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I, The Right Honourable Anthony Neil Wedgwood Benn, M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster General, by virtue of the powers conferred on me by sections 5, 8, 11, 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:

PART I

INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

Interpretation

1.—(1) In these regulations, except so far as the contrary is provided or the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

" the Act " means the Post Office Act 1953 ;

" air letter " means an air mail packet (not being a Forces air letter) consisting of a letter written on a special air letter form provided or approved by the Postmaster General ;

" air mail packet " means an outgoing postal packet intended by the sender to be conveyed through any part of its course in the post by an air mail service, not being a letter or a postcard addressed to a destination to which letters and postcards are ordinarily conveyed by an air mail service although not bearing any indication of the sender's intention that they should be so conveyed ;

" air mail service " means a service established by or under the direction of the Postmaster General for the conveyance of mails by air ;

" coin " means coin (whether or not current), except such as is used or designed for purposes of ornament ;

" commercial packet " has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 23 ;

" Commonwealth country " includes any of the territories referred to in Part I of Schedule 2 ;

" customs duty " includes purchase tax ;

" Forces air letter " means an air mail packet consisting of a letter written on a special Forces air letter form provided by the Postmaster General and addressed to, or sent to the British postal area by, a member of the armed forces of the United Kingdom serving abroad or on board a ship of the Royal Navy on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British postal area ;

" gold bullion " means uncoined and unmanufactured gold ;

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36. (b) 9 & 10 Eliz. 2. c. 15.

" incoming " applied to a postal packet of any description means received at a post office in the British postal area through the post ;

" insured letter " and " insured box " mean respectively any insured letter and insured box which is for the time being transmissible under the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Agreement for the exchange of insured letters and boxes for the time being in force, and the detailed Regulations made thereunder ;

" letter " includes any communication in the nature of current and personal correspondence, and also includes a packet transmitted at the letter rate of postage and containing goods or articles of merchandise ;

" literature for the blind " means:

(i) books or papers (including letters to or from blind persons) impressed or otherwise prepared for the use of the blind ;

(ii) plates bearing the characters of writing used for the blind ;

(iii) voice records and special paper intended solely for the use of the blind provided that they are sent by or addressed to an institute for the blind ;

" member of the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country " and " member of the armed forces of any State allied with the United Kingdom " include a member of any auxiliary service to such respective forces and a person attached to such respective forces (although not a member thereof) who is permitted to use a forces address ;

" outgoing " applied to a postal packet of any description means posted in the British postal area ;

" parcel " means a postal packet which is posted in the British postal area as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Regulations 1965(a), or is received at a post office in the British postal area from abroad by parcel post ;

" Phonopost packet " means an incoming postal packet containing a recorded spoken message, being a packet recognised as a Phonopost packet in accordance with the terms of the Universal Postal Convention for the time being in force ;

" postal form " means a form issued by or under the authority of the Postmaster General ;

" postal packet " means (except where otherwise expressed) a letter, postcard, printed packet, commercial packet, sample packet, small packet, packet consisting of literature for the blind, insured box, Phonopost packet, and a packet to which regulation 8(1) applies, and accordingly does not include a telegram or (except in the foregoing definition of " parcel ") a parcel ;

" postcard " means a card recognised as a postcard in accordance with the terms of the Universal Postal Convention for the time being in force, and includes (except where otherwise expressed) a reply postcard ;

" prescribed " means prescribed by the Postmaster General ;

" printed packet " has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 21 ;

" reply postcard " means a postcard in two parts, one part (or where regulation 20 so allows, both parts) of which may without further payment be again transmitted through the post ;

" sample packet " has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 24 ;

" single postcard " means a postcard other than a reply postcard ;

(a) S.I. 1965/1734 (1965 III, p. 4859).

" small packet " has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 25 ;

and other expressions have the same meanings as they have in the Act.

(2) Any reference in these regulations to the provisions of any enactment or regulations shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to those provisions as amended re-enacted or replaced by any subsequent enactment or regulations.

(3) Any reference in any regulations to the provisions of any regulations revoked by these regulations shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to the corresponding provisions of these regulations.

(4) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) applies for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Application

2.—(1) These regulations, except where otherwise expressed, apply exclusively to postal packets transmitted by post from or to the British postal area otherwise than under the Inland Post Regulations 1963(b).

(2) These regulations do not apply to parcels.

PART II

RATES OF POSTAGE

Letters and postcards

3.—(1) The rates of postage specified in Part I of Schedule 1 shall be charged and paid on letters and postcards :

(*a*) posted in the British postal area for transmission to a person in any of the countries or places specified in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 2 ;

(*b*) posted on board a ship registered in any part of the British postal area while the ship is on the high seas, for transmission to a person in any of the countries or places specified in Part 1, Part 2 or Part 3 of Schedule 2 ;

(*c*) posted in the British postal area, or posted on board a ship registered in any part of the British postal area while the ship is on the high seas :

(i) for transmission to a person on board a ship of the Royal Navy (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British postal area); or

(ii) for transmission to a member of the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country serving outside the British postal area, or a member of the armed forces of any State allied with the United Kingdom serving outside the British postal area with the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country, being transmission through a British Forces' Post Office or a civilian Postal Administration in any Commonwealth or foreign country which has agreed to deliver without surcharge letters and postcards at the said rates.

(2) The rates of postage specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 shall be charged and paid on letters and postcards :

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(b) S.I. 1963/2137 (1963 III, p. 4745) as amended by S.I. 1965/502 (1965 I, p. 1251).

(i) posted on board a ship of the Royal Navy (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British postal area) for transmission to a person at any of the destinations referred to in sub-paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of paragraph (1) ; or

(ii) posted by a member of the forces referred to in paragraph (1) (*c*) (ii) serving as therein mentioned for transmission through a British Forces' Post Office at which British postage stamps are issued, to a person at any of the destinations referred to in sub-paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of paragraph (1).

(3) The rates of postage specified in Part 3 of Schedule 1 shall be charged and paid on all other outgoing letters and postcards.

Reduced rate printed packets

4.—(1) The rates of postage specified in Part I of Schedule 3 shall be charged and paid on outgoing printed packets to which this regulation applies.

(2) Subject as hereinafter mentioned this regulation applies to:

(*a*) any registered newspaper;

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

(i) it is printed and published in the British postal area;

(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 is not in the nature of current and personal correspondence;

(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 book;

(*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;

(*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:

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

newspapers or other periodical publications with advertisement slips annexed;

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

nor shall this regulation apply to any printed packet unless the cover thereof is clearly marked " Printed Papers. Reduced Rate " on the left hand side of the space above the address;

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

Other printed packets, commercial packets, sample packets and small packets

5.—(1) Subject to regulation 4, the rates of postage specified in Part 2 of Schedule 3 shall be charged and paid on printed packets, commercial packets, sample packets and small packets:

(*a*) posted in the British postal area, or posted on board a ship registered in any part of the British postal area while the ship is on the high seas, for transmission as mentioned in regulation 3 (1) (*c*);

(*b*) posted on board a ship of the Royal Navy (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British postal area) for transmission to a person at any of the destinations mentioned in sub-paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of regulation 3 (1);

(*c*) posted by a member of the forces referred to in regulation 3 (1) (*c*) (ii) serving as therein mentioned, for transmission through a British Forces' Post Office at which British postage stamps are issued, to a person at any of the destinations referred to in sub-paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of regulation 3 (1).

(2) Except as otherwise provided by regulation 4 or by paragraph (1) of this regulation, the rates of postage specified in Part 3 of Schedule 3 shall be charged and paid on outgoing printed packets, commercial packets, and sample packets, and on outgoing small packets addressed to any country or place with which the Postmaster General may for the time being have an arrangement for the transmission of small packets.

Literature for the blind

6. No postage shall be payable on an outgoing packet (other than an air mail packet) consisting of literature for the blind.

