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SCHEDULE—Regulations revoked.

I, The Right Honourable John Reginald Bevins M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster General, by virtue of the power vested in me by section 1 of the Telegraph Act 1962(a), and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make the following regulations:

PART I

Interpretation and Application

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;

"de luxe greetings telegram" means a telegram to be delivered on an ornamental form of an area of more than 120 square inches and of thicker paper than the form on which a standard greetings telegram is delivered, and in a special envelope;

"ordinary rate" means the charge for the transmission of a telegram specified in regulation 3;

"overnight rate" means the charge for the transmission of an overnight telegram specified in regulation 4;

"overnight telegram" means a telegram accepted for transmission at a reduced rate on condition that its transmission or delivery or both may be deferred;

"prescribed" means prescribed by the Postmaster General;

"priority telegram" means a single address ordinary or greetings telegram which is accepted for transmission at an increased rate on condition that it will be entitled to some priority in transmission and delivery;

"registered address" means an abbreviated or arbitrary telegraphic address registered in accordance with regulation 21;

"standard greetings telegram" means a telegram to be delivered on an ornamental form of an area of not more than 120 square inches, and in a special envelope;

"telegraph money order" means a money order the particulars whereof are transmitted to the office of payment by telegraph;

"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) Any reference in these regulations to or to any provision of any enactment or other regulations shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to such enactment or other regulations or the provision thereof as amended or replaced by any subsequent enactment or regulations.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) applies for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

(a) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 14. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Application

2. These regulations shall apply to written telegrams originating in and addressed to places within the British Islands and, to the extent provided by regulation 36, to written telegrams between the British Islands and the Republic of Ireland:

Provided that:

(*a*) These regulations shall not apply to any telegrams which are press telegrams for the purpose of the Telegraph (Inland Written Press Telegram) Regulations 1954(**a**), except in so far as they are expressly made applicable thereto by those regulations.

(*b*) These regulations shall not apply to any telegrams which are radiotelegrams for the purpose of the Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Regulations 1959(**b**), except in so far as they are expressly made applicable to such telegrams by those regulations.

(*c*) These regulations shall not apply to any telegrams sent via a place outside the British Islands (not in the Republic of Ireland) to which the proviso to regulation 2 of the Telegraph (British Commonwealth and Foreign Written Telegram) Regulations 1959 applies.

PART II

Transmission Charges

Ordinary rate

3. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of a telegram other than an overnight telegram the following sums:—

(*a*) if the length of the telegram does not exceed twelve words, 5s.;

(*b*) if the length of the telegram exceeds twelve words, 5s. for the first twelve words and 5d. for each additional word.

Overnight rate

4. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of an overnight telegram the following sums:—

(*a*) if the length of the telegram does not exceed twelve words, 2s. 6d.;

(*b*) if the length of the telegram exceeds twelve words, 2s. 6d. for the first twelve words and 2½d. for each additional word.

Additional charges for certain telegrams

5. There shall be charged and paid the following additional sums for the transmission of a telegram:—

(*a*) (i) if the telegram is a standard greetings telegram, the sum of 6d. in addition to the ordinary rate and to any other sum payable under this regulation;

(ii) if the telegram is a de luxe greetings telegram, the sum of 2s. in addition to the ordinary rate and to any other sum payable under this regulation;

(*b*) if the telegram is a priority telegram, the sum of 2s. in addition to the ordinary rate and to any other sum payable under this regulation;

(**a**) S.I. 1954/1743 (1954 II, p. 2279). (**b**) S.I. 1959/2099 (1959 II, p. 2580).

(*c*) if the telegram is tendered on a Sunday, or is tendered on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the British Islands other than Scotland, the sum of 2s. 6d. in addition to the ordinary rate or the overnight rate (as the case may be) and to any other sum payable under this regulation.

