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We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred upon us by sections 5, 7, 8, 10, 15 and 81 of the Post Office Act, 1953(a), section 9 of the Crown Proceedings Act, 1947(b), 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, order, direct and declare as follows :—

PART I—INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

Interpretation

1.—(1) In this Warrant, except so far as the contrary is provided or the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them :

"the Act" means the Post Office Act, 1953 ;

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36. (b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 44.

"articles for the use of the blind" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation twenty-two;

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

(*a*) is addressed to a person who has made provision to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General for the payment of postage in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant on business reply letters received by him; and

(*b*) contains or has thereon only a communication sent by way of a reply to a communication from the addressee; and

(*c*) is distinguished or marked in such manner as the Postmaster-General may direct;

"cash on delivery packet" means a registered letter, printed packet or registered newspaper or a registered or unregistered parcel upon which the Postmaster-General undertakes at the request of the sender to collect or secure the collection of a sum of money (in this Warrant referred to as a trade charge) on his behalf from the addressee of the packet as a condition of delivery and upon which the sender has paid the fee for the cash on delivery service;

"customs duty" includes purchase tax;

"express delivery office" means any post office from time to time authorised by the Postmaster-General for the reception of postal packets for conveyance and delivery by special messenger;

"express packet" means a postal packet conveyed and delivered by special messenger, at the request of the sender or the addressee, throughout its whole course in the post or any part thereof;

"inland", when used in relation to any postal packet or any description thereof, means posted within the British postal area and addressed to some place in the British postal area, but does not include—

(*a*) a postal packet addressed to any of Her Majesty's ships, whether or not the name of a port in the British postal area or the words "c/o General Post Office" be included in the address, or

(*b*) a postal packet addressed to a British ship notwithstanding that the packet is addressed c/o General Post Office or c/o the shipowners or their agents in the United Kingdom

if in either case such packet has to be sent abroad for delivery;

"jewellery" means:—

(*a*) gold, silver or platinum or other precious metal in a manufactured state; that is to say, a state in which value is added to the raw material by skilled workmanship, and in this definition are included any coins used or designed for purposes of ornament;

(*b*) diamonds and precious stones;

(*c*) watches, the cases of which are entirely or mainly composed of gold, silver or platinum or other precious metal; and

(*d*) any article of a like nature which, apart from workmanship, has an intrinsic or marketable value;

"late posted packet" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation four;

"letter", except where that expression is used in regulation sixteen, means any postal packet except the following, namely:—a postcard, printed packet, sample packet, registered newspaper, parcel, or a packet consisting of articles for the use of the blind;

"the minimum registration fee" means the fee referred to as such in the first column of Part I of the Fourth Schedule hereto;

"paper money" means:—

(*a*) notes of the Bank of England, or of any bank of issue in the British Islands, and notes current in the British Islands or in any Commonwealth country or in any Foreign State;

(*b*) money orders and postal orders;

(*c*) unobliterated postage or revenue stamps, except revenue stamps embossed or impressed on an instrument which has been executed;

(*d*) exchequer bills, bank post bills, bills of exchange, promissory notes, cheques, credit notes which entitle the holder to money or goods and all orders and authorities for the payment of money, whether negotiable or not;

(*e*) bonds and coupons relating thereto and other securities for money, whether negotiable or not;

"parcel" means a postal packet which is posted as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant;

"postal form" means a form issued by or under the authority of the Postmaster-General;

"postal packet" means and includes a letter, postcard, printed packet, sample packet, registered newspaper, parcel, and a packet consisting of articles for the use of the blind, but does not include a telegram;

"postcard" means a card of the authorised dimensions bearing either an impressed or an adhesive stamp denoting a rate of postage, and, except where the context otherwise requires, includes a reply postcard;

"prescribed" means prescribed by the Postmaster-General;

"printed packet" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation sixteen;

"railex service" means a service whereby a letter is conveyed by a special messenger from the express delivery office to the appropriate railway station, despatched from that station by the next available and suitable train and delivered to the addressee from the railway station to which it was despatched;

"redirection" as applied to a postal packet includes re-posting;

"reply postcard" means a postcard in two parts, connected together, and of such a character that the person receiving the same through the post may, without further payment, again transmit one part of such card through the post;

"sample packet" means a packet containing a specimen (without saleable value) of goods for sale:—

(*a*) either with or without any article or document transmissible as a printed packet, and

(*b*) either with or without a cover or label for the return of the sample to the dealer by whom the sample was originally posted;

"trade charge" has the meaning assigned to it in the foregoing definition of "cash on delivery packet";

"trade charge form" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation thirty-seven;

"trade charge money order" means a money order in a special form for remitting the trade charge to the sender of a cash on delivery packet or to a person named by him to receive the amount.

(2) Any reference in this Warrant to the provisions of any enactment or regulations shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to those provisions as amended re-enacted or replaced by any subsequent enactment or regulations.

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

Application

2. This Warrant shall apply exclusively to inland postal packets, except as provided in regulation forty-seven and except in so far as the provisions of this Warrant are expressly made applicable to any other postal packets by any Warrant relating to such postal packets.

PART II—POSTAGE

Rates of postage

3. There shall be charged and paid upon the postal packets specified in the first column of the First Schedule hereto the rates of postage respectively specified in the second column thereof.

Additional postage on late posted packets

4.—(1) In this regulation the expression "late posted packet" means a postal packet of such description as may be prescribed

(*a*) which is posted in any special posting box which may be provided by the Postmaster-General for the purpose, after the ordinary hour of collection for a particular despatch from the office of collection on a particular day in order that it may if possible be forwarded by that despatch,

or (*b*) which is posted at any time in any posting box which may be provided by the Postmaster-General on a train,

or (*c*) which is posted at any time in any posting box which may be provided by the Postmaster-General for the purpose at a railway station, in order that it may if possible be conveyed by a particular train departing from that station,

or (*d*) which is posted as a registered postal packet, after the hour up to which registered postal packets are ordinarily accepted at the office of posting in order that they may be forwarded by a particular despatch, but within such further time (if any) as the Postmaster-General may from time to time appoint in relation to the office.

(2) There shall be charged and paid in respect of a late posted packet additional postage of such amount, not exceeding 1s. 6d., as the Postmaster-General may fix either generally or in relation to the description of postal packet concerned or to the description of office of collection or posting or to the manner or time of posting.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(3) Where no part, or part only, of such additional postage is prepaid, the packet may at the discretion of the Postmaster-General either:

(*a*) be forwarded as if it had not been posted as a late posted packet; or

(*b*) be forwarded by the despatch referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*d*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation, or by the train referred to in sub-paragraph (*b*) or (*c*) of the said paragraph (1), as may be appropriate in the particular case; and if the packet is posted as a registered postal packet and is forwarded by the despatch referred to in sub-paragraph (*d*) of the said paragraph (1), the amount payable by the addressee or the sender under subsection (1) of section seven of the Act in respect of the deficiency shall be the amount of the deficiency.

Additional postage on certain parcels

5. Upon any parcel redirected by the Post Office as specified in the first column of paragraph 10 of the Second Schedule hereto to an address served from a different delivery office (not being an address within the same town postal delivery area), there shall be charged additional postage at the appropriate rate as if the transmission of the parcel to the new address were a fresh transmission by post.

PART III—GENERAL CONDITIONS

Prohibitions

6.—(1) Save as the Postmaster-General may either generally or in any particular case allow, there shall not be conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet whereof the sending is prohibited by subsection (1) of section eleven of the Act.

(2) There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet:—

(*a*) containing:

(i) except as may be permitted by the Postmaster-General either generally or in any particular case, any living creature;

(ii) any imitation of a Bank note within the meaning of section thirty-eight of the Criminal Justice Act, 1925(a);

(*b*) containing or bearing any fictitious stamp (not being a fictitious stamp which is authorised to be made by or under Post Office regulations) or any counterfeit impression of a stamping machine used under the direction or by the permission of the Postmaster-General or any counterfeit of any other impression authorised by or under this Warrant to be used for the prepayment of postage;

(*c*) having thereon, or on the cover thereof, any words, letters or marks (used without due authority) which signify or imply, or may reasonably lead the recipient thereof to believe, that the postal packet is sent on Her Majesty's service;

(*d*) of such a form or colour or so made up for transmission by post as to be likely in the opinion of the Postmaster-General to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packet;

(*e*) having anything written, printed or otherwise impressed upon or attached to any part of the postal packet which, either by tending to prevent the easy and quick reading of the address of the packet or by inconvenient proximity to the stamp or stamps used in the payment of postage, or in any other way, is in itself, or in the manner in which

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 86.

it is written, printed, impressed, or attached, likely in the opinion of the Postmaster-General to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packet;

(*f*) purporting to be prepaid with any stamp or impression of a stamping machine, or with any other impression authorised by or under this Warrant to be used for the prepayment of postage, which has been previously used to prepay the postage or fees on any other postal packet or any other Revenue duty or tax.

Packets containing others for different persons

7.—(1) There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet consisting of or containing two or more postal packets addressed to different persons who are at different addresses.

