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The Inland Post Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1959

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We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred upon us by sections 5, 8, 15 and 81 of the Post Office Act, 1953(a) and section 9 of the Crown Proceedings Act, 1947(b), and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do by 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:—

Interpretation

1.—(1) This Warrant shall be read as one with the Inland Post Warrant, 1955(c) (hereinafter called "the Principal Warrant") and all Warrants amending the same.

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

Amendments to the principal Warrant

2. The principal Warrant shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation one, for the definition of "business reply letter" there shall be substituted the following:

"'business reply letter' means a letter, postcard, printed packet or sample packet, which—

(*a*) is addressed to, or to the agent of, a person who has made provision to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General for the payment of postage on postal packets of those descriptions which are posted without prepayment of postage and are received by him or such agent, and

(*b*) is distinguished or marked in such manner as the Postmaster-General may direct."

(2) In paragraph (1) of regulation one, after the definition of "cash on delivery packet" there shall be added the following:

"'coin' means coin (whether or not current) except such as is used or designed for purposes of ornament;".

(3) In paragraph (1) of regulation one, for the definition of "inland" there shall be substituted the following:

"'inland', when used in relation to any postal packet or any description of postal packet, means posted in the British postal area and addressed to some place in the British postal area, but does not include a postal packet addressed to a ship of the Royal Navy, notwithstanding that the name of a port in the British postal area or the words "c/o G.P.O. London" are included in the address, if the packet has to be sent abroad for delivery to the ship."

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 44.
(c) S.I. 1955/1877 (1955 II, p. 2014).
(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(4) In paragraph (1) of regulation one, in the definition of " paper money ", for sub-paragraph (*a*) there shall be substituted the following:

" (*a*) bank notes or currency notes, being current in the British postal area or elsewhere ; "

and for sub-paragraph (*c*) there shall be substituted the following:

" (*c*) unobliterated postage or revenue stamps available for current use in the British postal area or elsewhere (except revenue stamps embossed or impressed on an instrument which has been executed), and National Savings stamps ; ".

(5) In paragraph (1) of regulation one, in the definition of " postcard ", for the words " a rate " there shall be substituted the word " payment ".

(6) In paragraph (1) of regulation one, for the definition of " sample packet " there shall be substituted the following:

" " sample packet " means a postal packet containing a specimen (without saleable value) of goods for sale in respect of which no payment (apart from the cost of postage and packing) has been or is intended to be made by the addressee and sent by or on behalf of a dealer in such goods, and a postal packet containing such specimen which is being returned to the original sender."

(7) In paragraph (1) of regulation six (which contains certain prohibitions), for the words " whereof the sending is prohibited by " there shall be substituted the words " of a description referred to in paragraphs (*a*) (*b*) or (*c*) of ".

(8) At the beginning of paragraph (2) of regulation six there shall be added the words " Subject to subsection (3) of section eight of the Act,".

(9) In sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (2) of regulation six, for the words " for the prepayment of postage " there shall be substituted the words " to denote payment of postage or fees ".

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

" (*f*) whereon the payment of any postage or fees purports to be denoted by any stamp or impression which has been previously used to denote payment of the postage or fees on any other postal packet or any other Revenue duty or tax."

(11) For the first line of paragraph (3) of regulation ten (which relates to the payment of postage and fees) there shall be substituted the following:

" (3) Payment of postage or fees payable under this Warrant may be denoted— "

(12) In paragraph (4) of regulation ten, after the word " mutilated " in both places where it occurs there shall be added the words " or defaced " ; and the words " in payment or " shall be omitted.

(13) In paragraph (5) of regulation ten, for the words " in payment " there shall be substituted the words " to denote payment ", and in paragraph (7) of regulation ten, for the words " in payment " there shall be substituted the words " denoting payment ".

(14) In paragraph (2) of regulation fifteen, for the words " in payment " there shall be substituted the words " denoting payment ", and for the words " for the payment " there shall be substituted the words " to denote payment ".

