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1. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN POST

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We, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by Sections 2, 3, 4, 12, 15, 16, 17 and 82 of the Post Office Act 1908 and Sections 2 and 6 of the Post Office (Amendment) Act 1935, 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:—

8 Edw. 7. c. 48. 25 & 26 Geo. 5. c. 15.

Rates of Postage and other Charges

Rates of postage on letters and postcards.

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

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

(*a*) in any of the countries or places specified in the First Schedule hereto, or

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

(*c*) 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

(*d*) 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;

(ii) On letters and postcards posted on board any British ship on the high seas for transmission to a person in the British Islands or Eire, the said rates of postage specified in Part I of the said Second Schedule;

(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:

(*a*) in the British Islands or Eire, or

(*b*) in any country or place specified in the First Schedule hereto, or

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

(*d*) serving in His Majesty's forces outside the British Islands,

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 abroad for transmission to the United States of America, the rates of postage specified in paragraphs 1, 2, 5 and 6 of 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 2 of this Warrant applies), the rates of postage specified in Part III of the said Second Schedule.

Postal packets posted at British Agencies.

2. 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 hereto (except Morocco) or to Eire, 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 hereto (except any other Postal Agency in the Persian Gulf) or to Eire, 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.

Printed packets, commercial packets, and sample packets.

3. There shall be charged and paid on every outgoing printed packet (other than a magazine for Canada and Newfoundland or a packet consisting of literature for the blind), commercial packet, or sample packet the following rates of postage, that is to say:—

For every two ounces, or fractional part of two ounces, one halfpenny.

Provided that—

(*a*) the minimum rate of postage on a commercial packet shall be twopence halfpenny; and

(*b*) the minimum rate of postage on a sample packet shall be one penny.

Printed packets transmitted in bulk.

4. There shall be charged and paid on every mail bag containing printed packets (other than magazines for Canada and Newfoundland) for transmission as provided by Regulation 38 of this Warrant a rate of postage of fourpence for every pound in weight of the mail bag and its contents. Provided that for this purpose the weight of each mail bag and its contents shall be calculated to the nearest pound.

Magazines for Canada and Newfoundland.

5. There shall be charged and paid on every magazine for Canada and Newfoundland the following rates of postage, that is to say:—

On every packet exceeding two ounces but not exceeding six ounces in weight, one penny.

On every packet exceeding six ounces but not exceeding one pound and a half in weight, three halfpence.

On every packet exceeding one pound and a half in weight, for every half pound or fractional part of a half pound, one halfpenny.

Magazines for Canada and Newfoundland transmitted in bulk.

6. There shall be charged and paid on every mail bag containing magazines for Canada and Newfoundland as provided by Regulation 38 of this Warrant the rate of postage of one penny for every pound in weight of the mail bag and its contents. Provided that for this purpose the weight of each mail bag and its contents shall be calculated to the nearest pound.

Literature for the blind.

7. Except as otherwise provided in this Warrant, there shall be charged and paid on every outgoing postal packet consisting of literature for the blind the following rates of postage, that is to say:—

On every packet not exceeding two pounds in weight, one halfpenny.

On every packet exceeding two pounds, but not exceeding five pounds in weight, one penny.

On every packet exceeding five pounds, but not exceeding eight pounds in weight, three halfpence.

On every packet exceeding eight pounds, but not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, twopence.

On every packet exceeding eleven pounds, but not exceeding fifteen pounds in weight, twopence halfpenny.

Insured boxes.

8. Except as otherwise provided in this Warrant, 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, tenpence.

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

Small packets.

9. There shall be charged and paid on every small packet 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, one penny.

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

Rates of postage on Air Mails.

10. There shall be charged and paid:—

(*a*) on every Forces letter a rate of postage of two and a half pence;

(*b*) on every air letter a rate of postage of sixpence;

(*c*) on every Air Mail packet (other than a Forces letter or an air letter) a rate of postage not exceeding two shillings and sixpence for each half ounce or fractional part of a half ounce in weight.

11. 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:— Articles grouped together in one packet.

(*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 weights specified in this Warrant in relation to commercial packets and printed packets;

(*c*) That the minimum rate of postage on each packet shall be twopence halfpenny if the packet contains articles transmissible in a commercial packet and one penny if it consists of articles transmissible in printed packets and sample packets.

12.—(1) There shall be charged and paid in respect of late fee postal packets a fee not exceeding one shilling and sixpence. Late fee postal packets.

(2) In this Regulation the expression " late fee postal packet " means postal packets posted after the ordinary hours of collection for particular despatches by being handed in at such post offices or otherwise posted in such manner as may be prescribed.

13. Except as otherwise provided, where an incoming postal packet or insured box 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 or box shall be delivered to him, a further fee of sixpence. Charge in respect of postal packets or insured boxes containing dutiable goods.

General Conditions

14. There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet— Prohibitions.

(1) Consisting of or containing any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, cinematograph film, lithograph, engraving, book, card or written communication, or any indecent or obscene article, whether similar to the above or not; or

(2) having thereon or on the cover thereof any words, marks, or designs which are grossly offensive or of an indecent or obscene character; or

(3) Consisting of or containing—

(*a*) Opium, morphine, cocaine, and other narcotics, provided that such narcotics may be sent for medical or scientific purposes in insured boxes to countries which admit them when so sent,

(*b*) any explosive substance,

(*c*) any dangerous substance,

(*d*) any filth,

(*e*) any noxious or deleterious substance,

(*f*) any sharp instrument not properly protected,

(*g*) any living animals, except—

(i) bees, leeches and silkworms;

(ii) parasites and destroyers of noxious insects used for the purpose of controlling those insects and exchanged between officially recognised institutions;

(*h*) any article or thing whatsoever which is likely to injure any other postal packet in course of conveyance or any receptacle in which the same is conveyed or an officer of the Post Office or other person who may deal with such packet; or

(4) containing—

(*a*) (Except in letter packets, printed packets, small packets, packets consisting of literature for the blind and insured boxes) any article liable to Customs duty,

(*b*) 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,

(*c*) anything which by the laws of the country or place in which the packet is posted or to which the packet is addressed it is unlawful to send by post,

(*d*) gold bullion and coin of gold or silver exceeding £5 in value:

Provided that a sample packet may contain articles liable to Customs duty where the importation of such articles by sample packet is permitted in the country or place to which the packet is addressed, and there is affixed to the address side of such packet a label in the prescribed form; or