(2) If any such postal packet be posted, or tendered for conveyance by post, each postal packet contained therein may be forwarded to the addressee subject to such charges as the Postmaster-General may fix in the particular case, not exceeding the total charges which would have been payable in respect of the separate postal packets contained therein if they had been posted singly without prepayment of postage.

Packing

8. Every postal packet shall be made up and secured in such manner as in the opinion of the Postmaster-General is calculated to prevent injury to any other postal packet in course of conveyance, or to any receptacle in which the same is conveyed, or to an officer of the Post Office or other persons who may deal with such packet.

Limits of Size and Weight

9. The limits of size and weight of the postal packets specified in the first column of the First Schedule hereto shall not (except with special permission of the Postmaster-General) exceed those respectively specified in the third and fourth columns of the said Schedule.

Payment of postage and fees

10.—(1) Except as the Postmaster-General may otherwise direct, and subject to the provisions of this Warrant, the postage and fees payable on every postal packet, and the fees payable in respect of postal facilities, shall be prepaid.

(2) The provisions of this Warrant with reference to prepayment of postage and fees shall not apply to the postage payable on business reply letters, or to the postage and fees payable on postal packets with respect to which the Postmaster-General has entered into an arrangement with the senders for the grant of credit facilities.

(3) Postage or fees payable under this Warrant may be prepaid either—

(*a*) by adhesive postage stamps; or

(*b*) by impressions of stamping machines working under the direction or by the permission of the Postmaster-General; or

(*c*) by the use of a stamped envelope, cover, postcard, or other postal form; or

(*d*) by the use of an embossed or impressed stamp cut out of or otherwise detached from an envelope, cover, postcard, or other postal form; or

(*e*) in such other manner as the Postmaster-General may from time to time permit.

(4) No stamp or impression of a stamping machine which is imperfect or mutilated in any way, or across which anything is written or printed or otherwise impressed, shall be used in payment or to denote payment of postage or fees; but a stamp shall not be deemed to be imperfect or mutilated, or to have anything written or printed or impressed across it within the meaning of this provision, by reason only that it is distinctively perforated with initials by means of a punch if the perforating holes are not larger than those dividing one stamp from another in a sheet of stamps.

(5) No stamp indicating on the face thereof payment of a registration fee as well as postage shall be used in payment of postage or fees on any unregistered postal packet.

(6) Packets bearing the impression of stamping machines or intended for impression by stamping machines shall be accepted only at such post offices, within such hours, and under and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Postmaster-General may consider appropriate.

(7) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, the stamp or impression in payment of postage or fees shall be placed in such position on the envelope, cover, postcard or other form as the Postmaster-General may consider appropriate.

Treatment of irregular packets

11.—(1) If any postal packet which appears to have been intended for transmission as a packet of a particular description (other than a letter) is found in the post or is left at a post office, and it does not comply, or its manner of posting did not comply, with the provisions of this Warrant which are applicable to postal packets of its purported description, the Postmaster-General may if he thinks fit treat it as if it had been posted as a postal packet of such description (including a letter, and including its purported description) as he considers appropriate; and the packet shall for all purposes be deemed to be a postal packet of such description.

(2) Where any postal packet is treated as a parcel under paragraph (1), there shall be payable by the addressee on the delivery of the packet, or, if the packet is refused or cannot for any other reason be delivered, by the sender, the appropriate postage at the rate applicable to parcels and the additional sum of one penny, less the amount of any postage prepaid.

Return of undeliverable postal packets (except parcels)

12.—(1) With regard to any postal packet (other than a parcel) chargeable by law with a postage equal to or greater than the lowest rate of postage for the time being payable in respect of an inland letter, which for any reason cannot be delivered, the following provisions shall apply:

(*a*) Where the full name and address of the sender appear legibly on the outside of the packet, the packet shall be returned to the sender unopened, but subject to payment of any charges to which it has become liable.

(*b*) Where the name and address of the sender do not appear on the outside of the packet or are illegible, the packet shall be opened by any officer of the post office duly authorised in that behalf, and if the name and address of the sender can be ascertained, the packet shall be returned to the sender, subject to payment of any charges to which it has become liable.

(2) With regard to any postal packet chargeable by law with a postage less than the lowest rate of postage for the time being payable in respect

of an inland letter, which cannot for any reason be delivered, the following provisions shall apply:

(*a*) Where a request for the return of such postal packet to the sender, or some person designated by him, appears on the outside of the packet, the packet shall be charged with additional postage equal in amount to the prepaid rate of postage originally chargeable upon the packet, exclusive of any postage paid by virtue of regulation four, and such postage shall be payable by the sender of the packet; and the packet shall, upon payment of such postage and any other charges to which it has become liable, be returned to the sender or to the person so designated by him as aforesaid.

(*b*) Where no such request as aforesaid appears upon the packet, but where the packet has been insufficiently prepaid, or where from any other cause the Postmaster-General deems it expedient so to do, he may tender the packet to the sender charged with additional postage equal in amount to the prepaid rate of postage originally chargeable upon the packet, exclusive of any postage paid by virtue of regulation four, and the packet shall, upon payment of such postage and any other charges to which it has become liable, be returned to the sender.

(*c*) Where no such request as aforesaid appears upon the packet, or where upon the tender of the packet to the sender he refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the packet has become liable by law, the packet may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may think fit.

Return of undeliverable parcels

13. With regard to parcels which for any reason cannot be delivered, and parcels which are addressed to a place beyond the limits of the postal delivery of any town or district, or to a ship at any port in Great Britain, and which are not called for or delivered within such times as the Postmaster-General considers reasonable, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) The parcel shall be retained at or forthwith forwarded to such place as the Postmaster-General may from time to time appoint, and may, if necessary, be there opened and examined.

(2) Where the name and address of the sender can be ascertained from the parcel, the parcel shall (subject to paragraphs (4), (5) and (6)) be returned to him free of charge.

(3) Where the name and address of the sender cannot be ascertained from the parcel, the parcel shall be retained pending a claim from the sender or addressee. In default of any claim within a period of three months, the parcel shall be disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may think fit.

(4) Where, in the case of a parcel which cannot be delivered for want of a true direction, the sender corrects the address of the parcel, the parcel shall be forwarded to the corrected address subject to the following conditions:—

(*a*) Where the corrected address of the parcel is served from the same delivery office as the original address, and the parcel is not, at the time of such correction, lying at a returned letter office, no new charge shall be made with respect to the delivery of the parcel;

(*b*) Where the corrected address of the parcel is not served from the same delivery office as the original address, or the parcel at the

time of such correction is lying at a returned letter office, the sender shall pay additional postage at the appropriate rate as if the transmission of the parcel to the corrected address were a fresh transmission by post.

(5) Where for any reason a parcel cannot be delivered, and paragraph (4) is not applicable, and

(*a*) the parcel is subsequently retransmitted to the addressee at the request of the sender or the addressee; or

(*b*) the name and address of a substituted addressee has been furnished by the sender or the addressee and the parcel is transmitted to the substituted address;

the addressee or, as the case may be, the substituted addressee, shall pay additional postage at the appropriate rate as if such retransmission or transmission were a fresh transmission of the parcel by post.

(6) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, a parcel shall not be given up or returned by post to the sender except upon payment by him of any charge to which the parcel has become liable under the provisions of any such regulations as are referred to in section sixteen of the Act.

(7) The Postmaster-General may require proof to his satisfaction that an applicant for a parcel is entitled to receive it.

(8) Where an applicant fails to prove to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General that he is entitled to receive the parcel, or refuses or fails to pay any charges to which the parcel has become liable, the parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may think fit.

(9) Any parcel in the possession of the Postmaster-General which becomes offensive or injurious to any officer of the Post Office, or other person, or to other parcels, or which is likely from its character or condition to become offensive or injurious as aforesaid, or to become valueless before it can be delivered or otherwise dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant, may forthwith be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may think fit, notwithstanding that the provisions of this Warrant as to the return of such parcel have not been, or have only partially been, complied with.

Treatment of packets addressed to deceased persons

14.—(1) Where the Postmaster-General is satisfied that the addressee of postal packets is dead he may in his discretion:—

(*a*) deliver or redirect such postal packets on the written application of any one or more of the executors named in the will of the addressee or of a person appearing to the Postmaster-General to be entitled to take out letters of administration to the estate of the addressee, or in Scotland of a majority or quorum of the executors or (if there is no will) of the person whose appointment is being sought as executor dative; or

(*b*) deliver or redirect such postal packets on the written application of any person appearing to the Postmaster-General to be conducting the affairs of the deceased addressee of the postal packets; or

(*c*) retain such postal packets for such period as he may think fit and on production of probate of the will or letters of administration to the estate of the addressee together with the written application of one or more of the executors or administrators, or in Scotland on production

of confirmation together with the written application of a majority or quorum of the executors or the executor dative, deliver or redirect the packets in accordance with such request; or

(*d*) treat such postal packets in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant as postal packets which cannot be delivered.

(2) The charges specified in paragraph 10A of the Second Schedule hereto shall be payable for redirection under this regulation, and regulation five shall apply to parcels so redirected.