Telegraph money orders

6. In the case of a telegraph money order applied for and payable at a money order office in the British Islands the remitter shall pay, in addition to the poundage payable under the Money Order Warrant 1961(**a**), the sum of 5s. for the service telegram authorising payment at the office of payment together with such one or more (if any) of the following further sums as may be applicable, that is to say:—

(*a*) if words containing a private communication from the remitter are added to the telegram the further sum of 5d. for each word so added;

(*b*) if, at the request of the remitter, the telegram is to be repeated from office to office to ensure accuracy, a further sum equal to one half of the said sum or sums specified and made payable for the telegram by the foregoing provisions of this regulation;

(*c*) (i) if the telegram contains such a private communication as is mentioned in paragraph (*a*) and at the request of the remitter such communication is to be delivered as a standard greetings telegram, the further sum of 6d.;

(ii) if the telegram contains such a private communication as is mentioned in paragraph (*a*) of this regulation and at the request of the remitter such communication is to be delivered as a de luxe greetings telegram, the further sum of 2s.;

(*d*) if, at the like request, the telegram is treated as a priority telegram, the further sum of 2s.;

(*e*) if the telegraph money order is applied for on a Sunday, or is applied for on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the British Islands other than Scotland, the further sum of 2s. 6d.;

Telegrams for withdrawing Post Office Savings Bank deposits

7. During the continuance of the service whereunder a depositor in the Post Office Savings Bank may, under and subject to the regulations for the time being in force made under the Post Office Savings Banks Act 1954(**b**) or any enactment repealed by that Act, withdraw sums by telegraph, the depositor shall pay for the telegrams to and from the Director of Savings at the rate of 5s. for each telegram.

PART III

METHOD OF CHARGING

Counting of words

8. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the contents of telegrams shall be reckoned, and telegrams charged for with reference to their contents, according to the following rules:—

(*a*) In calculating the number of words of any telegram, any name or address, whether of the sender or of an addressee, which is to be transmitted with the message contained therein shall be treated as part of the telegram.

(**a**) S.I. 1961/139 (1961 I, p. 197). (**b**) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 62.

(*b*) Where a combination of words is, by the usage of the English language, recognized as one word, whether written together, with or without a mark of abbreviation, or joined by a hyphen, such combination, when so written, shall be counted as one word. In all other cases a combination of words is to be counted according to the number of separate words contained in it.

(*c*) In the address of the addressee of a telegram:

(i) the essential designation of the place of address, that is to say, the name of the town or village together with the name (if any) of the locality or district (other than the street, road, lane, court or square or the like) in which the address is situated, shall be counted as one word;

(ii) any additions which are made to the name of the place of address to distinguish that place from another place of the same name, or to distinguish one street from another street of the same name in the same postal district, shall be treated as part of the essential designation of the place of address;

(iii) the name of a railway station not in a town postal district, or of a coastguard station, shall be counted as one word;

(iv) initial letters or figures, or a combination of initial letters and figures, indicating a postal district shall together be counted as one word, except when used in conjunction with the name of a town, in which last-mentioned case they shall not be charged for.

(*d*) In the case of the names of places, each and every place name of any of the following classes shall, when used in the text of a telegram, be counted as one word, viz.:—

(i) the name of any town or village in the British Islands.

(ii) the name of any railway station, not in a town postal district.

(iii) the name of any district or locality in a town.

(iv) The name of any overseas telegraph office, contained in the official list of telegraph offices published by the General Secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union.

(*e*) In the names of persons, every patronymic such as O', Mc, Mac, Fitz, and every prefix such as De, De la, St, shall be counted as part of the word or name next following the same, and every compound name which is ordinarily joined together by a hyphen or hyphens shall be counted as one word when so written. Every other combination of names shall be counted according to the number of separate words or names contained therein.

(*f*) In registered addresses the indicator word of any such address denoting the office or mode of delivery, shall be counted as part of the registered address and not as a separate word.

(*g*) Initial letters whether written as small letters or as capital letters shall be counted and charged for in manner following, that is to say:—

(i) Where such letters are written separately and are intended to be telegraphed separately and not as a group each such letter shall be counted and charged for as if it were a word notwithstanding that such letters may together form or be intended to be read or construed as a combination of letters.

(ii) Where such letters are written together and are intended to be telegraphed together as a single group comprising not more than five letters such group shall be counted and charged for as if it were one word.

(iii) Where such letters are written together and are intended to be telegraphed together as a single group comprising more than five letters the first five letters thereof shall be counted and charged for as one word and each and every succeeding five letters or residual fraction of five letters shall be counted and charged for as one word:

Provided that a group of letters comprising not more than ten letters used in the signature of a telegram to represent the name of the sender shall if it forms a pronounceable expression be counted and charged for as one word.

