

## SCHEME T9/1973

NOTE: The Scheme which follows this Note has been made under section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969 and will come into operation on 15th October 1973. It amends the Post Office Inland Telegram Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme T3/1971) and amending Schemes.

The principal changes are—

- (a) charges for inland telegrams are increased;
- (b) multiple address and priority telegram facilities will no longer be provided;
- (c) there will be one kind of greetings telegram only.

Special rates for press telegrams are discontinued, and the Scheme accordingly revokes the Post Office Inland Press Telegram Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme T4/1971), the Post Office Inland Press Telegram Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1972 (Post Office Scheme T6/1972) and the Post Office Inland Press Telegram Amendment (No. 2A) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme T4A/1973).

(This Note is not part of the Scheme).

## THE POST OFFICE INLAND TELEGRAM AMENDMENT (No. 3) SCHEME 1973

Made - - - - 14th September 1973

Coming into operation 15th October 1973

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969, and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

*Commencement, Citation and Extent*

1. This Scheme shall come into operation on the 15th day of October 1973 and may be cited as the Post Office Inland Telegram Amendment (No. 3) Scheme 1973.

*Revocation*

2. The following Schemes are hereby revoked:

The Post Office Inland Press Telegram Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme T4/1971).

The Post Office Inland Press Telegram Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1972 (Post Office Scheme T6/1972).

The Post Office Inland Press Telegram Amendment (No. 2A) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme T4A/1973).

*Interpretation*

3.—(1) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Post Office Inland Telegram Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme T3/1971) (hereinafter called “the principal Scheme”) as amended by the Post Office Inland Telegram Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1972 (Post Office Scheme T5/1972) and the Post Office Inland Telegram Amendment (No. 2A) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme T3A/1973).

(2) In paragraph 3(1) of the principal Scheme the definitions of “de luxe greetings telegram”, “priority telegram” and “standard greetings telegram” shall be deleted, and after the definition of “British Islands” the following definition shall be inserted:

““greetings telegram” means a telegram to be delivered on an ornamental form and in a special envelope;”

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889 applies for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Application*

4.—(1) The principal Scheme (as amended) shall apply to telegrams which were press telegrams for the purpose of the Schemes revoked by paragraph 2 as it applies to other written telegrams.

(2) Proviso (a) to paragraph 4 of the principal Scheme is hereby revoked.

*Ordinary Rate*

5. In paragraph 5 of the principal Scheme the word “ten” shall be substituted for the word “twelve” in the three places where it occurs, the amount “40p” shall be substituted for the amount “25p” in both places where it occurs, and the amount “4p” shall be substituted for the amount “2p”.

*Overnight rate*

6. In paragraph 6 of the principal Scheme the word “ten” shall be substituted for the word “twelve” in the three places where it occurs, and the amount “30p” shall be substituted for the amount “12½p” in both places where it occurs.

*Additional charges for certain telegrams*

7.—(1) Paragraphs 7(a)(i) and 7(b) of the principal Scheme are hereby revoked.

(2) In paragraph 7(a)(ii) of the principal Scheme the words “ de luxe ” shall be deleted, and the amount “ 20p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 10p ”.

(3) In paragraph 7(c) of the principal Scheme (as amended) the amount “ 25p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 12½p ”, and the words “ or is tendered on New Year’s Day in Scotland ” shall be inserted after the words “ the Isle of Man ”.

*Money Order Telegrams*

8.—(1) In paragraph 8 of the principal Scheme (as amended) the amount “ 40p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 25p ”, and the words “ for the first 12 words or less and 2p for each word in excess of 12 words ” shall be deleted.

(2) In paragraph 8(a) of the principal Scheme the amount “ 4p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 2p ”.

(3) Paragraphs 8(c)(i) and 8(d) of the principal Scheme are hereby revoked.

(4) In paragraph 8(c)(ii) of the principal Scheme the words “ de luxe ” shall be deleted, and the amount “ 20p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 10p ”.

(5) In paragraph 8(e) of the principal Scheme (as amended) the words “ or is applied for on New Year’s Day in Scotland ” shall be inserted after the words “ the Isle of Man ”, and the amount “ 25p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 12½p ”.

*Telegrams for withdrawing National Savings Bank deposits*

9. In paragraph 9 of the principal Scheme the words “ National Savings Bank Act 1971 ” shall be substituted for the words “ Post Office Savings Bank Act 1954 ”, and the amount “ 40p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 25p ”.