PART IV

CONDITIONS RELATING TO PARTICULAR CLASSES OF POSTAL PACKETS

Postcards

15.—(1) A postcard shall be made of cardboard or paper stout enough not to hinder its manipulation and (except as the Postmaster-General shall otherwise permit in regard to reply postcards) no writing or printing, other than the name and address of the addressee, shall appear on the right hand half of the face thereof.

(2) Nothing whatever shall be in any manner attached to a postcard except—

(*a*) Postage stamps in payment of postage or of sums payable for registration or for advice of delivery or for express delivery;

(*b*) Illustrations, photographs, stamps of any kind, cuttings, paper bearing the address or other written or printed matter:

Provided that any such articles shall be of such nature as not to alter the character of the postcard, and shall be completely adherent, and that stamps likely to be mistaken for stamps used for the payment of postage shall not be affixed to the address side of a postcard.

(3) The two parts of a reply postcard may be folded together, but, save as aforesaid, a postcard or a reply postcard shall not be in any way folded, but shall be sent in one piece, open, through the post.

Printed packets

16.—(1) In this Warrant the expression "printed packet" means a packet which consists of or contains one or more of the following articles or documents:—

(*a*) Books and other publications or works of a literary character, whether containing written dedications or not, and any other written or printed matter not being in the nature of a letter, on paper or on some other substance ordinarily used for writing or printing, (excluding any document referred to in sub-paragraph (*e*));

(*b*) Sketches, drawings, paintings, photographic prints, and engravings, on paper or on some other substance ordinarily used for the purpose, provided it is not a brittle or exceptionally fragile substance;

(*c*) Maps, plans and charts, on paper or some other substance ordinarily used for the purpose, provided it is not a brittle or exceptionally fragile substance;

(*d*) The binding or mounting of any article hereinbefore described, provided such binding or mounting be of a kind ordinarily used for the purpose, be not made of glass, or any brittle or exceptionally fragile substance, and be transmitted in the same packet with the article in respect of which it is used;

(*e*) The following documents, whether containing matter in the nature of a letter or not, provided they respectively conform to the following conditions:—

Description of Document	Conditions
(i) Commercial or business papers of a formal character, namely, invoices, orders for goods, or for work to be done, estimates for work, confirmations of orders, advice notes of the despatch or receipt of letters, documents, goods, or money (with or without instructions for their further treatment), waybills, bills of lading, receipts for goods or money, statements of account, price lists, prices current, market reports, delivery and shipping notes, tenders for goods or for advertisements, quotations for goods, inquiries for quotations, contract notes, confirmations of contracts, share transfer notices, applications for employment, and such other similar documents as the Postmaster-General may from time to time permit. (ii) Notices, applications, certificates, reports and returns given or made to or by public officers and local authorities or other public bodies in the discharge of their public duties. (iii) Lists and tabular statements.	(i), (ii) and (iii) That the document consist of a form bearing printed matter clearly indicating the purpose for which the form is intended to be used and that any writing refer solely to the subject-matter, or consist of a formula of courtesy or of a conventional character not exceeding five words or initials.
(iv) Deeds, agreements, affidavits, Orders of Court, briefs from Solicitor to Counsel, proposals and policies of insurance, and formal papers necessarily incident to insurance, powers of attorney, proxy papers, licences, voting papers, testimonials and certificates. Copies of any of the foregoing documents.	(iv) That nothing appear in the document in writing which does not form a necessary part thereof.
(v) Circulars (that is, printed notices and letters including, if the Postmaster-General is prepared to accept them, unaddressed circulars, whether enclosed in a cover or not, for delivery in localities specified by the sender).	(v) That nothing appear in writing on the document except— (1) Dates, hours and particulars of times. (2) The names, addresses and description of parties. (3) The particulars of goods and of sums of money. (4) The mode of consignment or delivery of goods or money. (5) The terms on which business is transacted. (6) Index or reference numbers and letters. (7) Corrections of errors in print. (8) The place, character and objects of meetings or appointments. (9) A formula of courtesy or of a conventional character not exceeding five words or initials.

Description of Document	Conditions
(vi) Printed Christmas, New Year, Easter, Birthday, Greeting, Picture and Visiting Cards.	(vi) That nothing appear in writing in the document except— (1) Date of sending and names and addresses of sender and addressee. (2) A formula of courtesy or of a conventional character not exceeding five words or initials.
(vii) Manuscript for press and printed proofs (including information for insertion in directories and similar publications) with corrections and instructions.	(vii) That any writing not forming part of the document itself refer solely to the arrangement or correction of the type or to the execution of the work.
(viii) Educational exercises and examination papers with comments, corrections and instructions.	(viii) That any writing not forming part of the document itself refer solely to the subject-matter of the exercise or to the questions put or the answers thereto.

(*f*) Anything necessary or convenient for the safe transmission of any of the before-mentioned articles by post when transmitted in the same packet with the article in respect of which it is so used.

Provided that:

(i) Any two or more documents coming within the definition of a printed packet may appear on the same sheet of paper, provided they are kept wholly distinct from one another ;

(ii) On any printed packet or on its cover it is allowed to indicate, by hand or by a mechanical process, the name, description and address of the sender or of the addressee, and the date of despatch, the sender's signature, telephone number and telegraphic address and code ;

(iii) Any formula of courtesy or of a conventional character which may be written on any particular document may be written on the envelope, or on a fly leaf, or on a loose sheet accompanying the document, instead of on the document itself.

(2) In paragraph (1) of this regulation expressions referring to print or printing shall be taken to refer to any species of type-printing easy to recognise as such, and to include lithography, hand stamping, or any mechanical process ordinarily used to produce a number of identical copies of written matter, and easy to recognise as such, but (except in relation to any article or document referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation or to circulars) shall not be taken to include typeprinting after the fashion or in imitation of typewriting, or the reproduction of typewriting by the Mimeograph or any other mechanical process ordinarily used to produce a number of identical copies of written matter ; and expressions referring to writing shall be taken to include typewriting or any mechanical or other process ordinarily used to produce a single document.

(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 separating any adhering surfaces or cutting any string.

(4) No printed packet shall contain or bear any communication in the nature of a letter not being matter coming within the definition of such packet or being otherwise expressly allowed by this Warrant.

(5) No circular which is reproduced from or produced after the fashion or in imitation of a typewritten document shall be sent by post as a printed packet save under such conditions as the Postmaster-General may from time to time consider appropriate.

(6) No paper money shall be posted or conveyed or delivered by post in a printed packet: Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to a stamped proxy paper or to a stamped and addressed card, wrapper or envelope forwarded by the sender of the packet in order that such card, wrapper or envelope may be returned through the post to such sender or some person designated by him.

Despatch of certain printed packets

17. Any printed packet on which postage of one and a half pence only is payable, if posted after such hour as the Postmaster-General may from time to time fix, may be withheld from despatch until any subsequent despatch or delivery, unless an extra halfpenny postage is prepaid thereon.

Registration of newspapers under the Act

18. The fee for each registration of a newspaper under section twelve of the Act shall be five shillings.

Conditions as to registered newspapers

19.—(1) Every newspaper or packet of newspapers shall be posted either in a cover open at both ends, and so that the same can be easily removed for the purpose of examination, or without a cover and tied with string which can be removed without cutting.

(2) Every newspaper when posted shall be so folded and covered (if posted in a cover) as to permit the title to be readily inspected.

(3) No article (not part of the newspaper) shall be posted in or in the same cover with the newspaper.

(4) No newspaper and no cover of a newspaper shall bear anything (not being part of the newspaper) except—

(*a*) the names, addresses and descriptions of the sender and addressee with index or reference numbers and letters;

(*b*) the words "With compliments" "Specimen copy" or "Voucher copy";

(*c*) the title of the newspaper, and a reference to its registration for transmission by post; and

(*d*) a reference to any page of or place in the newspaper to which the attention of the addressee is directed.

(5) An inland packet consisting of two or more newspapers may (provided it complies with the provisions of this Warrant relating to printed packets) be transmitted by post at the postage payable in respect of an inland printed packet of the same weight, where such postage is less than the postage which would be payable under item 4 in the First Schedule hereto. In such case the packet shall be subject to the conditions applying to the transmission by post of an inland printed packet.

(6) This regulation applies only to registered newspapers.

Parcels

20.—(1) All parcels intended to be transmitted by post shall be posted: (*a*) by being handed in at a post office to an officer on duty at the counter, on the days and within the hours during which such office shall be open to the public for the posting of parcels, or (*b*) (in circumstances in which the Postmaster-General permits that mode of posting) by being handed to an officer of the Post Office for the time being authorised to receive parcels for the post otherwise than at a post office.

(2) Every parcel shall be packed in such a manner as in the opinion of the Postmaster-General is calculated to preserve the contents from loss or damage in the post and to prevent any tampering with its contents.

Parcels—Channel Islands and Isle of Man

21.—(1) Parcels which may be brought into or sent out of the United Kingdom by post from or to the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man shall not be posted conveyed or delivered except subject to such regulations as are referred to in section sixteen of the Act.