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 10 oz. in weight, 1s. 8d.

on every insured box exceeding 10 oz. in weight, for the first 10 oz., 1s. 8d., and for every additional 2 oz. or fractional part of 2 oz., 4d.

Articles grouped together in one packet

8.—(1) If articles in the following classes, that is to say:

Class (*a*)—articles transmissible in printed packets;

Class (*b*)—articles transmissible in commercial packets other than articles in class (*a*);

Class (*c*)—articles transmissible in sample packets other than articles in class (*a*) or class (*b*);

are enclosed in one and the same postal packet, there shall be charged and paid on every such packet the following rates of postage:

on every packet which contains any articles in class (*b*), the rate which would be applicable thereto if the packet were a commercial packet;

on every other packet, the rate which would be applicable thereto if the packet were a printed packet.

(2) If articles transmissible in a printed packet of a class to which regulation 4 applies and articles transmissible in a printed packet of a class to which regulation 5 applies (not being a printed packet coming within regulation 5 (1)) 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 item 1 of Part 3 of Schedule 3.

Air mail packets

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

(*a*) on every air letter a rate of postage of 6d.;

(*b*) on every Forces air letter a rate of postage of 4d.;

(*c*) on other air mail packets such rates of postage as the Postmaster General may fix not exceeding 2s. 6d. for each ½ oz. or fractional part of ½ oz. in weight.

(2) The Postmaster General shall publish from time to time in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in such other manner as he may determine the several rates of postage payable on air mail packets other than air letters and Forces air letters:

Provided that the rates of postage in respect of such air mail packets which were in force immediately before the commencement of these regulations shall continue in force until superseded by rates fixed under paragraph (1) (*c*), and shall take effect as if they had been fixed and published under this regulation.

(3) 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 rate in question shall be conclusive evidence that such rate is the postage for the time being payable as aforesaid.

Bulk postage

10.—(1) There shall be charged and paid on every mail bag containing printed packets for transmission as provided by regulation 31 postage at the rate of 1s. 0½d. for every pound weight of the mail bag and its contents.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1) of this regulation the weight of the mail bag and its contents shall be calculated to the nearest pound.

(3) Where postage is charged and paid under this regulation, postage shall not be charged on the individual postal packets contained in the mail bag.

PART III

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Prohibitions

11.—(1) Save as the Postmaster General may either generally or in any particular case allow, there shall not be conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet of a description referred to in paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) or (*c*) of section 11 (1) of the Act.

(2) Subject to the powers of the Postmaster General under regulation 18, there shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet :

(*a*) containing:

(i) opium, morphine, cocaine, or other narcotic :
Provided that such narcotics may be sent for medical or scientific purposes in insured boxes to countries which admit them when sent for those purposes ;

(ii) any living creatures, except :
bees, leeches, silkworms, or parasites or destroyers of noxious insects used for the purpose of controlling those insects and exchanged between officially recognised institutions ;

(iii) samples of which the number forwarded by the same sender to the same addressee shows an obvious intention of avoiding the payment of customs charges due to the country of destination ;

(iv) anything which, by the law of the country or place in which the packet is posted or to which it is addressed, or of any country or place through which it may pass, it is unlawful respectively to send, import or convey by post or otherwise than by parcel post ;

(v) save as the Postmaster General may either generally or in any particular case allow, coin or gold bullion exceeding £200 in value ;

(vi) any imitation of a bank note within the meaning of section 38 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925(a) ;

(*b*) containing or bearing any fictitious stamp (not being a fictitious stamp which is authorised to be made by or under Post Office regulations), or any counterfeit impression of a stamping machine used under the direction or by the permission of the Postmaster General, or any counterfeit of any other impression authorised by or under these regulations to be used to denote payment of postage or fees ;

(*c*) having thereon, or on the cover thereof, any words, letters or marks (used without due authority) which signify or imply, or may reasonably lead the recipient thereof to believe, that the postal packet is sent on Her Majesty's service ;

(*d*) of such a form or colour or so made up for transmission by post as to be likely in the opinion of the Postmaster General to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packet ;

(*e*) having anything written, printed or otherwise impressed upon or attached to any part of the postal packet which, either by tending to prevent the easy and quick reading of the address of the packet or by inconvenient proximity to the stamp or stamps used to denote payment of postage or fees, or in any other way, is in itself, or in the manner in which it is written, printed, impressed or attached, likely in the opinion of the Postmaster General to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packet ;

(*f*) bearing any stamp or impression of a stamping machine denoting payment of postage or fees which is imperfect or mutilated or defaced in any way or across which anything is written or printed or otherwise impressed ; but a stamp shall not be deemed to be imperfect or mutilated or defaced, or to have anything written or printed or impressed across it 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 ;

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 86.

(*g*) the cover whereof or the part thereof reserved for the address is divided into separate sections for the insertion of successive addresses ;

(*h*) the cover whereof is entirely transparent or has therein an open panel : Provided that there may be a transparent panel in the cover for the purpose of showing the address of the addressee, subject to such rules as may be prescribed ;

(*i*) whereon the payment of any postage or fees purports to be denoted by any stamp or impression which has been previously used to denote payment of the postage or fees on any other postal packet (including a parcel) or any other Revenue duty or tax ;

(*j*) consisting of or containing two or more postal packets (of the same or of different descriptions) addressed to different persons who are at different addresses.

(3) Subject as aforesaid, there shall not be conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet posted outside the British postal area by or on behalf of any person resident or carrying on business in the British postal area, and addressed to any person resident or carrying on business in that area, if the equivalent amount in sterling of the postage paid or payable is less than the amount of postage which would have been payable had the packet been sent as an inland postal packet and if in the opinion of the Postmaster General the packet was so posted with the object of avoiding payment of postage at the inland rate.

(4) Subject to the provisions of these regulations there shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet (other than an insured letter, an insured box, or, where the law or regulations of the country or place of destination allow, an uninsured registered letter) containing coin, bank notes, currency notes, securities or instruments payable to bearer, platinum, gold or silver whether manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels, or other valuable articles.

Contents of certain packets

12. Every printed packet, commercial packet, sample packet, small packet, and packet to which regulation 8(1) applies, shall be subject to examination in the post, and, subject to the provisions of these regulations, shall not contain anything sealed or otherwise closed against inspection or contain or bear anything in the nature of current and personal correspondence, or contain any postage stamp or form (whether cancelled or not) denoting payment of postage or fees or any paper representing monetary value.

Packing and posting

13.—(1) Every postal packet shall be made up and secured in such manner as in the opinion of the Postmaster General is calculated to prevent injury to any other postal packet in course of conveyance, or to any receptacle in which the same is conveyed, or to an officer of the Post Office or other person who may deal with such packet.

(2) On the posting of an outgoing postal packet the sender shall fill up such certificates and other documents and affix such labels respecting the contents of the packet as may be required by the law of the country or place in which the packet is posted or to which it is addressed, or as the Postmaster General may direct.

Limits of weight and size

14.—(1) Save as the Postmaster General may either generally or in any particular case allow, no postal packet shall be posted, conveyed, or delivered by post under these regulations unless its weight and size are within the respective maximum limits specified in Schedule 4 :

Provided that save as aforesaid :

(*a*) where the packet is made up in the form of a roll, its length and twice its diameter taken together shall not exceed 3 feet 3 inches and neither its length nor its diameter shall exceed 2 feet 8 inches ;

(*b*) the maximum weight for a sample packet containing samples of cotton and cotton materials addressed to or received from any place in Egypt or Gaza shall be 5 lb. ;

(*c*) in the case of a printed packet to which regulation 4 applies and which contains only one or more of the following articles, namely,

(i) books ;

(ii) 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 11 lb.

