EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Part II of these regulations amends the Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Regulations, 1950, so as to provide for the delivery of telegrams to addressees travelling by motor car on certain trunk roads in France. A supplementary fee of 26s. 0d. is payable for telegrams so addressed.

Part III increases the charges for certain supplementary services in the oversea telegraph service.

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The Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Press Telegram) Regulations 1957

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I, The Right Honourable Alfred Ernest Marples, M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Treasury, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by section 2 of the Telegraph Act, 1885(**a**) as amended by section 4 of the Post Office and Telegraph Act, 1940(**b**) and sections 1 and 2 of the Telegraph Act, 1954(**c**), and of every other power enabling me in this behalf, hereby make the following Regulations, that is to say:—

Interpretation

1.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"authorised recipient" means a newspaper, news agency or broadcasting authority which is for the time being authorised by the Postmaster-General, or by the Telegraph Administration of any country outside the British Islands to which press telegrams may be sent under these regulations, to receive press telegrams to which these regulations apply;

"broadcasting authority" means a person providing a broadcasting service by wireless telegraphy for general reception, and includes a programme contractor within the meaning of the Television Act, 1954(**d**);

"ordinary press telegram" means a press telegram which is not an urgent press telegram;

"press telegram" means a written telegram which is transmitted or intended for transmission to the offices of any authorised recipient 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 or for broadcasting by wireless telegraphy, with or without instructions relating to such publication or broadcasting;

(**a**) 48 & 49 Vict. c. 58.
(**b**) 3 & 4 Geo. 6. c. 25.
(**c**) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 28.
(**d**) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 55.

"urgent press telegram" means a press telegram accepted as such at an increased rate and entitled to some priority of treatment as regards transmission and delivery.

(2) These regulations shall be read as one with the regulations mentioned in the Schedule hereto, and any regulations amending or replacing the same; and the provisions of those regulations, where not inconsistent with these regulations, shall apply to press telegrams to which these regulations apply.

(3) 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 transmitted or intended for transmission in either direction between places within the British Islands and places (other than the Republic of Ireland) outside the British Islands, and to press telegrams which are radiotelegrams.

Address of press telegrams

3.—(1) A press telegram shall be addressed and delivered only to an authorised recipient, and shall not be addressed to any person by name, title or designation. The abbreviated or arbitrary address of the authorised recipient may be used.

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

Countries to which press telegrams may be sent

4. Ordinary press telegrams and urgent press telegrams may be sent to any country served by a Telegraph Administration or private operating agency which is prepared to deliver ordinary press telegrams and urgent press telegrams respectively 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, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in such other manner as he may determine the territories or places to which ordinary press telegrams and urgent press telegrams respectively may be sent.

Contents of press telegrams

5.—(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, or in which the broadcasting authority receiving it is to broadcast the matter contained in it, as the case may be;

(*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.

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

(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 shall not contain any matter of a private nature, or any announcement or communication or advertisement for the insertion of which in a newspaper or for the broadcasting of which a payment is usually required from the person requesting such insertion or broadcasting, or any advertisement which is inserted in a newspaper or broadcast free of charge:

Provided that a press telegram may contain instructions relative to its publication or broadcasting, which shall be written as a parenthesis at the beginning or end of the text and shall 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

6. 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

7.—(1) The charges for the transmission of:—

(*a*) press telegrams originating in places within the British Islands, and

(*b*) press telegrams which are radiotelegrams originating in ships or aircraft registered in any part of the British Islands, being radiotelegrams transmitted or intended for transmission over the first part of their course to land stations within the British Islands,

shall be at such rates as may be fixed by the Postmaster-General:

Provided that—

(*a*) Where the number of chargeable words in a press telegram is less than ten the charge shall be reckoned as if that number were ten;

(*b*) In the case of a multiple press telegram to be delivered to a number of addresses para. (4) of regulation thirty-one of the Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Regulations 1950(**a**), as amended by regulation eight of the Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1953(**b**), (which deals with the charge for a multiple telegram to be delivered to a number of persons or addresses), and any regulation amending or

(a) S.I. 1950/1023 (Rev. XXII, p. 313: 1950 II, p. 993).
(b) S.I. 1953/1162 (1953 II, p. 2278).

replacing the same, shall apply mutatis mutandis and the charge shall be reckoned accordingly.

(2) The Postmaster-General shall from time to time publish the rates so fixed in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in such other manner as he may determine.

Telegrams not entitled to transmission at press rates

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

(*a*) Where a press telegram addressed to a newspaper or a broadcasting authority, before being published or broadcast, is communicated to any other person, except to another newspaper or broadcasting authority (being an authorised recipient) for the purpose of simultaneous publication or broadcasting;

(*b*) Where a press telegram addressed to a news agency, before being published or broadcast, is communicated to any other person, except to a newspaper or broadcasting authority which is an authorised recipient; or

(*c*) 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 regulations mentioned in the Schedule hereto and any regulations amending or replacing the same, and any difference between the amount paid for such telegram and the amount payable thereon shall be paid by the addressee on demand.

Notice of long telegrams to be given to Postmaster-General

9. A press telegram originating in a place within the British Islands and exceeding two hundred words in length shall not be accepted for transmission unless either:

(*a*) at least twelve hours' previous notice of the intention to tender it, containing such particulars as may be prescribed by the Postmaster-General, has been given to such office and in such manner as may be so prescribed, or

(*b*) in the opinion of the Postmaster-General the telegram can be transmitted without seriously delaying the transmission of other telegrams.

Revocation and transitional provision

10.—(1) The Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Press Telegram) Regulations 1950(a), are hereby revoked.

(2) The charges fixed under regulation ten thereof shall continue in force until superseded by charges fixed under regulation seven of these regulations, and shall take effect as if they had been fixed under the said regulation seven.

Citation and commencement

11.—(1) These regulations may be cited as "The Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Press Telegram) Regulations 1957".

(a) S.I. 1950/1024 (Rev. XXII, p. 338: 1950 II, p. 988).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of June, 1957.

Dated this 29th day of April, 1957.

Ernest Marples,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

We consent to these Regulations.

Martin Redmayne,
Harwood Harrison,
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

1st May, 1957.

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REGULATIONS WITH WHICH THESE REGULATIONS ARE TO BE READ AS ONE

Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Regulations 1950(a).

Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Amendment No. 1 Regulations 1951(b).

Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 1952(c).

Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1953(d).

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These Regulations supersede the Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Press Telegram) Regulations 1950. The main changes are:

(1) Broadcasting authorities are included with newspapers and news agencies as bodies to which oversea press telegrams may be sent, provided that they are authorised for that purpose by the Postmaster-General or the oversea Administration concerned.

(2) The restriction that oversea press telegrams may be sent only by correspondents or representatives of newspapers or news agencies is removed.

(a) S.I. 1950/1023 (Rev. XXII, p. 313: 1950 II, p. 993).
(b) S.I. 1951/1108 (1951 II, p. 690).
(c) S.I. 1952/88 (1952 III, p. 3370).
(d) S.I. 1953/1162 (1953 II, p. 2278).