(2) In respect of every parcel brought into or sent out of the United Kingdom by post from or to the Channel Islands to which such regulations as aforesaid apply, and upon the contents of which any customs duty is payable, there shall be charged and paid the further fee of sixpence where the duty does not exceed ten shillings, or the further fee of one shilling where the duty exceeds ten shillings.

Articles for the use of the Blind

22.—(1) In this Warrant the expression "articles for the use of the blind" means—

(i) Books and papers (including letters to or from blind persons) impressed or otherwise prepared for the use of the blind;

(ii) Paper posted to any person for the purpose of being so impressed or prepared;

and the following articles specially adapted for the use of the blind:—

(iii) Relief Maps;

(iv) Machines, frames and attachments for making impressions for the use of the blind;

(v) Pencil writing frames and attachments;

(vi) Braillette boards and metal pegs therefor;

(vii) De Braille instructional devices;

(viii) Games (including card games);

(ix) Mathematical appliances and attachments;

(x) Voice records on discs, films, tape or wire;

(xi) Metal plates impressed, or posted for the purpose of being impressed, for the use of the blind;

(xii) Wrappers and labels for use on postal packets for the blind—bulk supplies;

(xiii) Braille watches, clocks and timers;

(xiv) Tools, aids and precision instruments;

(xv) Rules and measures;

(xvi) Sectional or collapsible walking sticks.

(2) The following provisions shall apply to postal packets consisting of articles for the use of the blind:—

(*a*) Every packet shall bear on the outside thereof the inscription "Articles for the blind" and the written or printed name and address of the sender.

(*b*) Every packet shall be subject to examination in the post.

(*c*) Every packet shall be posted either without a cover or in a cover which can be easily removed for the purposes of examination.

(*d*) No packet shall contain any article not being an article for the use of the blind (except a label which may bear the name and address of the person to whom the packet is to be returned).

(*e*) No packet shall contain any communication or inscription either in writing or printing (except the title, date of publication or manufacture, serial number, names and addresses of printer, publisher or manufacturer, price and table of contents of the book or paper, and any key to or instructions for the use of the special type or of any enclosed article).

(*f*) Articles (viii) to (xvi) (inclusive) mentioned in paragraph (1) of this regulation may be sent or received only by persons or institutions who have entered into special arrangements to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General with regard to the transmission of such articles.

Sample packets

23.—(1) The cover of every sample packet shall bear the word "sample" written or printed thereon.

(2) Upon the outside of a sample packet or on the cover thereof shall be printed in ordinary type, or by means of a hand stamp, the name and address of the dealer by whom the samples are sent.

(3) The provisions of paragraphs (3), (4), and (6) of regulation sixteen shall apply to sample packets.

Part V—Postal Facilities

General

24.—(1) There shall be charged and paid for the postal facilities specified in the first column of the Second Schedule hereto the charges specified or referred to in the second column of the said Schedule, and the said facilities shall be subject to the conditions and provisions contained in the body of this Warrant.

(2) The postal facilities referred to in this Part of this Warrant and in the Second and Third Schedules hereto may be provided by the Postmaster-General at such times, during such periods, and at such post offices, in such circumstances, and on such conditions (not being inconsistent with the provisions of this Warrant) as the Postmaster-General may from time to time consider expedient.

Express delivery

25.—(1) There shall be charged and paid for the conveyance of an express packet conveyed in the manner specified in the first column of the Third Schedule hereto fees at the rates specified in the second and fourth columns of the said Schelule. The facilities shall be subject to the limits of size and weight of the postal packets conveyed referred to in the third column of the said Schedule, to the provisions specified in the fourth column thereof and to the further provisions contained in the body of this Warrant.

(2) An express packet (other than a packet to be conveyed by special messenger to an office of collection for transmission by ordinary post through the remainder of its course in the post) shall bear the word "Express" or such other words, and such lines or marks, as the Postmaster-General may require.

(3) An express packet to be conveyed by special messenger throughout the whole of its course in the post shall be posted:

(*a*) by being handed in at a post office to an officer on duty at the counter, or

(*b*) (in circumstances in which the Postmaster-General permits that mode of posting) by being handed to an officer of the Post Office for the time being authorised to receive such express packets otherwise than at a post office.

(4) The sender or addressee of an express packet may require the messenger who delivers the packet to convey an express packet by way of reply or further service. There shall be charged and paid in respect of the last mentioned packet the charges specified in the Third Schedule hereto.

(5) The Postmaster-General may forward a packet as an express packet although the full postage and fees chargeable thereon are not prepaid, and if the addressee refuses to pay the amount payable in respect of the deficiency, it shall be paid by the sender. In no case shall the Postmaster-General be bound to deliver any express packet not fully prepaid unless the addressee pays the amount payable thereon.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant as to express delivery, all express packets shall be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered in all respects subject to the provisions of the Acts and Regulations in force for the time being in relation to inland postal packets, so far as the same are applicable.

Railex service

26.—(1) A letter intended to be transmitted by a railex service shall be posted by being handed to an officer of the Post Office on duty at the counter at a post office which is also an express delivery office.

(2) A letter shall not be posted for transmission by a railex service:—

(*a*) as a registered postal packet, or

(*b*) if it contains coins or jewellery.

(3) No postal packet other than a letter may be transmitted by a railex service.

(4) The delivery of a letter transmitted by a railex service to the addressee from the railway station to which it was conveyed by railway will be by special messenger meeting the train if, but only if, it arrives at that station at a time when a messenger is on duty.

Redirection by the public

27.—(1) Any postal packet (other than a business reply letter) may be redirected from its original address, or any substituted address, to the same addressee at any other address.

(2) Any postal packet (other than a parcel) so redirected on the day of its delivery at the address from which it is redirected, or on the day next following (Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and public holidays being

disregarded for this purpose), shall be transmitted by post free of any charge or postage in respect of such transmission. Provided that this paragraph shall not apply if before redirection the packet has been opened, or altered otherwise than by the substitution of a new address, or if the name of the addressee has been obscured by any adhesive label used to indicate the new address.

(3) Subject to paragraph (2), there shall be charged on each redirection of a postal packet, and (if not previously paid) paid by the addressee on the delivery of the packet, the following additional postage and fees:—

(*a*) In the case of an unregistered postal packet (including an unregistered parcel), additional postage at the appropriate rate as if the transmission of the packet to the new address were a fresh transmission by post;

(*b*) In the case of a registered postal packet (including a registered parcel) the said additional postage together with an additional minimum registration fee:

Provided that (without prejudice to his general power of remission under regulation forty-six) the Postmaster-General may remit such additional postage and (where applicable) registration fee in the case of a parcel redirected within the period mentioned in paragraph (2), if the parcel is redirected to an address served from the same delivery office or to an address within the same town delivery area, and may remit such additional registration fee as aforesaid in the case of a registered parcel redirected within such period where the parcel is redirected to an address which is not served as aforesaid.

Evasion of postage by redirection

28.—(1) In any case where the Postmaster-General considers that a packet, purporting to be redirected, has been posted as a redirected packet with a view to evading the payment of any postage chargeable by law upon such packet, he may, before the delivery of such packet, require the addressee (who shall furnish proof of identity to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General) to sign a receipt for the same.

(2) Any redirected packet which appears to have been opened before being redirected, and any packet which purports to be redirected, but which appears to have been treated in a manner designed to evade the payment of any postage chargeable thereon by law, shall be dealt with and charged as an unpaid packet of the same description or otherwise dealt with as the Postmaster-General may think fit.

Poste Restante

29. The following provisions shall apply to postal packets addressed to a post office to be called for:

(*a*) Except as the Postmaster-General may otherwise decide, the service is provided only for the convenience of travellers.

(*b*) The address of such packets shall include the words "To be called for" or "Poste Restante".

(*c*) Such packets shall not be addressed to an addressee designated by a fictitious name, or by initials only, or by a Christian name without a surname.

(*d*) The Postmaster-General may refuse to deliver any such packet to a caller unless he is satisfied of the caller's identity.

(*e*) Such packets shall not be retained at the post office for delivery to the caller for more than fourteen days, unless the Postmaster-General shall otherwise decide in relation to any particular packet or class or description of packets.

(*f*) The Postmaster-General may refuse or cease to retain for delivery to the caller any such packet the retention of which would in his opinion involve an abuse of the service, or which contravenes paragraphs (*b*) or (*c*), or which is addressed to a post office at which the service is not available.

(*g*) The sender may add to the address of any such packet a request that the packet may, if not called for within the time specified in the request, be returned to the sender or some person designated by him; and (subject to paragraph (*e*)) at the expiration of such time the packet shall be returned as specified in the request.

(*h*) The provisions of this Warrant as to the return of postal packets shall apply to any such packet which the Postmaster-General refuses or ceases to retain for delivery to the caller.

PART VI—REGISTRATION AND COMPENSATION

Registration

30.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, any postal packet may be registered.

(2) There shall be charged and paid for the registration of a postal packet the minimum registration fee, or, if the sender so elects, one of the higher registration fees specified in the first column of Part I of the Fourth Schedule hereto.