(2) Save as aforesaid, no postal packet shall be posted, conveyed, or delivered by post under these regulations unless its size is within the following minimum limits :

(*a*) where the packet is made up in the form of a roll, its length and twice its diameter taken together shall be not less than $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and either its length or its diameter shall be not less than 4 inches ;

(*b*) otherwise, the packet shall have at least one surface measuring not less than 4 inches in length and not less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in breadth :

Provided that the foregoing minimum limits of size shall not apply to a packet having securely tied or affixed to it a rectangular address label of cardboard or strong paper of which two adjacent sides together measure not less than $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches and of which the shorter side measures not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Articles liable to duty

15.—(1) Subject to the powers of the Postmaster General under regulation 18, there shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any commercial packet, packet consisting of literature for the blind, or Phonopost packet containing any article liable to customs duty in the country or place of destination.

(2) Subject as aforesaid, there shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet of any other description containing any article liable to customs duty, unless :

(*a*) the importation of such articles by means of postal packets of that description is permitted by the law or regulations of the country or place of destination ;

(*b*) the packet is registered if the law or regulations of the country or place of destination so require ; and

(*c*) for customs purposes the packet bears such label and has attached or contains such declarations as may be required by or under any Treasury Warrant or Regulations made in that behalf.

(3) Where an incoming postal packet contains any article liable to customs duty, and the Postmaster General so directs, there shall be charged and paid by the addressee if the packet shall be delivered to him a fee of 1s.

Payment of postage and fees

16.—(1) Except as the Postmaster General may otherwise direct, and subject to the provisions of these regulations, the postage and fees payable on every outgoing postal packet and the fees payable in respect of postal facilities shall be prepaid.

(2) The provisions of these regulations with reference to prepayment of postage and fees shall not apply to postage and fees payable on postal packets with respect to which the Postmaster General has entered into an arrangement with the senders thereof for the grant of credit facilities.

(3) Payment of postage or fees payable under these regulations may be denoted :

(*a*) by adhesive postage stamps ;

(*b*) by impressions of stamping machines working under the direction or by the permission of the Postmaster General ;

(*c*) by the use of a stamped envelope, cover, postcard, or other postal form ;

(*d*) by the use of an embossed or impressed stamp cut out of or otherwise detached from an envelope, cover, postcard, or other postal form ;

(*e*) on a printed packet, by a printed impression, or by any impression made by any other process authorised by the Postmaster General ; or

(*f*) in such other manner as the Postmaster General may from time to time permit.

(4) No stamp indicating on the face thereof payment of a registration fee (with or without postage) shall be used to denote payment of postage or fees on any unregistered postal packet.

(5) Packets bearing the impression of stamping machines or intended for impression by stamping machines, and packets on which payment of postage is denoted by a printed impression, or by an impression made by any other process authorised by the Postmaster General, shall be accepted only at such Post Offices, within such hours, and under and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Postmaster General may consider appropriate.

(6) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the stamp or impression denoting payment of postage or fees shall be placed in such position on the envelope, cover, postcard or other form as the Postmaster General may consider appropriate.

Unpaid or underpaid postage

17.—(1) This paragraph shall apply to outgoing postal packets (including air mail packets) upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon has been prepaid, other than insured letters or insured boxes or other registered postal packets or postal packets to which regulation 16(2) applies.

(*a*) A letter or a postcard shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage:

Provided that a reply postcard upon either half of which no part or a part only of the postage has been prepaid shall be returned or given up to the sender.

(*b*) Any other postal packet may be detained and returned or given up to the sender, or may be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage, at the discretion of the Postmaster General.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (1), where no part, or a part only, of the postage payable on an outgoing postal packet (including an air mail packet) has been prepaid, the Postmaster General (either at the request of the sender or not) may affix to or impress on the packet stamps to the value of the deficient postage, and may forward the packet as if the full postage had been prepaid, without prejudice to his rights under section 18 of the Act.

(3) An air mail packet on which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon has been prepaid, not being an air mail packet to which regulation 16(2) applies, may be dealt with as if it were not an air mail packet.

(4) This paragraph shall apply to incoming postal packets (other than packets redirected from an address outside the British postal area to an address in that area) upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon has been prepaid.

(*a*) A postal packet other than a registered postal packet may be detained and returned to the country of origin, or may be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage, at the discretion of the Postmaster General.

(*b*) A registered postal packet (other than an insured letter or an insured box) shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the deficient postage.

(*c*) An insured letter or insured box shall be forwarded without any charge in respect of the deficient postage.

(5) This paragraph shall apply to incoming postal packets redirected from an address outside the British postal area, whether or not within the country in which they were posted, to an address in the British postal area.

(*a*) A postal packet other than an insured letter or an insured box shall be forwarded charged with the following sum, unless it has been prepaid on the redirection of the packet:

(i) if the postage on the first transmission was fully prepaid: the difference (if any) between the amount of that postage and the postage which would have been chargeable if the packet had been originally addressed to the new address;

(ii) otherwise, the amount which would have been chargeable on the packet under paragraph (4) if the packet had been originally addressed to the new address.

(*b*) An insured letter or an insured box shall be forwarded charged with the following sum, unless it has been prepaid on the redirection of the packet: the difference (if any) between the postage chargeable on the first transmission, whether or not that postage was fully prepaid, and the postage which would have been chargeable if the packet had been originally addressed to the new address.

(*c*) A postal packet of whatever description which has been transmitted by air to the British postal area after redirection without prepayment of additional postage in respect of the transmission by air shall be forwarded charged with such sum (in addition to any sum charged

sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of this paragraph) as the oversea Postal Administration concerned has requested the Postmaster General to collect in respect of that transmission.

(6) Where the amount chargeable under paragraph (4) or (5) would otherwise be less than 1d., the amount charged shall be 1d.

(7) Any sums charged on an incoming postal packet under paragraphs (4) and (5), and any other sums payable in respect of the packet under the law or regulations of any part of the British postal area or any country or place from or through which the packet has been transmitted, shall be payable on the delivery of the packet, and the Postmaster General may withhold the packet from delivery until such sums have been paid.

Treatment of irregular packets

18.—(1) Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, any postal packet which is found when in the post not to comply with a provision of the law of the country or place in which the packet was posted or to which it is addressed or of any country or place through which it may pass (including the Act, these regulations, and the Postal Packets (Customs and Excise) Regulations 1962(a)), or not to be accompanied by a document required by any such provision, may be either detained or returned or given up to the sender, or forwarded and delivered, or dealt with or disposed of in such other manner as the Postmaster General may think fit.

(2) Any postal packet which is found when in the post not to comply with the provisions of regulation 11(2)(*j*) of these regulations may if the Postmaster General thinks fit be delivered to the addressee subject to such charge as the Postmaster General may fix in the particular case, 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.

(3) Any postal packet (other than a letter), which is found when in the post not to comply with the provisions of these regulations which are applicable to postal packets of its particular description, may if the Postmaster General thinks fit be treated as if it had been posted as a letter or as a postal packet of such other description as the Postmaster General considers appropriate, and the provisions of these regulations shall apply thereto accordingly.

Undeliverable packets

19. Where for any reason an incoming postal packet cannot be delivered it may at the discretion of the Postmaster General either be returned to the sender, or be destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the Postmaster General may think fit.

PART IV

CONDITIONS RELATING TO PARTICULAR CLASSES OF PACKETS

Postcards

20.—(1) The following rules shall apply to single postcards :

(*a*) No writing except the address and any postal directions recognised by the Universal Postal Convention for the time being in force, and no printing except that of any of the matters aforesaid, shall appear on the right-hand half of the face of a postcard.

(a) S.I. 1962/2279 (1962 III, p. 3168).

(*b*) A postcard shall be made of cardboard or paper stout enough not to hinder its manipulation.

(*c*) Folded sheets of paper of which the two inside faces contain no writing and are completely gummed together so that they cannot entrap other articles are admissible as postcards.