(*h*) Each of the following combinations of letters and signs shall be counted as one word, that is to say:—

s/s a/c b/l and c/o.

In other combinations of letters and signs, each sign shall be counted as one word, and the letters and/or group or groups of letters separated by such sign shall severally be counted as otherwise provided for by these regulations.

(*i*) Each of the following signs or marks shall be charged as one word, that is to say:—

(i) A stroke or line under a word or words intended to underline or emphasize the same.

(ii) A parenthesis (both signs), except that when the brackets enclose special instructions referred to in regulation 16 they are not counted.

(iii) Inverted commas (both signs).

(iv) A full stop.

(v) A comma.

(vi) A colon.

(vii) A mark of interrogation.

(*j*) Numbers expressed in figures shall be counted at the rate of five figures to a word.

(*k*) Ordinal numbers expressed in figures and letters shall be counted according to the last preceding rule, letters being reckoned as figures.

(*l*) An oblique stroke, horizontal bar, hyphen, multiplication sign, decimal point, full stop, comma, or colon, used with a figure or group of figures, shall be counted as a figure.

(*m*) Any letters following and forming part of the designation of a fraction shall count as figures.

(*n*) A combination of figures and letters in the address or text of a telegram, when denoting the number of a house, and a similar combination in the text when denoting a telephone or telex number, shall be counted as though the letters were figures.

(*o*) A letter or unintelligible combination of letters used with figures and not coming under any of the foregoing rules shall be counted separately from such figures.

(*p*) Sums of money expressed in figures combined with letters, bars, or other signs shall be counted according to the foregoing rules.

(*q*) When sums of money are expressed partly in figures and partly in words, each figure or group of figures shall be counted separately.

(*r*) Where a telephone or telex number is used as the address of a telegram, that part of the address which consists of the telephone or telex number (including the name of the exchange, if any), and the name of the town where necessary, shall be counted as two words, the name or names of the addressee being separately counted as otherwise provided by these regulations.

(*s*) Service indications inserted before the address of a telegram shall not be counted.

(*t*) Special instructions referred to in regulation 16 shall be counted and charged for as part of the telegram.

Foreign languages

9. Telegrams written in Latin or in Esperanto or in any modern European language, and in English characters, shall be counted and charged for in the same way as telegrams written in the English language, but all words not forming part of any modern European language, or of Latin or of Esperanto, and all unintelligible combination of letters, shall (except as otherwise provided) be counted and charged for at the rate of five letters to a word.

PART IV

OVERNIGHT TELEGRAMS

10.—(1) Overnight telegrams shall be tendered only between such hours as the Postmaster General may from time to time specify by notice published in such manner as he may think fit, or (if no hours are so specified) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 mid-night.

(2) The address of an overnight telegram shall be a full postal address or a registered address.

(3) An overnight telegram shall be delivered by post, or, if the Postmaster General thinks fit, by messenger, by telephone, or by any other means.

(4) Regulations 22 and 23 shall not apply to overnight telegrams.

(5) An overnight telegram shall not be sent as a greetings telegram.

PART V

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

General

11. The services and facilities referred to in this part of these regulations may be provided by the Postmaster General at such times, during such periods, and in such circumstances as the Postmaster General may think fit, and the charges and conditions specified in this part of these regulations shall apply to such services and facilities in so far as they are so provided.

Delivery at two or more addresses

12.—(1) A telegram (not being an overnight telegram or a priority telegram) may, at the request of the sender, be delivered at two or more addresses outside the London Postal Area which are within the delivery area served by

messenger from the same terminal telegraph office, or at two or more addresses within the London Postal Area which are in the same postal district.

(2) There shall be charged and paid for a telegram which is to be so delivered:

(*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) all the addresses at which the telegram is to be delivered and the names of all the addressees ; and

(*b*) in respect of each address at which the telegram is to be delivered, after the first, the sum of 1s. 8d. and (in the case of a standard greetings telegram) the further sum of 6d. and (in the case of a de luxe greetings telegram) the further sum of 2s. ;

(3) Where a telegram is to be so delivered to two or more addresses within the London Postal Area, and any of the addresses is a registered address or a telephone or telex number, the sender shall add the postal district initials after such address. The postal district initials shall not form part of the matter telegraphed or be charged for.