Conditions as to registered packets

31. For the purpose of section nine of the Crown Proceedings Act, 1947 (which in subsection (2) deals with proceedings against the Crown in respect of loss of or damage to a registered inland postal packet, in subsection (5) provides that Post Office Regulations may be made for prescribing the conditions to be observed for the purposes of the said section in relation to such packets and in subsection (7) provides that in the said section the expression "sender" has such meaning as may be assigned to it by Post Office Regulations):—

(1) the conditions set out in Part II of the Fourth Schedule hereto shall be complied with in relation to a registered postal packet;

(2) the expression "sender" means the person on whose behalf the postal packet is posted but does not include a person at whose request the article or any of the articles contained in the postal packet is sent by the first mentioned person by post.

Receipts for registered packets

32. On the delivery of a registered postal packet the recipient shall give a written receipt therefor in the prescribed form. Where such a receipt is not obtained, the packet may nevertheless be delivered, or may be withheld and dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may think fit.

Compulsory registration

33.—(1) If any postal packet having the word "registered", or any other word, phrase, or mark conveying the impression that the packet is registered or intended to be registered, written or impressed on it or on its envelope or cover, is found in the post or left at a post office, and the packet has not been registered, it shall be registered, and may be detained for that purpose at any post office through which it shall pass.

(2) Where any letter or parcel which is found open in the post or which for any reason cannot be delivered, or any printed packet, sample packet, newspaper or packet of newspapers, is found 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: or

(*e*) any postage stamps: or

(*f*) coin or jewellery:

of a value of ten shillings or over, and such postal packet has not been registered, it shall be registered, and may be detained for that purpose at any post office through which it shall pass.

(3) Any postal packet which is subject to compulsory registration under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) shall be forwarded to the addressee or tendered to the sender (as the case may be) charged with the minimum registration fee, but the stamps (if any) which may have been affixed to the packet in excess of the ordinary postage shall be accepted in payment or part payment (as the case may be) of such registration fee.

(4) Where upon tender of such postal packet to the addressee or sender he refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the same has become liable by law, the packet may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may think fit.

Compensation for registered packets

34.—(1) The maximum amount which shall be available for compensating persons aggrieved by the loss or damage to a registered postal packet (including a packet which has been registered compulsorily under this Warrant) and its contents shall be the amount specified in the second column of Part I of the Fourth Schedule hereto opposite to the amount of the registration fee paid or charged in respect of the packet.

(2) For the purpose of this regulation any fee payable under regulation twenty-seven on redirection of the packet shall be disregarded.

Compensation for unregistered parcels

35. If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in, or forming part of, an unregistered parcel be lost or damaged whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances) such sum, not exceeding three pounds, in respect of such parcel as he may think just.

Compensation for unregistered express packets

36. If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in, or forming any part of, an unregistered express packet, which is conveyed by special messenger throughout its whole course in the post, be lost or damaged whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, the Postmaster-General may pay to the person who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances) such sum, not exceeding three pounds, in respect of such packet as he may think just.

PART VII—CASH ON DELIVERY

Fees and conditions

37.—(1) There shall be charged and paid on each cash on delivery packet, in addition to the postage and other charges payable on such packet, a fee according to the scale of fees set out in the Fifth Schedule hereto.

(2) Cash on delivery packets (other than parcels) shall be registered.

(3) No trade charge exceeding £40 shall be collected under this Warrant.

(4) The sender of a cash on delivery packet shall fill up, as far as required, the prescribed form (in this Warrant referred to as "the trade charge form"), and shall mark the packet in such manner and with such particulars as the Postmaster-General may require.

(5) The fee payable on a cash on delivery packet shall be paid by the sender and shall be indicated on the trade charge form.

Delivery of cash on delivery packets

38.—(1) A cash on delivery packet shall not be given up to the addressee, or opened at his request, until the trade charge and any postage or other charges due thereon have been paid.

(2) Where the trade charge on a cash on delivery packet exceeds £10 or the trade charge and the postage or other charges due in respect of such packet exceed that sum, the Postmaster-General may give notice to the addressee of the arrival thereof and before delivery is effected require the addressee to pay the amount due within such period and at such office as may be specified in the notice.

Payment of trade charge to sender

39.—(1) The Postmaster-General shall upon receiving the trade charge from the addressee remit the same to the sender of the packet, or a person named by him, by means of a trade charge money order forming part of the trade charge form or by such other means as the Postmaster-General may think fit.

(2) Except where payment is made to a banker, the receipt for the amount of the trade charge which forms part of the trade charge form shall be signed by the sender of the packet, or by the person named by him to receive the amount or by a person duly authorised in that behalf by the sender or the person named by him.

(3) When a trade charge money 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.

Trade charge money orders—crossing

40.—(1) A trade charge money order shall be crossed and marked "not negotiable", and, except where the Postmaster-General shall otherwise direct, shall be paid to a banker.

(2) The order may be crossed either:—

(*a*) generally by the addition on its face of two parallel transverse lines, or

(*b*) specially by the addition on its face of the name of a banker between the two parallel transverse lines, in which case the order shall be deemed to be crossed to and shall be paid to that banker.

(3) A banker to whom a trade charge money order is crossed may again cross it to another banker as his agent for collection.

Trade charge money orders—payment to bankers

41. The following rules shall apply to the payment of a trade charge money order to a banker:—

(1) A trade charge money order may be presented for payment by a banker at any office at which payment of such orders presented by a banker may from time to time be authorised by the Postmaster-General.

(2) Where a trade charge money order is presented by a banker, the name of the banker by or on behalf of whom such order is presented, written or stamped by way of crossing or otherwise, upon the face of the order, shall be a good receipt to the Postmaster-General for the amount of the trade charge.

(3) Where a trade charge money order has been presented for payment by a banker and has been paid or allowed to a banker and it is afterwards discovered that such order should not have been paid or allowed to such banker, the amount so paid or allowed may be deducted from any moneys which may thereafter become payable to such banker for or on account or in respect of Post Office money orders, and no objection shall be taken by any banker to such deduction.

Discharge to Crown by payment

42. The payment of the amount of a trade charge 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 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 thereof or otherwise in relation thereto.

Void trade charge money orders

43. After the expiration of three calendar months from the last day of the calendar month in which any trade charge money order is issued such order shall be absolutely void and of no effect, and the Postmaster-General shall be under no liability to pay such order: Provided that in such case

the Postmaster-General may, if he thinks fit, pay the amount of the order, although the order has become void, subject (if a period of six months or over has elapsed since the last day of the month in which the order was issued) to a deduction of the sum of one shilling, (being the sum payable under the Money Order Warrant 1947(**a**) as amended by the Money Order Amendment (No. 2) Warrant 1951(**b**) for the renewal of a void inland money order), or such other sum as is for the time being payable for the renewal of a void inland money order under any Warrant amending or superseding the Money Order Warrant 1947.

PART VIII—GENERAL

Priority of letter post

44. Where the despatch or delivery from a post office of letters would be delayed by the despatch or delivery therefrom at the same time of printed packets, sample packets or postcards, such printed packets, sample packets or postcards, or any of them, may be detained in the post office until any subsequent despatch or delivery.

Variation of route

45. Where any postal packet from its size, weight, character, or condition is in the opinion of the Postmaster-General unfit for transmission by the route by which such packet would ordinarily travel in the post, such packet may be detained and forwarded by such other route as the Postmaster-General may think fit.

Remission of postage

46. The Postmaster-General may remit in whole or in part any postage or other sums chargeable under this Warrant in such cases or classes of case as he may determine.

Application of the Warrant to packets to and from the Republic of Ireland

47. The provisions of this Warrant shall apply to postal packets transmitted between the British postal area and the Republic of Ireland so far as relates to the posting, conveyance, delivery and treatment of such postal packets under the authority of the Postmaster-General, subject nevertheless to the following modifications, exceptions and additions :—

(A) In the application of regulations three and nine of this Warrant to postal packets posted in any part of the British postal area for transmission to the Republic of Ireland, the description of such packets, the rates of postage, and the limits of size and weight specified in the Sixth Schedule hereto shall be substituted for the descriptions, rates, and limits specified in the First Schedule hereto.

(B) For regulation twenty-one of this Warrant the following regulation shall be substituted :—

"21.—(1) Parcels 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

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1947/656 (Rev. XVIII, p. 419: 1947 I, p. 1829).
(**b**) S.I. 1951/1027 (1951 II, p. 259).

of all customs duty and other charges thereon, the following rules shall apply to the parcel :—

(*a*) there shall be charged and paid on the parcel, in addition to all postage payable thereon, the amount of the customs duty and of all other charges payable on the delivery of the parcel and such further fee, not exceeding one shilling, as the Postmaster-General shall fix ;

(*b*) the sender shall sign an undertaking (in such form as the Postmaster-General may require) to pay on demand the amount of such customs duty and other charges as aforesaid ;

(*c*) the sender shall also, if so required, pay by way of deposit, at the time of posting the parcel, such sum as the Postmaster-General may require in respect of such customs duty and other charges.

