STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 783

POST OFFICE

The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1969

Made - - -	*5th June* 1969
Laid before Parliament	13*th June* 1969
Coming into Operation	1*st July* 1969

I, the Right Honourable John Thomson Stonehouse, M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster General, by virtue of the powers conferred on me by sections 5, 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:—

Commencement, citation and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st July 1969, and may be cited as the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1969.

(2) These Regulations shall be read as one with the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Regulations 1965(**c**) (hereinafter called "the principal Regulations"), as amended (**d**).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**e**) applies for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Specified countries or places

2. In Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations, as amended (which Schedule specifies the countries or places in which certain rates of postage and limits of weight and size apply)—

(*a*) in the description of the territories comprising Australia and its overseas and Trust Territories there shall be deleted the words "and Nauru";

(*b*) the words "Basutoland" and "Bechuanaland Protectorate" shall be deleted; and

(*c*) the words "Botswana", "Lesotho" and "Nauru" shall be inserted in their appropriate places in alphabetical order.

(**a**) 1953 c. 36. (**b**) 1961 c. 15.

(**c**) S.I. 1965/1735 (1965 III, p. 4878).

(**d**) S.I. 1965/2173, S.I. 1966/912, S.I. 1968/1254 (1965 III, p. 6371; 1966 II, p. 2185 1968 II, p. 3440).

(**e**) 1889 c. 63.

Certain outgoing packets

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

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

John Stonehouse,
Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

Dated 5th June 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations, which come into operation on the 1st July 1969, 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 Schedule of specified countries or places is amended to take account of recent changes of status of the countries concerned.

The rates of postage for printed packets sent to Her Majesty's Forces overseas are revised so as to eliminate any charge containing an odd halfpenny. The effect of the changes is as follows:—

	Old rate	*New rate*
First 2 oz.	2d.	2d.
Next 2 oz.	1½d.	1d.
Subsequent weight steps	1½d. per 2 oz.	3d. per 4 oz.