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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 1st April 1980. It amends the Post Office Inland Telegram Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme T3/1971) as amended. The principal changes which it makes are to increase generally the charges for inland telegrams and telegrams to the Republic of Ireland, and for supplementary services.

(This Note is not part of the Scheme)

THE POST OFFICE INLAND TELEGRAM AMENDMENT (No. 7) SCHEME 1980

Made - - - - - 24th March 1980

Coming into operation - - - 1st April 1980

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. The Scheme shall come into operation on 1st April 1980 and may be cited as the Post Office Inland Telegram Amendment (No. 7) Scheme 1980.

Interpretation

2.—(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), the Post Office Inland Telegram Amendment (No. 2A) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme T3A/1973), the Post Office Inland Telegram Amendment (No. 3) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme T9/1973), the Post Office Inland Telegram Amendment (No. 4) Scheme 1974 (Post Office Scheme T3/1974), the Post Office Inland Telegram Amendment (No. 5) Scheme 1975 (Post Office Scheme T2/1975) and the Post Office Inland Telegram Amendment (No. 6) Scheme 1975 (Post Office Scheme T6/1975).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1978 applies for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Ordinary Rate

3. For paragraph 5 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ Ordinary Rate

5. There shall be charged and paid for the transmission of a telegram other than an overnight telegram £1.00 and in addition 10p for each word in the telegram.”

Overnight Rate

4. For paragraph 6 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ Overnight Rate

6. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of an overnight telegram 50p and in addition 5p for each word in the telegram.”.

Additional charges for certain telegrams

5. For paragraph 7 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ Additional charges for certain telegrams

7. There shall be charged and paid the following additional sums for the transmission of certain telegrams:

- (a) if the telegram is a greetings telegram, the sum of 50p in addition to the ordinary rate and (if applicable) the sum specified in (b);
- (b) if any 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, the sum of 60p in addition to any other charges payable for the telegram.”.

Telegram Remittances

6. For paragraph 8 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ Telegram Remittances

8.—(1) A person may apply at a post office for arrangements to be made by telegram for money to be remitted to a payee in the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man.

(2) The remitter shall pay in addition to the money to be remitted such charges as the Post Office may fix for arranging the remittance of the money and a charge of £2 for the sending of the telegram together with any of the following further charges which may be applicable:

- (a) if words containing a private communication from the remitter are added to the telegram the further sum of 10p 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 paragraph;
- (c) if the telegram contains such a private communication as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) and at the request of the remitter such communication is to be delivered as a greetings telegram, the further sum of 50p;
- (d) if the telegram is applied for on a Sunday, or is applied for on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the United Kingdom (other than Scotland) or the Isle of Man, the further sum of 60p.”.

Telegrams for withdrawing National Savings Bank deposits

7. For paragraph 9 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ Telegrams for withdrawing National Savings Bank deposits

9. During the continuance of the service whereunder a depositor in the National Savings Bank may, under and subject to the regulations for the time being in force under the National Savings Bank Act 1971 withdraw sums by telegraph, the depositor shall pay for the telegrams to and from the Director of Savings at the rate of £2.00 for each telegram.”.

Payment for reply

8. For paragraph 15 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ Payment for reply

15. 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 £1.00 or exceed £5.00.”.

Cancellation by sender

9. For paragraph 19 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ Cancellation by sender

19. 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 no charge shall be payable for the telegram;

- (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 a further sum of 60p if the service telegram is sent on a Sunday or is sent on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the United Kingdom (other than Scotland) or the Isle of Man, or is sent on New Year's Day in Scotland. In a case to which this sub-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, at the discretion of the Post Office, be refunded or waived."

Re-direction and re-transmission

10. For paragraph 21 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
"Re-direction and re-transmission

21.—(1) A telegram may at the discretion of the Post Office be re-directed and re-transmitted by the Post Office 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 addressee or in accordance with any special instructions registered as provided in paragraph 22 or for any other reason that the Post Office 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 sub-paragraph (1) the same sums as would be payable if the re-transmission were an ordinary 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 paragraph 7: Provided that in the case of a telegram remittance the charge for re-transmission shall be £2.00 and, if words containing a private communication from the remitter are added to the telegram, the further sum of 10p for each word so added.

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

(5) A telegram re-directed and re-transmitted otherwise than by post under sub-paragraph (2) shall be treated as a fresh telegram for the purpose of this Scheme, and accordingly the ordinary rate or the overnight rate (whichever may be appropriate to the re-transmission), and any additional charge payable under paragraph 7 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 sub-paragraph (2) such sums (if any) as would be payable if the telegram were a letter re-directed under the provisions of any Regulations or Scheme relating to the Inland Postal Service for the time being in force.

(7) When the Post Office deems it just so to do, it may substitute a fixed charge of £2.00 for all other charges for re-direction and re-transmission of a telegram otherwise than by post under sub-paragraph (1) or sub-paragraph (2).

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

- (a) where the telegram is re-transmitted under sub-paragraph (1) at the request of the sender, by the sender on demand;
- (b) where it is re-transmitted under sub-paragraph (1) in any other circumstances, by the addressee on demand;
- (c) where it is re-directed under sub-paragraph (2), by the person by whom it is re-directed or by the addressee on demand, at the discretion of the Post Office."

Special instructions for delivery

11. For paragraph 22 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
"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 £4.00 to cover a period of one year shall be paid at the time of registration of any instructions, and a further charge of £3.00 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 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 these 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

12. For paragraph 23 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ Registered addresses

23.—(1) Application may be made for the registration at any office from which telegrams are delivered (provided it be a head office or a country sub-office), of an abbreviated or an arbitrary telegraphic address.

(2) If in the opinion of the Post Office 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 £10.00 in respect of a period 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 addresses 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 Post Office may at any time, if it shall seem to it expedient, cancel the registration of any registered address, but 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.”.

Certified copies

13. For paragraph 23A of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ 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 shall be paid for each such copy at the time of application as follows:

- (a) for a telegram of up to and including 50 words, 60p;
- (b) for a telegram of more than 50 words, 60p for the first 50 words and 60p for each 50 words or part thereof in excess of the first 50 words.”.

Name and address of sender

14. For paragraph 31 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ Name and address of sender

31.—(1) The Post Office 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 Post Office may, if it thinks fit, accept as compliance with this paragraph 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.

(3) The Post Office may, on the application of the addressee, provide him with the particulars of name and address given by the sender and if the addressee requires this information to be provided for him urgently by means other than normal course of post, he shall pay the sum of £2.00 at the time of application.”.

Application to the Republic of Ireland

15. For paragraph 39 of the principal Scheme (as amended) there shall be substituted the following:
“ Application to the Republic of Ireland

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 a telegram to a place in the Republic of Ireland £1.10 and in addition 10p for each word in the telegram, with a further charge of 60p 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, overnight telegrams, payment for reply telegrams or telegrams arranging for the remittance of money;
- (c) the charges for delivery of telegrams by special messenger beyond the limit of free delivery in the Republic of Ireland shall not be prepaid by the sender.”.

Dated the 24th day of March 1980

Signed on behalf of the Post Office by *Geoffrey J. Jones* (a person authorised by the Post Office to act in that behalf).

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