STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 914

POST OFFICE

The Postal Order Amendment (No. 1) Regulations 1966

Made - - - -	22*nd July* 1966
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Coming into Operation	3*rd October* 1966

I, The Right Honourable Edward Watson Short, M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster General, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by sections 20, 21, 24 and 81 of the Post Office Act 1953(a) (as amended or substituted by sections 16 and 28 of and the Schedule to the Post Office Act 1961(b)), and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make the following regulations :

Interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations shall be read as one with the Postal Order Warrant 1959(c) (hereinafter called " the principal regulations ").

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

Poundage

2. For Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (which specifies the poundage payable for postal orders) there shall be substituted that which is set out in the Schedule hereto.

Payment of postal orders to bankers

3. For regulation 8 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following regulation :

" **8.** The following rules shall apply to the payment of postal orders to bankers :

(1) If a postal order which is crossed generally is presented for payment by any banker and has the name of such banker written or stamped upon the face thereof, or bears a code or device of such banker, being a code or device in terms and of a type, design and size and in a position approved by the Postmaster General, that name, code or device may be accepted as a sufficient receipt for the amount of the order, and the order may be paid without any other receipt.

(2) If a postal order which is crossed specially is presented for payment by the banker to whom it is crossed, and bears the name, code or device of such banker as mentioned in paragraph (1), that name, code or device may be accepted as a sufficient receipt for the amount of the order and the order may be paid without any other receipt : Provided that where the order is crossed specially to a second banker as agent for collection, the name, code or device of such second banker appearing on the order as mentioned in paragraph (1) may be accepted as a receipt under this regulation.

(a) 1953 c. 36. (b) 1961 c. 15. (c) S.I. 1959/1334 (1959 II p. 2201). (d) 1889 c. 63.

(3) An order which is crossed generally or specially, if presented for payment by a banker, may be paid at any post office in the British Islands, notwithstanding that the order has been filled in with the name of some particular post office.

(4) An order presented by a banker for payment shall not (in the absence of an express arrangement between such banker and the Postmaster General to the contrary) be paid until such order has been examined by such officer as the Postmaster General may from time to time direct."

Miscellaneous amendments

4.—(1) The following provisions in regulation 2 of the principal regulations are hereby revoked :

(*a*) in paragraph (1) the words " otherwise than through a postal order issuing machine " ;

(*b*) the whole of paragraph (2) ; and

(*c*) in paragraph (3) (including that paragraph as substituted in relation to certain postal orders by regulation 10(2)) the words " (other than an order issued through a postal order issuing machine) ".

(2) In regulation 2(1)(*a*) of the principal regulations, for the words " sixpence and " there shall be substituted the words " one shilling and thereafter ".

(3) In regulation 5(3) of the principal regulations the words " and in the case of an uncrossed postal order the person so deemed to be the payee shall insert his name in the said blank space before the order is paid " are hereby revoked.

(4) For regulation 9 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following :

" **9.** If the Postmaster General pays an order after the expiration of 6 months after the last day of the month in which the order was issued, he may charge a commission equal to the amount of the original poundage."

Citation and commencement

5. These regulations may be cited as " the Postal Order Amendment (No. 1) Regulations 1966 ", and shall come into operation on the 3rd October 1966.

Dated 22nd July 1966.

Edward Short,

Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

Regulation 2

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE 1 TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS AS SUBSTITUTED BY THESE REGULATIONS

POUNDAGE

Denomination	*Poundage*
1s.	3d.
Any multiple of 6d. between 1s. 6d. and 5s. (both inclusive), or any multiple of 1s. between 6s. and 21s. (both inclusive)	4d.
£2, £3, £4 or £5	6d.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the regulations.)

These regulations, which come into operation on 3rd October 1966, amend the Postal Order Warrant 1959. The principal changes are :—

1. The poundage payable on 1s. postal orders has been increased from 2d. to 3d. and that on other orders up to 21s. from 3d. to 4d. Postal orders for 6d. are discontinued.

2. Regulation 8 of the Warrant (which provides for the payment of postal orders to bankers) is amended to facilitate mechanical receipting.