(*d*) Nothing whatever shall be in any manner attached to a postcard except :

(i) postage stamps denoting payment of postage or fees ;

(ii) illustrations, photographs, stamps of any kind, and labels and cuttings of any kind, being made of paper or other very thin substance, and address slips and fold-back sheets :

Provided that :

(1) every such article shall be of such a nature as not to alter the character of the postcard, and shall adhere completely to the postcard ;

(2) every such article except an address slip shall be affixed only to the back or to the left-hand half of the address side of the postcard ;

(3) no stamp likely to be mistaken for a stamp used to denote payment of postage or fees shall be fixed to the address side of the postcard.

(*e*) Stamps or impressions of stamping machines denoting payment of postage or fees shall be placed on the address side of the postcard, as far as possible on the right-hand half.

(2) The following rules shall apply to reply postcards :

(*a*) The first half of a reply postcard shall bear on its front the heading: " Carte postale avec réponse payée ", and the reply half shall bear on its front the heading : " Carte postale réponse ".

(*b*) The two halves of a reply postcard when sent on the outward transmission shall be folded one on the other so that the fold forms the upper edge and so that the address of the reply half is on the inside, and shall not be closed in any way.

(*c*) The postage on both halves of a reply postcard when sent on the outward transmission shall be prepaid and shall be denoted by postage stamps or impressions of stamping machines of the country of origin.

(*d*) A reply postcard may be sent on the outward transmission as an air mail packet ; and in that case postage shall be prepaid on the first half at the rate appropriate to a single air mail postcard sent to the same destination, and on the return half at the rate appropriate to a single ordinary postcard sent to that destination.

(*e*) The first half of an incoming reply postcard shall be detached before the reply half is returned by post :

Provided that the reply half may be returned by post with the first half attached, if the address on the first half is struck through and the card is so folded that that address is turned to the inside.

(*f*) The reply half of an incoming reply postcard may be sent on the return transmission as an air mail packet, provided that the sender of the reply half prepays on that half additional postage of an amount equal to the difference between the air mail rate of postage and the ordinary rate of postage on a single postcard sent to the same destination.

(*g*) Subject to the foregoing rules in this paragraph, the rules set out in paragraph (1) shall apply to each of the halves of a reply postcard.

(3) If any postcard is found when in the post not to comply with any of the rules (*a*) to (*d*) inclusive in paragraph (1) (including those rules as applied by rule (*g*) of paragraph (2)), it shall be dealt with and charged as a letter.

(4) If any postcard is found when in the post not to comply with rule (*e*) in paragraph (1) (including that rule as applied by rule (*g*) of paragraph (2)), it shall be dealt with as if the postage or fees denoted by the stamps or impressions placed otherwise than in conformity with rule (*e*) in paragraph (1) had not been prepaid.

Printed packets

21.—(1) The expression " printed packet " in these regulations means a packet consisting of or containing only :

(*a*) one or more of the following articles or documents whether printed, engraved, lithographed, mimeographed or photographed, that is to say :

(i) newspapers and periodicals, books and pamphlets ;

(ii) sheets of music (except perforated sheets intended to be used with automatic musical instruments), visiting cards, address cards, and proofs of printing, with or without the relative manuscript;

(iii) engravings, photographs and albums containing photographs ;

(iv) pictures and drawings, plans, maps and patterns intended for cutting out ;

(v) prospectuses, advertisements, catalogues and notices ;

(*b*) impressions or copies obtained upon paper or other similar material by means of printing, engraving, lithography, mimeography, photography or any other mechanical process easy to recognise, except impressions or copies obtained by means of tracing, a stamp with or without moveable type, or the typewriter ;

but does not include a packet consisting of literature for the blind.

(2) No printed packet shall contain films, gramophone records, stationery, or printed papers of which the text has been modified after printing or which bear any marks whatever of such a kind as to constitute a conventional language:

Provided that by way of exception to this paragraph it is allowed :

(*a*) outside or inside a printed packet :

(i) to indicate by hand or by mechanical process the name or business name, status, profession, and address of the sender and of the addressee, the date of despatch, the signature, telephone exchange and number, telex number and answer-back code, telegraphic address and code, current postal account, and current banking account of the sender, and a serial or registration number referring solely to the packet ;

(ii) to correct errors in printing ;

(iii) to strike out, to underline or to ring round certain parts of a printed text, provided that this does not give to the printed text the character of current and personal correspondence ;

(*b*) to indicate or add by hand or by a mechanical process :

(i) on advices of the departures and arrivals of ships or aircraft : the dates and times of departures and arrivals, and the names of the ships or aircraft and the ports or places of departure, call and arrival ;

(ii) on travellers' advices : the name of the traveller, the date, time and place of his intended visit, and the address at which he is staying ;

(iii) on order forms, subscription forms or offers in respect of published works, books, newspapers, engravings or pieces of music : the works and the number of copies asked for or offered, the price of the works, and notes giving essential elements of the price, the method of payment, the edition, the names of the authors and publishers, the catalogue number, and the words " paper covered ", " stiff covered " or " bound ";

(iv) on forms used by lending services of libraries : the titles of the works, the number of copies asked for or sent, the names of the authors and of the publishers, the catalogue numbers, the number of days allowed for reading, the name of the person wishing to consult the work, and other short notes referring to the works in question ;

(v) on illustrated cards, printed visiting cards, and Christmas and New Year cards : good wishes, greetings, congratulations, thanks, condolences, or other formulas of courtesy, expressed in five words, or by means of five conventional initials at most ;

(vi) on proofs of printing : alterations and additions concerned with the correction, layout and printing, and also notes such as " Passed for press ", " Read—Passed for press ", or any similar note concerned with the production of the work. In case of want of space these additions may be made on separate sheets ;

(vii) on fashion plates, maps, etc. : colours ;

(viii) on price lists, tenders for advertisements, stock and share lists, market quotations, trade circulars and prospectuses : figures ; notes giving essential elements of the price ;

(ix) on books, pamphlets, newspapers, photographs, engravings, sheets of music, and in general on all literary or artistic productions, printed, engraved, lithographed or mimeographed : a dedication consisting of a simple expression of regard, and (on photographs or engravings) a very brief explanatory caption and other short notes referring to the photograph or engraving itself. The relative open invoice, reduced to its essential elements, may also be enclosed ;

(x) on cuttings from newspapers and periodicals : the title, date, number, and address of the publication from which the article is taken ;

(xi) on notices of change of address : the old and the new address and the date of the change ;

(*c*) to enclose a card envelope or wrapper bearing the name and address of the sender of the packet and either prepaid for return by means of postage stamps of the country to which the packet is addressed, or in a form capable of being so prepaid.

(3) Reproductions of a manuscript or typewritten original may be transmitted as printed packets when they are obtained by a mechanical manifolding process, provided that these reproductions be posted under such conditions as the Postmaster General may from time to time direct. The manuscript additions authorised for printed packets may also be made to these reproductions.

(4) Every printed packet shall be made up in such a way that it can be easily examined. It shall either be sent unenclosed if it is made of cardboard or paper stout enough not to hinder its manipulation ; or be placed in a wrapper, upon a roller, between cardboard, in an open container, in an unclosed envelope, or in an envelope secured with a clip which can be easily unfastened and refastened ; or be secured with string which can be easily untied ; or simply be folded, but

in such manner that it cannot become unfolded during conveyance and that other articles cannot slip into its folds.

(5) Every printed packet shall be clearly marked " Printed Papers " on the left-hand side of the space above the address.

(6) A card marked " Postcard " or its equivalent in any language shall not be transmissible as a printed packet.

Despatch of certain printed packets

22. Without prejudice to the generality of regulation 44, any printed packet on which postage of 2d. or 2½d. only has been paid, if posted after such hour as the Postmaster General may from time to time fix, may be withheld from despatch until any subsequent despatch ; and the Postmaster General may fix different hours for the purpose of this regulation in relation to different offices and different posting boxes.