(15) In paragraph (1) of regulation sixteen (which defines the expression "printed packet"):

(*a*) For the words "one or more of the following articles or documents" in the second and third lines there shall be substituted the words "only articles or documents of the following descriptions";

(*b*) For sub-paragraph (*a*) of that paragraph there shall be substituted the following:

"(*a*) Books, magazines, newspapers, and other similar publications or works of a literary or technical character, whether containing written dedications or not; sheet music, catalogues; almanacs; and annual diaries; in each case being printed on paper or on some other substance ordinarily used for printing;"

(*c*) After sub-paragraph (*d*) there shall be added the following:

"(*da*) Letters and postcards which are out of date and have already fulfilled their original purpose; tickets which may lawfully be sent through the post by virtue of section one of the Small Lotteries and Gaming Act, 1956(**a**) or section twenty-seven of the Betting and Lotteries Act (Northern Ireland), 1957(**b**); dress patterns and dress transfers;"

(*d*) In the first column of item (vi) in sub-paragraph (*e*), after the word "Cards" there shall be added the words "and calendars", and in the second column of the same item there shall be added at the beginning the words "That the documents be not sent as samples or for the purpose of sale, and";

(*e*) After item (viii) in sub-paragraph (*e*) there shall be added the following:

"(ix) Addressed envelopes, cards, labels, or wrappers.	(ix) That not more than two such articles be enclosed in one packet, and that such articles be intended for return by post to the sender or a person designated by him.
(x) Blank forms.	(x) That the forms consist of paper bearing printed matter only, that not more than three forms of the same description be enclosed in one packet, that the forms be intended to be completed by the addressee, and that they be accompanied by a covering document which is transmissible in a printed packet."

(16) In paragraph (6) of regulation sixteen, after the words "to a" in line 2 and after the words "or to a" in line 3 there shall be added the word "single".

(17) After regulation twenty-one there shall be added the following:

"*Parcels in bond*

21A. (1) The Postmaster-General may, on application being made in such manner as he may direct by the addressee of any parcel which is received in the United Kingdom by post from the Channel Islands and is in the custody of the Postmaster-General at some place appointed

(**a**) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 45. (**b**) 1957, c. 19 (N.I.).

by him and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise for customs examination:

(*a*) make a search for the parcel in order that it may if possible receive expedited customs examination; or

(*b*) re-address the parcel to any person either within or outside the British postal area; or

(*c*) permit the addressee or his authorised agent, attending at the place where the parcel is, to re-address the parcel to any person either within or outside the British postal area.

(2) There shall be charged and paid in respect of the facilities provided for in this regulation:

(i) for each of the facilities mentioned in sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of paragraph (1), the fee appropriate to the number of parcels comprised in the application, according to the scale of fees set out in columns 1 and 2 of the table following;

(ii) for the facility mentioned in sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1), the fee appropriate to the number of parcels comprised in the application, according to the scale of fees set out in columns 1 and 3 of the table following.

TABLE

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3
Number of packets:	£ s. d.	s. d.
1	5 0	2 6
2	7 0	3 6
3	9 0	4 6
4	11 0	5 6
5	12 0	6 0
6 to 10 inclusive	14 0	7 0
11 to 20 „	18 0	9 0
21 to 30 „	1 2 0	11 0
31 to 40 „	1 6 0	13 0
41 to 50 „	1 10 0	15 0
Every additional 25 or part thereof ...	5 0	2 6

(3) Any fee charged under paragraph (2) of regulation twenty-one on a parcel which is re-addressed under this regulation shall be paid by the original addressee.

(4) There shall be charged and paid by the original addressee in respect of each parcel which is re-addressed under this regulation:

(*a*) to an address in the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland, such additional postage and fees (if any) as would have been payable thereon if it had been redirected under regulation twenty-seven;

(*b*) to an address elsewhere, such additional postage and fees (if any) as would have been payable thereon if it had been redirected under regulation twenty of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant, 1958(a)."

(18) For regulation twenty-three there shall be substituted the following:

"*Sample packets*

23.—(1) The outside or cover of every sample packet shall bear the words "sample" or "returned sample" (as the case may be) written or printed thereon.

(2) The outside or cover of a sample packet sent by or on behalf of a dealer shall bear the name and address of the dealer printed thereon or impressed thereon by means of a hand stamp.

