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We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by sections 5, 8, 11, 15 and 81 of the Post Office Act 1953(a) and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her 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:—

PART I.—INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

Interpretation

1.—(1) In this Warrant, 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 a 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 ;

" 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 " 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 twenty-four ;

" Commonwealth country " includes any of the territories referred to in Part 1 of the Second Schedule hereto ;

" gold bullion " means uncoined and unmanufactured gold ;

" incoming " applied to a postal packet of any description means received at a British postal agency 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 officially recognised 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 of such respective forces ;

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36.

"Morocco Agencies" means the British postal agencies at Tangier and Tetuan;

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

"parcel" means a postal packet which is posted in a British postal agency as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant 1950(a) or any Warrant amending or replacing the same, or is received at a British postal agency from any other place by parcel post;

"Persian Gulf Agencies" means the British postal agencies in the Persian Gulf (Bahrain, Doha, Dubai including Sharja, Kuwait and Muscat);

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

"the postal agency at Tangier" and "the postal agency at Tetuan" mean the British postal agencies at those respective places;

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

"postal packet" means and includes (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 paragraph (1) of regulation nine applies, but 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 twenty-two;

"reply postcard" means a postcard in two parts, one part (or where regulation twenty-one of this Warrant 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 twenty-five;

"small packet" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation twenty-six; and other expressions have the same meanings as they have in the Act.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of this Warrant as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Application

2. The provisions of this Warrant shall apply exclusively to postal packets transmitted by post in either direction between a British postal agency and any other place.

(a) S.I. 1950/1200; 1950 II, p. 367. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

PART II.—RATES OF POSTAGE

Letters and Postcards

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

(i) posted in a Persian Gulf Agency for transmission to another Persian Gulf Agency, or to the Pakistan postal agency at Gwadur;

(ii) posted in the postal agency at Kuwait for transmission to Iraq.

(2) The rates of postage specified in Part 2 of the First Schedule hereto shall be charged and paid on letters and postcards posted in the postal agency at Tangier for transmission to the postal agency at Tetuan.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this regulation, the rates of postage specified in Part 3 of the First Schedule hereto shall be charged and paid on outgoing letters and postcards:—

(i) posted in a Persian Gulf Agency or the postal agency at Tangier for transmission to any of the countries or places specified in the Second Schedule hereto, or to the Republic of Ireland;

(ii) posted in the postal agency at Tangier:—

(*a*) for transmission in closed mails 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

(*b*) 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 foreign country which has agreed to deliver without surcharge letters and postcards at the said rates.

(4) The rates of postage specified in Part 4 of the First Schedule hereto shall be charged and paid on all other outgoing letters and postcards posted in a Persian Gulf Agency or the postal agency at Tangier.

Packets posted at Tetuan

4.—(1) The rates of postage specified in Part 3 of the First Schedule hereto shall be charged and paid on outgoing letters and postcards posted in the postal agency at Tetuan for transmission to the British postal area.

(2) On all other outgoing postal packets (except air mail packets) posted in the postal agency at Tetuan there shall be charged and paid 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 Spanish Zone of Morocco.

Reduced rate printed packets

5.—(1) The rates of postage specified in item 1 of Part 1 of the Third Schedule hereto shall be charged and paid on outgoing printed packets to which this regulation applies which are posted in a Persian Gulf Agency or in the postal agency at Tangier.

(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 sewn or bound;

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

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

(*f*) Any maps:

Provided that:—

(i) This regulation shall not apply to:

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

6.—(1) The rates of postage specified in Part 1 of the Third Schedule hereto shall be charged and paid on printed packets and sample packets:—

(i) posted in a Persian Gulf Agency for transmission to another Persian Gulf Agency, or to the Pakistan postal agency at Gwadur;

(ii) posted in the postal agency at Kuwait for transmission to Iraq.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by regulation five or by paragraph (1) of this regulation, the rates of postage specified in Part 2 of the Third Schedule hereto shall be charged and paid on outgoing printed packets, commercial packets, and sample packets, which are posted in a Persian Gulf agency or the postal agency at Tangier, and on outgoing small packets which are posted in the postal agency at Tangier and are 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

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

Insured Boxes

8. There shall be charged and paid on every insured box posted in the postal agency at Tangier and addressed to any country or place with which the Postmaster-General may for the time being have an arrangement for the exchange of insured boxes, the following rates of postage:—

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

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

Articles grouped together in One Packet

9.—(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 five of this Warrant applies and articles transmissible in a printed packet of a class to which regulation six applies (not being a printed packet coming within paragraph (1) of the said regulation six) 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 2 of the Third Schedule hereto.