Payment for reply

13. The sender of a telegram may pay for the transmission of a reply thereto at the appropriate rate or rates: Provided that the sum so paid by the sender shall in no case be less than 2s. 6d. or exceed £1.

Reply vouchers

14.—(1) When a reply to a telegram has been provided for by the sender pursuant to regulation 13, a reply voucher may be delivered to the addressee. The voucher may be used by the addressee or any other person:

(*a*) in payment or part payment of the charges on a telegram or a number of telegrams tendered together, whether or not sent in reply to the original telegram, and whether or not addressed to the sender of the original telegram ; or

(*b*) in the discretion of the Postmaster General, in payment or part payment of any account rendered by the Postmaster General for charges for telegraph or telephone services.

(2) If the voucher is not so used, the sum paid for the reply will be repaid to the sender of the original telegram on surrender of the voucher.

(3) If the original telegram is undeliverable, the sum paid by the sender for the reply may, in the discretion of the Postmaster General, be refunded to the sender at the time of any notification to him of the non-delivery of the original telegram.

Repetition of telegrams

15.—(1) The sender of a telegram may have it repeated back from office to office. The charge for the repetition shall be one-half of the ordinary rate or of the overnight rate as the case may be (any fraction of ½d. being charged as ½d.), and shall be paid at the same time as the charge for transmission.

(2) The addressee of a telegram may have repeated from the office of origin without charge the telegram or any words or passages contained therein which appear to him to be incorrect.

Special instructions on telegram envelopes

16. When the sender of a telegram desires that special instructions, such as " private," " confidential," or " to be opened at once," shall be written on the envelope containing the transcript of the telegram which is to be delivered to the addressee, he shall write the instructions on the telegram form immediately before the address.

Cancellation by sender

17. The sender of a telegram may cancel it before delivery to the addressee, subject to the following provisions:—

(*a*) If the application for cancellation is made before the transmission of the telegram from the office of origin has commenced, the sum due from the sender shall be 1s. 8d. only and any amount in excess of this sum prepaid by him shall be refunded.

(*b*) If the application is made after the commencement but before the completion of the transmission of the telegram from the office of origin, the sum due from the sender in respect of the telegram shall be the charge for transmission. Any amount prepaid by him for a reply telegram shall be refunded.

(*c*) If the application is made after the transmission of the telegram from the office of origin has been completed, it may still be cancelled, if practicable, by means of a service telegram addressed to the Postmaster of the office of delivery. The sender of the original telegram shall pay for the transmission of the service telegram at the ordinary rate, and the further sum of 2s. 6d. if the service telegram is sent on a Sunday, or is sent on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the British Islands other than Scotland. In a case to which this paragraph applies, the sum paid by or due from the sender in respect of the original telegram shall not be refunded or shall remain due as if the question of cancellation had not arisen, except that any charge for a reply telegram may, in the discretion of the Postmaster General, be refunded or waived.

Receipt for charges

18. The sender of a telegram shall be entitled, free of charge, to a receipt for the charges prepaid on a telegram, in such form as the Postmaster General shall approve.

Re-direction and re-transmission

19.—(1) A telegram may at the discretion of the Postmaster General be re-directed and re-transmitted by the Postmaster General to the addressee at any other address in the British Islands or the Republic of Ireland, either at the specific request of the sender or the addressee or in accordance with any special instructions registered as provided in regulation 20 or for any other reason that the Postmaster General may consider sufficient.

(2) A telegram may be re-directed from its original address or any substituted address by any person at such address for the purpose of its being re-transmitted to the addressee at any other address in the British Islands or the Republic of Ireland.

(3) There shall be charged and paid in respect of each re-transmission of a telegram otherwise than by post under paragraph (1) the same sums as would be payable if the re-transmission were an original transmission of the telegram at the ordinary rate or the overnight rate (whichever may be appropriate to the

re-transmission) to the address to which it is to be re-transmitted, excluding any additional charge referred to in regulation 5: Provided that in the case of a telegraph money order, the charge for re-transmission shall be 5s. for the service telegram authorising payment at the office of payment and, if words containing a private communication from the remitter are added to the telegram, the further sum of 5d. for each word so added.

