STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 142

POST OFFICE

The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1961

Made - - - -	*24th January*, 1961
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Coming into Operation	*1st February*, 1961

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 Post Warrant, 1959(b) (hereinafter called "the principal Warrant").

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

Amendments to the principal Warrant

2. The principal Warrant shall be amended as follows:

(1) In sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (2) of regulation four (which regulation relates to reduced rate printed packets), the words "sewn or bound" shall be omitted.

(2) In sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (2) of regulation four, the words "or (if comprising more than one sheet) sewn or bound" shall be omitted.

(3) For sub-paragraph (v) of sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) of regulation twelve (which regulation contains certain prohibitions), there shall be substituted the following:

"(v) save as the Postmaster-General may either generally or in any particular case allow, coin or gold bullion exceeding £5 in value;"

(4) For Proviso (iii) to paragraph (1) of regulation fifteen, there shall be substituted the following:

"(iii) In the case of a printed packet to which regulation four applies and which contains only one or more of the following articles, namely,

(*a*) Books;

(*b*) Booklets, which expression for this purpose means short printed publications or works of a literary character in book form sewn, bound or stapled within covers;

not being books or booklets issued in consecutive numbers at intervals of less than one year, the maximum weight shall be eleven pounds."

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36. (b) S.I. 1959/498 (1959 II, p. 2131). (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(5) For the last three lines of paragraph (2) of regulation nineteen (which relates to the treatment of irregular packets), there shall be substituted the following:

"not exceeding the total of the charges which would have been payable in respect of each of the separate postal packets contained therein if they had been posted singly without prepayment of postage."

(6) For paragraph (*a*) of regulation twenty-eight (which regulation relates to magazines for Canada), there shall be substituted the following:

"(*a*) Every newspaper, magazine or trade journal forming part of any such postal packet shall be posted either:—

(i) in a cover open at both ends, and so that the same can be easily removed for the purpose of examination; or

(ii) in an envelope approved by the Postmaster-General for the purpose; or

(iii) without a cover and tied with string which can be removed without cutting;

and shall be so folded and covered (if posted in a cover or envelope) as to permit the title to be readily inspected."

(7) In paragraphs (*b*) and (*d*) of regulation twenty-eight, after the word "cover" there shall be inserted the words "or envelope".

(8) For paragraph (3) of regulation thirty, there shall be substituted the following:

"(3) Every packet consisting of literature for the blind shall be clearly marked on the left-hand side of the space above the address with the words "Literature for the Blind" or with some similar words which in the opinion of the Postmaster-General clearly indicate the nature of the packet."

(9) In sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (2) of regulation thirty-seven (which sub-paragraph specifies the registration fee on outgoing postal packets), for the words "one shilling" there shall be substituted the words "one shilling and sixpence".

(10) In paragraph (1) of regulation forty-four (which paragraph specifies the advice of delivery fee in respect of an outgoing registered postal packet), for the word "threepence" there shall be substituted the word "sixpence".

(11) In paragraph (3) of regulation forty-four (which paragraph specifies the enquiry fee in respect of an outgoing registered postal packet), for the word "threepence" there shall be substituted the word "sixpence".

(12) For paragraph (7) of regulation forty-five (which regulation relates to redirection), there shall be substituted the following:

"(7) Subject to conditions (i) and (iii) in paragraph (1) and to paragraph (2), a postal packet posted in the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland and transmitted under the Inland Post Warrant, 1961, to an address in the British postal area may be redirected from its original address and re-transmitted under this

Warrant to the same addressee at any address which is not in the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland: Provided

(i) that a registered packet shall be re-posted in accordance with sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (2) of regulation thirty-seven; and

(ii) that a packet on which a registration fee in excess of the minimum payable under the Inland Post Warrant, 1961, has been paid, shall not be transmissible as a redirected packet under this Warrant; and

(iii) that a packet which has been posted as a recorded delivery packet under the Inland Post Warrant, 1961, shall when re-directed under this Warrant cease to be transmitted as a recorded delivery packet and accordingly no compensation shall be paid in respect thereof."

(13) In Part I of the Second Schedule (which Schedule specifies the countries or places in respect of which certain rates of postage apply):

(*a*) the words "Cyprus", "Nigeria, Federation of (including Cameroons (under United Kingdom Trusteeship))" and "Somaliland Protectorate" shall be omitted.

(*b*) after the words "Brunei Protected State" there shall be inserted the words "Cameroons under United Kingdom Trusteeship".

(*c*) after the words "Federation of Malaya" there shall be inserted the words "Federation of Nigeria".

(*d*) after the word "Pakistan" there shall be inserted the words "Republic of Cyprus and the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia".

(14) For the Fifth Schedule (which specifies the maximum sum payable by way of compensation in respect of insured letters by reference to the compensation fee paid), the following shall be substituted:

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE

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		

Citation and commencement

3. This Warrant may be cited as "The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1961" and shall come into operation on the 1st day of February, 1961.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1961.

(Sgd.) *John Hill,*
P. E. O. Bryan,
Two of the Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

R. Bevins,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

23rd January, 1961.

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 (other than parcels) sent to or received from British Commonwealth or foreign countries.

The main changes are as follows:—

(1) The registration fee on an outgoing packet is increased from 1s. to 1s. 6d.

(2) The advice of delivery fee and the enquiry fee for an outgoing registered packet are both increased from 3d. to 6d.

(3) The maximum sums payable by way of compensation in respect of insured letters and boxes, in relation to the compensation fees paid, are increased.