The Long Vacation Order, 1950

1950 No. 178

Made - - - - 3*rd February,* 1950

At the Court at Sandringham, the 3rd day of February, 1950

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by section 53 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925(a), it is enacted that His Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council, on a report or recommendation made, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, by the Council of Judges of the Supreme Court assembled in pursuance of the provisions of Part X of that Act, make, revoke, or modify Orders regulating the Vacations to be observed by the High Court and the Court of Appeal and in the offices of the said Courts respectively:

And Whereas a Council of Judges of the Supreme Court, assembled in pursuance of the said provisions at the House of Lords on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1950, recommended that the Long Vacation should be altered so as to begin on the 1st day of August and end on the 30th day of September:

And Whereas the Lord Chancellor concurs in that recommendation:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Long Vacation of the several Courts and Offices of the Supreme Court shall for all purposes begin on the 1st day of August and end on the 30th day of September, and the Michaelmas sittings shall begin on the 1st day of October.

2. This Order may be cited as the Long Vacation Order, 1950.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

TELEGRAPHS

The Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Press Telegram) Regulations 1950

1950 No. 1024

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I, the Right Honourable Ness Edwards, M.P., His Majesty's Postmaster General, with the consent of the Treasury, by virtue of the power vested in me by section 2 of the Telegraph Act 1885(b) as amended by section 1 of the Post Office and Telegraph Act 1897(c), and of every other power

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 49. (b) 48 & 49 Vict. c. 58. (c) 60 & 61 Vict. c. 41.

enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make the following Regulations, that is to say :—

Interpretation

1.—(1) In these Regulations :—

(*a*) The expression " press telegram " means a written telegram which is transmitted or intended for transmission to the offices of any newspaper or news agency entitled under the provisions of these Regulations to receive press telegrams and of which the text consists exclusively of information, comment, reports and narratives on subjects of public interest for the time being intended for publication in a newspaper, with or without instructions relating to such publication.

(*b*) The expression " urgent press telegram " means a press telegram accepted as such at an increased rate and entitled to a certain priority of treatment as regards transmission and delivery.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**a**) applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Application of Regulations

2. These Regulations apply only to press telegrams originating in or destined for a place out of the British Islands not being a place in the Republic of Ireland.

Regulations to be read with the principal Regulations

3. These Regulations shall be read as one with the Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Regulations 1950(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as " the principal Regulations ") and the provisions of those Regulations, where not inconsistent with these Regulations, and so far as applicable, shall apply to press telegrams.

Newspapers, etc., entitled to receive press telegrams

4. The following newspapers and news agencies are entitled to receive press telegrams :—

(*a*) Any newspaper which is registered under the provisions of the Post Office Acts 1908 to 1940, or any news agency or newspaper which is admitted by the Postmaster General to the benefit of the rates under these Regulations.

(*b*) Any newspaper or news agency which is admitted to the benefit of the said rates by the Telegraph Administration of any country to which press telegrams may be sent under these Regulations.

Address of press telegrams

5.—(1) A press telegram shall be addressed only to a newspaper or news agency entitled to receive press telegrams and shall not be addressed to any person by name, title or designation. The abbreviated or arbitrary address of the newspaper or news agency may be used.

(2) The paid service indication = PRESSE = shall be written before the address of every press telegram.

Persons who may send press telegrams

6. A press telegram may be sent only by an authorised correspondent or representative of a newspaper or news agency entitled to receive press telegrams and only to an office of that newspaper or agency ; and no person

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) S.I. 1950 No. 1023, p. 993 below.

may send a press telegram to the office of a newspaper or news agency of which he is not a correspondent or representative. Every person tendering a press telegram for transmission shall on request produce such evidence as the Postmaster General may require that he is an authorised correspondent or representative of the newspaper or news agency to which the telegram is addressed. In particular he shall, if required, produce an authority to send such a telegram signed by an officer of the Post Office.

Countries to and from which press telegrams may be sent

7. Press telegrams may be sent between the British Islands and any country served by a Telegraph Administration or private operating agency which is prepared to accept for transmission and to deliver press telegrams in accordance with the provisions of the International Telegraph Regulations and with any special arrangements sanctioned by the International Telecommunication Convention between any parties thereto and, so far as they are concerned, any private operating agency taking part in the transmission. The Postmaster General shall from time to time publish in the London Gazette the territories or places to which press telegrams and urgent press telegrams may be sent.

Contents of press telegrams

8.—(1) A press telegram shall be written in plain language and in the usual orthography of the language used. The language may be one of the following:—

(*a*) English or Welsh,

(*b*) French,

(*c*) The language in which the newspaper receiving the press telegram is produced,

(*d*) A language notified for the purpose by the Administration of the country of destination of the press telegram.

(2) Only one of the languages specified above may be used in a press telegram. Provided that quotations may be inserted in any other of the said languages.