(5) Containing or bearing any fictitious postage stamp or any counterfeit impression of a stamping machine used under the direction or by the permission of the Postmaster General; or

(6) containing any imitation of a Bank note within the meaning of Section 38 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1925; or

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(7) purporting to be prepaid with any stamp or impression of a stamping machine which has been previously used to repay any other postal packet or any other Revenue duty or tax; or

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

(9) 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; or

(10) 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 His Majesty's service; or

(11) having thereon or on the cover thereof any words, marks, or designs of a character likely in the opinion of the Postmaster General to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packet in the post; or

(12) of such a form 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 in the post; or

(13) having anything written, printed or otherwise impressed upon or attached to any part of that side of a postal packet which contains the address at which the packet is to be delivered 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 in the payment of postage, 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 such postal packet; or

(14) having anything written, printed, or otherwise impressed across the postage stamp thereon; or

(15) posted in any place outside the British Islands and addressed to a person resident or carrying on business in the British Islands by or on behalf of any person also so resident or carrying on business, 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 evading payment of inland postage; or

(16) 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.

Packing.

15. Every postal packet must 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, and where the Postmaster General has made any special rules in relation to the packing of any particular packet or article, such rules shall be observed.

Maximum weight and dimensions.

16. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, no postal packet shall be forwarded or delivered by post under this Warrant which exceeds the following respective weights and dimensions, that is to say:—

(*a*) In the case of a letter, letter packet, commercial packet or printed packet addressed to:—

(1) Any part of His Majesty's dominions or any of the specified countries or places:—

(i) Four pounds in weight in the case of a letter or letter packet and five pounds in weight in the case of a commercial packet or printed packet.

(ii) Two feet in length and eighteen inches in breadth or depth.

(2) Any foreign country or place (except the specified countries or places):—

(i) Four pounds in weight.

(ii) Two feet in length or breadth or depth or three feet in length, breadth and depth combined.

(*b*) In the case of a sample packet addressed to:—

(1) Any part of His Majesty's dominions or to any of the specified countries or places:—

(i) Five pounds in weight.

(ii) Two feet in length and one foot in breadth or depth.

(2) Any foreign country or place (except the specified countries or places):—

(i) One pound in weight.

(ii) Two feet in length or breadth or depth or three feet in length, breadth and depth combined.

(*c*) In the case of magazines for Canada or Newfoundland:—

(1) Five pounds in weight.

(2) Two feet in length and eighteen inches in width or depth.

(*d*) In the case of a packet consisting of literature for the blind addressed to:—

(1) Any part of His Majesty's dominions or to any of the specified countries or places:—

(i) Fifteen pounds in weight.

(ii) Two feet in length and eighteen inches in breadth or depth.

(2) Any foreign country or place (except the specified countries or places):—

(i) Fifteen pounds in weight.

(ii) Two feet in length or breadth or depth or three feet in length, breadth and depth combined.

Provided that—

(i) In the case of a letter, letter packet, commercial packet, printed packet, sample packet, or packet consisting of literature for the blind, made up in the form of a roll, whether addressed to any part of His Majesty's dominions or to any other country or place, the length and twice the diameter shall not exceed three feet three inches and the greatest dimension shall not exceed two feet eight inches;

(ii) In the case of a letter or letter packet addressed to any place in Egypt the limits of size shall be two feet in length and eighteen inches in breadth or depth;

(iii) In the case of a sample packet containing samples of cotton and cotton materials addressed to any place in Egypt the limit of weight shall be five pounds;

(iv) Printed volumes sent singly as printed packets to any part of His Majesty's dominions or to any other country or place may be forwarded if they do not exceed six-and-a-half pounds in weight.

In this Regulation the expression " the specified countries or places " means Burma, Trans-Jordan and the British Postal Agencies at Tangier or in the Persian Gulf.

Prepayment.

17. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant the postage payable on every postal packet must be prepaid.

Mode of payment.

18.—(1) Postage may be prepaid—

(*a*) by adhesive postage stamps; or

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

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

(*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; or

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

(*f*) in such other manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that—

(i) no stamp or impression of a stamping machine which is imperfect or mutilated or defaced in any way shall be used in payment or to denote payment of postage,

(ii) no stamp indicating on the face thereof payment of a registration fee as well as postage shall be used in payment of postage on any unregistered postal packet, and

(iii) packets bearing the impression of stamping machines and packets intended for impression by stamping machines shall be accepted only at such Post Offices as the Postmaster General thinks fit and within such hours, and under and subject to such rules, conditions and restrictions as shall be prescribed.

(2) A " Postal form " means a form issued by or under the authority of the Postmaster General.

Position of stamp.

19. Where postage is prepaid the stamp or impression on the envelope, cover, postcard or other form shall be in such position as the Postmaster General may deem convenient.

Postal packets on which postage not paid.

20.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, any letter or postcard upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall be charged with double the amount of the deficient postage. Provided that any reply postcard, upon the two portions of which no part or a part only of the postage is prepaid, shall be detained and (as the case may be) returned or given up to the sender, or returned to the country of origin.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, any out-going printed packet, commercial packet, small packet, sample packet, magazine for Canada and Newfoundland or packet consisting of literature for the blind upon which no part or a part only of the postage payable thereon is prepaid may be detained and returned, or given up to the sender, or be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage, as the Postmaster General may, in his discretion, direct.

(3) Any incoming printed packet, commercial packet, small packet, sample packet or packet consisting of literature for the blind upon which no part or a part only of the postage payable thereon is prepaid may be detained and returned to the country of origin or be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage, as the Postmaster General may, in his discretion, direct.

(4) The charge upon a postal packet upon which no part or part only of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall not in any case be less than the sum of one halfpenny.

Treatment of irregular packets.

21.—(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Warrant, postal packets which are posted otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of this Warrant may be either detained and returned or given up to the senders thereof, or dealt with or disposed of in such other manner as may be authorised by the Postmaster General.

(2) Any postal packet which is found when in the post to infringe the provisions of paragraph (16) of the Regulation of this Warrant the marginal note of which is "Prohibitions" may if the Postmaster General thinks fit be delivered to the addressee subject to such charges as may be prescribed.

Special Conditions as to Postcards

Rules as to post-cards.

22. The following rules shall apply to postcards:—

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

(2) It shall not be necessary for postcards of private manufacture (not being reply postcards) to bear on the face thereof the word "postcard" or its equivalent in another language.

(3) A postcard shall not be more than five and seven-eighth inches in length or four and one-eighth inches in width, or less than four inches in length or two and three-quarter inches in width, and shall be made of cardboard or paper stout enough not to hinder its manipulation. 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.