(3) In respect of every parcel posted in the Republic of Ireland and intended to be delivered in the British postal area to which such regulations as aforesaid apply and upon the contents of which any customs duty is payable, there shall be charged and paid the further fee of sixpence where the duty does not exceed ten shillings, or the further fee of one shilling where the duty exceeds ten shillings."

(C) (i) No postal packet shall be transmitted between the British postal area and the Republic of Ireland as a business reply letter, a cash on delivery packet or a sample packet.

(ii) The service relating to an express packet, in so far as it provides for the conveyance of the packet by special messenger throughout the whole of its course in the post, and the railex service, shall not apply to postal packets transmitted between the British Islands and the Republic of Ireland.

(D) For regulation thirty-one of this Warrant there shall be substituted the following regulation :—

" 31. The conditions set out in Part II of the Fourth Schedule hereto shall be complied with in relation to a registered postal packet posted in the British postal area for transmission to an addressee in the Republic of Ireland."

(E) For regulation thirty-four of this Warrant there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

" 34.—(1) If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in, or forming part of, a registered postal packet be lost or damaged whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person or persons who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it is packed, and other circumstances) such sum as he may think just : Provided that if the registration fee paid in respect of the registered postal packet so lost or damaged as aforesaid is the minimum registration fee of sixpence or one of the higher registration fees specified in column 1 of Part I of the Fourth Schedule hereto (any of which higher registration fees may be paid by the sender) the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum specified in column 2 of the said Part of the said Schedule opposite the amount of the registration fee paid.

(2) The compensation payable in respect of a registered parcel shall be in substitution for, and not in addition to, any compensation which would have been payable under this Warrant in case the parcel had not been registered."

(F) In the application of regulation thirty-five of this Warrant to unregistered parcels transmitted between the British postal area and the Republic of Ireland the words " two pounds " shall be substituted for " three pounds ".

(G) If any postal packet transmitted between the British postal area and the Republic of Ireland, being a packet which is subject to compulsory registration, shall be posted without registration, no claim to compensation will be considered by the Postmaster-General to arise in respect of the loss or damage (if any) of any article enclosed in or forming part of such packet.

(H) The Postmaster-General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss or damage of articles enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet or a parcel transmitted between the British postal area and the Republic of Ireland, out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose; and the decision of the Postmaster-General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss or damage of any article enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet or a parcel, shall be final and conclusive.

(I) Where the postage payable on any postal packet (other than a parcel) transmitted between the British postal area and the Republic of Ireland has not been, or has been insufficiently, prepaid by the sender, there shall be payable by the addressee on the delivery of the packet, or, if the packet is refused or cannot for any other reason be delivered, by the sender, an amount equal to double the amount of the postage, or, as the case may be, of the deficiency.

Revocation

48. The Warrants mentioned in the Seventh Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.

Citation and commencement

49. This Warrant may be cited as " The Inland Post Warrant 1955," and shall come into operation on the 1st day of January 1956.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1955.

Martin Redmayne,
Gerald Wills,
Two of the Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

Charles Hill,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

9th December, 1955.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

RATES OF POSTAGE

Regulations 3, 9

Col. 1 Description of postal packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight
1. Letter ...	2 oz. (or less) 2½d. 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 2d. Each reply 4d.	Length—Max. 5⅞ ins. Min. 4 ins. Width—Max. 4⅛ ins. Min. 2¾ ins.	—
3. Printed Packet.	2 oz. (or less) 1½d. 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: 4 oz. or less 1½d. For every additional 4 oz. or part thereof ½d. 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) 1½d. 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.

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. 1s. 3d. Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 3 lb. 1s. 5d. Exceeding 3 lb. but not exceeding 4 lb. 1s. 8d. Exceeding 4 lb. but not exceeding 5 lb. 1s. 11d. Exceeding 5 lb. but not exceeding 6 lb. 2s. 1d. Exceeding 6 lb. but not exceeding 7 lb. 2s. 3d. Exceeding 7 lb. but not exceeding 8 lb. 2s. 6d. Exceeding 8 lb. but not exceeding 11 lb. 2s. 8d. Exceeding 11 lb. but not exceeding 15 lb. 2s. 9d.	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, on which the postage is not prepaid.	The rate in item 1, 2 or 3 as the case may be, plus ½d.	As for item 1, 2 or 3 as the case may be.	

Regulation 24

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

Postal Facilities

1. Certificate of posting of an unregistered postal packet, other than a parcel	½d.
2. Certificate of posting of an unregistered parcel	no fee
3. Duplicate certificate of posting of a registered postal packet	3d.
4. Advice of delivery of, or inability to deliver, a registered postal packet	3d.
5. Enquiry for a missing registered postal packet ... ... (*Note:* The Postmaster-General may refund the fee if he is satisfied that the packet was lost or seriously delayed while in his custody).	3d.
6. Receipt for bulk postings which have been prepaid in stamps—	
For the first 1,000 items	1s. 0d.
For each additional 1,000 or part thereof	2d.
7. Private Posting Boxes. Collection by the Postmaster-General of postal packets (other than parcels) posted in a private posting box (provided by the person requesting the facility) of a design and in a position approved by the Postmaster-General—	
(1) For initial period of one year or less—	
(*a*) For one collection every day of the week except Sunday	£2 0s. 0d.
(*b*) For one collection on Sundays	£2 0s. 0d.
(*c*) For one collection every day of the week including Sunday	£3 0s. 0d.

(*d*) For each additional collection every day of the week except Sunday	£1 0s. 0d.
(*e*) For each additional collection on Sundays ...	£1 0s. 0d.
(*f*) Where the posting box is above or below ground floor—for each floor which the collector has to ascend or descend to make the collection	£1 10s. 0d.
(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).

8. Private Boxes. Provision by the Postmaster-General of a private box at a delivery office within a town postal delivery area, or at any other Post Office at which the facility is available, in which postal packets are placed to await collection by the addressee or his agent instead of being delivered by postmen at the place of address—

A.—For initial period of one year or less—

(1) For Day Box, that is to say, where the postal packets are to be made available for collection by the addressee or his agent at or after the time of commencement of the first delivery, or the time of opening the public office (whichever is the earlier), and before 9.0 p.m. or the time of closing the public office (whichever is the earlier)—	
(*a*) Box for reception of postal packets other than parcels, or for reception of parcels only—	
London Postal Area	£3 10s. 0d.
Elsewhere—	
Head Office, Branch or District Office being a delivery office, or Salaried Sub-Office	£3 10s. 0d.
Other Sub-Office	£2 0s. 0d.
(*b*) Box for reception of all classes of postal packets—	
London Postal Area	£7 0s. 0d.
Elsewhere—	
Head Office, Branch or District Office being a delivery office, or Salaried Sub-Office	£7 0s. 0d.
Other Sub-Office	£4 0s. 0d.
(2) Additional fee for Day Box where the postal packets are additionally to be made available for collection by the addressee at or after 6.0 a.m. and before the time of commencement of the first delivery or the time of opening of the public office (whichever is the earlier).	An amount equal to the fee chargeable under item (1).
(3) For Night Box, that is to say, where the postal packets are to be available for collection after 9.0 p.m. or the time of closing the public office (whichever is the earlier) and before 6.0 a.m.	Double the amount chargeable under item (1).
(*Note:* If the box is used both as a Day Box and as a Night Box, the fee referred to in item (3) is chargeable in addition to the fee referred to in item (1) and (where applicable) the fee referred to in item (2)).	

(4) Diversion fee, payable in addition to the fees referred to in items (1), (2) and (3) where the holder of the private box carries on business at different addresses and postal packets addressed to him at more than one address are to be placed in the private box for collection—

For each address (after the first) to which packets are addressed, and for each style (after the first) in which packets are addressed to each address (after the first) ... ... £3 0s. 0d.

B.—For each subsequent full year ... ... The fees chargeable under paragraph A.

C.—For a subsequent part only of a year ... ... A rateable proportion of the fees chargeable under paragraph A.

9. Private Bags. Use of a private bag, that is to say, a bag or other receptacle (provided by the owner with the approval of the Postmaster-General) in which postal packets for or from a particular address (i) in a town postal delivery area may be collected or posted by the owner or his agent, or (ii) in a rural postal delivery area, may either be collected and posted by the owner or his agent or be delivered at the place of address and collected therefrom by the Postmaster-General—

A.—For initial period of one year or less—

(1) Where the address concerned is in a town postal delivery area—

Use of bag—

(*a*) for posting postal packets other than parcels or for posting parcels only ... ... £1 10s. 0d.

(*b*) for posting all classes of postal packets ... £3 0s. 0d.

(*c*) for posting and collecting postal packets ... The fee appropriate under item (*a*) or (*b*), plus the appropriate fee under item 8A (1) as if the bag were a private box.

(2) Where the address concerned is in a rural postal delivery area—

(*a*) Bag collected and posted by the owner or his representative—

(i) Bag made up once daily for collection... £1 10s. 0d.

(ii) Bag made up more than once daily for collection. £1 10s. 0d. plus £1 for each making-up after the first.