(3) This regulation shall not apply to postal packets posted in the postal agency at Tetuan, and paragraph (1) shall not apply to postal packets posted in a Persian Gulf Agency for transmission to another Persian Gulf Agency or to the Pakistan postal agency at Gwadur, or posted in the postal agency at Kuwait for transmission to Iraq.

Air Mail Packets

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

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

(*b*) on every air mail packet (other than an air letter) a rate of postage of two shillings and sixpence for each half ounce or fractional part of a half ounce in weight:

Provided that without prejudice to his general power of remission under regulation forty-five the Postmaster-General may from time to time remit any part of the said rate of postage on any class or classes of air mail packet (other than an air letter) addressed to any specified country or place, and may at any time terminate any such remission.

(2) When the Postmaster-General remits a part of the said rate of postage or terminates any such remission under this regulation, he shall publish in such manner as he may consider expedient the amount of postage payable on air mail packets to which such remission or termination of a remission relates.

Bulk Postage

11.—(1) There shall be charged and paid on every mail bag containing printed packets for transmission as provided by regulation thirty-one the following rate of postage :—

For every pound weight of the mail bag and its contents ... 4½d.

(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

12.—(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 whereof the sending is prohibited by subsection (1) of section eleven of the Act.

(2) 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 so sent;

(ii) any living animals, 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 the packet is addressed it is unlawful to send by post;

(v) gold bullion and coin exceeding £5 in value;

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

(*b*) containing or bearing any fictitious stamp, 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 this Warrant to be used for the prepayment of postage or fees;

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

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

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

(*h*) (except as permitted by paragraph (3) of regulation twenty-five) 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*) purporting to be prepaid with any stamp or impression of a stamping machine, or with any other impression authorised by or under this Warrant to be used for the prepayment of postage or fees, which has been previously used to prepay any other postal packet 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 to the provisions of this Warrant there shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet (other than a 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

13. Every printed packet, commercial packet, sample packet, small packet, and packet to which paragraph (1) of regulation nine applies, 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 current and personal correspondence, or contain any postage stamp or form indicating prepayment (whether cancelled or not) or any paper representing monetary value.

Packing

14. 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, and where the Postmaster-General shall have made any special rules in relation to the packing of any particular packet or article, such rules shall be observed.

Limits of Weight and Size

15.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, no outgoing postal packet shall be posted or conveyed by post under this Warrant unless its weight and size are within the respective limits mentioned in this regulation.

(2) In relation to postal packets:—

(i) posted in a Persian Gulf Agency for transmission to another Persian Gulf Agency, or to the Pakistan postal agency at Gwadur; or

(ii) posted in the postal agency at Kuwait for transmission to Iraq;

the said limits shall be those specified in Part 1 of the Fourth Schedule hereto.

(3) In relation to postal packets posted in a Persian Gulf Agency for transmission to:—

(i) any country or place referred to in Part 1 of the Second Schedule hereto;

(ii) the Republic of Ireland;

(iii) the postal agency at Tangier;

(iv) Burma, Israel, Jordan, or Nepal;

the said limits shall be those specified in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule hereto.

(4) In relation to other outgoing postal packets posted in a Persian Gulf Agency, the said limits shall be those specified in Part 3 of the Fourth Schedule hereto.

(5) In relation to postal packets posted in the postal agency at Tangier for transmission to:—

(i) any country or place referred to in Part 1 of the Second Schedule hereto;

(ii) the Republic of Ireland;

(iii) the Persian Gulf Agencies;

(iv) Burma, Israel, Jordan or Nepal;

(v) a ship of the Royal Navy;

(vi) 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 foreign country which has agreed to accept such limits of weight and size;

the said limits shall be those specified in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule hereto.

(6) In relation to other outgoing postal packets posted in the postal agency at Tangier, the said limits shall be those specified in Part 3 of the Fourth Schedule hereto.