*Delivery at two or more addresses*

10. Paragraph 14 of the principal Scheme is hereby revoked.

*Payment for Reply*

11. In paragraph 15 of the principal Scheme the amounts “ 30p ” and “ £1.50 ” shall be substituted for the amounts “ 12½p ” and “ £1 ” respectively.

*Cancellation by Sender*

12.—(1) In paragraph 19(a) of the principal Scheme the amount “ 20p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 8½p ”.

(2) In paragraph 19(c) of the principal Scheme (as amended) the amount “ 25p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 12½p ”, and the words “ or is sent on New Year’s Day in Scotland ” shall be inserted after the words “ the Isle of Man ”.

*Re-direction and Re-transmission*

13.—(1) In the proviso to paragraph 21(3) of the principal Scheme the amount “ 40p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 25p ”, the words “ for the first 12 words or less and 2p for each word in excess of 12 words ” shall be deleted, and the amount “ 4p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 2p ” where it last occurs.

(2) In paragraph 21(7) of the principal Scheme the amount “ 40p ” shall be substituted for the amount “ 25p ”.

*Special instructions for delivery*

14. For paragraph 22 of the principal Scheme shall be substituted the following paragraph:

*“ Special instructions for delivery*

22.—(1) A person may apply at a telegraph office for the registration of such special instructions as the Post Office may approve with respect to telegrams addressed to him (hereinafter in this paragraph called “ instructions ”), including instructions as to the delivery of such telegrams to an address different from that to which they are addressed.

(2) Except as provided in sub-paragraph (3), a charge of £3 to cover a period of one year shall be paid at the time of registration of any instructions, and a further charge of £2 to cover any part of the said period of one year then remaining shall be paid on the first occasion (if any) when those instructions are altered or added to on the register.

(3) No charges shall be payable in respect of the registration under this paragraph of the following instructions (including instructions by way of alteration or addition):

- (a) that delivery of telegrams addressed to the applicant be made for a period of three months or less to an address different from that to which they are addressed if, at the time of applying to register those instructions, he states that he has changed or will change his residence or place of business;
- (b) relating solely to the delivery of telegrams on Good Friday or any bank holiday in the place of delivery except the bank holiday next following Christmas Day; or
- (c) relating solely to telegrams bearing registered addresses.

(4) Any instructions registered pursuant to this paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph 24 as regards the days and times of delivery of telegrams."

#### *Registered addresses*

15. For paragraph 23(3) of the principal Scheme shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(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 £3 in respect of a period not exceeding a year."

#### *Certified Copies*

16. After paragraph 23 of the principal Scheme the following paragraph shall be inserted:

##### *" Certified copies*

23A. The sender or addressee of a telegram may, not later than three months after the telegram was tendered for transmission, apply to a postmaster in the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man for a copy of the telegram certified by or on behalf of the postmaster of the office of origin to be a true copy of the telegram as tendered for transmission. A charge of 25p for each such copy shall be paid at the time of the application."

#### *Remission of charges*

17. For paragraph 38 of the principal Scheme shall be substituted the following paragraph:

##### *" Remission of charges*

38. The Post Office may remit or refund in whole or in part any sum payable or paid under this Scheme in such cases or classes of cases as the Post Office may determine."

#### *Application to the Republic of Ireland and the Channel Islands*

18. For paragraph 39 of the principal Scheme (as substituted) the following paragraph shall be substituted:

##### *" Application to the Republic of Ireland and the Channel Islands*

39. The provisions of this Scheme shall apply to written telegrams between the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland or the Channel Islands so far as those provisions relate to the transmission, delivery and treatment of telegrams under the authority of the Post Office. Provided that with respect to telegrams to the Republic of Ireland:

- (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 ten words, 45p, and, if the length of the telegram exceeds ten words, 45p for the first ten words and 4p for each additional word, with the additional charge of 25p if the telegram is tendered on a Sunday, or is tendered on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the United Kingdom (other than Scotland) or the Isle of Man, or is tendered on New Year's Day in Scotland;
- (b) telegrams will not be accepted for transmission to the Republic of Ireland as greetings telegrams or overnight 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 money order telegram applied for at a money order office in the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man and payable in the Republic of Ireland, paragraph 8 (except sub-paragraph (c)(i) thereof) shall apply with the substitution of the sum of 45p for the sum of 40p as the basic charge payable for the telegram;
- (e) in the application of paragraph 15 the minimum and maximum sums payable by the sender shall be such as the Post Office may fix."

Dated the 14th day of September 1973.

Signed on behalf of the Post Office by *Ena A. Knight* (a person authorised by the Post Office to act in that behalf).