STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 140

POST OFFICE

MONEY ORDERS

The British Postal Agencies Money Order Warrant, 1961

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We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by Sections 20, 24 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, make the following Regulations (that is to say):—

PART I.—INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

Interpretation

1.—(1) In this Warrant, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"the Agency" means any one of the British Postal agencies;

"the British Islands" means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man;

"office of payment" means the post office at which a money order is made payable;

"postmaster" means any officer in charge of or transacting business with reference to money orders applied for or payable at the Agency;

"prescribed" means prescribed by the Postmaster-General;

"rupees" and "naye paise" mean respectively rupees or naye paise of the currency for the time being in use at the Agency.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b) applies for the interpretation of this Warrant as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if this Warrant and the Warrants hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Application

2.—(1) This Warrant applies to applications at the Agency for money orders payable in India, Pakistan, Kuwait or the British Islands, the payment at the Agency of money orders applied for in India, Pakistan, Kuwait or the British Islands, and the provision at the Agency of supplemental services in respect of money orders applied for, issued or payable at the Agency.

(2) This Warrant shall not apply to that kind of money order which is called a postal order.

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

PART II.—APPLICATIONS FOR AND PAYMENT OF MONEY ORDERS

Applications for money orders

3. The following rules shall apply to applications for money orders at the Agency:—

(1) Application for the order shall be made on the prescribed form.

(2) The remitter shall give all such information as to his own name and address, the name and address of the payee, and the office at which the order is to be made payable, as the Postmaster-General may direct.

(3) No money order for an amount exceeding the equivalent in rupees of the sum of £40, or comprising a fractional part of a naya paisa, may be applied for.

(4) The amount for which a money order is to be issued and the poundage payable in respect of the order shall be prepaid.

(5) There shall be handed to the remitter a certificate showing thereon the amount accepted for remittance and the poundage paid in respect thereof.

Correction or alteration of money orders

4.—(1) After the issue of a certificate under rule (5) of regulation three, the remitter may make any correction in his own name and address and any alteration he thinks fit in the name and address of the payee of the money order.

(2) For that purpose he shall give notice in writing to the postmaster.

Payment of money orders

5. The following rules shall apply to the payment of money orders payable at the Agency:—

(1) When a money order is presented for payment the person presenting the order shall, if required, give the name of the remitter and produce evidence to the satisfaction of the postmaster that he is the payee of the order or a person duly authorised by the payee to receive the amount of the order.

(2) The receipt on the order for the amount of the order shall be signed by the payee or a person duly authorised to sign the same on his behalf. Where, by reason of illiteracy, the payee is unable to sign his name he shall make his thumb impression or other his mark on the order (as may be required by the postmaster) in the presence of a witness who shall sign his name on the order. The signature of the payee to the receipt on the order shall also be witnessed (and the witness shall sign his name on the order) where the payee is a pardanashin lady.

(3) When an order is made payable to a company, corporation or society, the receipt may be given by means of a stamp of the name of the company, corporation or society, to which is appended the signature of an officer of the company, corporation or society, together with a description of his office.

(4) When an order is made payable to a firm it shall be receipted in the name of the firm. If the order is payable to a firm not trading under a personal name, the name of the firm shall be written or stamped in the space for the receipt, the signature of a partner or servant of the firm, with a description of his office in the firm, being appended thereto.

(5) The signature to the receipt for the amount of an order shall be sufficient authority to the Postmaster-General for the payment of the amount of the order if that signature purports to be the signature of the payee or of a person duly authorised to sign the same on his behalf or if the signature purports to be that of an officer of a company, corporation or society or a partner or servant of a firm as aforesaid.

(6) If a money order presented for payment has any erasure or alteration, or is cut, defaced or mutilated, the postmaster may refuse payment.

(7) Payment of a money order will in all cases be subject to the possession by the postmaster at the Agency at which the order is payable of sufficient funds for the payment thereof.

(8) A postmaster may refuse or delay payment of a money order when it appears to him necessary to do so in cases other than those mentioned in this Warrant.

Stopping payment

6. The remitter of a money order applied for at the Agency may stop payment of the order. For this purpose the remitter shall apply in writing to such officer of the Post Office as the Postmaster-General may direct, and shall forward with the application the fee for stopping payment hereinafter specified.

