STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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POST OFFICE

The Inland Post Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1966

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I, The Right Honourable Edward Watson Short, M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster General, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by sections 5, 8, 15 and 81 of the Post Office Act 1953(a) (as amended or substituted by section 28 of and the Schedule to the Post Office Act 1961(b)), and all other powers enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make the following regulations :

Interpretation of these regulations

1.—(1) These regulations shall be read as one with the Inland Post Regulations 1963(c) (hereinafter called " the principal regulations "), as amended by the Inland Post Amendment (No. 1) Regulations 1965(d) and the Inland Post Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1965(e).

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

Interpretation of the principal regulations

2.—(1) In regulation 1(1) of the principal regulations there shall be inserted in their appropriate places in alphabetical order the following definitions :

" " local parcel delivery area " means the area prescribed as such for the place at which a parcel is posted ;

" local parcel " means a parcel addressed to a place within the local parcel delivery area of the place at which the parcel is posted ;

" ordinary parcel " means a parcel which is not a local parcel ; ".

(2) In the definition of " paper money " in the said regulation 1(1), after sub-paragraph (*e*) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph :

" (*f*) coupons, vouchers, tokens, cards, stamps or similar documents, exchangeable (singly or with other such documents) for money, goods or services ; ".

Rates of postage on letters

3. In column 2 of item 1 in each of Schedules 1 and 7 to the principal regulations, as substituted(d), (which items specify the rates of postage on letters), for the rates of postage on letters exceeding 1 lb. in weight there shall be substituted the following :

" For each additional 2 oz. or part thereof up to a total weight of 1 lb. 8 oz.	3d.
For the next 8 oz. or part thereof	1s.
For each additional 1 lb. or part thereof thereafter	2s."

(a) 1953 c. 36. (b) 1961 c. 15. (c) S.I. 1963/2137 (1963 III, p. 4745).
(d) S.I. 1965/502 (1965 I, p. 1251).
(e) S.I. 1965/1907 (1965 III, p. 5759).
(f) 1889 c. 63.

Ordinary and local parcels

4.—(1) For columns 1 and 2 of item 7 of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations, as substituted(a), (which item specifies the rates of postage on inland parcels) there shall be substituted the following :

Col. 1 Description of Postal Packet	Col. 2 Rates of Postage	
Parcel :		
(*a*) ordinary ..	Weight not exceeding 1 lb. 8 oz.	2s. 6d.
	Exceeding 1 lb. 8 oz. but not exceeding 2 lb. ..	3s. 0d.
	Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 6 lb.	4s. 6d.
	Exceeding 6 lb. but not exceeding 10 lb.	6s. 0d.
	Exceeding 10 lb. but not exceeding 14 lb.	7s. 6d.
	Exceeding 14 lb. but not exceeding 18 lb.	9s. 0d.
	Exceeding 18 lb.	10s. 6d.
(*b*) local ..	The rate in paragraph (*a*), minus 1s.	

(2) For column 2 of item 6 of Schedule 7 to the principal regulations, as substituted(a), (which item specifies the rates of postage on parcels to be transmitted to the Republic of Ireland) there shall be substituted the following :

Col. 2 Rates of Postage	
Weight not exceeding 1 lb. 8 oz.	2s. 6d.
Exceeding 1 lb. 8 oz. but not exceeding 2 lb.	3s. 0d.
Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 6 lb.	4s. 6d.
Exceeding 6 lb. but not exceeding 10 lb.	6s. 0d.
Exceeding 10 lb. but not exceeding 14 lb...	7s. 6d.
Exceeding 14 lb. not not exceeding 18 lb...	9s. 0d.
Exceeding 18 lb.	10s. 6d.

(3) In regulation 5 of the principal regulations for the words " town postal delivery area " and in the proviso to regulation 29(3) thereof for the words " town delivery area ", there shall be substituted the words " local parcel delivery area ".

(4) In the said Schedule 1 for the words " The rate " in column 2 of item 9 there shall be substituted the words " The appropriate rate ".