(iii) Additional fee where the bag is made available for collection at or after 6.0 a.m., and before the time of commencement of the first delivery or the time of opening of the public office (whichever is the earlier) £1 10s. 0d.

(*b*) Bag delivered and collected by the Postmaster-General—

(i) once each day ... ... £1 10s. 0d.

(ii) twice each day ... ... £3 0s. 0d.

(*Note:*

(i) The fees referred to in (*b*) are payable even though the bag is used only for the delivery of postal packets or only for their posting.

(ii) The facility of delivery and collection twice each day is available only where two or more ordinary postal deliveries daily are made.)

(*c*) Distance fee, payable where the bag is collected by the Postmaster-General from a private residence 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.

(3) Diversion fee, payable in addition to the fees chargeable under items (1) or (2) in the circumstances referred to in item 8A (4) ... ... — As item 8A (4)

B.—For each subsequent full year ... ... — The fees chargeable under paragraph A.

C.—For a subsequent part only of a year ... ... — A rateable proportion of the fees chargeable under paragraph A.

10. Redirection by the Post Office. Redirection of postal packets from their original address to the same addressee at another address, where in the opinion of the Postmaster-General the postal packets could not be redirected under regulation 27 at the original address—

A. Where the original address is a business address and the addressee has permanently ceased to occupy the premises to which the packets are addressed, or where the original address is not a business address—

(1) For business reply letters—for a period not exceeding 3 months ... ... no fee

(2) For other postal packets—

(*a*) For a period not exceeding 3 months ... no fee

(*b*) For a period exceeding 3 months—

(i) For the first 12 months or part thereof after the first 3 months, for each addressee ... ... 5s. 0d.

(ii) For each subsequent period of 12 months or part thereof, for each addressee ... ... 10s. 0d.

(*Note:*

(i) Where the original address is a private residence and postal packets addressed to several members of one family bearing the same surname are all to be redirected to one other address, the addresses are to be regarded together as constituting one addressee for the purpose of the fee payable under (2) (*b*).

(ii) See also regulation 5 as to additional postage on parcels.)

B. Where the original address is a business address and the addressee has temporarily ceased to occupy the premises to which the packets are addressed—

For each continuous period not exceeding 14 days — 10s. 0d.

11. Diversion of Postal Packets. Delivery of postal packets addressed to the addressee's private address at his business address, or of postal packets addressed to one or more business addresses at another business address of the same addressee or at his private address, where the fee mentioned in item 10 is not applicable—

For each address from which packets are diverted, and for each style after the first in which packets are addressed to each such address—

(1) For initial period of one year or less ... ... — £3 0s. 0d.

(2) For each subsequent full year ... ... — £3 0s. 0d.

(3) For a subsequent part only of a year ... ... — A rateable proportion of the fee chargeable under item (2).

12. 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 29), and delivery to the addressee or his agent on his calling therefor—

(1) For each search made to ascertain whether any postal packets for a particular address are available for delivery ... ... — 3d.

(*Note:* This fee is not charged if the addressee is the holder of a Private Box at the post office concerned.)

(2) Alternative inclusive annual fee at the option of the addressee—

(*a*) postal packets of all classes where the appropriate delivery office is in a rural postal area ... — £1 10s. 0d.

(*b*) registered postal packets only whether the appropriate delivery office is in a rural postal area or a town postal area ... ... — 15s. 0d.

13. Temporary Retention. Withholding of postal packets from delivery at a business address at the request of the addressee—

(1) For a period not exceeding five consecutive weekdays at Easter or Christmas or on the occasion of a local holiday, or not exceeding three consecutive weekdays at Whitsun or August Bank Holiday, (Sunday being disregarded) ... ... — no fee

(2) For any other period, unbroken except by a Sunday, up to two months ... ... — Such sum not exceeding 10s. 0d. as the Postmaster-General may fix.

14. Floor Fee. For delivery of postal packets for a business address at a floor other than the ground floor, or (where the addressee is not in occupation of the ground floor) at a floor other than the floor occupied by the addressee which is nearest to the ground floor—

For each extra floor to which the delivery officer has to ascend or descend to make the delivery, per annum — £1 10s. 0d.

15. Separation Fee. For separating postal packets addressed to a particular Department of the addressee from other postal packets addressed to the addressee at the same address, and delivering them separately to that Department—

For each Department to which postal packets are separately delivered (in addition to the floor fee where item 14 applies), per annum ... ... £3 10s. 0d.

Regulation 25

THE THIRD SCHEDULE

Express Delivery Services

Col. 1 Service	Col. 2 Fees	Col. 3 Limit of Size and Weight	Col. 4 Provisions
1. Conveyance by special messenger throughout the whole course of the packet in the post.	One shilling a mile or part of a mile.	—	(1) The distance on which the mileage fee is charged includes the distance between the express delivery office which provides the service and the point where the conveyance of the packet begins. (2) When the special messenger has to deliver for the same sender two or more postal packets for the same or different addressees at the same or different addresses, the sum of 2½d. is charged for each packet after the first, in addition to a single mileage fee for the whole journey. (3) The service is not available on Sunday or (except in Scotland) on Good Friday and Christmas Day; in Scotland the service is not available on New Year's Day.
2. Conveyance by special messenger from the office of delivery at the request of the addressee.	One shilling a mile or part of a mile in addition to the postage sums and fees ordinarily payable.	As specified in the First Schedule.	(1) When an addressee requests the delivery by special messenger of more than one postal packet from the normal postal delivery office an additional charge of 2d. is made for every 10 packets (or less than 10 packets) after the first. The Postmaster-General may in his discretion include in the delivery all postal packets which may be held for the addressee and in such case the same additional charge shall be paid by the addressee as would have been payable if such postal packets had been included in the delivery at the request of the addressee.

Col. 1 Service	Col. 2 Fees	Col. 3 Limit of Size and Weight	Col. 4 Provisions
2.—*cont.*			(2) Where more than one search has to be made at the office of delivery for the packet or packets to which the request relates, a charge of 3d. is payable for each search after the first. (3) If no postal packet to which the request relates is found, and a messenger is sent to inform the applicant to that effect, the fee set out in Col. 2 is payable for this service, and is charged on the single distance between the office of delivery and the applicant's address. (4) Provision (3) of item 1 applies.
3. Conveyance by special messenger of a postal packet from the office of delivery at the request of the sender.	One shilling for delivery on weekdays in addition to the postage sums and fees ordinarily payable. Two shillings in addition to the above for delivery on Sundays.	As specified in the First Schedule.	For delivery on Sunday the service operates for postal packets (other than parcels) posted on Saturday for delivery on Sunday, but that service is available only between certain places.
4. Conveyance by special messenger of a postal packet through part only of its course in the post, in any case where neither item 2 nor item 3 applies.	One shilling a mile or part of a mile in addition to the postage sums and fees ordinarily payable.	As specified in the First Schedule.	(1) Provisions (1) and (3) of item 1 apply. (2) When the service is used for the conveyance of a postal packet to an office of collection for subsequent transmission by ordinary post, the payment for the express service shall be by means of postage stamps affixed to a postal form.
5. Hire of cab or other vehicle for conveyance.	The amount expended by the Postmaster-General.	—	This charge may be incurred at the request of the sender as respects service No. 1, service No. 3 or service No. 4 in this Schedule, or at the request of the addressee as respects service No. 2, or at the discretion of the Postmaster-General, and is payable in addition to any other sums payable in respect of the packet.

Col. 1 Service	Col. 2 Fees	Col. 3 Limit of Size and Weight	Col. 4 Provisions
6. Packet charged for on an omnibus, tramcar or trolley vehicle by which it is conveyed.	The amount expended by the Postmaster-General.	—	This charge is payable in addition to any other sums payable in respect of the packet.
7. Waiting fee.	4d. for each 10 minutes, or part of 10 minutes, beyond the first 10 minutes.	—	This fee is payable when the messenger is detained at the request of the sender or the addressee or in the course of the service the messenger is performing.
8. Railex ...	Weight not over 2 oz. 6s. 0d. Weight over 2 oz. but not over 1 lb. 7s. 0d.	If posted in Northern Ireland or the Channel Islands 2 oz., in all other cases 1 lb.	(1) The charge covers conveyance by railway and service by Post Office messenger. (2) Provision (3) of item 1 applies.

Regulations 30, 31, 34

THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

Registered Postal Packets

Part I

Col. 1 Registration Fee (In addition to ordinary postage)	Col. 2 Maximum Compensation
s. d.	£
– 6 (minimum registration fee)	5
– 7	20
– 8	40
– 9	60
– 10	80
– 11	100
1 –	120
1 1	140
1 2	160
1 3	180
1 4	200
1 5	220
1 6	240
1 7	260
1 8	280
1 9	300
1 10	320
1 11	340
2 –	360
2 1	380
2 2	400

PART II

Conditions which must be complied with

1. A packet which the sender desires to be registered must:—
(*a*) be handed for registration to an officer on duty at a post office; or
(*b*) be handed for registration to some officer of the Post Office authorised to receive packets for registration though not on duty at a post office,

and any registered postal packet which has been transmitted to its original address, and for which in pursuance of regulation 27 of this Warrant redirection is desired, must also be handed to such an officer as aforesaid.

