Service to the Republic of Ireland

Ordinary telegram	3s. 6d. for 12 words or less 3d. a word thereafter
Telegraph money order	(*a*) official part: 3s. 6d. (*b*) private message: 3d. a word
Extra charge for:	
(i) Multiple-address telegram	1s. for each address after the first
(ii) Telegram tendered on Sunday or (except in Scotland) Christmas Day or Good Friday	1s. 6d.
Telegram cancelled before transmission has begun	1s.
Prepayment for reply	Minimum: 1s. 6d. Maximum: 12s.

The other main changes are:

(*a*) The ordinary maximum amount which may be prepaid for a reply telegram may not be increased to cover the extra charge for the sending of the reply telegram as a priority telegram or for its being handed in on Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday (Reg. 13).

(*b*) Reply vouchers may be used for payment of telegraph accounts, as well as telegrams and telephone accounts, and the time limit on their validity is removed (Reg. 14).

(*c*) Provision is made for the use of a telex number as the address of a telegram, and for the use of the service indication " telex " (Reg. 23).

1954 No. 1743

The Telegraph (Inland Written Press Telegram) Regulations, 1954

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I, The Right Honourable Herbrand Edward Dundonald Brassey Earl De La Warr, 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 all other powers 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:—

" British Islands " means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man;

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

"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(a);

"contractor" means a person engaged in the collection and distribution or display of news with whom arrangements with the Postmaster-General are for the time being subsisting whereby telegrams may be sent to him at the special rates and subject to the special terms and conditions specified in these regulations;

"day rate" means the charge for the transmission of a press telegram specified in paragraph (2) of regulation three;

"the limits of free delivery by messenger" means the limits fixed by or prescribed under paragraph (2) of regulation twenty-five of the Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations 1954(b) or any regulation amending or replacing the same;

"night rate" means the charge for the transmission of a press telegram specified in paragraph (1) of regulation three;

"pass" means a document, in such form and containing such particulars as the Postmaster-General shall prescribe, signed by the sender, and attached to a press telegram;

"press telegram" means a written telegram for transmission to a contractor at the special rates and subject to the special terms and conditions specified in these regulations;

"written telegram" includes a telegram tendered by telephone or teleprinter or other electrical or mechanical apparatus in order that it may be dealt with and delivered in the same way as a written telegram.

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

Application

2. These regulations shall apply to press telegrams originating in and addressed to places within the British Islands, and, to the extent provided by regulation eighteen, to press telegrams between the British Islands and the Republic of Ireland:

Provided that these regulations shall not apply to any press telegram which is a radiotelegram for the purpose of the Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Regulations 1950(d) or any regulations amending or replacing the same.

Night rate and day rate

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of a press telegram tendered at 6 p.m. or between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. the sum of three shillings for every eighty words or for any fractional part of eighty words.

(2) Subject as aforesaid, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of a press telegram tendered at 9 a.m. or between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. the sum of three shillings for every sixty words or for any fractional part of sixty words.

(a) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 55. (b) S.I. 1954/976, p. 2262 above. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1950/1023 (Rev. XXII, p. 313: 1950 II p. 993).

Press telegrams for two or more addresses

4.—(1) Paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of this regulation shall apply in respect of a press telegram which is tendered for transmission to two or more addresses.

(2) Where any two or more of the addresses are outside the London Postal Area and are within the limits of free delivery by messenger from the same terminal telegraph office, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of the telegram to those addresses:—

(*a*) the sum or sums payable under these regulations for the transmission of the telegram as a single telegram, counting as chargeable (in addition to the words of the text) the words comprising all those addresses; and

(*b*) in respect of each of those addresses, after the first, the sum of one shilling.

(3) Where any two or more of the addresses are in the same postal district within the London Postal Area, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of the telegram to those addresses the sums mentioned in sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of paragraph (2).

(4) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3), each transmission of the telegram to a separate address shall be charged for as the transmission of a separate telegram.

(5) If after the transmission of a press telegram has begun the sender desires to have it transmitted to an address additional to the original address or set of addresses, the telegram shall, for the purpose of such additional transmission, be treated as a new telegram.

Counting of words

5. The rules for calculating the number of words of a telegram which are contained in the Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations 1954 or any regulations amending or replacing the same shall apply to press telegrams so far as they are applicable thereto.

