enclosed in or forming part of such a packet which is lost or damaged so as entirely to destroy its value whilst in the custody of the Postmaster General. The increased amount is the present sterling equivalent of the 25 gold francs prescribed by the Universal Postal Convention for the loss of a registered article.

The 1948 Warrant and this Warrant do not apply to parcels.

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## The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1950

### 1950 No. 1216

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| *Made - - - -* | *24th July,* 1950 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | *26th July,* 1950 |
| *Coming into Operation* | *1st October,* 1950 |

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 Sections 2 and 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 existing Warrants*

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

*Revocation of certain existing regulations and schedules*

**2.** The regulations specified in the First Schedule to this Warrant (being regulations contained in the principal Warrant, as amended or substituted in certain cases by the British Commonwealth & Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant 1948(**d**) or the British Commonwealth & Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant 1949(**e**)) together with the Schedules so specified are hereby revoked and the provisions contained in the seven next following Regulations shall have effect in substitution therefor.

*Rates of postage on letters and postcards*

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

(i) On letters and postcards posted in the British Islands for transmission to a person:

(*a*) in any of the countries or places specified in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant, or

(*b*) in the United States of America, or

(*c*) in Burma, Egypt, Israel, Jordan or Palestine, or

(*d*) on board one of His Majesty's ships of war, (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British Islands), or

(*e*) serving in His Majesty's military or air forces in any country or place outside the British Islands,

the rates of postage specified in Part I of the Second 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) I, p. 3556.
(d) S.I. 1948 (No. 1293) I, p. 3584. (e) S.I. 1949 (No. 736) I, p. 3448.

(ii) On letters and postcards posted on board any British ship on the high seas for transmission to a person:

(*a*) in the British Islands or the Republic of Ireland, or

(*b*) in any country or place specified in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant, or

(*c*) in Burma, Egypt, Israel, Jordan or Palestine, or

(*d*) on board one of His Majesty's ships of war (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British Islands), or

(*e*) serving in His Majesty's military or air forces in any country or place outside the British Islands,

the said rates of postage specified in Part I of the Second Schedule hereto;

(iii) On letters and postcards posted on board one of His Majesty's ships of war (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British Islands) or by a member of His Majesty's military or air forces serving in any country or place outside the British Islands for transmission to a person at any of the destinations mentioned in the last foregoing sub-paragraph, the rates of postage specified in Part II of the said Second Schedule;

(iv) On letters and postcards posted on board one of His Majesty's ships of war (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British Islands) or by a member of His Majesty's military or air forces serving in any country or place outside the British Islands for transmission to the United States of America, the rates of postage specified in Part I of the said Second Schedule.

(2) There shall be charged and paid on all other outgoing letters and postcards (except letters and postcards to which Regulation 4 of this Warrant applies), the rates of postage specified in Part III of the said Second Schedule.

*Rates of postage on postal packets posted at British Postal Agencies*

**4.** There shall be charged and paid:—

(*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 to the principal Warrant (except Morocco) or to the Republic of Ireland, Burma, Egypt, Israel, Jordan or Palestine, the rates of postage specified in Part I of the Second Schedule hereto;

(*b*) On all other outgoing letters and postcards posted at a British Postal Agency at Tangier, the rates of postage specified in Part III of the Second Schedule hereto;

(*c*) On all postal packets posted at a British Postal Agency in Morocco (Spanish Zone), except where paragraph (*a*) of this Regulation applies, such rates of postage as may be fixed from time to time for the transmission by post of similar postal packets by the Postal Administration of the Country in which the Agency is situate;

(*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 to the principal Warrant (except any other Postal Agency in the Persian Gulf) or to the Republic of Ireland, Burma, Egypt, Israel, Jordan or Palestine, the rates of postage specified in Part I of the Second Schedule hereto;

(*e*) On all other letters and postcards posted at a British Postal Agency in the Persian Gulf, the rates of postage specified in Part III of the Second Schedule hereto.

*Rates of postage on certain newspapers, periodicals, books, pamphlets, sheets of music and maps*

**5.**—(1) There shall be charged and paid on every outgoing printed packet (being a packet of a class to which this Regulation applies) the following rates of postage:—

On every such packet not exceeding two ounces in weight, one penny;

On every such packet exceeding two ounces in weight, for the first two ounces, one penny, and for every additional two ounces or fractional part thereof, one half-penny.

(2) Subject as hereinafter mentioned, this Regulation applies to:—

(*a*) Any newspaper registered at the General Post Office;

(*b*) Any other newspaper, or other periodical publication, which complies with the following conditions:—

(i) It is printed and published in the British Islands;

(ii) It is issued in consecutive numbers at intervals of not more than one year;

(iii) It consists only of paper or of some substance ordinarily used for printing;

(iv) It consists only of works of a literary character or any other printed matter and does not have the character of a letter;

(v) The full title, and the date, month or year of issue, or an indication of the frequency of issue, are conspicuously printed on the cover or, in the absence of a cover, at the top of the first page and on every detached sheet, page, or piece of paper which is issued as part of such newspaper or publication;

(*c*) Any books sewn or bound;

(*d*) Any pamphlets, which expression for this purpose means short printed publications or works of a literary character in book form whether or not enclosed within covers or (if comprising more than one sheet) sewn or bound;

(*e*) Any sheets of music (except perforated sheets intended to be used with automatic musical instruments);

(*f*) Any maps:

Provided that:—

(i) This Regulation shall not apply to:

magazines for Canada,

literature for the blind,

printed packets of a commercial character (such as catalogues, prospectuses or price lists),

books, pamphlets, sheets of music or maps which contain publicity matter or advertisement otherwise than on the cover or fly leaves,

nor shall this Regulation apply to any printed packet unless the cover thereof is clearly marked in the upper left hand corner with the words "Printed Papers. Reduced Rate".