(7) In relation to letters and postcards posted in the postal agency at Tetuan for transmission to the British postal area, the said limits shall be those specified in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule hereto.

(8) In relation to air mail packets posted in the postal agency at Tetuan for transmission to any of the countries or destinations mentioned in paragraph (5), the said limits shall be those specified in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule hereto.

(9) In relation to outgoing postal packets posted in the postal agency at Tetuan to which neither paragraph (7) nor paragraph (8) applies, the said limits shall be those specified in Part 3 of the Fourth Schedule hereto.

(10) Provided that:—

(i) The limits of size specified in the Fourth Schedule hereto shall not apply to a letter, printed packet, commercial packet, sample packet, small packet, packet consisting of literature for the blind, or packet to which paragraph (1) of regulation nine applies, which is made up in the form of a roll, but the length and twice the diameter of such a postal packet shall not exceed three feet three inches and neither its length nor its diameter shall exceed two feet eight inches;

(ii) The maximum size for a letter addressed to any place in Egypt or Gaza (territory under Egyptian occupation and control) shall be two feet in length and eighteen inches in breadth or depth;

(iii) The maximum weight for a sample packet containing samples of cotton and cotton materials addressed to any place in Egypt or Gaza (territory under Egyptian occupation and control) shall be five pounds;

(iv) The maximum weight for a single printed volume sent as a printed packet shall be eleven pounds;

(v) An insured box of which the weight or size exceeds the limits specified in the said Fourth Schedule may be forwarded and delivered by post with the permission of the Postmaster-General.

(11) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, no incoming postal packet shall be conveyed or delivered by post under this Warrant unless its weight and size are within the respective limits prescribed by the law or regulations of the country or place of its origin.

Articles liable to Duty

16.—(1) 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) 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 declaration as may be required by the law of the country or place of destination.

(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 such fee (not exceeding the sum of one shilling) as the Postmaster-General may fix.

Payment of Postage and Fees

17.—(1) Except as the Postmaster-General may otherwise direct, and subject to the provisions of this Warrant, the postage and fees payable on every postal packet shall be prepaid.

(2) The provisions of this Warrant 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) 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 impression made by any other process authorised by the Postmaster-General ; or

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

Provided that—

(4) Fees payable under paragraph (2) of regulation twenty-nine in respect of registered postal packets, or under paragraph (1) of regulation thirty, regulation thirty-three, paragraph (4) of regulation thirty-five, or regulation thirty-six, shall be prepaid by adhesive postage stamps ; and any other fees payable under this Warrant may be prepaid in any manner mentioned in sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) or (*f*) of paragraph (3) of this regulation.

(5) 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 or fees, but a stamp shall not be deemed to be imperfect or mutilated or defaced 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.

(6) No stamp indicating on the face thereof payment of a registration fee as well as postage shall be used in payment of postage or fees on any unregistered postal packet.

(7) Packets bearing the impression of stamping machines or intended for impression by stamping machines, and packets on which the postage is prepaid 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.

(8) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, the stamp or impression in 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

18.—(1) This paragraph shall apply to outgoing postal 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 such postal packets as are referred to in paragraph (2) of regulation seventeen.

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

Provided that a reply postcard upon the two halves 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) This paragraph shall apply to incoming postal packets 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.

(*d*) Where the amount chargeable under sub-paragraphs (*a*) or (*b*) of this paragraph would otherwise be less than one halfpenny, the amount charged shall be one halfpenny.

(3) Any sum charged on an incoming postal packet under paragraph (2), and any other charges payable in respect of the packet under this warrant or under the law or regulations of any country or place from or through which the packet has been transmitted, shall be payable on the delivery of the packet.

Treatment of Irregular Packets

19.—(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Warrant, any postal packet which is found when in the post not to comply with the provisions of the Act, or of this Warrant, may be either detained or returned or given up to the sender, 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 paragraph (2) (*j*) of regulation twelve of this Warrant 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 charges which would have been payable in respect 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 this Warrant 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 this Warrant shall apply thereto accordingly.

Undeliverable Packets

20. 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

21.—(1) The following rules shall apply to postcards (not being reply postcards):—

(i) 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.

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

(iii) 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.

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

(*a*) Postage stamps in payment of postage or fees;

(*b*) 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 for the payment of postage or fees shall be affixed to the address side of the postcard.