Passes

6.—(1) Passes may be issued by the Postmaster-General to contractors, and no form of pass not so issued, and no pass which has been defaced added to or altered (otherwise than by the deletion of one or more of the addresses printed thereon) shall be used.

(2) A pass so issued may be used in respect of the transmission of any press telegram to the address or set of addresses specified thereon or any one or more of such addresses.

(3) The charges for the transmission of a press telegram to any address specified on a pass attached to the telegram, and any charge for the delivery of the telegram, shall be paid on demand by the contractor to whom the pass was issued.

(4) If a press telegram to which one or more passes are attached is tendered for transmission to two or more addresses:—

(*a*) Where one pass is used in respect of all the addresses, the transmission of the telegram shall be charged for in accordance with regulation four;

(*b*) Where one pass is used in respect of one or more of the addresses and another pass or other passes in respect of the remainder of the addresses, the transmission of the telegram to the address or set of addresses specified on each pass shall be charged for separately, and

regulation three or regulation four as the case may be shall apply accordingly to the transmission to the address or set of addresses on each pass;

(*c*) Where a pass or passes are used in respect of one or some but not all of the addresses, the transmission of the telegram to addresses in respect of which a pass or passes are used shall be charged for as provided by the preceding provisions of this regulation, and regulation three or regulation four as the case may be shall apply to the transmission to the address or addresses in respect of which no pass is used:

Provided that for the purpose of this paragraph two or more passes issued in respect of addresses all of which are addresses of the same person and are within the limits specified in paragraph (2) or (as the case may be) paragraph (3) of regulation four shall be treated as if they were a single pass.

Contents of a press telegram

7.—(1) The text of a press telegram shall consist only of the following matter, that is to say:—

(*a*) (i) narratives, statements, information, or comments of or upon matters of public interest for the time being, or

(ii) reports of public speeches, lectures, sermons, proceedings in courts of justice, or other public proceedings,

being matter intended for immediate publication in a newspaper, for immediate broadcasting, or for immediate exhibition in a news-room, club, or exchange-room, and

(*b*) the indications: "more to follow", "continuation of message", or "end of message".

(2) A press telegram shall not consist of or contain any of the following matter, that is to say:—

(*a*) a letter to the editor of a newspaper;

(*b*) anything for the publication or broadcasting of which a money payment is usually required from the person requesting such publication or broadcasting;

(*c*) anything written wholly or in part in cypher or code or in a foreign language; or

(*d*) any other matter, whether of a like kind or not, in respect of which the privilege of transmission under these regulations would, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, be liable to be abused or be attended with inconvenience to the public service.

(3) If any telegram is not a press telegram by reason only that its text contains inadmissible matter in addition to admissible matter, the Postmaster-General may if he thinks fit accept it for transmission as if it were a press telegram, and in that case it shall be charged for in accordance with the provisions of these regulations: Provided that in relation to the inadmissible matter both the day rate and the night rate shall be deemed to be threepence for each word. In this paragraph "admissible matter" means any such matter as is referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation, and "inadmissible matter" means any other matter.

Addresses on press telegrams

8.—(1) The address of a press telegram shall be the full name of the newspaper, broadcasting authority, news-room, club, exchange-room, or news agency to the office of which it is to be transmitted and the name

of the city, town or district in which such office is situate. A telegram addressed to any person by name or title or designation of his appointment is not transmissible as a press telegram.

(2) Except as may be otherwise provided in the arrangements with the contractor concerned, where a press telegram is tendered for transmission to two or more addresses a list of the addresses shall be written at the head of the telegram when tendered.

Tendering of press telegrams otherwise than by hand

9. A press telegram shall not be tendered by telephone, teleprinter or other electrical apparatus except at such times and in such circumstances (if any) as the Postmaster-General may permit.

Notice of long press telegrams

10. A press telegram 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.

Places at which press telegrams can be delivered

11.—(1) The Postmaster-General may keep a register of the places from time to time approved by him as places to which press telegrams may be delivered to contractors, being places of the following descriptions, that is to say:

(*a*) the offices at which any newspaper registered in accordance with section twelve of the Post Office Act 1953(**a**) (which provides for the registration of newspapers at the General Post Office in London) is printed or published within the British Islands;

(*b*) the offices of any newspaper registered in accordance with the said section twelve which is printed and published outside the British Islands;

(*c*) the offices of any broadcasting authority;

(*d*) any news-room, club, or exchange-room;

(*e*) the offices of any news agency;

and may remove from the register any place which ceases to be approved by him as aforesaid.