(ii) The decision of the Postmaster General as to whether a particular packet comes within this Regulation shall be final.

*Rates of postage on other printed packets and on commercial packets and sample packets*

**6.** There shall be charged and paid on every outgoing printed packet (other than a magazine for Canada, a packet consisting of literature for the blind or a packet to which the last foregoing Regulation applies), commercial packet, or sample packet:

(*a*) On every such packet posted in the British Islands or on board any British ship on the high seas for transmission to a person on board one of His Majesty's ships of war (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British Islands) or a person serving in His Majesty's military or air forces in any country or place outside the British Islands, and on every such packet which is a printed packet and is posted as mentioned in sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 for transmission as mentioned in that sub-paragraph, the rates of postage specified in Part I of the Third Schedule hereto;

(*b*) On every such packet not coming within paragraph (*a*) of this Regulation, the rates of postage specified in Part II of the Third Schedule hereto.

*Insured Boxes*

**7.** There shall be charged and paid on every insured box addressed to any country or place with which the Postmaster General may for the time being have an arrangement for the exchange of insured boxes, the following rates of postage:—

On every insured box not exceeding ten ounces in weight, one shilling and threepence;

On every insured box exceeding ten ounces in weight, for the first ten ounces, one shilling and threepence, and for every additional two ounces or fractional part of two ounces, threepence.

*Small Packets*

**8.**—(1) There shall be charged and paid on every small packet posted in the British Islands or on board any British ship on the high seas for transmission to a person on board one of His Majesty's ships of war (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British Islands) or a person serving in His Majesty's military or air forces in any country or place outside the British Islands, the following rates of postage, that is to say:—

For every two ounces or fractional part of two ounces in weight, one penny:

Provided that the minimum rate of postage on such small packet shall be fivepence.

(2) There shall be charged and paid on every small packet (other than a packet coming within paragraph (1) of this Regulation) addressed to any country or place with which the Postmaster General may for the time being have an arrangement for the exchange of small packets the following rates of postage, that is to say:—

For every two ounces or fractional part of two ounces in weight, three halfpence:

Provided that the minimum rate of postage on such small packet shall be sevenpence halfpenny.

*Articles grouped together in one packet*

**9.**—(1) Articles transmissible in printed packets, commercial packets, and sample packets respectively (not being literature for the blind) may be enclosed in one and the same postal packet subject to the following conditions:—

(*a*) That each article does not exceed the weight and dimensions applicable thereto under this Warrant if sent as a printed packet, commercial packet, or sample packet respectively;

(*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;

(*c*) There shall be charged and paid on every such packet the following rates of postage, that is to say:—

| | d. |
|---|---|
| (i) on every packet which contains articles transmissible in a commercial packet: | |
| Not exceeding 12 ounces in weight ... ... ... ... | 4 |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof ... | ½ |
| (ii) on every packet which contains articles transmissible in printed packets and sample packets: | |
| Not exceeding 2 ounces in weight ... ... ... ... | 1½ |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof ... | ½ |

(2) If articles transmissible in a printed packet of a class to which Regulation 5 of this Warrant applies and articles transmissible in a printed packet of a class to which Regulation 6 applies (not being a printed packet coming within paragraph (*a*) of the said Regulation 6) are enclosed in one and the same postal packet, there shall be charged and paid on every such packet the rates of postage specified in Part II of the Third Schedule hereto.

*Amendment of Regulation 16 of the principal Warrant*

**10.** The definition of the expression "the specified countries or places" at the end of Regulation 16 of the principal Warrant (which deals with the maximum weight and dimensions of postal packets) as amended by Regulation 6 of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant 1948(**a**) is hereby revoked and for the purpose of the said Regulation 16 the expression "the specified countries or places" shall mean Burma, Israel, Jordan and the British Postal Agencies at Tangier or in the Persian Gulf.

*Interpretation*

**11.**—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) applies to the interpretation of this Warrant as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) References to Canada shall be construed as including the Province of Newfoundland.

*Short Title*

**12.** This Warrant may be cited as "The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1950".

(**a**) S.I. 1948 (No. 1293) I, p. 3584. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

*Commencement*

**13.** This Warrant shall come into operation on the First day of October, 1950.

Dated this 24th day of July, 1950.

*Wm. Hannan,*
*H. W. Bowden,*
Two of the Commissioners of
His Majesty's Treasury.

*Ness Edwards,*
His Majesty's Postmaster General.