(4) No charge shall be payable for the re-transmission of a telegram by post under paragraph (1).

(5) A telegram re-directed and re-transmitted otherwise than by post under paragraph (2) shall be treated as a fresh telegram for the purpose of these regulations, and accordingly the ordinary rate or the overnight rate (whichever may be appropriate to the re-transmission), and any additional charge payable under regulation 5, shall be charged and paid in respect of each re-transmission.

(6) There shall be charged and paid in respect of each re-transmission of a telegram by post under paragraph (2) such sums (if any) as would be payable if the telegram were a letter re-directed under the provisions of the Inland Post Warrant 1961(a).

(7) When the Postmaster General deems it just so to do, he may substitute a fixed charge of 5s. for all other charges for re-direction and re-transmission of a telegram otherwise than by post under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2).

(8) The charges payable under paragraphs (3), (5), (6) and (7) shall be payable—

(*a*) where the telegram is re-transmitted under paragraph (1) at the request of the sender, by the sender on demand ;

(*b*) where it is re-transmitted under paragraph (1) in any other circumstances, by the addressee on demand ;

(*c*) where it is re-directed under paragraph (2), by the person by whom it is re-directed or by the addressee on demand, at the discretion of the Postmaster General.

Special instructions for delivery

20.—(1) Any person may register, at any telegraph office, such special instructions as to the delivery of telegrams at a different address in case of a change of residence or place of business, or such other special instructions as to the delivery of telegrams, as the Postmaster General may approve.

(2) In respect of the registration of any such special instructions as aforesaid the sum of £1 11s. 6d. shall be paid in advance at the time of registration, and when the instructions apply to a longer period than a year the sum payable shall be £1 11s. 6d. per annum: Provided that no charge shall be made under this regulation in respect of:—

(*a*) the registration for any period up to and not exceeding three months of an instruction in case of change of residence or place of business ;

(*b*) the registration of an instruction as to the delivery of telegrams on Christmas Day, Good Friday, or a public holiday ; or

(*c*) the registration of any instruction as to telegrams bearing registered addresses.

(a) S.I. 1961/141 (1961 I, p. 212).

Registered addresses

21.—(1) Application may be made for the registration, at any office from which telegrams are delivered (provided it be a head office, a country sub-office, or a railway station not in a town postal district), of an abbreviated or an arbitrary telegraphic address.

(2) If in the opinion of the Postmaster General there is no objection to such registration, such abbreviated or arbitrary telegraphic address shall be registered, together with the full correct address of the applicant.

(3) There shall be paid for such registration such sum (hereinafter called a registration fee) as may from time to time be prescribed and such registration fee shall be paid in advance. Provided that the registration fee shall not exceed:—

18s. 9d. in respect of a period not exceeding three months;

£1 17s. 6d. in respect of a period exceeding three but not exceeding six months;

£2 12s. 6d. in respect of a period exceeding six but not exceeding nine months; and

£3 in respect of a period exceeding nine months but not exceeding a year.

(4) While such abbreviated or arbitrary telegraphic address is registered, and during the period in respect of which the registration fee has been paid, telegrams addressed to such address and received at the office at which the registration has been effected shall be delivered as if they were addressed to the corresponding full correct address.

(5) The Postmaster General may at any time, if it shall seem to him expedient, cancel the registration of any registered address, but he shall in such case return a part of the registration fee proportionate (as near as may be) to the unexpired portion of the period in respect of which a registration fee has been paid.

(6) An expression registered as an abbreviated or arbitrary telegraphic address shall be regarded for the purpose of charge as though written in the English language, whether in the address, the text or the signature of a telegram.

PART VI

DELIVERY

Method of delivery

22.—(1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 23 and the following paragraphs of this regulation, a telegram shall be delivered by messenger.