(v) Stamps or impressions of stamping machines in 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:

(i) 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".

(ii) 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.

(iii) The first half of a 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.

(iv) The prepayment of the postage on the return of the reply half of a reply postcard from the country where it has been received may be made by means of postage stamps or impressions of stamping machines of the country of origin of the reply postcard, provided that the two halves of the reply postcard are attached to each other when received from the said country of origin, and that the reply half is addressed to the said country of origin.

(v) 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 numbered (i) to (iv) in paragraph (1) (including those rules as applied by rule (v) 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 (v) in paragraph (1) (including that rule as applied by rule (v) 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 (v) in paragraph (1) had not been prepaid.

Printed Packets

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

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

(*a*) Newspapers and periodicals, books and pamphlets;

(*b*) 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;

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

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

(*e*) Prospectuses, advertisements, catalogues and notices; and

(ii) In general all 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 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 regulation it is allowed:—

(i) Outside or inside a printed packet:

(*a*) 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, telegraphic address and code, and current postal or banking account of the sender, and a serial or registration number referring solely to the packet.

(*b*) To correct errors in printing.

(*c*) To strike out, to underline or to ring round 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*) 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.

(*b*) 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.

(*c*) 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".

(*d*) 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.

(*e*) 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.

(*f*) 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.

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

(*h*) On price lists, tenders for advertisements, stock and share lists, market quotations, trade circulars and prospectuses:— figures; notes giving 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 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.

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

(*k*) On notices of change of address:— the old and the new address and the date of the change.

(iii) 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 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.

Despatch of certain printed packets

23. Where the rate of postage of one penny or one and a half pence 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.

Commercial packets

24.—(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 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 which served to prepay the original postage or fees.

(3) Paragraph (4) of regulation twenty-two 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

25.—(1) The expression "sample packet" in this Warrant 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, medicine which

is urgently required and difficult to obtain, or pathological objects rendered harmless by their mode of preparation and packing: 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) Articles in a sample packet shall be placed in a bag, box or envelope which is unclosed or can be readily opened: Provided that articles that would be spoilt if packed in that manner, or samples that are placed in a transparent packing which enables the contents to be checked, or samples of industrial and vegetable products placed in a packing sealed by the manufacturers or by an examining authority in the country of origin, may be transmitted in a hermetically sealed packing. 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 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, telegraphic address and code, and current postal or 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

26.—(1) The expression "small packets" in this Warrant 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 twenty-five shall (so far as applicable) apply to small packets.

Literature for the blind

27.—(1) Paragraph (4) of regulation twenty-two 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, telegraphic address and code, and current postal or 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 "Blind Literature" on the left hand side of the space above the address.

Air Mail Packets

28.—(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) An air mail packet shall be conveyed in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed.

(3) Every 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.

PART V.—POSTAL FACILITIES

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 one shilling and sixpence 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) of this regulation, 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.—(1) Upon every outgoing postal packet marked with the words "Express" 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 specified in item 1 in the Fifth Schedule hereto.

(2) Any incoming postal packet marked with an express marking shall be delivered by special messenger:

Provided that if such delivery be on a Sunday, there shall be charged and paid on delivery the fee specified in item 2 in the Fifth Schedule hereto.

(3) This regulation shall not apply to the Persian Gulf Agencies.

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 eleven.

(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 Postmaster-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 fifteen.

(4) This regulation shall not apply to the postal agency at Tetuan.

Redirection

32.—(1) Any postal packet may be redirected from its original address, or any substituted address, to the same addressee at any other address, provided that:—

(i) the packet is eligible for transmission to the place of the new address and complies with the conditions applicable to such transmission; and

(ii) the sender has not forbidden redirection 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) A postal packet which is redirected more than one day after the day of its delivery at the address from which it is redirected (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 be treated for the purposes of this Warrant 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 in respect thereof.

(3) There shall be charged on the delivery of a redirected postal packet the following sums:—

(*a*) where the packet (not being an insured letter or an insured box) was fully prepaid for its first transmission:—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;

(*b*) where the packet (not being an insured letter or an insured box) was unpaid or insufficiently prepaid for its first transmission:—the sum which would have been chargeable thereon under paragraph (2) of regulation eighteen if the packet had been originally addressed to the new destination;

(*c*) where the packet is an insured letter or an insured box:—the difference (if any) between the postage chargeable on the first transmission (whether or not the whole or any part of such postage was in fact prepaid) and the postage chargeable if the packet 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.

