The Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations, 1950

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I, The Right Honourable Ness Edwards, M.P., His 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 1 of the Post Office and Telegraph Act 1897(**b**), section 4 of the Post Office and Telegraph Act 1940(**c**) and section 1 of the Telegraph Act 1943(**d**), 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:—

(*a*) The expression "greetings telegram" means a telegram to be delivered to the addressee on a special ornamental form and in a special envelope;

(*b*) The expression "priority telegram" means an ordinary single address telegram or a greetings telegram which is entitled to a certain priority of treatment as regards transmission and delivery;

(*c*) The expression "written telegram" includes a telegram received at a post office 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;

(*d*) The expression "British Islands" used in these Regulations means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;

(*e*) The expression "prescribed" means prescribed by the Postmaster-General;

(*f*) The expression "the ordinary rate" means the charge for the transmission of a telegram specified in regulation 2 of these Regulations;

(*g*) The expression "the greetings rate" means the charge for the transmission of a greetings telegram specified in regulation 3 of these Regulations;

(*h*) The expression "telegraph money order" means a money order the particulars of which are transmitted to the office of payment by telegraph.

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

(**a**) 48 & 49 Vict. c. 58. (**b**) 60 & 61 Vict. c. 41.
(**c**) 3 & 4 Geo. 6. c. 25. (**d**) 6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 26
(**e**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Charges for transmission of telegrams at ordinary rate

2. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of every telegram other than a greetings telegram the following sums:—

(*a*) If the length of the telegram does not exceed nine words, one shilling;

(*b*) If the length of the telegram exceeds nine words, one shilling for the first nine words and one penny for each additional word.

Charge for transmission of greetings telegrams

3. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of every greetings telegram the following sums:—

(*a*) If the length of the telegram does not exceed twelve words, two shillings;

(*b*) If the length of the telegram exceeds twelve words, two shillings for the first twelve words and one penny for each additional word.

Additional charges for certain telegrams

4. There shall be charged and paid:—

(*a*) In respect of every telegram handed in for transmission as a priority telegram the sum of sixpence in addition to the ordinary rate or the greetings rate;

(*b*) In respect of every telegram handed in on Christmas Day, Good Friday or Sunday, the sum of sixpence in addition to the ordinary rate or the greetings rate and to such other additional sum (if any) as may be payable under paragraph (*a*) of this Regulation. Provided that in Scotland the additional sum of sixpence prescribed by this paragraph shall be charged on Sunday only.

Payment for reply

5. 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 one shilling or exceed four shillings plus any additional sum payable in respect of handing in on Christmas Day, Good Friday or Sunday.

Special charges for 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 and supplementary fee payable under the Money Order Warrant 1947(**a**) or any Warrant amending or superseding the same and for the time being in force, the sum of one shilling and four pence for the 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 one penny 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;

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 656) I, p. 1829.

(*c*) 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 greetings telegram, the further sum of ninepence;

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

(*e*) if the telegraph money order is applied for on Christmas Day, Good Friday or Sunday the further sum of sixpence. Provided that if the telegraph money order is applied for in Scotland the further sum of sixpence shall be payable on Sunday only;

(*f*) where the Order is delivered to the payee, such further sum, if any, for the delivery of the Order as may be payable under these Regulations for the delivery of a telegram.

Charge for telegrams relating to withdrawals by telegraph of deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank

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 Acts 1861 to 1929 or any Statutory re-enactment or modification thereof, withdraw sums by telegraph, the depositor shall pay for the telegrams to and from the Director of Savings at the rate of one shilling for each telegram.

Names etc. charged

8. The name and address of the addressee and the name and address of the sender, when forming part of the matter telegraphed, shall be counted as part of the words for which payment is required.

Name and address of sender of telegram to be furnished if required

9.—(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 number or the registered abbreviated telegraphic address of the sender.

Delivery

10.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, a telegram shall be delivered by special messenger or, if the sender so indicates by using a telephone number as the address or otherwise, by telephone, or by teleprinter or other electrical or mechanical apparatus; Provided that any telegram may, at the discretion of the Postmaster-General, be:—

(*a*) delivered by telephone in the absence of some other arrangement with the addressee, or unless the sender has, in the prescribed manner, indicated that the delivery shall be by special messenger; or

(*b*) delivered by post when it will reach the addressee by that means not later than if it were delivered by special messenger.

