

Agriculture & Fisheries



A copy of the proposed modifications may be obtained from Michael Lowry at Ofreg, Brookmount Buildings, 42 Fountain Street, Belfast, BT1 5EE. ¹ (michael.lowry@ofregni.gov.uk). Representations or objections with respect to the proposed modifications may be made on or before Friday 21st October 2005.

(2101/24)

Fisheries

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has made a Statutory Rule entitled "Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Close Seasons for Angling) (Amendment) Regulations 2005" following the making of Regulations by the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission in exercise of its powers under the Foyle Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1952, as amended.

Copies of this Rule may be obtained from The Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.

(2001/34)



Energy

Gas

Notice under Article 14 (3) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

The Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") in accordance with Article 14(3) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, as amended, (the "Order") hereby gives notice as follows:

1. The Authority proposes, pursuant to its power under Article 14(1)(a) of the Order, to make modifications to conditions contained in 'Part 4, The Price Control Conditions' of the licence granted under Article 8(1)(a) of the Order (the "licence") to Bord Gais Eireann (the "licensee"), as subsequently assigned to BGE (NI) Distribution Ltd.
2. The reasons for, and the effects of, the proposed modifications are as follows:

Reasons

The majority of the proposed modifications are being made to correct minor drafting errors in Part 4, The Price Control Conditions, including certain amendments to the formulae subtitles.

The modification to the definition of 'formulae year' is required to ensure that the period of the formulae year is the same as the period of the regulatory reporting year and the licensee's financial year. The Authority believes that aligning the relevant periods will make it easier to make comparisons of regulatory determination and regulatory accounts and also reduce the costs of reporting.

The modification relating to the disapplication process is required to ensure that any reference made by the Authority to the Competition Commission following a disapplication request is reference relating to the core price control formulae.

The modification relating to the disaggregation of the conveyance categories into six demand bands is required for information and price control purposes and will enable the Authority to better analyse cost allocations and compare performance with other licensees.

Effect

The proposed modifications will –

- (a) Correct the drafting errors.
- (b) Change the disapplication process such that any reference to the Competition Commission will be in respect of the constraint conditions.
- (c) Change the formula year so that it aligns with the regulatory reporting year and BGE's financial year.
- (d) Expand the conveyance categories from four demand bands to six demand bands.

Post & Telecom.



Post Office

Royal Mail Group PLC

ROYAL MAIL GROUP PLC SCHEME OP1/2005

[This Note is not part of the Scheme]

NOTE: The Amendment Scheme which follows this Note is made under section 89 of the Postal Services Act 2000 and amends the Successor Postal Services Company Overseas Parcel Post Scheme 2001. The Amendment Scheme, which comes into force on 26 September 2005, changes certain products and their prices.

ROYAL MAIL GROUP PLC OVERSEAS PARCEL POST (AMENDMENT NO.9) SCHEME 2005

Made 26th September 2005

Coming into operation.... 26th September 2005

Royal Mail Group plc ^(a) by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by Section 89 of the Postal Services Act 2000 ^(b) and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Commencement and citation

1. This Scheme shall come into operation on 26 September 2005 and may be cited as the Royal Mail Group plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No.9) Scheme 2005.

2. This Scheme shall be read as one with the Successor Postal Services Company Overseas Parcel Post Scheme 2001 ^(c) (hereinafter called "the Scheme"), as amended by the Consignia plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No. 1) Scheme 2001 ^(d), the Consignia plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No. 2) Scheme 2001 ^(e), the Consignia plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No. 3) Scheme 2002 ^(f), the Consignia plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No. 4) Scheme 2002 ^(g), the Royal Mail Group plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No. 5) Scheme 2003 ^(h), the Royal Mail Group plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No. 6) 2003 ⁽ⁱ⁾, the Royal Mail Group plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No. 7) 2003 ^(j) and the Royal Mail Group plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No. 8) 2004^(k).