2.—(*a*) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant the fee chargeable for the registration of the packet, and any other sum chargeable thereon, must be prepaid.
(*b*) On the posting of the packet the person handing over the packet must obtain a certificate bearing thereon an acknowledgment that the registration fee has been paid.
(*c*) Provided that in the case of redirection of a registered postal packet which has been transmitted to its original address, sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of this paragraph shall not apply and, if the person tendering the packet for registration does not prepay any sum chargeable on the packet, a certificate of posting stating that the said sum has not been paid must be obtained.

3.—(*a*) A postal packet of any kind intended for registration must be made up in a reasonably strong cover appropriate to its contents. Except in the case of a printed packet, sample packet or newspaper packet, the packet must be fastened with wax, gum or other adhesive substance, or, where suitable, securely tied with string which is sealed with wax or which is secured at each end by means of a lead, steel or strong metal seal crushed with a press; where the packet is fastened by means of strips of adhesive paper or tape each strip must have printed, stamped or written on it the trade mark, name or initials of the sender or the name or initials of the person who tenders the packet for transmission; where adhesive tape is used for fastening, the tape must (except as the Postmaster-General may otherwise permit) be transparent and uncoloured. The packet must also be so made up that no part of the contents can be removed without either breaking or tearing the case, wrapper or cover or forcing two adhesive surfaces apart or breaking a seal.
(*b*) The address of the person to whom the packet is to be transmitted must be written on the cover or on a label securely affixed to such cover by gum or other adhesive substance and must be stated fully and correctly to ensure accuracy in delivery.

4. Money in the form of coin or paper money sent by registered post must be enclosed in one of the registered letter envelopes sold by the Post Office and be tendered for transmission by registered letter post.

5. Any article contained in the packet must be adequately packed as a protection against damage in course of transmission. In particular an article of a fragile nature must be packed in a container of sufficient strength and must be surrounded in that container with sufficient and suitable soft material or wadding to protect the article against the effects of concussion, pressure and knocks to which postal packets are ordinarily exposed in transmission, and the packet must bear the words "fragile with care" written conspicuously on the face of the cover above the address.

6. Where a postal packet contains coin the coin must be packed in such a way that it cannot move about and coin in excess of the total value of £5 shall not be enclosed in any such packet.

7. Where a registered postal packet has been delivered and it is alleged that loss or abstraction of or damage to the contents or any of the contents of the packet occurred whilst it was in course of transmission by post, the following things shall be produced on demand for the Postmaster-General's inspection, in the condition as nearly as possible in which they were when the packet was delivered:—
(*a*) Where loss or abstraction is alleged, the cover of the packet;
(*b*) Where damage is alleged, the cover of the packet, the damaged article, its packing material, and any container in which the damaged article was enclosed.

8. No postal packet to be transmitted as a registered postal packet shall contain any article or thing which by or under any enactment or this Warrant it is unlawful to send by post.

Regulation 37

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE

CASH ON DELIVERY PACKETS

Scale of Fees

Trade Charge	*Fee* s. d.
Not exceeding £1	– 10
Exceeding £1 but not exceeding £2	1 0
,, £2 ,, ,, ,, £5	1 2
,, £5 ,, ,, ,, £10	1 4
,, £10 ,, ,, ,, £15	1 6
,, £15 ,, ,, ,, £20	1 8
,, £20 ,, ,, ,, £25	1 10
,, £25 ,, ,, ,, £30	2 0
,, £30 ,, ,, ,, £35	2 2
,, £35 ,, ,, ,, £40	2 4

Regulation 47

THE SIXTH SCHEDULE

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 ...	2 oz. (or less), 2½d. 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, 2d. Each reply, 4d.	Length— Maximum 5⅞ inches. Minimum 4 inches. Width— Maximum 4⅛ inches. Minimum 2¾ inches.	—
3. Printed Packet.	2 oz. (or less), 1½d. 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: 4oz. or less 1½d. For every additional 4 oz. or fractional part thereof, ½d. 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.

Col. 1 Description of postal packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight
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., 1s. 3d. Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 5 lb., 1s. 9d. Exceeding 5 lb. but not exceeding 8 lb., 2s. 4d. Exceeding 8 lb. but not exceeding 11 lb., 2s. 8d. Exceeding 11 lb. but not exceeding 15 lb., 2s. 11d.	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 48

THE SEVENTH SCHEDULE

WARRANTS REVOKED

Short title	*Date*
Inland Post Warrant, 1947(a)	. . 11th December, 1947
Inland Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1948(b) ...	... 23rd June, 1948
Inland Post Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1951(c) ...	... 8th May, 1951
Inland Post Amendment (No. 5) Warrant, 1951(d) ...	... 11th June, 1951
Inland Post Amendment (No. 8) Warrant, 1952(e) ...	... 17th April, 1952
Inland Post Amendment (No. 10) Warrant, 1954 (f) ...	... 29th March, 1954

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant consolidates with amendments the regulations relating to the inland post and the postal service between the British postal area and the Republic of Ireland. It comes into operation on the 1st January, 1956.

(a) S.R. & O. 1947/2663 (Rev. XVIII, p. 277: 1947 I, p. 1793).
(b) S.I. 1948/1369 (Rev. XVIII, p. 315: 1948 I, p. 3594).
(c) S.I. 1951/822 (1951 II, p. 251).
(d) S.I. 1951/1028 (1951 II, p. 253).
(e) S.I. 1952/795 (1952 II, p. 2609).
(f) S.I. 1954/414 (1954 II. p. 1799).

The main changes are:—

1. Changes in postal rates and charges as follows:—

Category of Correspondence or Service	Present Charges	New Charges
INLAND		
Letters	2½d. for 2 ozs., ½d. for next 2 ozs., then 1d. for 2 ozs.	2½d. for 2 ozs., then 1½d. for 2 ozs.
Printed Papers ... ... *Samples*	1½d. for 4 ozs., then ½d. for 2 ozs.	1½d. for 2 ozs., then 1d. for 2 ozs.
Express		
(*a*) Mileage fee	6d. a mile	1s. a mile
(*b*) For packets conveyed all the way by special messenger—for each packet beyond the first.	1d.	2½d.
(*c*) Conveyance by special messenger from the office of delivery at the request of the sender:		
(i) on Weekdays	6d.	1s.
(ii) on Sundays	1s. 6d.	3s.
(*d*) For packets delivered by special messenger at the addressee's request—for every 10 (or less than 10) packets beyond the first.	1d.	2d.
(*e*) Waiting fee: for each 10 minutes or part of 10 minutes beyond the first 10 minutes.	2d.	4d.
(*f*) Railex:		
(i) weight not over 2 ozs. ...	3s.	6s.
(ii) weight over 2 ozs. but not over 1 lb.	3s. 6d.	7s.
Parcels		
Up to 2 lb.	1s. 1d.	1s. 3d.
3 lb.	1s. 3d.	1s. 5d.
4 lb.	1s. 6d.	1s. 8d.
5 lb.	1s. 8d.	1s. 11d.
6 lb.	1s. 10d.	2s. 1d.
7 lb.	2s. 0d.	2s. 3d.
8 lb.	2s. 1d.	2s. 6d.
11 lb.	2s. 3d.	2s. 8d.
15 lb.	2s. 4d.	2s. 9d.
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND		
Letters ... ... *Printed Papers*	As for INLAND	
Express	As for INLAND, so far as the services are available within the British postal area.	
Parcels		
Up to 2 lb.	1s. 1d.	1s. 3d.
5 lb.	1s. 7d.	1s. 9d.
8 lb.	2s. 0d.	2s. 4d.
11 lb.	2s. 3d.	2s. 8d.
15 lb.	2s. 6d.	2s. 11d.

2. The charges for certain postal facilities which have formerly been made contractually are fixed by the Warrant. The charges are unchanged, with the following exceptions:—

	Present Charges	New Charges
Redirection by the Post Office (2nd Schedule, item 10)		
A. General	First 6 months—free Next 12 months—1s. Each succeeding 12 months—5s.	First 3 months—free Next 12 months—5s. Each succeeding 12 months—10s.
B. Where the addressee has temporarily ceased to occupy a business address	For each period—5s.	For each period not exceeding 14 days —10s.
Diversion (2nd Schedule, items 11, 8A(4) and 9A(3))	£1 10s. 0d. to £3 a year (additional charges are made where mail is diverted from more than one address or where a firm operates under more than one name).	For each address from which mail is diverted (in the case of items 8A(4) and 9A(3), each address (after the first) for which mail is placed in the same Private Box or Bag)—£3 a year. Where at any such address a firm uses more than one name—£3 a year for each name recorded beyond the first.

POULTRY

1955 No. 147

The Poultry Carcases (Landing) Order, 1955

Made - - - - *27th January*, 1955
Coming into Operation *1st March*, 1955

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by Sections 33, 45, 49 and 85 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950(**a**), and Section 11 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1954(**b**), and of every other power enabling him in this behalf hereby orders as follows:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Poultry Carcases (Landing) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 39.