(4) A registered postal packet which is redirected under this regulation shall be re-posted in accordance with paragraph (1) of regulation thirty-five.

Certificate of posting

33. 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 one halfpenny 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 one shilling for the first thousand packets or part thereof, and twopence for each additional thousand packets or part thereof.

PART VI.—REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE

Registration

34.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, any outgoing postal packet may be registered.

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

35. The following provisions shall apply to the registration of outgoing postal packets:—

(1) The packet shall 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) There shall be charged and paid for registration the fee specified in item 1 in the Sixth Schedule hereto.

(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 shall be filled up and signed by the officer of the Post Office receiving the packet.

(4) The Postmaster-General may if he thinks fit issue a duplicate certificate of posting on the request of the sender, and the fee of threepence shall be payable for such duplicate.

Advice of delivery

36.—(1) 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 the fee specified in item 2 in the Sixth Schedule hereto, in addition to any postage or other sum chargeable or payable in respect thereof.

(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 the further fee specified in item 3 in the Sixth Schedule hereto for each transmission of the advice of delivery form by air.

Compensation for registered packets

37. 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 or an insured box) 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 18s. 0d. as he may think just;

(*b*) if any registered postal packet (other than an insured letter or an insured box) be lost whilst in the post, the Postmaster-General may pay to the sender of such packet 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

38.—(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 provided 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 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 whether 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 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

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

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

(*b*) The letter shall not be addressed to an addressee identified by initials only, or addressed in pencil, and no erasure or correction shall be made in the address.

(*c*) The sender shall state on the cover of the letter (otherwise than in pencil) the sum for which it or its contents are to be insured, which sum shall not exceed either (i) the real value of the letter or its contents, or (ii) the sum of £220 (or its equivalent in the local currency) in the case of a letter posted in or addressed to a Persian Gulf Agency, or £240 (or its equivalent in the local currency) in the case of a letter posted in or addressed to the postal agency at Tangier, 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.

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

(*e*) 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.

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

(2) This regulation shall not apply to the Persian Gulf Agencies at Doha and Sharja or to the postal agency at Tetuan.

Compensation for insured letters

40.—(1) 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 post under the provisions of this Warrant, the Postmaster-General may pay such sum as he may think just to the sender, or to any 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, where, in addition to the sums payable in respect of the postage and registration thereof, a compensation fee of an amount specified in the columns of the Seventh Schedule hereto headed "Compensation Fees" (and no more) is paid in respect of such letter, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum specified in the columns of the said Schedule headed "Maximum Compensation" opposite the compensation fee paid.

(*b*) In the case of an incoming insured letter the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of £220 (where the letter is addressed to a Persian Gulf Agency) or £240 (where the letter is addressed to the postal agency at Tangier), or such lesser sum 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 the Postal Administration of the country or place from which the letter is transmitted.

(2) This regulation shall not apply to the Persian Gulf Agencies at Doha and Sharja or to the postal agency at Tetuan.

Insured Boxes

41.—(1) The provisions of this Warrant 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 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) This regulation shall not apply to the Persian Gulf Agencies or to the postal agency at Tetuan.

Compensation—General

42. The Postmaster-General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss of or damage to insured letters, insured boxes and other registered postal packets, and of or to articles enclosed in or forming part of an insured letter, insured box or other registered postal packet, out of such aid 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 or the Crown liable 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 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.

PART VII.—GENERAL

Postage, fees and payments in local currencies

43. The Postmaster-General may if he thinks fit:

(*a*) require any rates of postage or fees which are fixed by or under this Warrant to be paid in the local currency of the postal agency concerned, and

(*b*) pay in such currency any compensation payable under this Warrant.

Priority of letter post

44. 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.

Remission of postage and fees

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

Short title and commencement

46. This Warrant may be cited as "The British Postal Agencies (Commonwealth and Foreign Post) Warrant, 1953", and shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1954.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1953.

Edward Heath,
T. G. D. Galbraith,
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

De La Warr,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

27th November, 1953.