3. A reference in this Scheme to the Successor Postal Services Company shall be read as a reference to Royal Mail Group plc.

Part 2 (Rates of Postage and General Conditions), Section 6 (Prohibition)

4. In paragraph 6(1), the text "referred to in section 11(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act" to be replaced with "referred to in section 11(1)(a), (b), (c) or (d) of the Act."

5. In paragraph 6(2)(a) point (i) to be replaced with "opium, morphine, cocaine, any narcotic or controlled drug: Provided that such narcotics may be sent for medical or scientific purposes to countries which admit them when sent for those purposes by parcel post."

6. In paragraph 6(2)(a) point (ii) to be replaced with "any living creatures, other than bees, destroyers of noxious pests and other insects sent to or from officially recognised institutions, leaches and certain parasites as specified by Royal Mail Group Plc, silkworms. In addition, the following may be sent to destinations in zones 1-3; caterpillars, earth worms, fish fry and eggs, lugworms, maggots, mealworms, pupae and chrysalides and ragworms."

7. In paragraph 6(2)(a) point (xiii) to be replaced with "miscellaneous dangerous goods. Substances that present dangers not covered elsewhere. Examples asbestos, dry ice (solid carbon dioxide), magnetised materials with a magnetic field strength of 0.159A/M or more at a distance of 2.1m from the outside of the package."

8. In paragraph 6(2)(a) point (xiv) to be replaced with "all arms, their component parts classified as munitions of war and ammunition of any kind."

9. In paragraph 6(2)(a) point (xv) to be added to read "lottery tickets for illegal lotteries."

10. In paragraph 6(2)(a) point (xvi) to be added to read "foul or disgusting material."

11. In paragraph 6(2)(a) point (xvii) to be added to read "indecent, obscene or offensive communications, prints, photographs, books or other articles, and packets bearing grossly offensive, indecent or obscene works, marks or design."

12. In paragraph 6(2)(a) point (xviii) to be added to read "goods made in foreign prison, except those imported for a non-commercial purpose, of a kind not manufactured in the United Kingdom, or those in transit."

13. Paragraph 6(2) (2A) and (2B) to be deleted.

Part 2 (Rates of Postage and General Conditions), Section 8 (Limits of Weight and Size)

14. In paragraph 8(1)(a) to be replaced with "the weight thereof exceeds 30 kilogrammes."

Part 2 (Rates of Postage and General Conditions), Section 9 (Fees for Customs Clearance)

15. Section 9 (Fees for Customs Clearance) to be renamed Section 9 (Fees for Import Customs Clearance).

16. Paragraph 9 to be replaced with "With respect to the clearance of incoming parcels through Customs procedures, Royal Mail Group plc has two levels of fee. There is a one charge for express and high value parcels, and a separate charge for all other parcels. These fees apply to all parcels liable to import duty/tax and are payable by the recipient before the parcel can be delivered. Our charges at date of printing are £13.50 and £8 respectively, but do change from time to time. For details of our current charges, please see www.parcelforce.com".

Part 2 (Rates of Postage and General Conditions), Section 10 (Posting)

17. Paragraph 10(2) to be replaced with "Every outgoing parcel shall bear the name and full address and telephone number of the sender and addressee in ink."

Part 2 (Rates of Postage and General Conditions), Section 12 (Treatment of Irregular Parcels)

18. In paragraph 12(1), the text ""with a provision of the law of the country" to be replaced with "with any prohibitions and restrictions as outlined in this scheme, or with a provision of the law or customs requirements of the country."

Part 2 (Rates of Postage and General Conditions), Section 16 (Withholding of Parcels from Delivery or Return)

19. In paragraph 16(2), the text "amount to more than £100" to be deleted.

Part 2 (Rates of Postage and General Conditions), Section 17 (Undeliverable Parcels)

20. Paragraph 17(2) and 17(3) to be replaced with the following text: (2) "Where an incoming parcel cannot be delivered as originally addressed, delivery will be attempted to neighbouring addresses. In the event that delivery cannot be made to either the original address or a neighbour, and the parcel is within the relevant size and weight limits and the contents of the parcel are suitable, the parcel will be automatically taken to a local Post Office @ branch for collection by the addressee and a card will be left at the addressee's address informing them of the location of the collection point.

