2. This Order may be cited as the Foreign Service Fees (Amendment) Order, 1952.

3. This Order shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 1952.

And the Right Honourable Anthony Eden, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is to give the necessary directions herein.

F. J. Fernau.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Foreign Service Fees Order in Council, 1951, provided for a general increase in fees levied under the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891, and the Fees (Increase) Act, 1923. Passport fees were not affected by this increase, but it has now been found necessary, in view of the rising cost of services, to increase certain passport fees and abolish others.

The present Order raises the fee for issuing a passport, which for this purpose is deemed to include a collective certificate intended to serve as a passport, and abolishes the fee for making an endorsement on a passport. In addition, the opportunity has been taken to clarify the wording of the fee for attesting alterations in agreements with seamen.

1952 No. 2026

The Foreign Service Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 1952

Made - - - - 11*th November*, 1952
Coming into Operation 1*st January*, 1953

In the exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sub-section (2) of section 2 of the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891(**a**), I, Anthony Eden, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, hereby make, with the consent of the Treasury, the following Regulations :—

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Foreign Service Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 1952, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1953.

(2) These Regulations shall supplement and amend the Foreign Service Fees Regulations, 1951(**b**), the interpretation provisions of which shall apply hereto.

Passport and Visa Fees levied in the United Kingdom

2. Regulations 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Foreign Service Fees Regulations, 1951, shall not apply to the levy of passport and visa fees (Fees Nos. 82, 83 and 89) by public officers in Great Britain acting under the authority of a Secretary of State. The waiver and accountancy of these fees by these officers shall be governed by special instructions issued from time to time by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury.

(**a**) 54 & 55 Vict. c. 36. (**b**) S.I. 1951/1020; 1951 I, p. 336.

Instructions regarding specific fees

3. Regulation 12 of the Foreign Service Fees Regulations, 1951, is hereby amended as follows:

(1) Delete sub-paragraph (*f*) of the instruction to Fees 10-14 and substitute therefor the following sub-paragraphs:

"(*f*) Fees 10 and 11 should not be levied in respect of apprentices.

(*g*) Should more than one alteration in the Agreement be made at different times during the same visit of a ship to a foreign port, the maximum of £6 applies to each occasion on which an alteration is made.

(*h*) Fee 12 is leviable when an apprentice is left behind outside the United Kingdom, but should not be levied when an apprentice is transferred, whilst overseas, from one ship to another, nor when, having come to the end of his indentures, he signs on as a fully fledged seaman; in the latter case, however, Fee 10 would, of course, be leviable.

(*i*) Fee 13 and Fees 15-17 are all applicable to apprentices.

(*j*) For services concerning lascars in foreign ships, see Fees 37 and 38".

(2) The instruction to Fees 10-14 as amended shall be renumbered "10-17".

(3) Add the following instruction in respect of Fee 30:

"30. This fee is applicable to apprentices."

(4) Delete the instructions to Fees 83 and 84 and substitute therefor the following instruction:

"83. No fee should be charged for the extension up to the full period of five years of a passport issued for a specially restricted period."

(5) Delete the instruction to Fee 86 and substitute therefor:

"86. This fee should be charged both where the fee for the issue or renewal of a passport or other travel document or document of identity or for the grant of the visa is retained by the foreign State, Commonwealth country etc., and where the fee is credited to the Foreign Office by the consular officer; in the latter case, however, if the application is eventually granted, the appropriate fee should be reduced by 4s. No adjustment should be made, and no further fee should be charged, where the passport or visa fee is 4s. or less. Fee 86 should not be charged when, in order to meet the requirements of the authorities of a foreign country, a consular officer recommends for the grant of a visa a British subject whose passport is already properly endorsed for the journey to that country."

(6) In the instruction to Fee 112, for the words "Consular Fees Order in Council, 1951" there shall be substituted the words "Foreign Service Fees Order in Council, 1951".

Anthony Eden,

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

28th October, 1952.

We approve these Regulations.

Herbert Butcher,

T. G. D. Galbraith,

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

11th November, 1952.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

For the basis of these amending Regulations, see the explanatory note to the Foreign Service Fees Regulations, 1951.

These Regulations introduce small amendments to the Foreign Service Fees Regulations, 1951, for the following purposes:

(1) to provide for a special system of accounting for and waiving of passport and visa fees levied in the United Kingdom;
(2) to clarify certain doubts relating to the levying of shipping fees, mainly in respect of apprentices.
(3) to remove the instruction to Fee 84, which was abolished by the Foreign Service Fees (Amendment) Order, 1952(a).
(4) to provide for the collection of Fee 86 on a wider basis having regard to the amount of work devolving on consular officers.

CONSULAR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

1952 No. 1218

The Consular Conventions (Kingdom of Sweden) Order, 1952

Made - - - - *24th June*, 1952
Laid before Parliament *25th June*, 1952
Coming into Operation [*on a date to be notified in the London Gazette*]*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of June, 1952

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by Section 6 (1) of the Consular Conventions Act, 1949(b), (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is enacted that Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that Sections one and two or Section four of the Act (which provide for the exercise by consular officers of certain powers in relation to the property of deceased persons, and for the restriction of the powers of entry in relation to consular offices) shall apply to any foreign State specified in the Order, being a State with which a Consular Convention providing for matters for which provision is made by those Sections has been concluded by Her Majesty;

And Whereas a Consular Convention(c) (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") between Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His Majesty the King of Sweden was signed at Stockholm on the 14th day of March, 1952, which provides for matters for which provision is made in the said Sections one and two and Section four, and which takes effect on the thirtieth day after the date of exchange of instruments of ratification;

(a) S.I. 1952/460, p. 627 above. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 29. (c) Cmd. 8541.
* 24th September, 1952.