STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 912

POST OFFICE

The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1966

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I, The Right Honourable Edward Watson Short, M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster General, by virtue of the powers conferred on me by sections 5, 8, 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 :

Interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations shall be read as one with the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Regulations 1965(c) (hereinafter called " the principal regulations "), as amended by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Regulations 1965(d).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) applies for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Letters and postcards

2. For Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (which Part specifies the rates of postage on certain outgoing letters and postcards) there shall be substituted the following :

PART 3

Rates of postage under regulation 3(3)

1. Letter not exceeding 1 oz. in weight	9d.
2. Letter exceeding 1 oz. in weight :	
for the first ounce	9d.
for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof	5d.
3. Single postcard	5d.
4. Reply postcard—on each half	5d.

(a) 1953 c. 36.
(b) 1961 c. 15.
(c) S.I. 1965/1735 (1965 III, p. 4878).
(d) S.I. 1965/2173 (1965 III, p. 6371).
(e) 1889 c. 63.

Certain other outgoing packets

3.—(1) In Part 2 of Schedule 3 to the principal regulations (which Part specifies the rates of postage under regulation 5(1)), for items 3 and 4 there shall be substituted the following :

2. Sample packet :	
(*a*) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	4d.
(*b*) exceeding 2 oz. in weight :	
for the first 2 oz.	4d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof	2d.
3. Small packet :	
(*a*) not exceeding 8 oz. in weight	1s. 6d.
(*b*) exceeding 8 oz. in weight :	
for the first 8 oz.	1s. 4d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof	4d.

(2) For Part 3 of Schedule 3 to the principal regulations (which Part specifies the rates of postage under regulation 5(2)) there shall be substituted the following :

PART 3

Rates of postage under regulation 5(2)

1. Printed packet :	
(*a*) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	4d.
(*b*) exceeding 2 oz. in weight :	
for the first 2 oz.	4d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof	2d.
2. Sample packet :	
(*a*) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	4d.
(*b*) exceeding 2 oz. in weight :	
for the first 2 oz.	4d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof	2d.
3. Small packet :	
(*a*) not exceeding 8 oz. in weight	1s. 6d.
(*b*) exceeding 8 oz. in weight :	
for the first 8 oz.	1s. 4d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof	4d.

Insured boxes

4. In regulation 7 of the principal regulations (which regulation prescribes the rates of postage on insured boxes), for " 1s. 8d. " in both places where it occurs there shall be substituted " 2s. 11d." and for " 4d." there shall be substituted " 7d."

Air mail packets

5. In regulation 9(1)(*a*) of the principal regulations (which sub-paragraph prescribes the rate of postage for air letters), for " 6d." there shall be substituted " 9d.", and in regulation 9(1)(*c*) thereof (which sub-paragraph prescribes the maximum rates of postage per ½ oz. which may be fixed in respect of certain air mail packets), for " 2s. 6d." there shall be substituted " 3s."

Phonopost packets

6. In regulation 9A of the principal regulations, as inserted(a), (which regulation prescribes the rate of postage payable on Phonopost packets), for " 5d." there shall be substituted " 7d."

(a) S.I. 1965/2173 (1965 III, p. 6371).

Bulk postage

7. For regulation 10(1) of the principal regulations, as substituted(a), (which regulation prescribes the postage payable on printed packets transmitted in bulk) there shall be substituted the following :

" (1) There shall be charged and paid on mail bags containing printed packets for transmission as provided by regulation 31 postage at the following rates :

(*a*) on every bag containing nothing but printed packets to which regulation 4 applies, postage at the rate of 1s. 1d. for the first 1 lb. weight of the bag and its contents and 1s. for each additional 1 lb. or fractional part thereof, less 5% ;

(*b*) on every bag containing nothing but printed packets to which regulation 4 does not apply, postage at the rate of 1s. 6d. for the first 1 lb. weight of the bag and its contents and 1s. 4d. for each additional 1 lb. or a fractional part thereof less 5% ; and

(*c*) on every other bag, postage at such rates (not exceeding the rate mentioned in sub-paragraph (*b*)) as the Postmaster General may fix."

Articles liable to duty

8. In regulation 15(3) of the principal regulations (which paragraph prescribes the fee payable in respect of incoming postal packets containing articles liable to customs duty), for " 1s." there shall be substituted " 1s. 6d."