(3) In the event that delivery cannot be affected by any of the above means, the parcel will be returned to the local depot and a card will be left at the addressee's address outlining the redelivery options and any associated charges that are available. For details of our current charges, please see www.parcelforce.com. The card will also provide details of the location of the depot where the parcel is being held, the methods for booking a redelivery and appropriate contact details.

The current redelivery options are as follows:

- a. Collection from holding depot.
- b. Redelivery to the original delivery address on a specified day (Monday to Friday)
- c. Redelivery to an alternative UK address on a specified day (Monday to Friday)
- d. Delivery to a nominated Post Office @ for collection by the addressee
- e. Redelivery on a Saturday.

An automatic redelivery attempt will be performed on the next working day after the original delivery attempt. In the event that this second delivery attempt is unsuccessful the parcel will be held for 16 calendar days from the date of the first attempt pending contact from the addressee. If no contact is received from the addressee within this time the parcel will be returned to sender."

Part 3 (Postal Facilities), Section 21 (Cash on Delivery Parcels)

21. Part 3 (Postal Facilities);, Section 21 (Cash on Delivery Parcels) to

be deleted including subsections 21(1), 21(2), and 21(3) (a), (b), and (c)

Part 3 (Postal Facilities), Section 23 (Delivery of Incoming Insured Parcels)

22. Part 3 (Postal Facilities);, Section 23 (Delivery of Incoming Insured Parcels) to be deleted including subsections 23(1), 23(2), and 23(3).

Part 3 (Postal Facilities), Section 24 (Compensation)

23. Paragraph 14(a) and (b) to be replaced with: (a)"countries where a guarantee has been removed. This varies from time to time, and for our current specification, please see www.parcelforce.com/countries." 24. Paragraph 14(c) to be renumbered and replaced with (b) with "Standard items sent to any country which the Post Office has determined in it's discretion has been excluded from the provisions of paragraph 24(1).

25. Insertion of paragraph 24(c) to read "Any Economy service parcels."

26. Paragraph 15(a) to be replaced with "hazardous good or prohibited goods, or restricted items where the instructions have not been heeded."

27. Paragraph 15(l) bullet point 2 to be replaced with "Coins, bankers drafts, and credit/debit cards."

28. Paragraph 15(l) bullet point 7 to be replaced with "Any coupon, voucher, token, card, stamp, lottery tickets, scratch card or similar documents which can be exchanged (by itself or with any other document) for money, goods or services."

29. Paragraph 15 to have a new section (m) reading "All tickets, including travel and events."

30. Paragraph 15 to have a new section (n) reading "Sim cards."

31. Paragraph 15 to have a new section (o) reading "Watches."

32. Paragraph 19 (b) to be replaced with "Glassware— items partially or wholly made of glass or containing glass."

33. Paragraph 19 (c) to be added reading "Eggs."

34. Paragraph 20 to be inserted with the following text: "No compensation shall be payable for any loss of profit, revenue, opportunity, or any indirect, special or consequential loss, damage, expenses or other claims (whether caused by the negligence of Royal Mail Group plc, it's servants, agents or otherwise)."

Part 3: (Postal Facilities), Section 25 (Redirection by the Public)

35. Part 3: (Postal Facilities), Section 25 (Redirection by the Public) to be deleted.

Part 3: (Postal Facilities), Section 27 (Parcels in Bond)

36. Paragraph 27(5) with subsections (a), (b) and (c) shall be deleted and replaced with "We will make a charge if we have to hold a parcel whilst it is being processed through Customs". For information on current charges please see www.parcelforce.com."

Part 3: (Postal Facilities), Section 28 (Requests for Despatch Notes)

37. Part 3: (Postal Facilities), Section 28 (Requests for Despatch Notes) to be renamed Part 3 (Postal Facilities), Section 28 (Requests for Proof of Delivery).