## THE FIRST SCHEDULE

### Regulations and Schedules revoked

1. Regulations 1, 2, 8, 9 and 11 of and the Second Schedule to the principal Warrant as amended (as respects the said Regulations 1, 2 and 11 and the said Second Schedule) by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant 1948(a).

2. Regulation 3 of the principal Warrant as substituted by Regulation 2 of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant 1949(b).

## THE SECOND SCHEDULE

### Part I

Rates of postage payable under sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iv) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 3, and under paragraphs (*a*) and (*d*) of Regulation 4:—

| | d. |
|---|---|
| 1. On every letter not exceeding one ounce in weight | 2½ |
| 2. On every letter exceeding one ounce in weight: | |
| for the first ounce | 2½ |
| for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof | 1 |
| 3. On every postcard not being a reply postcard | 2 |
| 4. On every reply postcard | 4 |

### Part II

Rates of postage payable under sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 3:

| | d. |
|---|---|
| 1. On every letter not exceeding one ounce in weight | 1½ |
| 2. On every letter exceeding one ounce in weight: | |
| for the first ounce | 1½ |
| for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof | 1 |
| | d. |
| 3. On every postcard (not being a reply postcard) | 1 |
| 4. On every reply postcard | 2 |

### Part III

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (2) of Regulation 3, and paragraphs (*b*) and (*e*) of Regulation 4:—

| | d. |
|---|---|
| 1. On every letter not exceeding one ounce in weight | 4 |
| 2. On every letter exceeding one ounce in weight: | |
| for the first ounce | 4 |
| for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof | 2½ |
| 3. On every postcard (not being a reply postcard) | 2½ |
| 4. On every reply postcard | 5 |

(a) S.I. 1948 (No. 1293) I, p. 3584. (b) S.I. 1949 (No. 736) I, p. 3448.

## THE THIRD SCHEDULE

### PART I

*Rates of postage payable under paragraph (a) of Regulation 6*

| Packet | Rate of postage |
|---|---|
| | d. |
| 1. Printed packet: | |
| (a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight ... ... ... | 1 |
| (b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight— | |
| for the first 2 ounces ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | ½ |
| 2. Commercial packet: | |
| (a) not exceeding 10 ounces in weight ... ... ... | 3 |
| (b) exceeding 10 ounces in weight— | |
| for the first 10 ounces ... ... ... ... ... | 3 |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | ½ |
| 3. Sample packet: | |
| (a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight ... ... ... | 1 |
| (b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight— | |
| for the first 2 ounces ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | ½ |

### PART II

*Rates of postage payable under paragraph (b) of Regulation 6 and (as respects printed packets) paragraph (2) of Regulation 9*

| Packet | Rate of postage |
|---|---|
| | d. |
| 1. Printed packet: | |
| (a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight ... ... ... | 1½ |
| (b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight— | |
| for the first 2 ounces ... ... ... ... ... | 1½ |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | ½ |
| 2. Commercial packet: | |
| (a) not exceeding 12 ounces in weight ... ... ... | 4 |
| (b) exceeding 12 ounces in weight— | |
| for the first 12 ounces ... ... ... ... ... | 4 |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | ½ |
| 3. Sample packet: | |
| (a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight ... ... ... | 1½ |
| (b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight— | |
| for the first 2 ounces ... ... ... ... ... | 1½ |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | ½ |

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Universal Postal Convention, Paris, 1947, lays down, in gold centimes, upper and lower limits for the surface rates of postage to be charged in the international letter service. Devaluation of sterling has rendered present postage rates less than the prescribed minima and increases are necessary to comply with the provisions of the Convention. This Warrant makes the necessary changes.

The rates of postage on letters and postcards to destinations mentioned in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant—namely, Commonwealth countries—and to the United States of America, Burma, Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Palestine and to Forces overseas are set out in Parts I and II of the Second Schedule and are unchanged, but the rates to foreign countries, other than those mentioned, set out in Part III of that Schedule, represent as respects a letter an increase of 1d. for the first ounce and ½d. for each additional ounce or part thereof. As respects a postcard and a reply postcard the increases are ½d. and 1d. respectively.

The present general scale of postage on printed packets, commercial packets and sample packets is set out in Part I of the Third Schedule and this scale will continue to apply to such packets sent to the Forces overseas. To such packets sent to other persons the scale set out in Part II of the Third Schedule will apply.

In exercise, however, of an option allowed by the Universal Postal Convention, the rates for newspapers, periodicals, books, pamphlets, sheets of music and maps will remain unchanged subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of Regulation 5.

For insured boxes the minimum charge for 10 ounces is increased from 10d. to 1s. 3d. with an increase from 2d. to 3d. for each additional 2 ounces or part thereof (Regulation 7). As respects small packets to the Forces there will be no change but for small packets addressed to other persons there is an increase of ½d. per 2 ounces or part thereof and an increase of 2½d. in the minimum charge (Regulation 8).

In the case of mixed packets there is an increase of 1d. in the minimum charge if the packet contains commercial papers and ½d. if it contains printed packets or samples (Regulation 9).

The Warrant comes into force on 1st October, 1950 (Regulation 13).