Regulations 3 and 4. THE FIRST SCHEDULE

PART 1

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (1) *of regulation* 3

	Packet	*Rate of postage* d.
1.	Letter not exceeding 1 ounce in weight	1½
2.	Letter exceeding 1 ounce in weight:—	
	(*a*) for the first ounce	1½
	(*b*) for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof	1
3.	Postcard not being reply postcard	½
4.	Reply postcard	1

PART 2

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (2) *of regulation* 3

	Packet	*Rate of postage* d.
1.	Letter not exceeding 1 ounce in weight	1½
2.	Letter exceeding 1 ounce in weight:—	
	(*a*) for the first ounce	1½
	(*b*) for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof	½
3.	Postcard not being reply postcard	1
4.	Reply postcard	2

PART 3

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (3) *of regulation* 3 *and paragraph* (1) *of regulation* 4

	Packet	*Rate of postage* d.
1.	Letter not exceeding 1 ounce in weight	2½
2.	Letter exceeding 1 ounce in weight:—	
	(*a*) for the first ounce	2½
	(*b*) for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof	1
3.	Postcard not being reply postcard	2
4.	Reply postcard	4

PART 4

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (4) *of regulation* 3

	Packet	*Rate of postage* d.
1.	Letter not exceeding 1 ounce in weight	4
2.	Letter exceeding 1 ounce in weight:—	
	(*a*) for the first ounce	4
	(*b*) for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof	2½
3.	Postcard not being reply postcard	2½
4.	Reply postcard	5

Regulations 3 and 15. THE SECOND SCHEDULE

PART 1

The United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

Aden Colony and Protectorate.

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.

Brunei Protected State.

Canada.

Ceylon.

Cyprus.

Falkland Islands Colony and Dependencies.

Fiji (including Pitcairn Islands).

Tonga (Protected State).

Gambia Colony and Protectorate.

Gibraltar.

Gold Coast (*a*) Colony,
(*b*) Ashanti,
(*c*) Northern Territories,
(*d*) Togoland (under United Kingdom Trusteeship).

Hong Kong.

India.

India (Indian Post Offices in Tibet and Indian and French Post Offices in the French Settlements).

Jamaica (including Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands).

Kenya (Colony and Protectorate).

Leeward Islands, viz.:—

Antigua.

St. Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla.

Montserrat.

British Virgin Islands.

Malaya, Federation of, viz.:—
British Settlements of Malacca and Penang and the Protected States of Johore, Kedah, Kelantan, Negir Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Perlis, Selangor and Trengganu.

Maldive Islands.

Malta.

Mauritius and Dependencies.

New Zealand and its Island Territories and Trust Territory, viz.:—
The Cook Islands.
The Tokelau Islands.
The Ross Dependency.
Western Samoa.

Nigeria (*a*) Colony,
(*b*) Protectorate,
(*c*) Cameroons (under United Kingdom Trusteeship).

North Borneo (including Labuan).

Pakistan.

Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of).

St. Helena (including Ascension and Tristan da Cunha).

Sarawak.

Seychelles.

Sierra Leone Colony and Protectorate.

Singapore (including Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands).

Somaliland Protectorate.

Union of South Africa and South West Africa.

South Africa High Commission Territories, viz.:—
Basutoland.
Bechuanaland Protectorate.
Swaziland.

Sudan (Anglo-Egyptian).

Tanganyika (Territory under United Kingdom Trusteeship).

Trinidad and Tobago.

Uganda (Protectorate).

Western Pacific High Commission Territories, viz.:—
British Solomon Islands.
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony (including the Phoenix and Northern Line Islands Groups).
New Hebrides (Condominium).
Southern Line Islands.

Windward Islands, viz.:—
Dominica.
Grenada.
St. Lucia.
St. Vincent.

Zanzibar (Protectorate).

PART 2

Morocco Agencies.
Persian Gulf Agencies.
Burma.
Egypt.
Gaza (territory under Egyptian occupation and control).
Israel.
Jordan.
Nepal.

