STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 1370

POST OFFICE

The Inland Post Amendment (No. 1) Regulations, 1961

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I, The Right Honourable John Reginald Bevins, M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster General, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by sections 5, 6, 8, 15, and 81 of the Post Office Act, 1953(a) (as amended or substituted by sections 21 and 28 of and the Schedule to the Post Office Act, 1961(b)), and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make the following Regulations, that is to say :—

Interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations shall be read as one with the Inland Post Warrant, 1961(c) (hereinafter called "the principal regulations").

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(d) applies for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Rates of Postage

2.—(1) The First Schedule to the principal regulations (which specifies the rates of postage on and the limits of size and weight of inland postal packets) is hereby revoked, and the Schedule set out in the First Schedule to these regulations shall be substituted therefor.

(2) The Sixth Schedule to the principal regulations (which specifies the rates of postage on and the limits of size and weight of postal packets posted in the British postal area for transmission to the Republic of Ireland) is hereby revoked, and the Schedule set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations shall be substituted therefor.

Printed packets

3. Paragraph (3) of regulation sixteen of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following paragraph shall be substituted therefor :

"(3) Every printed packet shall be subject to examination in the post, and if posted without a cover shall not be fastened or otherwise treated so as to prevent easy examination. A covered packet shall be unfastened or so adapted that the contents can be easily examined without breaking any seal or tearing any paper or cutting any string or (save as the Postmaster General may either generally or in any particular case allow) separating any adhering surfaces."

Despatch of certain printed packets

4. In regulation seventeen of the principal regulations (which relates to the despatch of printed packets on which postage of twopence only is payable), for the word "twopence" there shall be substituted the words "two and a half pence".

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36.
(b) 9 & 10 Eliz. 2. c. 15.
(c) S.I. 1961/141 (Pt. I, p. 212).
(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Rebate postings of printed packets or sample packets

5. After regulation thirty of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation :

" *Rebate postings of printed packets or sample packets*

30A.—(1) The Postmaster General may make arrangements with the senders of printed packets and sample packets for the acceptance and transmission of such packets as a rebate posting under this regulation.

(2) A rebate posting shall consist of a consignment of not less than 4,501 printed packets or not less than 4,501 sample packets all sent by the same sender, each (except where the Postmaster General otherwise allows) being identical with the others in size and shape and in the nature of its contents.

(3) Unless the Postmaster General in any particular case otherwise allows in writing, a person who proposes to make a rebate posting shall make application therefor to the Postmaster General on a prescribed postal form at least 24 hours before the time at which he wishes to make the posting.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) of regulation twenty-five, the sender shall comply with such conditions as the Postmaster General may consider appropriate in the particular case as to :

(*a*) the manner in which the postage on the individual postal packets comprised in the rebate posting is to be paid ;

(*b*) the sorting and assembly of the individual postal packets by the sender into groups according to their addresses ;

(*c*) the manner, time, day, and office at which the rebate posting is to be delivered to the Post Office for transmission ;

(*d*) any incidental or supplemental matters for which the Postmaster General may consider it expedient to provide.

(5) Where the Postmaster General accepts a rebate posting for transmission under this regulation, and the sender complies with the said conditions, the Postmaster General shall refund to the sender or allow him in account :

(*a*) Where the number of the postal packets comprised in the rebate posting is between 4,501 and 4,999 (inclusive), the amount by which the total postage charged on those packets exceeds the net payment in respect of 5,000 postal packets. For the purpose of this paragraph, the net payment in respect of 5,000 postal packets means the total postage which would be charged on 5,000 postal packets similar to those comprised in the particular rebate posting less the amount which would be refunded or allowed in account in respect of such 5,000 packets under paragraph (*b*) if they were accepted as a rebate posting for transmission under this regulation and the sender complied with the said conditions.

(*b*) Where the number of the postal packets comprised in the rebate posting is between 5,000 and 22,222 (inclusive), one tenth of the total postage charged on those packets.

(*c*) Where the number of the postal packets comprised in the rebate posting is between 22,223 and 24,999 (inclusive), the amount by which the total postage charged on those packets exceeds the net

payment in respect of 25,000 postal packets. For the purpose of this paragraph, the net payment in respect of 25,000 postal packets means the total postage which would be charged on 25,000 postal packets similar to those comprised in the particular rebate posting less the amount which would be refunded or allowed in account in respect of such 25,000 packets under paragraph (*d*) if they were accepted as a rebate posting for transmission under this regulation and the sender complied with the said conditions.

(*d*) Where the number of the postal packets comprised in the rebate posting exceeds 24,999, one fifth of the total postage charged on those packets.

(6) The Postmaster General may defer for such time as he thinks expedient the despatch or delivery of postal packets accepted for transmission as a rebate posting under this regulation."