Commercial packets

23.—(1) The expression " commercial packet " in these regulations means a packet of papers or documents wholly or partly written or drawn, not having the character of current and personal correspondence, such as unclosed letters and postcards which are out of date and have already fulfilled their original purpose or copies thereof, papers of legal proceedings, documents of all kinds drawn up by public officials, way-bills or bills of lading, invoices proposals and policies of insurance and formal papers necessarily incident to insurance, copies of or extracts from deeds under private seal written on stamped or unstamped paper, musical scores or sheets of music in manuscript, the manuscript of works or for newspapers sent unaccompanied, and pupils' exercises in original or with corrections, but without any note which does not relate directly to the performance of the work : Provided that packets containing correspondence exchanged between school pupils, even when it is current, are admitted as commercial packets if the packets are forwarded through the intermediary of the principals of the schools concerned.

(2) Out-of-date letters or postcards contained in a commercial packet may bear cancelled stamps or impressions of stamping machines denoting payment of the original postage or fees.

(3) Regulation 21(4) shall apply to commercial packets.

(4) Every commercial packet shall be clearly marked " Commercial Papers" on the left-hand side of the space above the address.

Sample packets

24.—(1) The expression " sample packet " in these regulations means any packet consisting of trade patterns, samples of merchandise, printers' plates, cut-out patterns, sent unaccompanied, keys sent unaccompanied, cut fresh flowers, natural history specimens (such as dried or preserved animals and plants, and geological specimens), tubes of serum or vaccine, or medicine which is urgently required and difficult to obtain:

Provided that the said articles (except (*a*) trade patterns or samples of merchandise, and (*b*) tubes of serum and vaccine or such medicine as aforesaid which are sent in the public interest by laboratories or institutions officially recognised) shall not be sent for a commercial purpose.

(2) No sample packet shall contain any trade pattern or sample of merchandise having a saleable value.

(3) Except as the Postmaster General may allow, and subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), articles in a sample packet shall be placed in a bag, box or envelope which is unclosed or can be readily opened.

(4) Articles in one piece, such as pieces of wood or metal, which it is not the custom of the trade to pack, need not be packed, provided that, if the address and the postage stamps are on a label, the address is also on the article itself.

(5) Articles of glass or other fragile materials, and packets containing liquids, oils, fatty substances, dry powders, live bees, leeches, silkworms' eggs, parasites or destroyers of noxious insects, shall be packed in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed.

(6) Every sample packet shall be clearly marked " Sample Packet " on the left-hand side of the space above the address.

(7) There shall be no other writing in or upon any sample packet, or in or upon the cover thereof, except an indication, by hand or by a mechanical process outside or inside the packet (and, in the latter case, on the sample itself or on a special sheet of paper referring to it), of the name or business name, status, profession, and address of the sender and of the addressee, the date of despatch, the signature, telephone exchange and number, telex number and answer-back code, telegraphic address and code, current postal account, and current banking account of the sender, a manufacturer's or trade mark, a short note referring to the manufacturer and to the person supplying the goods or concerning the person for whom the sample is intended, and serial or registration numbers of the goods, their prices, and any other notes giving essential elements of their prices, particulars relating to their weight, volume and size, and the quantity available, and such particulars as are necessary to determine their source and character.

Small packets

25.—(1) The expression " small packet " in these regulations means a packet which consists of or contains goods or articles of merchandise and contains or bears nothing else except an open invoice reduced to its essential elements, any customs declaration required and the names and addresses of the sender and addressee.

(2) Every small packet shall bear on the outside the name and address of the sender and the addressee, and shall be clearly marked " Small Packet " on the left-hand side of the space above the address.

(3) The provisions in relation to the packing of sample packets contained in regulation 24 shall (so far as applicable) apply to small packets.

Literature for the blind

26.—(1) Regulation 21(4) shall apply to packets consisting of literature for the blind.

(2) No packet consisting of literature for the blind shall contain any other article:

Provided that such a packet may contain outside or inside the packet an indication, by hand or by mechanical process, of the name or business name, position, profession, and address of the sender and of the addressee, the date of despatch, the signature, telephone exchange and number, telex number

and answer-back code, telegraphic address and code, current postal account and current banking account of the sender, and a serial or registration number referring solely to the packet.

(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.

(4) An outgoing packet consisting of literature for the blind which contains voice records or special paper intended solely for the use of the blind shall be posted in a manner approved by the Postmaster General.

Air mail packets

27.—(1) An air mail packet shall bear an " Air Mail " label, or be marked conspicuously with the words " Air Mail " or with such other words as may indicate the desire of the sender that the packet shall be conveyed by an air mail service.

(2) Every air letter and Forces air letter shall comply with the requirements of the Postmaster General as to the paper used, its dimensions and the form and manner in which it is made up, the position of the stamp and the particulars appearing on the outside; and nothing shall be enclosed with the letter.

(3) A letter shall not be transmissible as a Forces air letter unless it is addressed to any such country or destination as may from time to time be prescribed.

PART V

POSTAL FACILITIES

Postal facilities

28. The postal facilities referred to in these regulations may be provided by the Postmaster General at such times, during such periods, at such post offices, in such circumstances, and on such conditions (not being inconsistent with the provisions of these regulations) as the Postmaster General may from time to time consider expedient.

Late fee packets

29.—(1) In this regulation the expression " late fee packet " means a postal packet of such description as may be prescribed, which is posted after the ordinary hours of collection for a particular despatch from the office of collection on a particular day in order that it may if possible be forwarded by that despatch, and (in the case of a registered postal packet) which is posted within such further time (if any) as the Postmaster General may from time to time appoint in relation to that office.

(2) There shall be charged and paid in respect of a late fee packet such sum, not exceeding 1s. 6d. in addition to the postage and to the registration fee (if any), as the Postmaster General may fix either generally or in relation to the description of postal packet concerned or to the class of office of collection or to the manner of posting. Such sum is referred to in the following paragraph of this regulation as the " late fee ".

(3) Where no part, or part only, of the late fee is prepaid the packet may at the discretion of the Postmaster General either :

(*a*) be forwarded as if it were not a late fee packet ; or

(*b*) be forwarded by the despatch referred to in paragraph (1), charged with double the amount of the deficiency if the packet is unregistered or with the amount of the deficiency if the packet is registered.

Express delivery

30. Upon every outgoing postal packet marked with the word " Express " or with such other word or words as may indicate the desire of the sender that the postal packet may be delivered by special messenger there shall be charged and prepaid the fee of 1s.

Transmission in bulk

31.—(1) The Postmaster General may make arrangements with the senders of such classes of printed packets as he may direct, whereby such postal packets may be enclosed by the senders in mail bags provided by the Postmaster General for the purpose, and the rate of postage computed by reference to the weight of each mail bag and its contents, in accordance with regulation 10.

(2) The senders shall comply with such conditions as to the make-up of the mail bags, the manner in which they are to be addressed and posted and returned, the manner in which the postage thereon is to be paid, the total weight of each mail bag, the limits of weight and size of the individual packets enclosed therein, and any incidental and supplementary matters, as the Post master General may from time to time consider expedient.

(3) Except as otherwise provided by such conditions, the limits of weight and size of the individual packets shall be those applicable thereto by virtue of regulation 14.

Certificate of posting

32. The Postmaster General may if he thinks fit, at the request of the sender of an unregistered postal packet, give the sender a certificate of the posting of such postal packet. The fee payable for such certificate shall be at the rate of 1d. for each postal packet to which the certificate relates :

Provided that, where the certificate relates to postal packets on which the postage is paid in stamps and which are posted in bulk, the fee payable for the certificate shall be at the rate of 2s. for the first thousand packets or part thereof, and 4d. for each additional thousand packets or part thereof.

Registration

33.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, any outgoing postal packet may be registered.

(2) The following rules shall apply to the registration of outgoing postal packets :

(*a*) The packet shall not be addressed to an addressee identified by initials only, or addressed in pencil :

Provided that it may be addressed in copying ink pencil unless it is sent in an envelope with a transparent panel.