Parcels—Channel Islands

5. In regulation 21(2) of the principal regulations (which paragraph prescribes the fees payable in respect of certain parcels brought from or sent to the Channel Islands), for the words " the further fee of 1s. where the duty does not exceed 10s., or the further fee of 2s. where the duty exceeds 10s." there shall be substituted the words " the further fee of 2s. 6d."

Parcels in bond

6.—(1) In regulation 22(1) of the principal regulations (which regulation provides certain facilities in respect of certain parcels received from the Channel Islands), there shall be added after sub-paragraph (*a*) the following sub-paragraph:

" (*aa*) permit the addressee or his authorised agent, attending at the place where the parcel is, to inspect the parcel ; or ".

(a) S.I. 1965/502 (1965 I, p. 1251).

(2) In paragraph 2(i) of the said regulation for " sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) " there shall be substituted " sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*aa*) and (*b*) "

(3) For the Table in paragraph (2) of the said regulation there shall be substituted the following :

TABLE

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Number of packets :		
1	10 0	5 0
2	14 0	7 0
3	18 0	9 0
4	1 2 0	11 0
5	1 4 0	12 0
6 to 10 inclusive	1 8 0	14 0
11 to 20 „	1 16 0	18 0
21 to 30 „	2 4 0	1 2 0
31 to 40 „	2 12 0	1 6 0
41 to 50 „	3 0 0	1 10 0
Every additional 25 or part thereof	10 0	5 0

Articles for the blind

7.—(1) For regulation 23(1)(x) of the principal regulations (which regulation prescribes certain conditions relating to articles for the use of the blind) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph :

" (x) Voice records on discs, film, tape or wire of readings from books, journals, newspapers, periodicals or other similar printed publications ; ".

(2) For paragraph (2)(*f*) of the said regulation there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph :

" (*f*) Articles (viii) to (xvii) (inclusive) mentioned in paragraph (1) may be sent only to blind persons by such institutions as have entered into special arrangements to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General with regard to the transmission of such articles, or to such institutions by blind persons ."

Postal facilities

8.—(1) For item 4 of Schedule 2 to the principal regulations (which Schedule prescribes what shall be charged and paid for certain postal facilities), there shall be substituted the following :

" 4. Advice of delivery of, or inability to deliver, a registered postal packet :
(*a*) if requested at time of posting .. .. 9d.
(*b*) if requested after posting .. .. 1s. 0d."

(2) In item 5 of the said Schedule, for " 6d." there shall be substituted " 1s."

(3) For item 6 of the said Schedule there shall be substituted the following :

" 6. Advice of delivery of, or inability to deliver, a recorded delivery packet:
(*a*) if requested at time of posting .. .. 9d.
(*b*) if requested after posting .. .. 1s. 0d."

(4) In item 7 of the said Schedule, for " 6d." there shall be substituted " 1s."

(5) For item 14 of the said Schedule there shall be substituted the following items :

" 14. Delivery at Post Office. Retention at a delivery office of postal packets (other than those addressed to a post office to be called for in accordance with regulation 31) and delivery to the addressee or his agent on his calling therefor :

(1) For postal packets of all classes where the appropriate delivery office is in a rural postal area :

annual fee .. £3 0s. 0d.

(2) For registered postal packets and recorded delivery packets only, whether the appropriate delivery office is in a rural postal area or a town postal area :

annual fee .. £1 10s. 0d.

Note :

(*a*) These annual fees are not charged if the addressee is the holder of a Private Box or Lockable Private Box at the post office concerned, or the holder of a Private Bag used for the collection of postal packets from that post office.

(*b*) The addressee may at his option, instead of paying the annual fee, pay the search fee under item 14A for each separate search.

14A. Search Fee. Search made at a delivery office at the request of the addressee or his agent to ascertain whether any postal packets for a particular address are available for delivery :

for each search .. 6d.