(4) Nothing whatever shall be in any manner attached to a postcard except—

(*a*) Postage stamps in payment of postage or of sums payable for registration or for advice of delivery or for express delivery;

(*b*) Illustrations, photographs, stamps of any kind, address labels or slips to fold back for address purposes, labels and cuttings of any kind. Provided that stamps likely to be mistaken for stamps used for the payment of postage shall not be affixed to the address side of a postcard. Provided also that all such articles shall be of such nature as not to alter the character of the postcard, and shall consist of paper or other very thin substance and shall adhere completely to the postcard. With the exception of address labels or slips these articles may only be affixed to the back or to the left-hand half of the address side of the postcard.

Treatment of irregular cards.

23. If any postcard is sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of the last preceding Regulation, it shall be dealt with and charged as a letter.

Special Conditions as to Printed Packets, Commercial Packets, Small Packets, Sample Packets, Magazines for Canada and Newfoundland, and Packets consisting of Literature for the Blind.

24. Every printed packet, commercial packet, small packet, sample packet, magazine for Canada and Newfoundland, and packet consisting of literature for the blind shall be subject to examination in the post, and, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, shall not contain anything sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or contain or bear anything in the nature of a current and personal correspondence. Conditions of posting.

25.—(1) The expression "commercial packet" in this Warrant means a packet of papers or documents wholly or partly written or drawn, not having the character of current and personal correspondence, such as open letters and postcards which are out of date and have already fulfilled their original purpose or copies thereof, papers of legal procedure, documents of all kinds drawn up by public functionaries, way-bills or bills of lading, invoices, certain documents of insurance companies, 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 of newspapers forwarded separately, pupils' exercises in original or with corrections, but without any note which does not relate directly to the execution of the work. Packets containing correspondence exchanged between school pupils, even when it has the character of current and personal correspondence, are admitted as commercial packets provided the packets are forwarded through the intermediary of the headmasters of the schools concerned. Rules for commercial packets.

(2) Commercial packets must be made up in such a way that they can be easily examined. They must be either placed in wrappers, upon rollers, between boards, in cases open at both sides or at both ends, or in unclosed envelopes, or secured with a string easy to untie, or be simply folded, but in such manner that other articles cannot slip into their folds.

(3) No commercial packet shall contain postage stamps or forms indicating prepayment, whether obliterated or not, or any paper representing monetary value.

Provided that out-of-date letters or postcards may bear obliterated stamps or impressions of stamping machines which served to prepay the original postage.

26.—(1) The expression "printed packet" in this Warrant means a packet consisting of or containing:— Rules for printed packets.

(i) One or more of the following articles or documents whether printed, engraved, lithographed, or mimeographed, that is to say:—

(*a*) Newspapers and periodicals, books, sewn or bound, and pamphlets;

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

(*c*) Engravings, photographs, and albums containing photographs;

(*d*) Pictures and drawings, plans, maps, paper patterns intended for cutting out and catalogues;

(*e*) Prospectuses, advertisements and notices of various kinds; and

(ii) In general all impressions or copies obtained upon paper, parchment or cardboard by means of printing, engraving, lithography, mimeography, or any other mechanical process easy to recognise (except the copying-press, a hand stamp with or without moveable type, and the typewriter).

(2) No printed packet shall contain cinematograph films, gramophone records, stationery, or postage stamps or forms indicating prepayment whether obliterated or not or any paper representing monetary value, 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 Regulation it is allowed—

(i) Outside or inside a printed packet:

(*a*) To indicate by hand or by mechanical process the name, position, profession, firm, and address of the sender and of the addressee, as well as the date of despatch, the signature, telephone number, telegraphic address and code, and postal cheque or banking account of the sender, as well as a serial or identity number referring solely to the packet.

(*b*) To correct errors in printing.

(*c*) To strike out, to underline, or to enclose by marks, certain words or certain parts of a printed text, unless this is done with the object of constituting personal correspondence.

(ii) To indicate or add by hand or by a mechanical process—

(*a*) In advices of the departures and arrivals of ships:—the dates and times of departures and arrivals, as well as the names of the ships and the ports of departure, call and arrival.

(*b*) In travellers' advices:—the name of the traveller, the date, time and place of his intended visit, and the address at which he is staying.

(*c*) In forms of order, subscription or offer for publications, newspapers, engravings or pieces of music:—the works and the number of copies required or offered, the price of those works, and notes representing essential elements of the price, the method of payment, the edition and the names of the authors and publishers as well as the number of the catalogue and words " paper covers," " stiff covers " or " bound."

(*d*) In forms used by lending libraries:—the titles of the books, the number of copies asked for or sent, the names of the authors and publishers, the catalogue numbers, the number of days allowed for reading, the name of the person wishing to consult the book, and other brief notes referring to the books in question.

(*e*) On pictorial cards and printed visiting cards, and Christmas and New Year cards:—good wishes, congratulations, thanks, condolences, or other formulas of courtesy, expressed in five words or by means of five conventional initials at most.

(*f*) In proofs of printing:—alterations and additions concerned with corrections form and printing, and also notes such as " Passed for press," " Read—Passed for press," or any similar note concerned with the execution of the work. In case of want of space these additions may be made on separate sheets. The " copy " may also be enclosed.

(*g*) In fashion plates, maps, etc.:—colours.

(*h*) In price lists, tenders for advertisements, stock and share lists, market quotations, trade circulars and prospectuses:—figures and any other notes representing essential elements of the price.

(*i*) 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 simply of an expression of regard, and (on photographs or engravings) a very concise description; and to enclose the relative invoice.

(*j*) On cuttings from newspapers and periodicals:—the title, date, number, and address of the publication from which the article is extracted.

(*k*) In notices of change of address:—the new address of the sender and the date from which the change takes place or the former address and the date when the change was made.

(iii) To enclose a card envelope or wrapper bearing the name and address of the sender of the packet and prepaid for return by means of postage stamps of the country to which the packet is addressed.

(3) No printed packet sent in the form of an unenclosed card shall be forwarded or delivered by post if it is less than four inches in length or two and three-quarters inches in width.

(4) Reproductions of a manuscript or typewritten original will be transmitted as printed packets when they are obtained by a mechanical manifolding process such as hectography etc.; 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.

(5) Paragraphs (2) and (3) of the last preceding Regulation (except the proviso to the said paragraph (3)) shall apply to printed packets.