(3) Stock Exchange and market quotations, results of sporting events and meteorological observations and forecasts in a press telegram may consist of figures or groups of figures. The Postmaster General may require the production of such evidence as will satisfy him that figures contained in a press telegram and purporting to be Stock Exchange or market quotations or results of sporting events or meteorological observations or forecasts are in fact such.

(4) A press telegram must not contain any matter of a private nature, or any announcement or communication or advertisement for the insertion of which in a newspaper a payment is usually made, or any advertisement which is inserted free of charge. Provided that a press telegram may contain instructions relative to its publication, which must be written as a parenthesis at the beginning or end of the text and must consist of no more than 10 per cent. of the number of words in the entire text or 20 words whichever shall be the less. The brackets containing the parenthesis shall be charged for but shall not be deemed to form part of such instructions.

(5) The Postmaster General may refuse to transmit at the rate applicable to press telegrams any matter the transmission of which at such rate would in his opinion involve an abuse of the system, or be attended with inconvenience to the public service.

Supplementary services

9. The only supplementary services available for press telegrams are the urgent telegram service for press telegrams bearing the additional paid service indication = Urgent =, and multiple delivery to a number of addresses for press telegrams bearing the additional paid service indication = TM . . . . = with or without the further paid service indication = CTA = (communicate all addresses).

Charges for transmission

10. The charges for transmission of press telegrams (including urgent press telegrams) shall be at such rates per word or per character and all other charges shall be such as respectively are or may be from time to time fixed by the various Telegraph Administrations in accordance with the provisions of the International Telegraph Regulations and with any special arrangements sanctioned by the International Telecommunication Convention between any parties thereto, and, so far as they are concerned by any private operating agency taking part in the transmission. The Postmaster General shall from time to time publish in the London Gazette the rates and charges so fixed.

Provided that—

(*a*) The minimum charge for a press telegram or an urgent press telegram shall be the amount of the appropriate charge for a ten word telegram of the same description transmitted over the same route to the same destination.

(*b*) In the case of a multiple press telegram to be delivered to a number of addresses para. (4) of Regulation 31 of the principal Regulations (which deals with the charge for a multiple telegram to be delivered to a number of persons or addresses) shall apply mutatis mutandis and the charge shall be reckoned accordingly.

Telegrams not entitled to transmission at press rates

11. In the following cases, that is to say :—

(*a*) Where a press telegram is not published by the newspaper to which it is addressed, or by a newspaper the proprietor of which subscribes to the news agency to which it is addressed and no satisfactory explanation of such non-publication is given ; or

(*b*) Where a press telegram addressed to a newspaper is, prior to publication by that newspaper, communicated to another newspaper otherwise than for the purpose of contemporaneous publication by such other newspaper ; or

(*c*) Where a press telegram is, prior to publication, communicated to a private person or to a club, cafe, hotel, exchange, or other public or quasi-public establishment ; or

(*d*) Where in the case of a telegram accepted as a press telegram, it is discovered, before or after transmission, that the telegram as accepted does not accord with the requirements of these Regulations as to press telegrams or has been presented for transmission otherwise than in conformity therewith ;

the telegram shall be liable to the full charge as if it were an ordinary or urgent telegram (as the case may be) transmitted under the principal Regulations, and any difference between the amount paid for such telegrams and the amount payable thereon shall be recoverable in like manner as any other sum found by the office of delivery to be payable in respect of a telegram.

Notice of long telegrams to be given to Postmaster General

12. A press telegram exceeding 200 words in length can only be accepted for transmission after previous notice thereof of such length and containing such particulars as the Postmaster General may prescribe, or, failing such notice, if the Postmaster or other officer in charge of the office at which the message is tendered is of opinion that the telegram can be transmitted without seriously delaying the transmission of other telegrams.

Offices and hours for transmission of press telegrams

13. The Offices appointed by the Postmaster General to be places for the receipt and despatch of press telegrams shall be open for that purpose during such hours as the Postmaster General shall appoint in respect of each office.

Revocation

14. The Telegraph (Foreign Written Press Telegram) Regulations 1937(a) are hereby revoked.

Commencement

15. These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 1950.

Short Title

16. These Regulations may be cited as " The Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Press Telegram) Regulations 1950 ".

Dated this 21st day of June, 1950.

Ness Edwards,
His Majesty's Postmaster General.

We hereby consent to the Regulations herein set forth.

Wm. Hannan,
Charles Royle,
Two of the Commissioners of
His Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations (which supersede the Telegraph (Foreign Written Press Telegram) Regulations 1937) give effect to certain modifications in the International Telegraph service brought about by the International Telegraph Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention, Atlantic City, 1947. The only changes of importance are that the minimum charge for a press telegram or an urgent press telegram is now the amount of the appropriate charge for a ten word telegram of the same description, and that the proportion of the text of a press telegram which may consist of instructions as to publication has been increased to ten per cent. with a maximum of twenty words. The charges for press telegrams and the countries to which such telegrams may be sent will be published in the London Gazette.

(a) S.R. & O. 1937 (No. 278) p. 2289.