(2) Subject to the provisions of regulation 23:

(*a*) any telegram may at the discretion of the Postmaster General be delivered by telephone or by teleprinter or other electrical apparatus:

Provided that a greetings telegram shall not be so delivered except by arrangement between the Postmaster General and the addressee;

(*b*) any telegram may at the discretion of the Postmaster General be delivered by post if in his opinion it will reach the addressee by that means not later than if it were delivered by messenger;

(*c*) any telegram may at the discretion of the Postmaster General be delivered by pneumatic tube or other mechanical means.

Service indications

23.—(1) The sender of a telegram may insert before the full address any of the following service indications relating to the manner of delivery of the telegram:

(*a*) the word "post", the name of the office of posting being inserted at the end of the address if the Postmaster General so requires;

(*b*) the words "hand delivery"; or

(*c*) the word "telephone" or "telex";

or may use a telephone or telex number as the address of the telegram.

(2) Where the service indication "post" is used, the telegram shall be delivered by post.

(3) Where the service indication "hand delivery" is used, the telegram shall be delivered by messenger, or, if the condition mentioned in regulation 22(2)(b) is satisfied, by post.

(4) Where the service indication "telephone" is used, or the address of the telegram is a telephone number, the telegram shall be delivered by telephone or by teleprinter or other electrical apparatus, unless the Postmaster General elects to deliver it by any other means.

(5) Where the service indication "telex" is used, or the address of the telegram is a telex number, the telegram shall be delivered by teleprinter or other electrical apparatus unless the Postmaster General elects to deliver it by any other means.

Due delivery

24.—(1) A telegram shall be duly delivered by messenger or by post if it is delivered at the place of address of the telegram, or at an address to which it is re-directed in accordance with these regulations, or to the addressee in person.

(2) A telegram shall be duly delivered by telephone if it is telephoned to the addressee or his servant or agent or other person purporting to be authorised to receive the telegram.

(3) A telegram shall be duly delivered by teleprinter or other electrical apparatus if it is transmitted by such means to the place of address of the telegram, or to an address to which it is re-directed in accordance with these regulations.

Free delivery

25. The charge for the transmission of a telegram shall cover the cost of delivery by any means within the British Islands.

PART VII

General Conditions

Addresses

26. The address of a telegram shall contain all particulars requisite to ensure delivery of the telegram without the necessity for making enquiries.

Addresses of telegrams to members of H.M. Forces

27.—(1) Where a telegram is addressed to a member of Her Majesty's naval, military, or air forces, or to a member of a nursing service or other auxiliary service of any of those forces, at any camp, barracks, station or airfield in the British Islands, the Postmaster General may require the sender to include the prescribed particulars in the address of the telegram.

(2) Where the prescribed particulars in the address of any such telegram would, under these regulations, count as more than five words, they shall be charged for as five words.

(3) In this regulation the expression "the prescribed particulars" means the number, rank and name of the addressee of the telegram; the squadron, battery, company or other section of the unit; the address of the camp, barracks, station or airfield; and such other particulars as the Postmaster General may require or allow.

Name and address of sender

28.—(1) The Postmaster General may require the sender of any telegram, before it is accepted for transmission, to sign his name and write his address on the telegram form in the space provided for the purpose, but the sender's name and address need not be part of the matter telegraphed.

(2) The Postmaster General may, if he thinks fit, accept as compliance with this regulation the insertion in typewriting, or in print, or by means of a rubber stamp, of the name and address, telephone or telex number or registered address of the sender.

Mode of writing

29. No telegram written otherwise than in English characters shall be transmitted or tendered for transmission.

Objectionable telegrams not transmitted

30. No telegram shall be transmitted or tendered for transmission which contains anything which is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character.

Deposit of telegrams in letter boxes

31.—(1) A telegram deposited in a post office letter box shall be transmitted as a telegram if postage stamps in full prepayment of the charges for the transmission of the telegram are attached thereto and the telegram complies in other respects with the provisions of these regulations, and otherwise may be so transmitted if the Postmaster General thinks fit.

(2) If no stamps or insufficient stamps are attached to a telegram which is so deposited and transmitted, the charges for transmission, or, as the case may be, the amount of the deficiency, shall (if not collected from the addressee) be paid by the sender.

Telegrams to be called for

32. Any telegram addressed to a telegraph office or post office "to be called for" shall be retained for two weeks. At the end of that time the telegram, if not called for, shall be treated as not deliverable.