(6) This Regulation does not apply to magazines for Canada and Newfoundland or to packets consisting of literature for the blind.

Despatch of certain printed packets.

27. Where the rate of postage of one halfpenny only has been paid on any printed packet and the packet is posted after such hour as the Postmaster General may from time to time fix the packet may be detained at the office at which it was posted until the following day, or, if the following day is Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday, until the next following day.

Rules as to small packets.

28.—(1) The expression "small packet" in this Warrant means a packet which:—

(*a*) consists of or contains goods or articles of merchandise and contains or bears nothing else except an open invoice reduced to its simplest form, any Customs declaration required and the names and addresses of the sender and addressee; and

(*b*) does not exceed two pounds in weight; and

(*c*) does not exceed two feet in length, breadth, or depth, or three feet in length, breadth and depth combined; or if made up in the form of a roll, the length and twice the diameter shall not exceed three feet three inches and the greatest dimension does not exceed two feet eight inches.

(2) Every small packet shall bear on the outside the name and address of the sender and the addressee, and for Customs purposes shall bear such green label as shall be prescribed by or under any Treasury Warrant made in that behalf, and, when such Warrant so prescribes, shall also have attached or contain such declaration as shall be prescribed thereby or thereunder.

(3) No small packet shall contain postage stamps or forms indicating prepayment whether obliterated or not or any paper representing monetary value or coin, bank-notes, currency notes, negotiable instruments payable to bearer, platinum, gold or silver manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels or other precious articles.

(4) Small packets may be registered but may not be insured.

(5) The provisions in relation to the packing of sample packets contained in the next following Regulation shall (so far as applicable) apply to small packets.

Rules as to sample packets.

29.—(1) The expression "sample packet" in this Warrant means any packet consisting of trade patterns, or samples of merchandise. Exceptionally it includes packets containing the following articles, viz.: printers' blocks, cut-out patterns sent singly, keys sent singly, cut fresh flowers, articles of natural history (such as dried or preserved animals and plants, and geological specimens), and tubes of serum or vaccine and pathological objects rendered harmless by their mode of preparation and packing. Provided that the said articles, except tubes of serum or vaccine 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 postage stamps or forms indicating prepayment whether obliterated or not, or paper representing monetary value, or any article having a saleable value.

(3) Samples must be placed in bags, boxes, or removable envelopes, in such a manner as to admit of easy inspection. Provided that articles that would be spoilt if packed in that manner may in exceptional cases be transmitted in a cover hermetically sealed; and samples of industrial and vegetable products may be posted in covers closed by the manufacturers or sealed by an inspecting authority of the country of origin. In any case coming within the foregoing proviso the Postmaster General may require the sender or addressee to assist in the check of the contents either by opening certain packets or in some other manner satisfactory to the Postmaster General.

(4) Articles consisting of 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 and other fragile materials, and packets containing liquids, oils, fatty substances, dry powders, whether dyes or not, live bees, leeches, silkworms and silkworms' eggs, parasites and destroyers of noxious insects, shall be packed in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed.

(6) There shall be no 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, position, profession, firm and address of the sender and

of the addressee, and the date of despatch, the sender's signature, telephone number, telegraphic address and code, postal cheque or banking account, 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 numbers, prices, and notes representing the essential elements of the price and particulars relative to the weight, measurement and size, or to the quantity to be disposed of, and such as are necessary to determine the origin and character of the goods.

Rules as to literature for the blind.

30.—(1) Packets consisting of literature for the blind must be made up in such a way that they can be easily examined. They must be either placed in wrappers, upon rollers, between boards, in cases open at both sides or at both ends, or in unclosed envelopes, or secured with a string easy to untie, or be simply folded, but in such manner that other articles cannot slip into their folds.

(2) No packet consisting of literature for the blind shall contain postage stamps or forms indicating prepayment, whether obliterated or not, or any paper representing monetary value.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in this Warrant, a packet consisting of literature for the blind may contain outside or inside the packet an indication, by hand or by a mechanical process, of the name, position, profession, firm and address of the sender and of the addressee, the date of dispatch, the signature, telephone number, telegraphic address and code postal cheque or banking account of the sender, as well as a serial or identity number referring solely to the packet.

Further special conditions as to magazines for Canada and Newfoundland

Magazines for Canada and Newfoundland.

31. A "Magazine for Canada and Newfoundland" in this Warrant means a newspaper, magazine, or trade journal exceeding two ounces in weight registered as provided by this Warrant for transmission to Canada and Newfoundland, and includes a packet of two or more such magazines.

Registration of magazines for Canada and Newfoundland.

32.—(1) Any newspaper registered at the General Post Office for transmission in the British Islands and in Eire at the newspaper rate of postage shall be deemed also to be registered as a magazine for Canada and Newfoundland.

(2) Any other newspaper, or a magazine or trade journal may be registered by the Proprietor thereof at the General Post Office as a magazine for Canada and Newfoundland, on payment of an annual fee of five shillings. The following conditions shall apply to the registration of any such newspaper, magazine or trade journal:—

(*a*) It shall be printed in the British Islands or in Eire and shall not be distributed gratuitously.

(*b*) It shall be issued in consecutive numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days.

(*c*) It shall consist only of paper.

(*d*) Not more than five-sixths of its contents including any supplements shall consist of advertisements.

(*e*) The full title and the date or month of issue shall be 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, magazine, or trade journal.

Renewal of Registration.

33. The Registration of a magazine for Canada and Newfoundland may be renewed from year to year on payment to the Postmaster General of a fee of five shillings, which shall be sent to him with a copy of the magazine on the 1st day of May in each year.

Decision of Postmaster General to be final.

34. The decision of the Postmaster General on the admission to or removal from the Register of a newspaper, magazine or trade journal shall be final.

Special conditions of transmission.

35. The following provisions shall apply to magazines for Canada and Newfoundland tendered for transmission under this Warrant:—

(*a*) Every magazine addressed to Canada shall be transmitted only by a ship plying directly between the British Islands and Canada.

(*b*) Every magazine addressed to Newfoundland shall be transmitted either by a ship plying directly between the British Islands and Newfoundland or by a ship plying directly between the British Islands and Canada, and thence via Canada.

(*c*) Every magazine shall be posted either without a cover or in a cover open at both ends and so that the same can be easily removed for the purpose of examination.

(*d*) No article not part of a magazine shall be posted in or in the same cover with the magazine.

(*e*) No magazine shall contain or bear on the cover thereof anything except:—

(1) The names, addresses and descriptions of the sender and addressee with index or reference numbers and letters.