Despatch of certain printed packets

9. In regulation 22 of the principal regulations (which regulation provides for the withholding from despatch of certain printed packets), for " 2½d." there shall be substituted " 4d."

Express delivery

10. In regulation 30 of the principal regulations (which regulation prescribes the fee payable in respect of an outgoing postal packet for express delivery), for " 1s." there shall be substituted " 2s."

Registration

11. In rule (*c*) in regulation 33(2) of the principal regulations (which rule prescribes the registration fee for outgoing postal packets), for " 1s. 9d." there shall be substituted " 3s."

Advice of delivery and enquiries

12.—(1) In regulation 40(1) of the principal regulations (which prescribes the fees to be paid for advice of delivery), for the words " fee of 6d." there shall be substituted the words " fee of 9d. if the request is made at the time of posting and of 1s. if made after posting ".

(2) In paragraph (3) of the said regulation, for " 6d." there shall be substituted " 1s."

Postal packets in bond

13.—(1) In regulation 42(1) of the principal regulations (which regulation provides certain facilities in respect of postal packets in bond), after sub-paragraph (*a*) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph :

" (*aa*) permit the addressee or his authorised agent, attending at the place where the packet is, to inspect the packet ; or ".

(a) S.I. 1965/2173 (1965 III, p. 6371).

(2) In paragraph (2)(*a*) of the said regulation for " sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) " there shall be substituted " sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*aa*) and (*b*) ".

(3) For Schedule 6 to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following :

SCHEDULE 6

POSTAL PACKETS IN BOND

SEARCH, INSPECTION AND RE-ADDRESSING FEES

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3
Number of packets :	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	10 0	5 0
2	14 0	7 0
3	18 0	9 0
4	1 2 0	11 0
5	1 4 0	12 0
6 to 10 inclusive	1 8 0	14 0
11 to 20 inclusive	1 16 0	18 0
21 to 30 inclusive	2 4 0	1 2 0
31 to 40 inclusive	2 12 0	1 6 0
41 to 50 inclusive	3 0 0	1 10 0
Every additional 25 or part thereof	10 0	5 0

Rate of postage to certain specified countries

14. In Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the principal regulations (which Schedule specifies the countries or places in respect of which certain rates of postage and limits of weight and size apply), the words " British Guiana " shall be omitted and the words " British Indian Ocean Territory " and the word " Guyana " inserted in their appropriate places in alphabetical order.

Application of Inland Post Regulations

15. In Schedule 7 to the principal regulations (which Schedule specifies those regulations of the Inland Post Regulations 1963, as amended(a), which are applied, with modifications, to postal packets transmitted under the principal regulations), in the entry relating to Schedule 2 of the said Inland Post Regulations, for " 19 " in both places where it occurs there shall be substituted " 20 ".

Citation and commencement

16. These regulations may be cited as " The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1966 ", and shall come into operation on the 3rd October 1966.

Dated 22nd July 1966.

Edward Short,

Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

(a) S.I. 1963/2137 (1963 III, p. 4745). The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1965/1907, 1966/911 (1965 III, p. 5759; 1966 II, p.2179).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the regulations.)

These regulations, which come into operation on 3rd October 1966, amend the regulations relating to postal packets (other than parcels) sent to or received from British Commonwealth or foreign countries (except the Republic of Ireland).

The main changes are that various rates of postage and charges for service are increased. The following table shows the principal changes.

Category of Correspondence or Service	Present Charges	New Charges
1. *Surface*		
Letters—Foreign		
First oz.	6d.	9d.
Each additional oz.	4d.	5d.
Postcards—Foreign	4d.	5d.
Ordinary rate printed papers		
Posted individually		
First 2 oz.	2½d.	4d.
Each additional 2 oz.	1½d.	2d.
Small Packets		
Each 2 oz.	2½d.	4d.
Minimum charge	1s. 0½d.	1s. 6d.
Samples		
First 2 oz.	2½d.	4d.
Each additional 2 oz.	1½d.	2d.
Phonopost packets		
Each 2 oz.	5d.	7d.
Insured boxes		
Each 2 oz.	4d.	7d.
Minimum charge	1s. 8d.	2s. 11d.
2. *Air*		
Air letters	6d.	9d.
3. *Service*		
Post Office fee for Customs clearance	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.
Express fee	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.
Registration fee	1s. 9d.	3s. 0d.

A new fee is introduced for the provision of facilities for the inspection of postal packets in bond.