce (or part) after the first on letters for the United States of America posted on British ships at sea, and on outgoing letters (except letters for His Majesty's military and air forces) for foreign countries or places other than the United States of America, Burma, Egypt, Palestine and Trans-Jordan (regulation 12). A minor change is an increase of one halfpenny for each ounce (or part) after the first on letters posted at the British Postal Agencies at Tangier and in the Persian Gulf for most foreign countries. Some restrictive conditions affecting stamps and certain classes of postal packets are relaxed (regulations 5 to 10).

In addition, the Warrant makes three improvements in the principal Warrant. References to Burma, Egypt, Palestine and Trans-Jordan are moved (without alteration of postage rates) from the First Schedule to the body of the principal Warrant (regulation 2). Provision is made for publication in the London Gazette of changes in postage rates on Air Mail packets (regulation 4). The reference to New Zealand and her territories in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant is expanded (regulation 11).

(a) S.I. 1948 No. 590, p. 3556 above.