(2) The words "with compliments", "specimen copy" or "voucher copy".

(3) The title of the magazine and a reference to its registration for transmission by post under this Warrant.

(4) A reference to any page of or place in the magazine to which the attention of the addressee is directed.

(5) A request for return in case of non-delivery.

Treatment of irregular Magazines.

36. If any magazine for Canada and Newfoundland is found when in the post not to comply with the conditions applicable to its transmission as intended, it shall be treated as a letter or printed packet.

Return of undeliverable magazines.

37. With regard to any magazine for Canada and Newfoundland which is returned to a British post office by the Post Office of the country or place of address as being from whatever cause undeliverable, the following provisions shall apply:—

(1) Where a request for the return of such magazine to the sender thereof, or some person designated by him, appears on the outside of such magazine, such magazine shall be charged with an additional rate of postage equal in amount to the prepaid rate of postage originally chargeable upon the magazine, and such rate of postage

shall be payable by the sender of such magazine, and the magazine shall, upon payment of such rate of postage, and any other charges to which it has become liable, be returned to the sender thereof or to the person so designated by him as aforesaid.

(2) Where no such request as aforesaid appears upon the magazine, but where from any cause the Postmaster General deems it expedient so to do, he may tender such magazine to the sender thereof charged with an additional rate of postage equal in amount to the prepaid rate of postage originally chargeable upon the magazine and the magazine shall, upon payment of such rate of postage and any other charges to which it has become liable, be returned to the sender thereof.

(3) Where no such request as aforesaid appears upon the magazine, or where upon the tender of the magazine to the sender thereof he refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the magazine has become liable by law, the magazine may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may in his discretion direct or authorise.

Transmission in Bulk

Transmission in bulk of printed packets.

38.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, magazines for Canada and Newfoundland and such other printed packets as the Postmaster General shall direct to be so transmissible may be enclosed by the senders in mail bags, to be provided by the Postmaster General for the purpose.

(2) Each such mail bag shall be of such weight and shall in respect of the make-up and mode of posting of such mail bag and the payment of postage thereon and in all other respects conform with such rules as may be prescribed.

(3) If arrangements shall be made for the transmission of the magazines for Canada and Newfoundland and such other printed packets in manner aforesaid for delivery to the same addressee, the weight and dimensions of the magazines or other printed packets may be such as may be prescribed. Provided that the mail bag containing the magazines or other printed packets does not exceed such weight as may be prescribed under this Regulation.

(4) Except as aforesaid, the weight and dimensions of the magazines or other printed packets transmitted under this Regulation shall not exceed those specified in this Warrant.

Special Conditions as to Air Mail Packets

Posting of air mail packets.

39.—(1) An Air Mail packet (except a Forces letter) must 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) An Air Mail packet shall be conveyed in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed.

(3) Every air letter and Forces 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.

(4) A letter shall only be transmissible as an air letter or a Forces letter if it is addressed to any such country or destination as may, from time to time, be prescribed.

Exceptional Unpaid Postal Packets

Exceptional unpaid postal packets.

40. The provisions of this Warrant with reference to prepayment of postage 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.

Re-direction

Conditions of re-direction.

41.—(1) Any postal packet may be re-directed from its original address, or any substituted address, to the same addressee at any other address unless the sender has forbidden re-direction by means of a note to that effect on the address side of the packet in a language known in the country of destination.

(2) Every re-directed packet, if fully prepaid for its first transmission, shall be chargeable on delivery with the difference (if any) between the postage prepaid on the first transmission and the postage chargeable if the packet had been originally addressed to the new destination. Any packet unpaid or insufficiently prepaid for its first transmission shall be charged on delivery with double the deficient postage which would have been due if it had been originally addressed to the new destination. The expression " first transmission " shall be deemed to include transmission to an address within the country in which the packet was posted.

(3) Where a postal packet cannot be delivered, and the sender's address is not situated in the same country as that in which the packet was posted, such packet, when returned to the sender, shall be treated as a re-directed packet.

Express Delivery

Express delivery fee on outgoing packets.

42. Upon every outgoing postal packet marked with the words " Express delivery " or with such other words as may indicate the desire of the sender that the postal packet may be delivered by special messenger (which words are hereinafter referred to as an " express marking "), there shall be charged and prepaid the fee of sixpence.

Delivery of incoming packets by special messenger.

43. Any incoming postal packet marked with an express marking shall, in Great Britain, be conveyed and delivered by special messenger, subject to the regulations and conditions for the time being in force with respect to the express delivery of inland postal packets.

Registration

Outgoing packets may be registered.

44.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant any outgoing postal packet (except a magazine for Canada and Newfoundland) may be registered.

(2) This Regulation shall not apply to any packet addressed to initials or in pencil, but such packet may be addressed in copying ink pencil unless it is sent in an envelope with a transparent panel.

Rules as to registration.

45. The following rules shall apply to the registration of postal packets:—

(1) The packet must be posted by—

(*a*) delivery for registration at a post office to an officer on duty at such office; or

(*b*) delivery for registration to some officer of the Post Office authorised to receive packets for registration though not on duty at a Post Office.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, all sums chargeable on the registration of the packet, and all postage chargeable thereon, must be prepaid at the time of posting, but if no part or a part only of the postage is prepaid the packet shall be charged with the deficient postage only.

(3) On delivery of the packet for registration a certificate of posting, bearing thereon an acknowledgment that the registration fee has been paid, shall be obtained. This certificate must be filled up and signed by the officer of the Post Office receiving the packet.

Registration fees.

46. For the registration of outgoing postal packets there shall be charged and paid the following sums, that is to say:—

(1) When the packet is registered by delivery to an officer of the Post Office authorised to receive the same, though not on duty at a post office, or when the packet is registered at a post office before the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such post office (without extra fee) of postal packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch therefrom, the sum of threepence (hereinafter called the " registration fee ").

(2) When the packet is registered at a post office after the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such post office (without extra fee) of postal packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch therefrom, but within such further time (if any) as the Postmaster General may from time to time appoint with reference to such office, such extra sum in addition to the registration fee as may be prescribed. Provided that such sum shall not exceed one shilling and sixpence.

Advice of delivery.

47. The sender of any outgoing registered postal packet addressed to any country or place which is a party to the Universal Postal Union may obtain an advice of the delivery thereof to the addressee by payment of a sum of threepence, in addition to any postage or other sum chargeable or payable in respect thereof.