38. Paragraph 28 and all subsections (1) and (2) to be deleted and replaced by "A proof of delivery is available on all incoming parcels electronically through www.parcelforce.com. If a hard copy proof of delivery is required, this is available on request at a charge. For information on current charges please see www.parcelforce.com. Please note that a proof of delivery is not available on International Standard and International Economy export services."

Rates of postage

39. There shall be substituted the following Parts of Schedule 1 to the Scheme:

"PART 1"

1. Standard Service parcel to Zone 4	£
not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	5.05
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	0.85
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	0.30
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	0.25
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	0.20
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg:	0.15
2. Standard Service parcel to Zone 5	
not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	6.40
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	1.40
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	1.20
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	0.75
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	0.65

	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	0.55	to 2.5kg:	4.60
3.	Standard Service parcel Zone 6		each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg	
	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	16.60	in weight up to and including 5kg:	4.30
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	1.60	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg	2.95
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	1.25	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg	
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	0.90	in weight up to and including 15kg:	2.65
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	0.55	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	2.50
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	0.40		
4.	Standard Service parcel to Zone 7		11. Economy Service parcel to Zone 11	
	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	16.85	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	22.15
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	1.80	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	3.85
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	1.25	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	3.30
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	0.90	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	2.55
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	0.55	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	2.50
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	0.40	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	2.05
5.	Standard Service parcel to Zone 8		12. Standard Service parcel to Zone 12	
	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	18.60	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	25.00
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	1.90	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	5.55
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	1.25	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	5.35
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	0.90	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	4.50
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	0.55	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	3.50
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	0.40	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	3.05
6.	Standard Service parcel to Zone 9		13. Economy Service parcel to Zone 12	
	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	19.55	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	18.60
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	2.50	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	2.85
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	2.35	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	2.80
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	1.45	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	2.45
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	1.05	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	2.30
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	0.75	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	2.20
7.	Economy Service parcel to Zone 9		SIGNED BY Simon Batt, for and on behalf of Royal Mail Group plc	
	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	17.25	26 th September 2005	
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	1.85		
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	1.64	(a) Royal Mail Group plc (a Company registered in England and Wales under number 4138203) is a universal service provider as defined in section 4(3)(a) of the Postal Services Act 2000. Royal Mail Group plc is the successor postal services company referred to in article 371(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000 (Commencement No 4 and Transitional and Savings Provisions) Order 2001 (2001/1148) (C37)). It changed its name from Consignia plc on 4 November 2002.	
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	1.35	(b) 2000c.26	
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	1.20	(c) The Post Office Overseas Parcel Post Scheme 1982 was amended, renamed the Successor Postal Services Company Overseas Parcel Post Scheme 2001 and treated as made under section 89 of the Postal Services Act 2000 by article 41(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000 (Commencement No.4 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2001 (2001/1148 (C37)).	
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	0.95	(d) Belfast Gazette 29/6/2001, issue number 6257	
8.	Standard Service parcel to Zone 10		(e) Belfast Gazette 6/7/2001, issue number 6259	
	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	18.75	(f) Belfast Gazette 21/12/2001, issue number 6306	
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	4.00	(g) Belfast Gazette 22/3/2002, issue number 6333	
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	3.95	(h) Belfast Gazette 14/3/2003, issue number 6437	
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	3.00	(i) Belfast Gazette 21/3/2003, issue number 6439	
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	2.00	(j) Belfast Gazette 19/12/2003, issue number 6517	
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	1.60	(k) Belfast Gazette 10/09/2004, issue number 6595	
9.	Economy Service parcel to Zone 10			(2201/23)
	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	16.75		
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	3.15		
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	2.50		
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	2.30		
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	1.90		
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg	1.85		
10.	Standard Service parcel to Zone 11			
	not exceeding 0.5g in weight:	24.30		
	each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up			