(2) Except as may be otherwise provided in the arrangements with any contractor, press telegrams shall be delivered only to places for the time being on the said register.

Delivery

12. Except as may be otherwise provided in the arrangements with the contractor concerned, a press telegram shall be delivered by messenger or by such other means as the Postmaster-General thinks fit.

(**a**) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36.

Repetition of press telegram

13. On the delivery of a press telegram the contractor or his agent may if the Postmaster-General thinks fit have the telegram or any part thereof repeated on payment of one half of the charge which would be payable for the transmission as a press telegram to one address of the telegram or part thereof to be repeated, calculated at the rate of charge applicable at the time when the request for repetition is made. If on repetition it appears that the telegram or part thereof repeated was in the first instance incorrectly transmitted the amount so paid shall be refunded.

Payment of charges

14. All charges in respect of the transmission and delivery of a press telegram, and in respect of services and facilities in relation thereto, shall (except as herein otherwise provided, or as the Postmaster-General may determine) be prepaid by the sender thereof.

Remission of charges

15. The Postmaster-General may remit in whole or in part any sum payable or paid under these regulations.

Decision of Postmaster-General to be final

16. The decision of the Postmaster-General shall be final on the questions whether any telegram tendered for transmission is entitled to be transmitted as a press telegram, and whether any matter contained in a telegram is such as is specified in paragraph (1) of regulation seven.

Application of Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations 1954

17. The regulations specified in the Schedule hereto, and any regulations amending or replacing the same, shall apply to press telegrams.

Application to the Republic of Ireland

18. The provisions of these regulations shall apply to press telegrams between the British Islands and the Republic of Ireland so far as relates to the transmission, delivery and treatment of the telegrams under the authority of the Postmaster-General.

Provided that:—

(*a*) In the application of regulation three to the transmission of press telegrams to the Republic of Ireland, for the words "three shillings" in both places where they appear there shall be substituted the words "three shillings and sixpence";

(*b*) The charges for the delivery of telegrams by special messenger beyond the limit of free delivery in the Republic of Ireland shall not be prepaid by the sender.

Revocation

19. The Telegraph (Inland Written Press Telegrams) Regulations, 1950(**a**), are hereby revoked.

Citation and commencement

20.—(1) These regulations may be cited as "The Telegraph (Inland Written Press Telegram) Regulations, 1954".

(a) S.I. 1950/1810 (Rev. XXII, p. 358: 1950 II, p. 1015).

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on the 16th day of January, 1955.

Dated this 24th day of December, 1954.

De La Warr,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

We consent to these Regulations.

R. H. M. Thompson,
Gerald Wills,
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

29th December, 1954.

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SCHEDULE

REGULATIONS APPLIED TO PRESS TELEGRAMS

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations supersede the Telegraph (Inland Written Press Telegrams) Regulations, 1950. The main changes are as follows:—

(1) The transmission charge for inland press telegrams to a single address is 3s. 0d. for each 60 words (day rate) and 3s. 0d. for each 80 words (night rate). For transmission to several addresses within the limits mentioned in regulation 4 (2) and (3) the charge for the first address is as above, and for each other address 1s. 0d. irrespective of the number of words. A telegram to several addresses which are not within those limits is charged for as a separate telegram to each address. The application of the charges is subject to variation when passes (for the purpose of credit payment) are used.

(2) Words (including telegraphed names and addresses) are counted as for ordinary inland telegrams.

(3) Broadcasting authorities' offices are added to the list of places to which press telegrams may be sent, if the arrangements with the Postmaster-General so provide.

(4) The limits of free delivery are the same as for ordinary inland telegrams.

(5) Continuous messages sent in consecutive telegrams are no longer charged for as a single telegram.

(6) The day and night rates for press telegrams to the Republic of Ireland are respectively 3s. 6d. for each 60 words and 3s. 6d. for each 80 words.

1954 No. 1350

The Telex Regulations, 1954

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