Compulsory registration.

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

(*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, shall be withheld from transmission and may be returned to the sender for registration.

(2) The sender of every outgoing postal packet (other than a small packet) which contains coin, bank-notes, currency notes, negotiable instruments payable to bearer, platinum, gold or silver, manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels or other precious articles, and which is addressed to a country to which such articles are transmissible by post, shall register the packet; and if such a packet is found in the post unregistered it shall not be forwarded until it has been registered and may be returned to the sender for that purpose.

(3) Every incoming postal packet (other than a small packet) which contains coin, bank-notes, currency notes, negotiable instruments payable to bearer, platinum, gold or silver, manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels or other precious articles, and which is not registered, 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.

Compensation for loss.

49. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant:—

(*a*) if any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet other than an insured letter, be 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 persons 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 as he may think just;

(*b*) if any registered postal packet other than an insured letter be lost whilst in the post, the Postmaster General may pay to the sender of such packet a sum not exceeding £2.

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

Insured Letters

Conditions.

50. The following rules shall apply to insured letters:—

(1) Every insured letter shall be registered and insured under and in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant.

(2) The letter shall be packed and sealed in such manner as may be prescribed, and shall not be addressed to initials or in pencil and no erasure or correction shall be made in the address.

(3) The cover of the letter shall bear an entry (made otherwise than in pencil) of the sum for which it or its contents are to be insured, which sum must not exceed the real value of the letter or its contents.

(4) The letter shall not, without the express permission of the Postmaster General, contain coin, articles subject to Customs duty (except paper money, securities and similar valuable papers), platinum, gold or silver, manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels and other valuables, opium, morphine, cocaine and other narcotics, and articles the admission or circulation of which in the country of destination is prohibited; provided that the letter may contain articles subject to Customs duty where the importation of such articles in insured letters is permitted in the country or place to which the letter is addressed.

(5) The letter shall be posted by delivery at a post office to an officer on duty at such office, and all postage chargeable on the letter must be prepaid at the time of posting.

(6) No insured letter shall be re-directed to a country or place with which the Postmaster General has not for the time being an agreement for the exchange of insured letters.

Compensation for loss of insured letters.

51. If an insured letter or any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of an insured letter, be lost or damaged whilst in the course of conveyance by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, the Postmaster General may pay such sum as he may think just to the sender, or to the postal administration of any part of His Majesty's dominions or a foreign country, 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 where, in addition to the postage payable in respect of such letter:—

(i) a sum equal to the registration fee prescribed in relation to outgoing postal packets under this Warrant, and

(ii) a compensation fee of an amount specified in the first column of the Third Schedule hereto (and no more)

are paid in respect of such letter, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum specified in the second column of the said Schedule opposite the compensation fee paid.

(*b*) In the case of an incoming insured letter the sum paid by way of compensation shall be such a sum, not exceeding four hundred pounds, as, having regard to the amount of the compensation fee in addition to the postage paid in respect of such letter, may be from time to time fixed by agreement between the Postmaster General and any part of His Majesty's dominions or the foreign country from which the letter is transmitted.

Insured Boxes

Application of Warrant to insured boxes.

52. The provisions of this Warrant, so far as the same are applicable, shall, subject as hereinafter provided, apply to the transmission of insured boxes, as if such boxes were insured letters transmitted under this Warrant.

Registration and insurance of insured boxes.

53. Every insured box shall be registered and insured under and in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant.

Maximum weight and dimensions.

54. Except by the special permission of the Postmaster General no insured box shall be forwarded or delivered by post which exceeds 2 lb. in weight, 12 inches in length, 8 inches in breadth, and 4 inches in depth.

Prohibitions in respect of insured boxes.

55.—(1) Without the express permission of the Postmaster General insured boxes shall not contain:—

(*a*) A letter or anything in the nature of a letter.

(*b*) Bank notes, currency notes or other securities payable to bearer.

(*c*) Securities and articles in the nature of commercial papers.

(*d*) Any article or thing not authorised by the Customs or other laws or regulations of Great Britain or of the place to which the insured box is addressed.

(2) Regulation 50 (4) of this Warrant shall not apply to insured boxes.

Re-direction of insured boxes.

56.—(1) Any insured box may be re-directed from its original address or any substituted address within the British Islands to any country or place to which insured boxes are transmissible under this Warrant unless the sender has forbidden re-direction by means of a note to that effect on the address side of the box in a language known in the country of destination.

(2) No insured box re-directed from a place out of the British Islands to a place within the British Islands or to a British Postal Agency shall be delivered to the addressee except upon payment of all charges to which the insured box has become liable by the law of Great Britain or of any part of His Majesty's dominions or a foreign country.

Certificate of Posting of Unregistered Packet

Certificate of posting and fees therefor.

57. Subject to such rules as may be prescribed, the Postmaster General may, 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 of one halfpenny shall be payable for such certificate, and shall be prepaid by the sender of the postal packet.

Postal Packets on British Ships

Posting on British ships.

58. Postal packets may be posted on board a British ship by depositing the same in a letter box on board such ship or in the hands of the commander of such ship or of a postal agent on board such ship and the following provisions shall apply to a postal packet so deposited, that is to say:—

(1) If such packet is deposited when the ship is on the high seas, such packet shall, with reference to the several rates of postage and to the other provisions of this Warrant (so far as such provisions are applicable), be treated as an outgoing postal packet of the appropriate description.

(2) If such packet is deposited when the ship is in a port outside the British Islands, such packet shall, with reference to the several rates of postage and to the other provisions of this Warrant (so far as such provisions are applicable), be treated as an incoming postal packet of the appropriate description.

Packets to or from ships of war and from members of military and air forces serving abroad.

59.—(1) The several rates of postage fixed by paragraph (1) of Regulation 1 of this Warrant in relation to outgoing letters and postcards to or from His Majesty's ships of War shall apply only to letters and postcards respectively which are transmitted in closed mails to or from such ships.

(2) The several rates of postage fixed by paragraph (1) of Regulation 1 of this Warrant in relation to outgoing letters and postcards posted by members of His Majesty's military or air forces serving abroad shall apply only to letters and postcards which are transmitted through a British Army post office or a Royal Air Force post office at which British postage stamps are issued.

(3) The rates of postage specified in Part I of the Second Schedule hereto and payable as mentioned in paragraph (1) of Regulation 1 of this Warrant shall, in relation to letters and postcards posted for transmission to members of His Majesty's military or air forces serving in any country

or place outside the British Islands, apply only to letters and postcards which are transmitted through a British Army post office or Royal Air Force post office or through a civilian Postal Administration in any foreign country which has agreed to deliver without surcharge letters and postcards at those rates.