(*b*) The packet shall be posted by being delivered for registration at a post office to an officer on duty at such office, or by being delivered for registration to some officer of the Post Office authorised to receive packets for registration though not on duty at a post office.

(*c*) There shall be charged and paid for registration a fee of 1s. 9d.

(*d*) On the posting of the packet the Postmaster General shall furnish to the sender a certificate of posting bearing an acknowledgment that the registration fee has been paid.

(3) On the delivery of an incoming registered postal packet the recipient shall give a written receipt therefor in the prescribed form. Where such a receipt is not obtained, the packet may nevertheless be delivered, or may be withheld and dealt with or disposed of as the Postmaster General may think fit.

Compensation for registered packets

34. Subject to the provisions of these regulations:

(*a*) if any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet (other than an insured letter or an insured box) is lost or damaged so as entirely to destroy its value whilst in the custody of the Postmaster General, the Postmaster General may pay to any person or Postal Administration who may in the opinion of the Postmaster General establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances) such sum not exceeding £2 18s. 0d. as he may think just;

(*b*) if any registered postal packet (other than an insured letter or an insured box) is lost whilst in the post, the Postmaster General may pay to the sender or to any other person or Postal Administration who may in the opinion of the Postmaster General establish a reasonable claim to compensation a sum not exceeding £2 18s. 0d.:

Provided that compensation shall not be payable in respect of the same packet under both paragraphs of this regulation.

Compulsory registration and insurance

35.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, every outgoing postal packet marked with the word "registered", or otherwise obviously intended to be registered, but not posted in the manner provided by these regulations:

(*a*) if the registration fee thereon has been prepaid, shall be registered before the same is forwarded, and may be detained for that purpose until the ordinary despatch of packets next after that by which such packet would otherwise be forwarded, and

(*b*) if the registration fee has not been prepaid in full, shall be withheld from transmission and may be returned to the sender for registration.

(2) An outgoing postal packet containing coin, bank notes, currency notes, securities or instruments payable to bearer, platinum, gold or silver manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels or other valuable articles, which is found in the post unregistered, shall not be forwarded until it has been registered and (if the regulations of the country or place to which the packet is addressed so require) insured, and may be returned to the sender for that purpose. An incoming postal packet containing any such articles which is found in the post unregistered may be forwarded to the addressee as a registered postal packet and delivered to him on payment of the registration fee, or may be returned to the Postal Administration of the country of origin.

Insured letters

36.—(1) The following rules shall apply to outgoing insured letters:

(*a*) Every insured letter shall be registered and insured under and in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

(*b*) The letter shall not be addressed to an addressee identified by initials only, or addressed in pencil.

(*c*) The envelope, which shall not be transparent nor have a transparent panel or black or coloured borders, shall be strong and made in one piece and secured with seals of the same kind of fine wax, in a manner and quantity calculated to prevent tampering with the contents without damage to the envelope or seals; each seal shall bear the same private mark of the sender; the seals, labels and postage stamps affixed to the packet shall be so spaced that they cannot conceal injuries to the cover; no label relating other than to the postal service shall be affixed by the sender; and no label or postage stamp shall be folded over two sides of the cover so as to hide the edge.

(*d*) The sender shall mark on the cover of the letter (otherwise than in pencil) the words " Insured for " followed by the sum (in words and figures) for which the letter is to be insured, which sum shall not exceed either (i) the real value of the letter or its contents, or (ii) the sum of £400 or such lesser sum as may be from time to time fixed by agreement between the Postmaster General and the Postal Administration of the country or place to which the letter is addressed.

(*e*) No erasure or correction shall be made in the address (except on redirection), or in the sum for which the letter is to be insured.

(*f*) A compensation fee shall be paid of an amount specified in the columns of Schedule 5 headed " Compensation fees ", being the amount appropriate to the sum for which the letter or its contents are to be insured.

(*g*) The letter shall not, without the permission of the Postmaster General, contain coin, platinum, gold or silver whether manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels or other valuable articles.

(*h*) The letter shall be posted by delivery at a post office to an officer on duty at such office.

(2) On the delivery of an incoming insured letter the recipient shall give a written receipt therefor in the prescribed form. Where such a receipt is not obtained, the letter may nevertheless be delivered, or may be withheld and dealt with or disposed of as the Postmaster General may think fit.

Compensation for insured letters

37. If an insured letter, or any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of an insured letter, is lost or damaged whilst in the course of conveyance by post under the provisions of these regulations, the Postmaster General may pay such sum as he may think just to any person or Postal Administration, if in his opinion such person or Administration establishes a reasonable claim to compensation, having regard in the case of a lost or damaged article to the care with which it was packed and other circumstances:

Provided that:

(*a*) in the case of an outgoing insured letter, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum appropriate thereto according to the scale set out in Schedule 5, having regard to the compensation fee paid in respect of the letter in addition to the postage and registration fee;

(*b*) in the case of an incoming insured letter the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of £400 or such lesser sum as, having regard to the amount of the compensation fee paid in respect of the letter in addition to the postage and registration fee, may be from time to time fixed by agreement between the Postmaster General and the Postal Administration of the country or place from which the letter is transmitted.

Insured boxes

38.—(1) The provisions of these regulations which apply to insured letters shall, so far as they are applicable, apply to insured boxes:

Provided that subject to paragraph (2) of this regulation and to regulation 11 (2) (*a*) (v), insured boxes may contain coin, platinum, gold or silver whether manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels and other valuable articles.

(2) Without the permission of the Postmaster General, insured boxes shall not contain anything in the nature of current and personal correspondence, bank notes, currency notes, or securities or instruments payable to bearer.

(3) An insured box shall consist of a strong box of wood or metal, and the walls of a wooden box shall have a minimum thickness of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. An insured box shall be tied crosswise with strong string in one piece without joins and the two ends of the string, where they are tied, shall be sealed. The string shall be sealed to the box on all four sides. The box shall not be wrapped but the surfaces of the top and bottom shall be covered with white paper for the inscription of the addressee's name and address and the insured value of the contents.

Compensation—general

39. The decision of the Postmaster General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss of or damage to an insured letter, insured box or other registered postal packet, or of or to any article enclosed in or forming part thereof, shall be final and conclusive.

Advice of delivery and enquiries

40.—(1) The sender of an outgoing registered postal packet addressed to any country or place which is a party to the Universal Postal Union, on making a request in a prescribed form at the time of posting or within one year thereafter, and on payment of an advice of delivery fee of 6d., may obtain an advice of delivery of the packet.

(2) The advice of delivery form may if the sender of the packet so requires be transmitted by air to, or from, or both to and from the country or place of address of the packet ; and the sender shall if the Postmaster General so directs pay a further fee of 3d. for each transmission of the advice of delivery form by air.

(3) The sender of an outgoing registered postal packet addressed to any such country or place as aforesaid, on making a request within one year after the date of posting, and (unless an advice of delivery fee has already been paid in respect of the packet) on payment of an enquiry fee of 6d., may cause an enquiry to be made into the suspected loss or non-delivery of the packet.

Redirection

41.—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs of this regulation, a postal packet may be redirected from its original address, or any substituted address, to the same addressee at any other address either in or outside the British postal area, provided that :

(*a*) if the new address is elsewhere than in the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland, the packet is eligible for transmission to the new address and complies with the conditions applicable to such transmission ;

(*b*) if the new address is in the Republic of Ireland, the packet would have been eligible for transmission to the new address from the country or place in which the packet was posted, and complies with the conditions applicable to incoming packets ;

(*c*) in any case, the sender has not forbidden redirection by means of a note to that effect on the address side of the packet in English or in any other language understood by the officers of the Post Office handling the packet.