Cancellation

33. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, a telegram which has been accepted for transmission shall not be cancelled, and its transmission or delivery shall not be suspended or interfered with, on the application of any person.

Payment of charges

34. All charges in respect of the transmission of a 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

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

PART VIII

General

Application to the Republic of Ireland

36. The provisions of these regulations shall apply to written 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*) There shall be charged and paid for the transmission of every telegram to a place in the Republic of Ireland, if the length of the telegram does not exceed twelve words, 6s., and, if the length of the telegram exceeds twelve words, 6s. for the first twelve words and 5d. for each additional word, with the additional charge of 2s. 6d. if the telegram is tendered on a Sunday, or is tendered on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the British Islands other than Scotland;

(*b*) Telegrams will not be accepted for transmission to the Republic of Ireland as greetings telegrams, overnight telegrams, or priority telegrams;

(*c*) 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;

(*d*) In the case of a telegraph money order applied for at a Money Order Office in the British Islands and payable in the Republic of Ireland, regulation 6 (except paragraphs (c) and (d) thereof) shall apply with the substitution of the sum of 6s. for the sum of 5s. as the minimum charge payable in respect of the service telegram authorising payment.

(*e*) Regulation 13 shall apply with the substitution of such sums as the Postmaster General may fix for the minimum and maximum sums specified in that regulation.

Revocation

37. The regulations mentioned in the Schedule are hereby revoked.

Citation and commencement

38. These regulations may be cited as "the Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations 1963", and shall come into operation on the 29th April 1963.

Dated 20th March 1963.

J. R. BEVINS

Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

SCHEDULE

Regulations Revoked

Citation	*Reference*
The Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations 1954.	S.I. 1954/976 (1954 II, p. 2262).
The Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Amendment (No. 1) Regulations 1955.	S.I. 1955/1891 (1955 II, p. 2566).
The Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1959.	S.I. 1959/235 (1959 II, p. 2603).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations consolidate with amendments the regulations relating to inland written telegrams, and provide for increases in most of the charges.

The new charges in the inland telegraph service and the service to the Republic of Ireland are shown in the following table.

Inland Service

	Standard service	Overnight service
Ordinary telegram	5s. for 12 words or less 5d. a word thereafter (ordinary rate).	
Overnight telegram	—	2s. 6d. for 12 words or less. 2½d. a word thereafter (overnight rate).
Telegraph money order	(*a*) service telegram: 5s. (*b*) private message: 5d. a word.	—
Extra charge for:—		
(i) Standard greetings telegram	6d. (no change)	—
(ii) De luxe greetings telegram..	2s. (no change)	—
(iii) Priority telegram	2s.	—
(iv) Multiple address telegram..	1s. 8d. for each address after the first.	—
Telegrams for withdrawing Savings Bank deposits.	5s. per telegram.	—
Repetition back from office to office at the request of the sender.	half ordinary rate.	half overnight rate.
	Standard and overnight service	
Extra charge for telegram tendered on Sunday or (except in Scotland) Christmas Day or Good Friday.	2s. 6d.	
Telegram cancelled before transmission has begun.	1s. 8d.	
Prepayment for reply	Minimum: 2s. 6d. Maximum: £1	
Redirection	(*a*) as letters: no charge in most cases. (*b*) as telegrams: the appropriate telegraph charges with reductions in certain circumstances.	

Inland Service—continued

	Other services
Registration of special delivery instructions.	£1 11s. 6d. year (no change)
Registration of abbreviated or arbitrary addresses.	3 months : 18s. 9d. 3–6 months : £1 17s. 6d. 6–9 months : £2 12s. 6d. 9–12 months : £3 } no change.

Service to the Republic of Ireland

Ordinary telegram..	6s. 0d. for 12 words or less. 5d. a word thereafter.
Telegraph money order	(*a*) official part : 6s. 0d. (*b*) private message : 5d. a word.
Extra charge for :	
(i) Multiple address telegram ..	1s. 8d. for each address after the first.
(ii) Telegram tendered on Sunday or (except in Scotland) Christmas Day or Good Friday.	2s. 6d.
Telegram cancelled before transmission has begun.	1s. 8d.
Prepayment for reply	Minimum and maximum as the Postmaster General may fix.