(4) For the purposes of this Warrant a postal packet posted:—

(*a*) on board one of His Majesty's ships of War (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside Great Britain) and transmitted in a closed mail; or

(*b*) by a member of His Majesty's military or air forces serving abroad and transmitted through a British Army post office or a Royal Air Force post office

shall be treated as an outgoing postal packet of the appropriate description.

Miscellaneous

Other postal packets not to interfere with letter post.

60. Where the despatch or delivery from a post office of letters would be delayed by the despatch or delivery therefrom at the same time of postal packets of any other description, such packets or any of them may be detained in the post office until any subsequent despatch or delivery.

Compensation may be paid out of aids provided by Parliament.

61. The Postmaster General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss or damage of registered postal packets, insured letters and insured boxes, and of articles enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet, insured letter or insured box, out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, but nothing contained in or done under or in pursuance of this Warrant shall render him liable either personally or in his official capacity, to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of or in consequence of any such loss or damage. The decision of the Postmaster General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss or damage of a registered postal packet, insured letter, or insured box or of any article enclosed in or forming part thereof shall be final and conclusive.

Application of Inland Post Regulations.

62. Subject to the express provisions of this Warrant, the Regulations for the time being applicable to inland postal packets shall (so far as the same are applicable) apply to postal packets transmissible by post under the provisions of this Warrant.

Remission of postage.

63. The Postmaster General may in any case in which he may consider it just or reasonable so to do remit any postage or any sum made payable under this Warrant.

Local currency at Postal Agency.

64. As respects any postal packet posted at a British Postal Agency references in this Warrant to a rate of postage or other sum payable shall be deemed to include the equivalent in local currency of such rate or sum.

Saving for Foreign Postal Packets (Customs) Warrant 1948.

65. Nothing in this Warrant shall prejudice, or affect the operation of, the provisions of the Foreign Postal Packets (Customs) Warrant 1948(a), or any Warrant for the time being in force amending or superseding that Warrant.

Supplementary

Definitions.

66. In this Warrant—

"Letter"

(1) The expression "letter" includes any communication in the nature of current and personal correspondence.

"Postcard"

(2) The expression "postcard" means a card recognised as a postcard in accordance with the terms of the Universal Postal Convention, and includes (except where otherwise expressed) a "reply postcard".

"Reply postcard"

(3) The expression "reply postcard" means a postcard in two parts, one of which may without further payment be again transmitted through the post.

"Literature for the blind"

(4) The expression "literature for the blind" means and includes:—

(i) books and papers impressed with characters in relief for the use of the blind;

(ii) plates for embossing blind literature;

(iii) voice records intended solely for the use of the blind provided that they are sent by or addressed to an officially recognised institute for the blind.

"Insured letter" and "insured box"

(5) The expressions "insured letter" and "insured box" shall be deemed respectively to include 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 packet"

(6) The expression "letter packet" means a packet transmitted at the letter rate of postage and containing goods or articles of merchandise but does not include any packet intended to be delivered in a country which has not given its consent to the admission in such packets of goods or articles liable to customs duty.

"Air Mail packet"

(7) The expression "Air Mail Packet" means an outgoing postal packet conveyed or intended to be conveyed at the request of the sender through any part of its course in the post by an Air Mail Service.

"Air Mail service"

(8) The expression "Air Mail Service" means a service established by or under the direction of the Postmaster General for the conveyance of mails by air.

"Forces Letter"

(9) The expression "Forces Letter" means a letter written on a special form and addressed to a member of His Majesty's Forces serving abroad or on board one of His Majesty's ships of War on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British Islands and transmitted, through the whole or part of its course in the post, by an Air Mail Service.

"Air letter"

(10) The expression "Air Letter" means a letter (not being a Forces letter) written on a special form and transmitted to the country or place of destination through the whole or part of its course in the post by an Air Mail Service.

"Postal packet"

(11) The expression "postal packet" means and includes (except where otherwise expressed) a letter, postcard, printed packet, commercial packet, letter packet, small packet, sample packet, magazine

(a) S.I. 1948 No. 562, p. 3589 below.

for Canada and Newfoundland, or packet consisting of literature for the blind.

(12) The expression "inland", when used in relation to any postal packet or any description thereof, means posted within and addressed to a place in the British Islands. "Inland"

(13) The expression "the British Islands" means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. "British Islands"

(14) The expression "British Postal Agency" means a British post office which, though situated out of the British Islands, is directly under the management and control of the Postmaster General. "British postal agency"

(15) The expression "British post office" means and includes any post office in the British Islands and any British postal agency. "British post office"

(16) The expression "outgoing" applied to a postal packet of any description means posted at a British post office. "Outgoing"

(17) The expression "incoming" applied to a postal packet of any description means received at a British post office through the post. "Incoming"

(18) The expression "gold bullion" means uncoined and unmanufactured gold. "Gold bullion"

(19) The expression "coin of gold or silver" means coin of gold or silver whether or not current in Great Britain or elsewhere, except such as is used or designed for purposes of ornament. "Coin of gold or silver"

(20) The expression "fictitious postage stamp" means any facsimile, imitation or representation (whether on paper or otherwise) of any stamp for the time being authorised or required to be used for the purpose of the Post Office or of any stamp for denoting a current rate of postage to any country outside the British Islands. "Fictitious postage stamp"

(21) The expression "the purpose of the Post Office" has the same meaning as in the Post Office Act, 1908. "The purpose of the Post Office" 8 Edw. 7. c. 48.

(22) The expressions "member of His Majesty's Forces" and "member of His Majesty's military or air forces" include a member of a nursing service or other auxiliary service of such forces. "Member of His Majesty's forces" and "Member of His Majesty's military or air forces"

(23) The expression "His Majesty's dominions" includes any territory which is under His Majesty's protection or in respect of which a mandate or trusteeship has been accepted by His Majesty and is being exercised by the Government of some part of His Majesty's dominions. "His Majesty's dominions"

(24) The expression "prescribed" means prescribed by the Postmaster General. "Prescribed"

The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of this Warrant as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

67. The provisions of this Warrant shall, except where otherwise expressed, be deemed to apply exclusively to postal packets transmitted by post in either direction between a British post office and some country or place other than that in which such post office is situate and to postal packets so transmitted between a British post office and any of His Application of Warrant.