(a) S.I. 1958/829 (1958 II, p. 1948).

(3) A sample packet shall contain no additional enclosures except any article or document transmissible in a printed packet.

(4) Paragraph (3) of regulation sixteen shall apply to sample packets."

(19) At the end of paragraph (1) of regulation twenty-seven (which provides for the redirection of certain postal packets), there shall be added the words " in the British postal area or the Republic of Ireland ".

(20) For paragraph (2) of regulation thirty-three there shall be substituted the following:

" (2) Where an unregistered postal packet is found when in the post to contain—

(*a*) a postal order not crossed to a banker in which the name of the payee has not been inserted in accordance with the direction on such order ; or

(*b*) any cheque or dividend warrant which is not crossed to a banker or made payable to order ; or

(*c*) any bearer security (including a share warrant, scrip or subscription certificate, bond or relative coupon) ; or

(*d*) any bank note or currency note, being current in the British postal area or elsewhere ; or

(*e*) any unobliterated postage stamps available for current use in the British postal area or elsewhere ; or

(*f*) any National Savings stamps ; or

(*g*) coin or jewellery ;

of a total value of ten shillings or over, the packet shall be registered, and may be detained for that purpose at any post office through which it passes."

(21) In paragraph (B) of regulation forty-seven (which regulation provides for the application of the principal Warrant to postal packets to and from the Republic of Ireland), for the regulation numbered 21 therein set out there shall be substituted the following:

" 21.—(1) Postal packets intended to be transmitted by post between the British postal area and the Republic of Ireland shall not be posted, forwarded, conveyed or delivered except subject to such regulations as are referred to in section sixteen of the Act.

(2) Where the sender of a parcel addressed to the Republic of Ireland desires that the parcel may be delivered to the addressee free of all customs duty and other charges thereon, the following rules shall apply to the parcel:—

(*a*) The sender shall mark on the cover of the parcel the words " To be delivered free of charges ".

(*b*) The sender shall pay at the time of posting such sum as the Postmaster-General may require as a deposit in respect of the customs duty and other charges which may be due on the parcel at the time of delivery.

(*c*) The sender shall sign an undertaking in the prescribed form to pay to the Postmaster-General on demand the amount of the customs duty and the said other charges, less the amount of the deposit paid.

(*d*) The Postmaster-General shall furnish to the sender a certificate of posting bearing an acknowledgment that the said deposit has been paid.

(*e*) If the deposit paid exceeds the amount of the customs duty and the said other charges, the Postmaster-General shall repay the balance to the sender.

(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:—

(i) in respect of a parcel, a fee of one shilling where the duty does not exceed ten shillings, or a fee of two shillings where the duty exceeds ten shillings;

(ii) in respect of a postal packet other than a parcel, a fee of one shilling."

(22) After paragraph (B) of regulation forty-seven there shall be added the following:

"(BA) Regulation 21A of this Warrant shall apply in respect of parcels and other postal packets received in the United Kingdom by post from the Republic of Ireland as it applies in respect of parcels received from the Channel Islands, with the substitution of a reference to paragraph (3) of regulation twenty-one for the reference to paragraph (2) of that regulation, and with the addition at the end of regulation 21A of the words "or (in the case of a postal packet other than a parcel) the postage and fees which would have been payable thereon if it had been posted as a fresh packet for transmission under the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant, 1959(**a**), to the new address"."

(23) In item 8 in the First Schedule as substituted by regulation two of the Inland Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1957(**b**) (which specifies the rate of postage on business reply letters), for the entry in column 2 there shall be substituted the following:

"The rate in item 1, 2, 3 or 5 as the case may be, plus 1d."