(2) Except as the Postmaster General may allow, a postal packet which is redirected from an address in the British postal area more than one day after the day of its delivery at that address (Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday and public holidays being disregarded for this purpose), or which before redirection has been opened, or altered otherwise than by the substitution of the new address, shall not be treated as a redirected packet, but shall be treated for the purposes of these regulations, or of the Inland Post Regulations 1963, (as the case may be), as if on redirection it had been posted as a fresh postal packet, without prejudice however to the liability of any person for the payment of any sums which had previously become chargeable on the packet.

(3) An incoming registered packet (other than an insured letter or an insured box) which is redirected from an address in the British postal area shall be accepted for further transmission under these regulations as a redirected registered packet only if (*a*) it does not appear to have been re-opened, and (*b*) it is re-posted (without any additional cover) in accordance with regulation 33(2)(*b*).

(4) An incoming insured letter or insured box which is redirected from an address in the British postal area to an address in that area shall be accepted for further transmission under these regulations as a redirected insured letter or insured box (as the case may be) only if (*a*) it does not appear to have been re-opened, and (*b*) it is re-posted (without any additional cover) by being handed to an officer on duty at the counter of a post office.

(5) An incoming insured letter or insured box which is redirected from an address in the British postal area to an address elsewhere shall be accepted for further transmission under these regulations as a redirected insured letter or insured box (as the case may be) only if (*a*) it does not appear to have been re-opened, (*b*) it is re-posted as mentioned in paragraph (4), and (*c*) it complies with the conditions applicable to insured letters or insured boxes (as the case may be) sent by post from the British postal area to the country or place in which the new address is situated, or, if that country is the Republic of Ireland, with such conditions as may be imposed by the Postal Administration of the Republic of Ireland as to the acceptance of redirected insured letters or insured boxes (as the case may be) from the British postal area.

(6) Where the person redirecting an incoming postal packet from an address in the British postal area to an address which is not in the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland requests that the packet shall be forwarded by an air mail service, he shall pay additional postage thereon of such amount (if any)

as the Postmaster General may consider appropriate, not exceeding the postage which would have been payable thereon under regulation 9 if the packet had been posted to the new address as a fresh air mail packet.

(7) Subject to conditions (*a*) and (*c*) 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 Regulations 1963 to an address in the British postal area may be redirected from its original address and re-transmitted under these regulations to the same addressee at any address which is not in the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland :

Provided that:

(*a*) a registered packet shall be re-posted in accordance with regulation 33(2)(*b*);

(*b*) a packet on which a registration fee in excess of the minimum payable under the Inland Post Regulations 1963, has been paid, shall not be transmissible as a redirected packet under these regulations ; and

(*c*) a packet which has been posted as a recorded delivery packet under the Inland Post Regulations 1963, shall when redirected under these regulations cease to be transmitted as a recorded delivery packet and accordingly no compensation shall be paid in respect thereof.

Postal packets in bond

42.—(1) The Postmaster General may, on application being made in such manner as he may direct by the addressee of any incoming postal packet in bond :

(*a*) make a search for the packet in order that it may if possible receive expedited customs examination ; or

(*b*) re-address the packet to any person either within or outside the British postal area ; or

(*c*) permit the addressee or his authorised agent, attending at the place where the packet is, to re-address the packet to any person either within or outside the British postal area.

(2) There shall be charged and paid in respect of the facilities provided for in this regulation :

(*a*) for each of the facilities mentioned in sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of paragraph (1), the fee appropriate to the number of packets comprised in the application, according to the scale of fees set out in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 6 ;

(*b*) for the facility mentioned in paragraph (1)(*c*), the fee appropriate to the number of packets comprised in the application, according to the scale of fees set out in columns 1 and 3 of Schedule 6.

(3) Any fee charged under regulation 15(3), and any sums charged or payable under regulation 17, on a postal packet which is re-addressed under this regulation shall be paid by the original addressee.

(4) There shall be charged and paid by the original addressee in respect of each postal packet which is re-addressed under this regulation to an address outside the British postal area the same postage and fees as would have been payable thereon if it had been posted as a fresh packet for transmission to the new address.

(5) In this regulation a postal packet in bond means a postal packet which is in the custody of the Postmaster General at some place appointed by him and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise for customs examination.

PART VI

GENERAL

Postal packets posted on ships or by Forces abroad

43.—(1) Unregistered postal packets may be posted on board a ship registered in any part of the British postal area by being deposited in a letter box on board the ship, or in the hands of the Commander of the ship or of a postal agent on board the ship :

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any air mail packet except an air letter.

(2) The provisions of these regulations which apply in relation to outgoing postal packets (whether or not by virtue of an express reference to outgoing postal packets) shall, so far as applicable, apply to any postal packet :

(*a*) posted in accordance with paragraph (1) of this regulation when the ship is on the high seas ; or

(*b*) posted on board a ship of the Royal Navy (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British postal area) ; or

(*c*) posted by a member of the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country serving outside the British postal area, or a member of the armed forces of any State allied with the United Kingdom serving outside the British postal area with the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country, for transmission through a British Forces' Post Office at which British postage stamps are issued ;

whether it is addressed to a person outside or within the British postal area.

Priority of letter post

44. Where the despatch or delivery of letters would be delayed by the despatch or delivery at the same time of postal packets of any other description, such packets or any of them may be detained until any subsequent despatch or delivery.

Remission of postage and fees

45. The Postmaster General may remit in whole or in part any postage or other sums chargeable under these regulations in such cases or classes of cases as he may determine.

Application of Inland Post Regulations

46. The regulations specified in Schedule 7 shall apply to postal packets transmitted by post under the provisions of these regulations, to the extent and subject to the modifications specified in the said Schedule.

Saving for Postal Packets (Customs and Excise) Regulations

47. Nothing in these regulations shall prejudice, or affect the operation of, the provisions of the Postal Packets (Customs and Excise) Regulations 1962, or any regulations made by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under the Customs Acts.

Revocation

48. The regulations mentioned in Schedule 8 are hereby revoked.

Citation and commencement

49. These regulations may be cited as " the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Regulations 1965 ", and shall come into operation on the 13th December 1965.

Dated 20th September 1965.

Anthony Wedgwood Benn,
Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3

Rates of Postage on Letters and Postcards

Part 1

Rates of postage under regulation 3(1)

1. Letter not exceeding 1 oz. in weight	4d.
2. Letter exceeding 1 oz. in weight :	
for the first ounce	4d.
for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof	1½d
3. Single postcard	3d.
4. Reply postcard—on each half	3d.

Part 2

Rates of postage under regulation 3(2)

1. Letter not exceeding 1 oz. in weight	3d.
2. Letter exceeding 1 oz. in weight :	
for the first ounce	3d.
for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof	1½d.
3. Single postcard	2d.
4. Reply postcard—on each half	2d.

Part 3

Rates of postage under regulation 3(3)

1. Letter not exceeding 1 oz. in weight	6d.
2. Letter exceeding 1 oz. in weight :	
for the first ounce	6d.
for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof	4d.
3. Single postcard	4d.
4. Reply postcard—on each half	4d.

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 3

SPECIFIED COUNTRIES OR PLACES

PART 1

Aden and the Protectorate of South Arabia.
Antigua.
Australia and its overseas and Trust Territories, viz. :
Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, Papua and the Trust Territories of New Guinea and Nauru, Cocos-Keeling Islands and Christmas Island.
Bahamas.
Barbados.
Basutoland.
Bechuanaland Protectorate.
Bermuda.
British Antarctic Territory.
British Guiana.
British Honduras.
British Virgin Islands.
Brunei (Protected State).
Canada.
Cayman Islands.
Ceylon.
Cyprus (Republic of), and the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia.
Dominica.
Falkland Islands Colony and Dependencies.
Federal Republic of Nigeria.
Fiji (including Pitcairn Island).
Gambia (The).
Ghana.
Gibraltar.
Grenada.
Hong Kong.
India.
Jamaica.
Kenya.
Malawi.
Malaysia.
Maldive Islands.
Malta.
Mauritius and Dependencies.
Montserrat.
New Zealand and its Island Territories, viz. :
The Cook Islands.
The Tokelau Islands.
The Ross Dependency.
Pakistan.
St. Christopher, Nevis, and Anguilla.
St. Helena (including Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha).
St. Lucia.
St. Vincent.
Seychelles.
Sierra Leone.
Southern Rhodesia.
Swaziland.
Tanzania (United Republic of).
Tonga (Protected State).
Trinidad and Tobago.
Turks and Caicos Islands.