Delivery by telephone shall be deemed to be effected by telephoning the telegram to the addressee or his servant or agent or other person purporting to be authorised to receive the telegram.

(2) The sum charged for the transmission of a telegram shall cover delivery by special messenger at any address within the limits of free delivery, or by telephone or teleprinter or other electrical or mechanical apparatus.

(3) The limits of free delivery by special messenger shall be three miles from a terminal telegraph office, or, if the terminal telegraph office is a head post office or a subordinate post office vested in the Postmaster-General and the town postal delivery of letters extends beyond three miles from that office, then the limits of such postal delivery. Provided that if the Postmaster-General sees fit to withdraw or temporarily to suspend the delivery of telegrams from any terminal telegraph office and to effect delivery from a more distant office, the area which was previously within the limits of free delivery from the office where the service has been withdrawn or suspended shall continue to be a free delivery area.

(4) A greetings telegram will not be delivered by telephone except by arrangement between the Postmaster-General and the addressee.

Charge for delivery by special messenger

11.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, there shall be charged and paid for the delivery of a telegram by a special messenger at an address beyond the limits of free delivery, the sum of 6d. for each mile or part of a mile from the boundary of the free delivery area.

(2) When a telegram is addressed to a person on board a vessel not alongside a wharf, pier or jetty, or to a person at an address so situate that a boat must be used for the purpose of, or is the usual and most expeditious means of delivering a telegram to any such vessel or address, there shall be charged and paid for the delivery of such telegram by special messenger, at whatever distance from the terminal telegraph office the place of address is situate, a sufficient sum to cover the cost of boat hire in addition to any sum chargeable under this regulation in respect of the distance such telegram is conveyed by land.

(3) The sender and the Postmaster-General may make an agreement as to the delivery of a telegram by special means, and in any such case all expenses incurred by the Postmaster-General in pursuance of such agreement shall be paid by the sender as though such expenses were sums directed to be charged and paid under these Regulations.

(4) The sender must deposit or arrange to pay such sum as may be required by the Postmaster-General for boat hire or other special means of delivery. If any portion of any sum deposited is not ultimately required that portion shall be returned to the sender.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in this regulation the Postmaster-General may make an agreement with the addressee of any telegram or telegrams for the payment by the addressee of special charges for the delivery of such telegram or telegrams by special messenger at an address (outside the limits of free delivery) where, owing to the distance of the address from the terminal telegraph office, or for any other reason, the cost of delivery by special messenger would exceed the sum chargeable under paragraph (1) of this regulation.

Direction for delivery by post

12.—(1) The sender of a telegram may direct that such telegram shall be delivered by post.

(2) In any such case the sender shall take such steps as may be prescribed, to make the direction known to the office at which the telegram is tendered for despatch.

(3) In such case no charge shall be made for delivery.

Payment of charges

13.—(1) All charges in respect of transmission and delivery of a telegram shall (except as herein otherwise provided, or as the Postmaster-General may direct) be prepaid by the sender thereof.

(2) When a telegram is addressed to a place outside the limits of free delivery, or to such a vessel or address as is mentioned in paragraph (2) of regulation 11 of these Regulations, and the sender has not paid or arranged to pay the charges for delivery by special messenger, the Postmaster-General may in his discretion deliver such telegram by post instead of by special messenger.

Deposit of telegrams in letter boxes

14.—(1) A telegram with stamps attached thereto, deposited in a wall or pillar box or in a letter box of a post office, shall, on the first collection of letters from the place of deposit, be taken to the nearest convenient telegraph office, and forwarded thence in due course by telegraph.

(2) A telegram so deposited without any stamps attached thereto shall not be forwarded unless the Postmaster-General otherwise directs.

(3) If the stamps attached to any such telegram so deposited are insufficient to cover the charges payable for the transmission and delivery of the telegram, or if the telegram is forwarded although no stamps are attached thereto, the deficiency in the amount prepaid or, if no stamps are attached to the telegram, the whole amount of the appropriate charges, shall (if not collected from the addressee) be paid by the sender.