Regulations 5 and 6. THE THIRD SCHEDULE

PART 1

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (1) *of regulation* 5 *and paragraph* (1) *of regulation* 6

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

PART 2

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (2) *of regulation* 6 *and paragraph* (2) *of regulation* 9

Packet	*Rate of postage* d.
1. Printed packet:—	
(*a*) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight	1½
(*b*) exceeding 2 ounces in weight:—	
for the first 2 ounces	1½
for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof... ...	½
2. Commercial packet:—	
(*a*) not exceeding 12 ounces in weight	4
(*b*) exceeding 12 ounces in weight:—	
for the first 12 ounces	4
for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof... ...	½
3. Sample packet:—	
(*a*) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight	1½
(*b*) exceeding 2 ounces in weight:—	
for the first 2 ounces	1½
for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof... ...	½
4. Small packet:—	
(*a*) not exceeding 10 ounces in weight	7½
(*b*) exceeding 10 ounces in weight:—	
for the first 10 ounces	7½
for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof... ...	1½

Regulation 15. THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

PART 1

	Maximum weight	Limits of size
1. Letter	—	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth —18 ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
2. Postcard	—	Maximum: Length —$5\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Breadth—$4\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
3. Printed packet	2 lb.	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth —18 ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
4. Sample packet	8 oz.	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth —18 ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
5. Packet consisting of literature for the blind.	15 lb.	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth —18 ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

PART 2

	Maximum weight	Limits of size
1. Letter	4 lb.	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth —18 ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
2. Postcard	—	Maximum: Length —$5\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Breadth—$4\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
3. Printed packet	$6\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth —18 ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

	Maximum weight	Limits of size
4. Commercial packet	5 lb.	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth —18 ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—2¾ ins.
5. Sample packet	5 lb.	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—1 ft. Depth —1 ft. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—2¾ ins.
6. Small packet	2 lb.	Maximum: Length, breadth and depth combined—3 ft. Length —2 ft. Breadth—2 ft. Depth —2 ft. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—2¾ ins.
7. Packet consisting of literature for the blind.	15 lb.	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth —18 ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—2¾ ins.
8. Insured box	2 lb.	Maximum: Length —1 ft. Breadth—8 ins. Depth —4 ins.
9. Packet to which paragraph (1) of regulation 9 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.	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth —18 ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—2¾ ins.
(ii) if it contains only articles in the classes (*b*) and (*c*) referred to in that paragraph.	5 lb.	Maximum: Length —2 ft. Breadth—18 ins. Depth —18 ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—2¾ ins.
(2) Limits of weight of all enclosed articles in the said class (*b*).	5 lb.	—
(3) Limits of weight of all enclosed articles in the said class (*c*).	5 lb.	—
(4) Limits of combined weight of all enclosed articles in the said classes (*b*) and (*c*).	5 lb.	—

PART 3

	Maximum weight	Limits of size
1. Letter	4 lb.	Maximum: Length, breadth and depth combined—3 ft. Length —2 ft. Breadth—2 ft. Depth —2 ft. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
2. Postcard	—	Maximum: Length —$5\frac{7}{8}$ ins. Breadth—$4\frac{1}{8}$ ins. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
3. Printed packet	$6\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	Maximum: Length, breadth and depth combined—3 ft. Length —2 ft. Breadth—2 ft. Depth —2 ft. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
4. Commercial packet	4 lb.	Maximum: Length, breadth and depth combined—3 ft. Length —2 ft. Breadth—2 ft Depth —2 ft. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
5. Sample packet	1 lb.	Maximum: Length, breadth and depth combined—3 ft. Length —2 ft. Breadth—2 ft. Depth —2 ft. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
6. Small packet	2 lb.	Maximum: Length, breadth and depth combined—3 ft. Length —2 ft Breadth—2 ft. Depth —2 ft. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
7. Packet consisting of literature for the blind.	15 lb.	Maximum: Length, breadth and depth combined—3 ft. Length —2 ft. Breadth—2 ft. Depth —2 ft. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—$2\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

	Maximum weight	Limits of size
8. Insured box	2 lb.	Maximum: Length —1 ft. Breadth—8 ins. Depth —4 ins.
9. Packet to which paragraph (1) of regulation 9 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.	Maximum: Length, breadth and depth combined—3 ft. Length —2 ft. Breadth—2 ft. Depth —2 ft. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—2¾ ins.
(ii) if it contains only articles in the classes (*b*) and (*c*) referred to in that paragraph.	4 lb.	Maximum: Length, breadth and depth combined—3 ft. Length —2 ft. Breadth—2 ft. Depth —2 ft. Minimum: Length —4 ins. Breadth—2¾ ins.
(2) Limits of weight of all enclosed articles in the said class (*b*).	4 lb.	—
(3) Limits of weight of all enclosed articles in the said class (*c*).	1 lb.	—
(4) Limits of combined weight of all enclosed articles in the said classes (*b*) and (*c*).	4 lb.	—

Regulation 30.