Uganda.
Western Pacific High Commission Territories, viz. :
British Solomon Islands Protectorate.
Central and Southern Line Islands.
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony (including the Phoenix and Northern Line Islands Group).
New Hebrides (Condominium).
Western Samoa.
Zambia (Republic of).

PART 2

British Postal Agencies.

PART 3

The United Kingdom.
The Channel Islands.
The Isle of Man.
The Republic of Ireland.

SCHEDULE 3 Regulations 4 and 5

OTHER RATES OF POSTAGE

PART 1

Rates of postage under regulation 4

Printed packet:	
(*a*) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	2d.
(*b*) exceeding 2 oz. in weight:	
for the first 2 oz.	2d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof	1½d.

PART 2

Rates of postage under regulation 5(1)

1. Printed packet:	
(*a*) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	2d.
(*b*) exceeding 2 oz. in weight:	
for the first 2 oz.	2d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof	1½d.
2. Commercial packet:	
(*a*) not exceeding 8 oz. in weight	7d.
(*b*) exceeding 8 oz. in weight:	
for the first 8 oz.	7d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof	1½d.
3. Sample packet:	
(*a*) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	2½d.
(*b*) exceeding 2 oz. in weight:	
for the first 2 oz.	2½d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof	1½d.

4. Small packet:			
(*a*) not exceeding 10 oz. in weight		1s.	0½d.
(*b*) exceeding 10 oz. in weight:			
for the first 10 oz.		1s.	0½d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof			2½d.

PART 3

Rates of postage under regulation 5 (2)

1. Printed packet:			
(*a*) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight			2½d.
(*b*) exceeding 2 oz. in weight:			
for the first 2 oz.			2½d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof			1½d.
2. Commercial packet:			
(*a*) not exceeding 8 oz. in weight			7d.
(*b*) exceeding 8 oz. in weight:			
for the first 8 oz.			7d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof			1½d.
3. Sample packet:			
(*a*) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight			2½d.
(*b*) exceeding 2 oz. in weight:			
for the first 2 oz.			2½d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof			1½d.
4. Small packet:			
(*a*) not exceeding 10 oz. in weight		1s.	0½d.
(*b*) exceeding 10 oz. in weight:			
for the first 10 oz.		1s.	0½d.
for each additional 2 oz. or fractional part thereof			2½d.

Regulation 14

SCHEDULE 4

LIMITS OF WEIGHT AND SIZE

1. The limits of weight and size specified in columns 2 and 3 of this Schedule apply to:

(*a*) Postal packets addressed to or received from any country or place referred to in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 2.

(*b*) Postal packets addressed to:

(i) a ship of the Royal Navy;

(ii) members of the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country serving outside the British postal area, or members of the armed forces of any State allied with the United Kingdom serving outside the British postal area with the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country, provided that the postal packet is transmitted through a British Forces' Post Office or a civilian Postal Administration in any Commonwealth or foreign country which has agreed to accept such limits of weight and size;

(*c*) postal packets posted as mentioned in regulation 43 (2) and addressed to the British postal area or to the Republic of Ireland.

2. The limits of weight and size specified in columns 4 and 5 of this Schedule apply to other postal packets.

Col. 1	Col. 2 Maximum weight	Col. 3 Maximum size	Col. 4 Maximum weight	Col. 5 Maximum size
1. Letter	4 lb.	Length—2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth—18 ins.	4 lb.	Length, breadth and depth combined—3 ft. Length—2 ft. Breadth—2 ft. Depth—2 ft.
2. Postcard ...	—	Length—5⅞ ins. Breadth—4⅛ ins.	—	As item 2 in Column 3
3. Printed packet ...	6½ lb.	As item 1 in this column	6½ lb.	As item 1 in this column
4. Commercial packet....	5 lb.	As item 1 in this column	4 lb.	As item 1 in this column
5. Sample packet ...	5 lb.	Length—2 ft. Breadth—1 ft. Depth—1 ft.	1 lb.	As item 1 in this column
6. Small packet ...	2 lb.	As item 1 in column 5	2 lb.	As item 1 in this column
7. Packet consisting of literature for the blind.	15 lb.	As item 1 in this column	15 lb.	As item 1 in this column
8. Insured box ...	2 lb.	Length—1 ft. Breadth—8 ins. Depth—4 ins.	2 lb.	As item 8 in column 3
9. Packet to which regulation 8 (1) applies:				
(1) Limits of weight and size of the whole packet:				
(i) if it contains any articles in the class (*a*) referred to in that paragraph.	6½ lb.	As item 1 in this column	6½ lb.	As item 1 in this column
(ii) if it contains only articles in the classes (*b*) and (*c*) referred to in that paragraph.	5 lb.	As item 1 in this column	4 lb.	As item 1 in this column
(2) Limits of weight of all enclosed articles in the said class (*b*).	5 lb.	—	4 lb.	—
(3) Limits of weight of all enclosed articles in the said class (*c*).	5 lb.	—	1 lb.	—
(4) Limits of combined weight of all enclosed articles in the said classes (*b*) and (*c*).	5 lb.	—	4 lb.	—

SCHEDULE 5

Regulations 36 and 37

INSURED LETTERS—COMPENSATION FEES AND MAXIMUM COMPENSATION

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		

SCHEDULE 6

Regulation 42

POSTAL PACKETS IN BOND

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3
Number of packets	£ s. d.	s. d.
1	5 0	2 6
2	7 0	3 6
3	9 0	4 6
4	11 0	5 6
5	12 0	6 0
6 to 10 inclusive	14 0	7 0
11 to 20 inclusive	18 0	9 0
21 to 30 inclusive	1 2 0	11 0
31 to 40 inclusive	1 6 0	13 0
41 to 50 inclusive	1 10 0	15 0
Every additional 25 or part thereof ...	5 0	2 6

SCHEDULE 7

Regulation 46

APPLICATION OF INLAND POST REGULATIONS

Inland Post Regulations 1963—	
Reg. 14 (Treatment of packets addressed to deceased persons).	The reference in reg. 14(1)(*d*) to the Inland Post Regulations 1963 shall be read as a reference to these regulations.

Reg. 26 (Postal facilities—general).	This regulation shall apply for the purpose only of the application of the other provisions of the Inland Post Regulations 1963 mentioned in this Schedule to postal packets transmitted under these regulations.
Reg. 30 (Evasion of postage by redirection).	
Reg. 31 (Poste Restante).	The reference in para. (*h*) to the provisions of the Inland Post Regulations 1963 as to the return of postal packets shall be read as a reference to reg. 19 of these regulations.
Reg. 54 (Variation of route).	
Schedule 2 (Postal facilities), items 3, and 8 to 19 inclusive.	The facilities referred to in items 8 to 19 inclusive shall extend to postal packets transmitted under these regulations, without further charge.
Schedule 3 (Express delivery services), items 2, and 4 to 7 inclusive.	The limits of size and weight shall be those specified in these regulations.

SCHEDULE 8

Regulation 48

REGULATIONS REVOKED

Col. 1 Regulations revoked	Col. 2 References
The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1959.	S.I. 1959/498 (1959 II, p. 2131).
The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant 1961.	S.I. 1961/142 (1961 I, p. 254).
The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1963.	S.I. 1963/561 (1963 I, p. 639).
The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 1965.	S.I. 1965/503 (1965 I, p. 1258).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations which come into operation on 13th December 1965 consolidate with minor and drafting amendments the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1959 and the instruments amending it. The instruments are set out in Schedule 8.