(24) In item 7 of the Second Schedule as amended by regulation three of the Inland Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1957 (which item relates to private posting boxes), after the words "approved by the Postmaster-General" there shall be added the words "(not being a private roadside letter box in a rural postal delivery area)"; for the words in sub-paragraph (1) (*a*) in the first column there shall be substituted the words "For one collection, on six or fewer weekdays in every week"; for the words in sub-paragraph (1) (*c*) in the first column there shall be substituted the words "For one collection, on six or fewer weekdays and on Sunday in every week"; for the words in sub-paragraph (1) (*d*) in the first column there shall be substituted the words "For each additional collection, on six or fewer weekdays in every week"; and after sub-paragraph (1) (*f*) there shall be added the following:

"(*g*) Distance fee, payable where the private posting box is in a rural postal delivery area, and the collection in the opinion of the Postmaster-General involves travelling in excess of the normal route of the collecting officer:	Such fee as the Postmaster-General may fix, having regard to the cost of the excess travelling."

(**a**) S.I 1959/498 (Pt. II, p. 2131, of this vol.).

(**b**) S.I. 1957/1330 (1957 II, p. 1910).

(25) In item 9 of the said Second Schedule (which item relates to private bags), for the words in sub-paragraph A (2) (*a*) (i) in the first column there shall be substituted the words "Bag made up for one collection, on seven or fewer days of the week"; for the words in sub-paragraph A (2) (*a*) (ii) in the first column there shall be substituted the words "Bag made up for more than one collection, on seven or fewer days of the week"; for the words "once each day" in sub-paragraph A (2) (*b*) (i) there shall be substituted the words "once a day on seven or fewer days of the week"; for the words "twice each day" in sub-paragraph A (2) (*b*) (ii) there shall be substituted the words "twice a day on seven or fewer days of the week"; and Note (ii) to sub-paragraph A (2) (*b*) shall be omitted.

(26) After item 15 in the said Second Schedule there shall be added the following:

"16. Special collections. Special collections from an address in a rural postal delivery area—

(1) For initial period of one year or less—	
(*a*) For one collection, on seven or fewer days of the week	£1 0s. 0d.
(*b*) For each additional collection, on seven or fewer days of the week	£1 0s. 0d.
(*c*) Distance fee, payable where the collection in the opinion of the Postmaster-General involves travelling in excess of the normal route of the collecting officer	Such fee as the Postmaster-General may fix, having regard to the cost of the excess travelling.
(2) For each subsequent full year	The fees chargeable under item (1).
(3) For a subsequent part only of a year	A rateable proportion of the fees chargeable under item (1).

17. Private Roadside Letter Boxes. Delivery into or collection from a locked private roadside letter box in a rural postal delivery area, or both delivery and collection—

(1) For initial period of one year or less—	
(*a*) Delivery only, where the box need not be unlocked for this purpose	No fee.
(*b*) Delivery only, where the box has to be unlocked for this purpose; collection only; or delivery and collection—	
(i) For one visit, on seven or fewer days of the week	7s. 6d.

(ii) For each additional visit, on seven or fewer days of the week	7s. 6d.
(2) For each subsequent full year	The fees chargeable under item (1).
(3) For a subsequent part only of a year	A rateable proportion of the fees chargeable under item (1)."

(27) In sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph 3 of Part III of the Fourth Schedule (which contains conditions as to registered postal packets), after the words "sample packet" there shall be added the words "packet consisting of articles for the use of the blind".

(28) In paragraph 4 of Part II of the Fourth Schedule for the words "Money in the form of coin" there shall be substituted the word "Coin".

Citation and commencement

3. This Warrant may be cited as "The Inland Post Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1959", and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1959.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1959.

Graeme Finlay,
P. E. O. Bryan,
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Ernest Marples,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

18th March, 1959.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant applies to the Inland post and the post to and from the Republic of Ireland. The main changes are:

(1) In the Inland post, business reply letters may contain enclosures in addition to the reply, and sample packets may be sent as business reply letters (reg. 2 (1)).

(2) Certain articles which are transmissible in printed packets are more specifically defined (reg. 2 (15)).

(3) Certain facilities in respect of incoming postal packets in bond which apply in the Commonwealth and Foreign post are extended to parcels from the Channel Islands and parcels and other postal packets from the Republic of Ireland (reg. 2 (17) and (22)).

(4) Provision is made for special collections from addresses in rural postal delivery areas and for special deliveries into and collections from private roadside letter boxes in such areas (reg. 2 (26)).