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 and shall be paid at the same time as the charge for transmission. No copy of the telegram shall in any such case be given to the sender.

(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.

Voucher for reply

16.—(1) When a reply to a telegram has been provided for by the sender pursuant to regulation 5 of these Regulations, a reply voucher shall be delivered to the addressee. The voucher will be accepted within twelve calendar months after the date indicated by the office stamp thereon, at any telegraph office, from the addressee or any person to whom he may have delivered the voucher, in payment or part payment (according to the amount stated in the voucher) of a telegram or a number of telegrams handed in together, whether in reply to the original telegram or not, and whether addressed to the sender of the original telegram or not.

(2) If the voucher be not used, the sum paid for the reply will be repaid to the sender of the original telegram on application at any time within twelve calendar months after the date indicated by the office stamp on the voucher. Provided that if the addressee of the original telegram is a telephone subscriber, the voucher will be accepted by the Postmaster-General within the said period in part payment of the subscriber's telephone account. The voucher must be surrendered at the time any application under this regulation is made.

(3) If the voucher be not used owing to the original telegram being 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.

Telegrams may be delivered at several addresses

17.—(1) A telegram may, at the request of the sender, be delivered at several addresses within the limits of the free delivery of a single terminal telegraph office and in such case there shall be charged and paid:

(*a*) the sum or sums payable under these Regulations for the transmission of the telegram as a single telegram, counting as chargeable words (in addition to the words of text) all the addresses at which the telegram is to be delivered and the names of the addressees; and

(*b*) for the delivery of the telegram at each address after the first, an additional sum of fourpence and, in the case of a greetings telegram, a further sum of ninepence.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations the several Postal Districts of London shall each be treated as having separate limits of free delivery, and the sender of a telegram to be delivered at several addresses in London shall, where such addresses are registered addresses or telephonic addresses, add the District initials in each case to the registered address or to the telephone address. The District initials shall not form part of the matter telegraphed and no charge shall be made in respect thereof.

(3) This regulation does not apply to telegrams accepted for transmission as priority telegrams.

Office hours for telegraphic business

18. The offices appointed by the Postmaster-General to be places for the receipt and despatch of telegrams shall be open for such receipt and despatch during such hours as the Postmaster-General shall, in respect of each office, appoint.

Delivery when terminal office is closed

19.—(1) When the terminal office for any telegram is closed for the night or the telegram reaches that office after 7 p.m. or at any time on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a public holiday, the telegram may, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General and under such rules as may be prescribed, be delivered by post, or by telephone under and subject to regulation 10 of these Regulations (Delivery), or be delivered by special messenger from any other office, and, in the last-mentioned case, such other office shall be deemed to be the terminal telegraph office for such telegram.

(2) When the terminal office for any telegram is closed for a weekly half holiday, the telegram may, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General and under such rules as may be prescribed, be delivered by post, or by telephone under and subject to regulation 10 of these Regulations (Delivery), or by special messenger from another office, and, in the last-mentioned case, any charges for delivery shall be assessed as though delivery had been effected from the closed office.

Language of telegrams

20. 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 combinations of letters, shall (except as otherwise provided) be counted and charged for at the rate of five letters to a word.

Mode of writing

21. No telegram not written in English characters shall be transmitted or delivered.

Mode of counting

22. 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*) 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.

(*b*) 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, counts 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 coastguard station, counts 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.

(*c*) 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.

(*d*) 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.

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

(*f*) 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.

(*g*) 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.

(*h*) 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 private instructions preceding the address of a telegram they are not counted.

(iii) Inverted commas (both signs).

(iv) A full stop.

(v) A mark of interrogation.

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

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

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

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

(*m*) 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 number, shall be counted as though the letters were figures.

(*n*) 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.

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

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

(*q*) Where a telephone number is used in the address of a telegram, that part of the address which consists of the name of the exchange, the telephone number, 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.

(*r*) The word "telephone", when inserted before the full address of a telegram to ensure its delivery by telephone, shall not be counted.

Special instructions on telegram envelopes

23. When the sender of a telegram desires that special instructions, such as "private," "hand delivery," "confidential," "to be opened at once," or the like, shall be written on the envelope containing the transcript of the telegram which is to be delivered to the addressee, he must write the instructions on the telegram form immediately before the address, and such instructions shall be counted and charged for as part of the telegram.