Stamping of paper for use as postcards, covers and envelopes

6.—(1) After regulation forty-eight of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following heading and regulation:

"Part VIII A—Stamping of paper for use as postcards, covers and envelopes.

48A. The fees to be paid to the Postmaster General for stamping any paper sent to him for the purpose of being stamped for use as postcards, reply postcards, covers or envelopes of postal packets shall be at the rates specified in the Eighth Schedule hereto."

(2) After the Seventh Schedule to the principal regulations there shall be inserted the Schedule set out in the Third Schedule to these regulations.

7.—(1) After paragraph (A) of regulation fifty-two of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following paragraph:

"(AA) In the application of paragraph (5) of regulation nineteen of this Warrant to postal packets posted in any part of the British postal area for transmission to the Republic of Ireland, a reference to the Sixth Schedule hereto shall be substituted for the reference to the First Schedule hereto."

(2) After sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (D) of the said regulation fifty-two there shall be inserted the following paragraph:

"(iii) Regulation thirty A shall not apply to postal packets transmitted between the British postal area and the Republic of Ireland."

Citation and Commencement

8. These regulations may be cited as "The Inland Post Amendment (No. 1) Regulations, 1961", and shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1961.

Dated this 20th day of July, 1961.

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

Regulation 2 THE FIRST SCHEDULE

THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

RATES OF POSTAGE

Col. 1 Description of Postal Packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight
1. Letter	1 oz. (or less), 3d. Exceeding 1 oz. but not exceeding 2 oz., 4½d. For every additional 2 oz. or part thereof, 1½d.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In roll form:— Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	—
2. Postcard	Each single, 2½d. Each reply, 5d.	Length—Max. 5⅞ ins. Min. 4 ins. Width—Max. 4¼ ins. Min. 2¾ ins.	—
3. Printed Packet ...	2 oz. (or less), 2½d. Exceeding 2 oz. but not exceeding 4 oz., 4d. For every additional 2 oz. or part thereof, 1d.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In roll form:— Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	2 lb.
4. Registered Newspaper.	Subject to regulation 19 (5)— Per copy: 6 oz. (or less), 3d. For every additional 6 oz. or part thereof, 1½d. These rates of postage shall be charged and paid on every such newspaper, whether posted singly or in a packet of two or more.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In roll form:— Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	2 lb.
5. Sample Packet ...	2 oz. (or less), 2½d. Exceeding 2 oz. but not exceeding 4 oz., 4d. For every additional 2 oz. or part thereof, 1d.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In roll form:— Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	8 oz.
6. Articles for the use of the Blind.	Up to 2 lb., ½d. Exceeding 2 lb. and not exceeding 5 lb., 1d. Exceeding 5 lb. and not exceeding 8 lb., 1½d. Exceeding 8 lb. and not exceeding 11 lb., 2d. Exceeding 11 lb. and not exceeding 15 lb., 2½d.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In roll form:— Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	15 lb.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS—*continued*

Col. 1 Description of Postal Packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight
7. Parcel	Weight not exceeding 2 lb., 2s. 0d. Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 3 lb., 2s. 3d. Exceeding 3 lb. but not exceeding 4 lb., 2s. 6d. Exceeding 4 lb. but not exceeding 5 lb., 2s. 9d. Exceeding 5 lb. but not exceeding 6 lb., 3s. 0d. Exceeding 6 lb. but not exceeding 7 lb., 3s. 3d. Exceeding 7 lb. but not exceeding 8 lb., 3s. 6d. Exceeding 8 lb. but not exceeding 11 lb., 3s. 9d. Exceeding 11 lb. but not exceeding 15 lb., 4s. 0d.	Greatest length, 3 feet 6 inches. Greatest length and girth combined, 6 feet (the girth to be measured round the thickest part).	15 lb.
8. Business reply letter	The rate in item 1, 2, 3 or 5 as the case may be, plus 1d.	As for item 1, 2, 3 or 5 as the case may be.	
9. Postage forward parcel.	The rate in item 7, plus 4d.	As for item 7.	

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

THE SIXTH SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS
RATES OF POSTAGE CHARGEABLE ON POSTAL PACKETS TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Col. 1 Description of Postal Packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight
1. Letter	1 oz. (or less), 3d. Exceeding 1 oz. but not exceeding 2 oz., 4½d. For every additional 2 oz. or part thereof, 1½d.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In roll form:— Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	—
2. Postcard	Each single, 2½d. Each reply, 5d.	Length—Max. 5¾ ins. Min. 4 ins. Width—Max. 4¼ ins. Min. 2¾ ins.	—
3. Printed Packet ...	2 oz. (or less), 2½d. Exceeding 2 oz. but not exceeding 4 oz., 4d. For every additional 2 oz. or part thereof, 1d.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In roll form:— Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	2 lb.