Note : This fee is not charged :

(*a*) if the search is for postal packets addressed to a post office to be called for in accordance with regulation 31 ;

(*b*) if the addressee is the holder of a Private Box or Lockable Private Box at the post office concerned, or the holder of a Private Bag used for the collection of postal packets from that post office ; or

(*c*) if the addressee has paid the annual fee under item 14 in respect of the period within which the search is made."

Recorded delivery service

9. In regulations 29(3)(*a*)(i), 36(3) and 40(2) and (3) of the principal regulations (which paragraphs refer to the recorded delivery fee), for " 6d." there shall be substituted " 9d."

Registration and compensation

10.—(1) In regulation 36(2) of the principal regulations (which provides that unregistered postal packets found when in the post to contain certain articles shall be subject to compulsory registration), between sub-paragraphs (*f*) and (*g*) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph :

" (*ff*) any coupon, voucher, token, card, stamp or similar document, exchangeable (singly or with any other such documents) for money, goods or services ; or ".

(2) For Part I of Schedule 4 to the principal regulations (which Part specifies the registration fees and maximum compensation payable in respect of registered postal packets), there shall be substituted the following :

PART I

Col. 1 Registration Fee (In addition to ordinary postage)	Col. 2 Maximum Compensation
s. d. 3 0 (minimum registration fee)	£ 100
3 3	200
3 6	300
3 9	400

(3) In paragraph 4 of Part II of the said Schedule (which Part prescribes the conditions which must be complied with in respect of registered postal packets), between sub-paragraphs (*f*) and (*g*) thereof there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph :

" (*ff*) any coupon, voucher, token, card, stamp or similar document, exchangeable (singly or with any other such documents) for money, goods or services ; ".

Conditions as to recorded delivery packets

11. In regulation 41(5) of the principal regulations (which prohibits the sending as a recorded delivery packet of any postal packet containing certain articles), for the figures (vii) and (viii) there shall be substituted the figures (viii) and (ix) respectively, and after sub-paragraph (vi) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph :

" (vii) any coupon, voucher, token, card, stamp or similar document, exchangeable (singly or with any other such documents) for money, goods or services ; ".

Cash on delivery

12.—(1) In regulation 44(3) of the principal regulations (which paragraph prescribes the maximum trade charge which may be collected under the principal regulations), for " £40 " there shall be substituted " £50 ".

(2) For Schedule 5 to the principal regulations (which Schedule prescribes the fees to be charged and paid on each cash on delivery packet), there shall be substituted the following :

SCHEDULE 5

CASH ON DELIVERY PACKETS

SCALE OF FEES

Trade Charge	*Fee*
	s. d.
Not exceeding £10	3 6
Exceeding £10 but not exceeding £25	4 0
„ £25 „ „ „ £50	4 6

Application of the principal regulations to packets to and from the Republic of Ireland

13. In regulation 56(3) of the principal regulations (which paragraph substitutes a regulation for regulation 21 of the principal regulations in the application of the said regulations to packets to and from the Republic of Ireland), for the substituted regulation 21(3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph :

" (3) Where a postal packet received in the British postal area from the Republic of Ireland 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 a fee of 2s. 6d. in respect of a parcel and of 1s. 6d. in respect of any other postal packet ".

Citation and commencement

14. These regulations may be cited as " The Inland Post Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1966 ", and shall come into operation on the 3rd October 1966.

Dated 22nd July 1966.

Edward Short,

Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the regulations.*)

These regulations further amend the Inland Post Regulations 1963. The principal changes are as follows :

(1) The regulations increase the rates of postage for most ordinary parcels, but reduce the minimum charge for a parcel. They also increase the rates of postage for letters weighing more than 1 lb. 8 oz. ; the recorded delivery fee ; the registration fees ; the charges in the cash on delivery service ; and certain advice of delivery fees and enquiry fees.

(2) A local parcel service is introduced at rates 1s. less than those for ordinary parcels.

(3) Provision is made as to the conditions under which compensation is payable for loss of or damage to coupons, vouchers, tokens, cards, stamps and similar documents which are exchangeable for money, goods or services.

(4) The maximum trade charge which may be collected in the cash on delivery service is increased to £50.