Cancellation of telegrams

24. When a telegram has been accepted for transmission it shall not be cancelled, nor shall its transmission or delivery be suspended or interfered with, on the application of any person except the sender.

Cancellation by sender

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

(*a*) If the application for cancellation be made before the transmission of the telegram from the office of origin has commenced, the sum due from the sender shall be 4d. only and any amount in excess of this sum prepaid by him shall be refunded.

(*b*) If the application be 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 in respect of delivery or for a reply telegram shall be refunded.

(*c*) If the application be 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 message addressed to the Postmaster of the office of delivery, which shall be paid for by the sender as an ordinary telegram. In this case 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 delivery or for a reply telegram may, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, be refunded or waived.

Delivery to known addressee

26. If the addressee of a telegram is known to the special messenger, the telegram may be delivered to such addressee, and such delivery shall be deemed to be delivery at the address of the telegram.

Interruption of telegraphic communication

27. When telegraphic communication with a telegraph office is interrupted, such office shall cease to be a terminal telegraph office and the office from which telegrams are delivered for the time being nearest to the place of address of any telegram shall, during such time and subject to such conditions as the Postmaster-General may direct, be deemed to be the terminal telegraph office for such address.

Objectionable telegrams not transmitted

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

Re-direction and re-transmission

29.—(1) Telegrams may, at the request of the sender or addressee, be re-directed and re-transmitted by telegraph.

(2) There shall be charged and paid in respect of each re-transmission of a telegram (including a greetings telegram) the same sums as would be payable if the re-transmission were an original transmission of the telegram at the ordinary rate to the address to which it is to be re-transmitted. Provided that:—

(i) In the case of a telegraph money order, the charge for re-transmission shall be one shilling and fourpence for the telegram authorising payment at the office of payment together with, if words containing a private communication from the remitter are added to the telegram, the further sum of one penny for each word so added;

(ii) In the case of a priority telegram the additional charge payable under paragraph (*a*) of regulation 4 or paragraph (*d*) of regulation 6 of these Regulations in respect of the original transmission thereof shall not be charged or payable in respect of the re-transmission;

(iii) When the Postmaster-General deems it just so to do he may substitute a fixed charge of one shilling for all other charges for re-direction and re-transmission.

(3) A telegram may be re-directed by post from its original address or any substituted address, to the same addressee at any other address, as though the same were a letter within the meaning of the Inland Post Warrant 1947(a), or any Warrant substituted for or amending the same.

Addresses

30.—(1) The address shall contain all particulars requisite to ensure delivery of the telegram to the addressee without difficulty or the necessity for making enquiries. The sender shall bear the consequences of insufficiency of address.

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 2663) I, p. 1793.

(2) (*a*) 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.

(*b*) 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.

(*c*) 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:—

12s. 6d. in respect of a period not exceeding three months;

£1 5s. in respect of a period exceeding three but not exceeding six months;

£1 15s. in respect of a period exceeding six but not exceeding nine months; and

£2 in respect of a period exceeding nine months but not exceeding a year.

(*d*) 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 at the corresponding full correct address.

(*e*) The Postmaster-General may at any time, if it shall seem to him expedient, cancel the registration of any abbreviated or arbitrary telegraphic 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.

(*f*) An expression registered as an abbreviated 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.

Telegrams to members of His Majesty's forces in the British Islands

31.—(1) Where a telegram is addressed to a member of His 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 aerodrome in the British Islands, the Postmaster-General may require the sender to include the prescribed particulars in the address of the telegram to ensure delivery of the telegram to the addressee without difficulty or the necessity of making enquiries.

(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 aerodrome; and such other particulars as the Postmaster-General may direct or allow.

(4) This regulation does not apply to a telegram addressed to any person at any billet or at any home address.

Special instructions as to delivery

32.—(1) Any person may register, at any telegraph office, 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, and telegrams shall be delivered in accordance with such instructions, subject to the fees mentioned in this regulation and to the charges payable under these Regulations for the re-transmission of re-directed telegrams.

(2) In respect of the registration of any such special instructions as aforesaid the sum of one guinea 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 one guinea 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; and

(*c*) the registration of any instruction as to telegrams bearing abbreviated or arbitrary telegraphic addresses registered under these Regulations.