Majesty's ships outside the territorial waters of Great Britain and Eire whether or not such last-mentioned postal packets are addressed "c/o G.P.O."

Revocation.

68. The Warrants mentioned in the Fourth Schedule hereto are hereby revoked on and as from the day upon which this Warrant comes into operation.

Short title.

69. This Warrant may be cited as "The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant, 1948".

Commencement of Warrant.

70. This Warrant shall come into operation on the First day of April, 1948.

Date.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1948.

William Hannan,
R. J. Taylor,
Two of the Commissioners of
His Majesty's Treasury.

Wilfred Paling,
His Majesty's Postmaster General.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

Aden.
Ascension.
Australia and overseas and trust territories, viz.:—
Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, Papua and the trust territories of New Guinea and Nauru.
Bahamas.
Barbados.
Bermuda.
British Guiana.
British Honduras.
British Somaliland.
Brunei.
Burma.
Canada.
Cayman Islands.
Ceylon.
Cyprus.
Egypt.
Falkland Islands.
Fiji.
Gambia.
Gibraltar.
Gold Coast Colony.
Hong Kong.
India.
India (Indian Post Offices in Tibet and Indian and French Post Offices in the French Settlements).
Jamaica.
Kenya (Colony and Protectorate).
Leeward Islands, viz.:—
Antigua.
St. Kitts.
Nevis.
Montserrat, and the Virgin Islands.
Malaya, Federation of, viz.:—
Johore.
Kedah.

Kelantan.
Malacca.
Negri Sembilan.
Pahang.
Penang.
Perak.
Perlis.
Selangor.
Trengganu.
Malta.
Mauritius.
Morocco:—
British Postal Agencies at Tangier and in the Spanish Zone.
Nepal.
Newfoundland.
New Zealand and overseas territories and the trust territory of Western Samoa.
Nigeria.
North Borneo (including Labuan).
Northern Rhodesia.
Nyasaland (Protectorate).
Pakistan.
Palestine.
Persian Gulf:—
British Postal Agencies.
St. Helena.
Sarawak.
Seychelles.
Sierra Leone.
Singapore (including Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands).
Union of South Africa, South West Africa and the territories of the South African High Commission, viz.:—
Basutoland.
Bechuanaland (Protectorate).
Swaziland.
Southern Rhodesia.
Sudan (Anglo-Egyptian).
Tanganyika (Territory).
Trans-Jordan.
Trinidad and Tobago.
Turks and Caicos Islands.
Uganda (Protectorate).
Islands of the Western Pacific, viz.:—
Solomon Islands (Protectorate).
Gilbert and Ellice Islands (Colony).
Tonga.
New Hebrides (Condominium).
Windward Islands, viz.:—
Dominica.
Grenada.
St. Lucia, and St. Vincent.
Zanzibar (Protectorate).

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

PART I

Rates of postage payable under sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iv) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 1 and under paragraphs (a) and (d) of Regulation 2

	d.
1. On every letter (except a letter posted on a British ship on the high seas for transmission to the United States of America) not exceeding one ounce in weight	2½

	d.
2. On every letter (except as aforesaid) exceeding one ounce in weight:	
for the first ounce	2½
for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof ...	1
3. On every letter posted on a British ship on the high seas for transmission to the United States of America, not exceeding one ounce in weight	3
4. On every letter posted on a British ship on the high seas for transmission to the United States of America, which exceeds one ounce in weight:	
for the first ounce	3
for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof ...	1½
5. On every postcard (not being a reply postcard)	2
6. On every reply postcard	4

PART II

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

	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
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 1

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

THE THIRD SCHEDULE

Compensation Fees	Maximum Compensation	Compensation Fees	Maximum Compensation
s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
0 2	12 0 0	3 0	216 0 0
0 4	24 0 0	3 2	228 0 0
0 6	36 0 0	3 4	240 0 0
0 8	48 0 0	3 6	252 0 0
0 10	60 0 0	3 8	264 0 0
1 0	72 0 0	3 10	276 0 0
1 2	84 0 0	4 0	288 0 0
1 4	96 0 0	4 2	300 0 0
1 6	108 0 0	4 4	312 0 0
1 8	120 0 0	4 6	324 0 0
1 10	132 0 0	4 8	336 0 0
2 0	144 0 0	4 10	348 0 0
2 2	156 0 0	5 0	360 0 0
2 4	168 0 0	5 2	372 0 0
2 6	180 0 0	5 4	384 0 0
2 8	192 0 0	5 6	396 0 0
2 10	204 0 0	5 8	400 0 0

THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

WARRANTS REVOKED

Short Title	Date
The Imperial and Foreign Post Warrant, 1940(a) ...	1940, November 21st.
The Imperial and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1943(b)	1943, March 30th.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant consolidates with amendments the regulations relating to postal packets (other than parcels) sent to or received from British Commonwealth or Foreign Countries. The principal amendments are as follows:—

(1) The war-time concession whereby (*a*) postage on letters and postcards *to* members of the Forces on foreign service was charged at the reduced rate set out in Part II of the Second Schedule and (*b*) letters (not exceeding 2 oz. in weight) and postcards sent *by* the Forces were free of postage, will cease. Postage on letters and cards to the Forces will be at the Commonwealth rate set out in Part I of that Schedule, subject, where delivery is effected through a civilian Postal Administration of a Foreign Country, to agreement by that Administration that the postage on letters may be less than the ordinary foreign rate specified in Part III of the Schedule (Regs. 1 (1) (i) (*c*) and (*d*); 59 (3)). Postage on letters and cards from the Forces on foreign service, if transmitted in closed mails or through a Forces Post Office, will be charged at the rates in Part II of the Schedule (Regs. 1 (1) (iii); 59 (1) and (2)).

(2) The postage on a light weight air letter is fixed at sixpence (compared with a maximum charge of one shilling authorised by the 1943 Warrant); on the similar type of air letter, called a Forces letter, sent to a member of the Forces overseas the postage is 2½d. (Reg. 10).

(3) Certain Postal Agencies at the Persian Gulf are being transferred from Pakistan to United Kingdom control and new provisions are accordingly inserted respecting postage on packets sent to and from those Agencies. On letters and postcards sent from the British Islands addressed to an Agency and on letters and cards in the reverse direction the rates of postage in Part I of the Second Schedule will apply (Regs. 1 (1) (i) (*a*) and 2 (*d*)).

(a) S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 2040) I, p. 811.
(b) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 580) I, p. 833.