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THE SIXTH SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS—*continued*

Col. 1 Description of Postal Packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight
4. Registered Newspaper.	Subject to regulation 19 (5)— Per copy: 6 oz. (or less), 3d. For every additional 6 oz. or part thereof, 1½d. These rates of postage shall be charged and paid on every such newspaper, whether posted singly or in a packet of two or more.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In roll form:— Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	2 lb.
5. Articles for the use of the Blind.	Up to 2 lb., ½d. Exceeding 2 lb. and not exceeding 5 lb., 1d. Exceeding 5 lb. and not exceeding 8 lb., 1½d. Exceeding 8 lb. and not exceeding 11 lb., 2d. Exceeding 11 lb. and not exceeding 15 lb., 2½d.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In roll form:— Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	15 lb.
6. Parcel	Weight not exceeding 2 lb., 2s. 0d. Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 3 lb., 2s. 3d. Exceeding 3 lb. but not exceeding 4 lb., 2s. 6d. Exceeding 4 lb. but not exceeding 5 lb., 2s. 9d. Exceeding 5 lb. but not exceeding 6 lb., 3s. 0d. Exceeding 6 lb. but not exceeding 7 lb., 3s. 3d. Exceeding 7 lb. but not exceeding 8 lb., 3s. 6d. Exceeding 8 lb. but not exceeding 11 lb., 3s. 9d. Exceeding 11 lb. but not exceeding 15 lb., 4s. 0d.	Greatest length, 3 feet 6 inches. Greatest length and girth combined, 6 feet (the girth to be measured round the thickest part).	15 lb.

Regulation 6
Regulation 48A

THE THIRD SCHEDULE

THE EIGHTH SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

FEES FOR STAMPING PAPER FOR USE AS POSTCARDS, REPLY POSTCARDS, COVERS OR ENVELOPES

	Non-glossy paper	*Glossy paper*
(1) Paper for use as postcards or reply postcards:		
A. For the first one thousand or part of one thousand stamps impressed on any one consignment of paper sent to the Postmaster General—		
(i) If three stamps or less are impressed on each single piece of paper	£1 0s. 0d.	£1 5s. 0d.
(ii) If four or five stamps are impressed on each single piece of paper	15s. 0d.	£1 0s. 0d.
(iii) If six or more stamps are impressed on each single piece of paper	10s. 0d.	12s. 6d.
B. For each additional one hundred or part of one hundred stamps impressed on the same consignment of paper	One tenth of the fees referred to in A.	

THE EIGHTH SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS—*continued*

	Non-gummed paper	*Gummed paper*
(2) Paper for use as covers:		
A. For the first one thousand or part of one thousand stamps impressed on any one consignment of paper sent to the Postmaster General—		
(i) If three stamps or less are impressed on each single piece of paper	£1 0s. 0d.	£1 5s. 0d.
(ii) If four or five stamps are impressed on each single piece of paper	15s. 0d.	£1 0s. 0d.
(iii) If six or more stamps are impressed on each single piece of paper	10s. 0d.	12s. 6d.
B. For each additional one hundred or part of one hundred stamps impressed on the same consignment of paper	One tenth of the fees referred to in A.	
(3) Paper for use as envelopes:		
A. For the first one thousand or part of one thousand stamps impressed on any one consignment of paper sent to the Postmaster General	15s. 0d.	
B. For each additional one hundred or part of one hundred stamps impressed on the same consignment of paper	1s. 6d.	

(NOTE: For the purpose of this Schedule, if two or more stamps are impressed in order that they may together denote postage of the amount which the Postmaster General has been requested to denote on each postcard, reply postcard, cover or envelope (as the case may be), they shall together be regarded as one stamp.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Inland Post Warrant, 1961. The principal changes are as follows:—

(1) In relation to the Inland Post:

(*a*) The minimum postage rate for printed packets and sample packets is increased from 2d. to 2½d. for 2 oz. (or less).

(*b*) The postage rates for registered newspapers are increased by ½d. at all steps of the scale.

(*c*) The postage rates for parcels are increased by 6d. at all steps of the scale.

(*d*) Provision is made for a new facility for rebate posting which is available for consignments of not less than 4,501 printed packets or sample packets.

(*e*) Fees are prescribed for the stamping by the Postmaster General of paper for use as postcards, covers or envelopes.

(2) Increases similar to those mentioned at (1) (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) above are made for printed packets, registered newspapers and parcels to the Republic of Ireland.

(3) The regulations come into operation on the 1st October, 1961.

In the First and Sixth Schedules to the Inland Post Warrant, 1961, as substituted by the First and Second Schedules to these regulations, the amended figures are shown in **heavy type.**