Advice or certificate of payment

7. The Postmaster-General may, if he thinks fit, at the request of the remitter of a money order applied for at the Agency, and on prepayment of the fee hereinafter specified, forward to the remitter an advice or certificate of the payment of the money order: Provided that this regulation shall not apply to a money order payable in a country or place which does not for the time being undertake to obtain or give advices or certificates of payment.

Repayment to remitter of amount of money order

8.—(1) The Postmaster-General may, if he thinks fit, at the request of the remitter of a money order applied for at the Agency made in accordance with the next following paragraph, repay the amount of the order to the remitter.

(2) In such case the remitter shall send the certificate handed to him on the application for the money order and (if it is in his possession) the money order with a request on the prescribed form and the fee hereinafter specified to such officer of the Post Office as the Postmaster-General may direct: Provided that the Postmaster-General may, if he thinks fit, repay the amount of a money order to which this regulation applies to the remitter, notwithstanding that the said certificate or the order is not produced by him.

Duplicate money orders

9. The Postmaster-General may, if he thinks fit, and upon payment of the fee hereinafter specified, issue to the payee of a money order payable at the Agency a duplicate of the original order.

Void money orders

10.—(1) After the expiration of twelve months from the last day of the month in which any money order payable at the Agency is issued, the money order shall be absolutely void and of no effect, and the Postmaster-

General shall be under no liability to pay or repay the amount of the order: Provided that the Postmaster-General may, if he thinks fit, subject to payment of the renewal fee hereinafter specified, pay the amount of the order to the payee, although the order has become void.

(2) A money order applied for at the Agency shall be subject, in respect of the period during which the order shall be payable, to the regulations governing payment of money orders in the place of payment.

Poundage and fees

11.—(1) The poundage on money orders applied for at the Agency shall be at the rates specified in the First Schedule hereto.

(2) The fees for supplemental services in respect of money orders shall be those specified in the Second Schedule hereto.

PART III.—SUPPLEMENTAL

Money order offices

12. The Postmaster-General may authorise any of his officers or any person holding office under the Crown to accept applications for and to issue or pay money orders to which this Warrant applies.

Remission of poundage or fees

13. The Postmaster-General may remit in whole or in part any poundage or any fee payable under this Warrant in such cases or classes of case as he may determine.

Discharge to the Postmaster-General

14. The payment or repayment of the amount of a money order in accordance with this Warrant to whomsoever made shall discharge the Crown and every officer of the Post Office from all liability whatsoever in respect of that order and payment or repayment of the amount thereof, notwithstanding any forgery, fraud, mistake, loss, neglect or omission which may have been committed or have occurred in the procuring of the order or obtaining the payment or repayment of the amount thereof or otherwise in relation thereto.

Revocation

15. The Warrants mentioned in the Third Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.

Citation and commencement

16. This Warrant may be cited as "The British Postal Agencies Money Order Warrant, 1961", and shall come into operation on the 1st day of February, 1961.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1961.

(Sgd) *John Hill,*
P. E. O. Bryan,
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

R. Bevins,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

16th January, 1961.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

Amount of order	*Regulation* 11 *Poundage* Naye Paise
Not exceeding 10 rupees	19
Exceeding 10 rupees:	
for the first 10 rupees	19
for each additional 10 rupees or part thereof	19

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

Supplemental service	*Regulation* 11 *Fee* Naye Paise
Stopping payment	31
Advice or certificate of payment	19
Repayment to remitter:	
Where the amount of the order does not exceed 135 rupees ...	44
Where the amount of the order exceeds 135 rupees but does not exceed 270 rupees	56
Where the amount of the order exceeds 270 rupees but does not exceed 400 rupees	69
Where the amount of the order exceeds 400 rupees	81
Issue of duplicate money order (including stopping payment of the original order)	69
Renewal of void money order	69

THE THIRD SCHEDULE

Regulation 15

WARRANTS REVOKED

The Persian Gulf Money Order Warrant, 1952(a).

The Persian Gulf Money Order Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1957(b).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant consolidates with minor amendments the regulations relating to money orders applied for, issued or payable at the British Postal Agencies in the Persian Gulf contained in the Warrants specified in the Third Schedule.

(a) S.I. 1952/2253 (1952 III, p. 2613). (b) S.I. 1957/527 (1957 II, p. 1916).