Telegrams to be called for

33. 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.

Receipts for telegrams

34. 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.

Postmaster-General not to be liable for losses

35. The Postmaster-General shall not be liable for any loss or damage which may be incurred or sustained by reason or on account of any mistake or default in the transmission, delivery or cancellation of a telegram, or for any other loss or damage incurred or sustained in connection with telegraphic communication.

Remission of charges

36. Without prejudice to the foregoing Regulations, the Postmaster-General may, in any case in which he may consider it just or reasonable so to do, remit any sum payable or paid under these Regulations.

Application of Regulations

37.—(1) Except as provided in the next following regulation, the provisions of these Regulations shall be deemed to apply exclusively to written telegrams originating in and addressed to places within the British Islands.

(2) These Regulations shall not apply to press telegrams transmitted under the provisions of section 16 of the Telegraph Act 1868(a).

(a) 32 & 33 Vict. c. 73.

Application to the Republic of Ireland

38. The provisions of these Regulations shall be deemed to 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 12 words, 1s. 6d., and, if the length of the telegram exceeds 12 words, 1d. 6d. for the first 12 words and 1d. for each additional word, with the additional charge of 6d. in respect of every telegram handed in on Christmas Day, Good Friday, or Sunday, except that in Scotland the additional charge of 6d. shall be payable on Sunday only;

(*b*) Telegrams will not be accepted for transmission to the Republic of Ireland as greetings 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*) The sum which may be paid for the transmission of a reply to a telegram under regulation 5 (Payment for reply) shall in no case be less than 1s. 6d., or exceed 4s. 6d., plus any additional sum payable on Christmas Day, Good Friday or Sunday;

(*e*) 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 of these Regulations (except paragraphs (*c*) (*d*) and (*f*) thereof) shall apply with the substitution of the sum of one shilling and sevenpence for the sum of one shilling and fourpence as the minimum charge payable in respect of the telegram authorising payment.

Revocation

39. The Regulations mentioned in the Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.

Date of commencement

40. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 20th day of November, 1950.

Short title

41. These Regulations may be cited as "The Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations, 1950".

Date

Dated this 9th day of November, 1950.

Ness Edwards,
His Majesty's Postmaster-General.

We hereby consent to the Regulations herein set forth.

R. J. Taylor,
Charles Royle,
Two of the Commissioners of
His Majesty's Treasury.
9th November, 1950.

SCHEDULE

REGULATIONS REVOKED

Short Title	Date
The Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations, 1938(a)	22nd July 1938
The Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Amendment (No. 1) Regulations, 1940(b).	29th June 1940
The Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1943(c).	7th July 1943
The Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations, 1945(d).	22nd May 1945

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 include provisions relating to the greetings telegram service which is reintroduced at the new rate of 2s. for the first twelve words and 1d. for each additional word (Regulation 3). In the case of telegraph money orders, if the telegram authorising payment includes a private communication, it may be sent as a greetings telegram at the extra charge of 9d. (Regulation 6). Where a greetings telegram is to be delivered to several addresses within the limits of free delivery of a single terminal telegraph office, the delivery charge payable in respect of each address after the first is the sum of 4d. payable in the case of ordinary telegrams, together with a surcharge of 9d. (Regulation 17). Apart from the provisions as to greetings telegrams, no alteration in rates or changes of substance are made.

THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES

The Therapeutic Substances Amendment Regulations, 1950

1950 No. 1865

Made - - - -	21*st November*, 1950
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The Joint Committee constituted under subsection (1) of section 4 of the Therapeutic Substances Act, 1925(e) (in these regulations called " the Act "), in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 5 of the Act, after consultation with the Advisory Committee constituted under subsection (2) of section 4 of the Act, hereby make the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Therapeutic Substances Amendment Regulations, 1950, and the Therapeutic Substances Regulations, 1931 to 1949, and these regulations may be cited together as the Therapeutic Substances Regulations, 1931 to 1950.

(a) S.R. & O. 1938 (No. 694) II, p. 3202. (b) S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 1154) I, p. 1015.
(c) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 935) I, p. 958. (d) S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 518) I, p 1134.
(e) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 60.