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE

EXPRESS FEES

	Postal agency at Tangier	Postal agency at Tetuan.
	s. d.	
1. Express fee on outgoing packet.	6	Such fee as may from time to time be fixed for the similar facility by the Postal Administration of the Spanish Zone of Morocco.
2. Sunday delivery fee on incoming packet.	1 0	As item 1 above.

Regulations 35 and 36. THE SIXTH SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION FEES AND ADVICE OF DELIVERY FEES

	Persian Gulf Agencies	Postal agency at Tangier	Postal agency at Tetuan
1. Registration fee	6d.	6d.	For an air mail packet: 6d. For any other postal packet: such fee as may from time to time be fixed for the similar facility by the Postal Administration of the Spanish Zone of Morocco.
2. Advice of delivery of an outgoing registered postal packet.	3d.	3d.	Relating to a registered air mail packet: 3d. Relating to any other registered packet: such fee as may from time to time be fixed for the similar facility by the Postal Administration of the Spanish Zone of Morocco.
3. Transmission of the advice of delivery form by air.	3d.	3d.	As item 2 above.

Regulations 39 and 40. THE SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Persian Gulf Agencies (except Doha and Sharja)		Postal Agency at Tangier	
Compensation Fees	Maximum Compensation	Compensation Fees	Maximum Compensation
s. d.	£	s. d.	£
8	12	8	12
10	24	10	24
1 0	36	1 0	36
1 2	48	1 2	48
1 4	60	1 4	60
1 6	72	1 6	72
1 8	84	1 8	84
1 10	96	1 10	96
2 0	108	2 0	108
2 2	120	2 2	120
2 4	132	2 4	132
2 6	144	2 6	144
2 8	156	2 8	156
2 10	168	2 10	168
3 0	180	3 0	180
3 2	192	3 2	192
3 4	204	3 4	204
3 6	216	3 6	216
3 8	220	3 8	228
		3 10	240

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant fixes rates of postage and fees and prescribes conditions for the postal services (other than the parcel post service) between the British Postal Agencies (in Morocco and the Persian Gulf) and other places, and between one Agency and another.

These services in the British Postal Agencies were previously covered by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1948(a) as amended by subsequent Amendment Warrants(b). The 1948 Warrant and the Amendment Warrants are revoked by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1953(c), which consolidates them with amendments. The 1953 Warrant, however, does not cover the services in the British Postal Agencies.

The Warrant gives effect to changes introduced by the Universal Postal Convention of Brussels; in particular:—

(i) No postage is made payable on packets consisting of Literature for the Blind which are sent by surface mail.

(ii) Forms of advice of the delivery of registered packets may on the request of the sender be transmitted by air.

The other main alterations made by the Warrant are:—

(i) The rates of postage on letters and postcards sent from one Persian Gulf Agency to another, and to certain other places, are reduced (reg. 3 (1));

(ii) The rates of postage on letters and postcards sent from the British Postal Agency at Tangier to the British Postal Agency at Tetuan are reduced (reg. 3 (2));

(iii) The cheap "Forces" rate of postage on letters and postcards sent from the British Islands to ships of the Royal Navy and certain Armed Forces abroad is extended to letters and postcards sent to those destinations from the British Postal Agency at Tangier (reg. 3 (3)).

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The Inland Post Amendment (No. 9) Warrant 1953

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We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by Sections two, twelve, and eighty-two of the Post Office Act 1908(d) and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by

(a) S.I. 1948/590; Rev. XVIII, p. 316; 1948 I, p. 3556.
(b) S.I. 1948/1293; Rev. XVIII, p. 316; 1948 I, p. 3584; and S.I. 1949/736; 1950/771, 1216; 1951/823; 1952/796: 1949 I, p. 3448; 1950 II, p. 383, 385; 1951 II, p. 250; 1952 III, p. 2605.
(c) S.I. 1953/1732, p. 1599 above.
(d) 8 Edw. 7. c. 48.