

POST OFFICE SCHEME P2/1971

NOTE:—The Scheme which follows this note amends the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Regulations 1965 (S.I. 1965 No. 1735) (as amended) which, by virtue of paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 9 to the Post Office Act 1969, have effect as if they were provisions of a scheme made under section 28 of the Act. The amending Scheme, which comes into operation on 15th February 1971, makes provision for the change-over to decimal currency, with certain consequential adjustments. There are also some changes in the Schedule of specified countries to which letters and postcards may be posted at special rates.

(This note is not part of the Scheme)

THE POST OFFICE (BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN POST)
AMENDMENT (NO. 2) SCHEME 1971

Made 13th January 1971
Coming into Operation 15th February 1971

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 28 of, and paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Post Office Act 1969, and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Commencement, citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 15th day of February 1971 and may be cited as the Post Office (British Commonwealth and Foreign Post) Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1971.

(2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Regulations 1965 (S.I. 1965 No. 1735) (hereinafter called "the Regulations"), as amended by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Regulations 1965 (S.I. 1965 No. 2173), the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1966 (S.I. 1966 No. 912), the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1968 (S.I. 1968 No. 1254), the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1969 (S.I. 1969 No. 783), and the Post Office (British Commonwealth and Foreign Post) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1969.

(3) In this Scheme the letter "p" when used with figures to express an amount of money means a new penny or new pence (as the context may require).

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

Insured Boxes

2. For regulation 7 of the Regulations there shall be substituted the following regulation:

"7. There shall be charged and paid on every insured box addressed to any country or place with which the Post Office may for the time being have an arrangement for the exchange of insured boxes, the following rates of postage:

- (a) on every insured box not exceeding 10 oz. in weight, 14½p;
- (b) on every insured box exceeding 10 oz. in weight, for the first 10 oz., 14½p, and for every additional 2 oz. or part of 2 oz., 3p."

Air mail packets

3. For paragraph (1) of regulation 9 of the Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

- "(1) There shall be charged and paid:
- (a) on every air letter, a rate of postage of 4p;
- (b) on every Forces air letter, a rate of postage of 1½p;
- (c) on other air mail packets, such rates of postage as the Post Office may fix, not exceeding 15p for each ½ oz. or part of ½ oz. in weight."

Phonopost packets

4. For regulation 9A of the Regulations there shall be substituted the following regulation:

"9A. There shall be charged and paid on every outgoing Phonopost packet a rate of postage of 3p for each 2 oz. or part of 2 oz. in weight."

Bulk postage

5. For paragraph (1) of regulation 10 of the Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

- "(1) There shall be charged and paid on mail bags containing printed packets for transmission as provided by regulation 31 postage at the following rates:
- (a) on every bag containing nothing but printed packets to which regulation 4 applies, postage at the rate of 5p for each 1 lb., or part of 1 lb., weight of the bag and its contents, less 5 per cent.;
- (b) on every bag containing nothing but printed packets to which regulation 4 does not apply, postage at the rate of 7½p for the first lb. weight of the bag and its contents, and 6½p for each additional 1 lb. or part of 1 lb., less 5 per cent.; and
- (c) on every other bag, postage at such rates (not exceeding the rate mentioned in sub-paragraph (b)) as the Post Office may fix."

Articles liable to duty

6. For paragraph (3) of regulation 15 of the Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(3) Where an incoming postal packet contains any article liable to customs duty, and the Post Office so directs, there shall be charged and paid by the addressee if the packet shall be delivered to him a fee of 9p."

Unpaid or underpaid postage

7. For paragraph (6) of regulation 17 of the Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(6) Where the amount chargeable under paragraph (4) or paragraph (5) would otherwise be less than 1p, the amount charged shall be 1p."

Late fee packets

8. For paragraph (2) of regulation 29 of the Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(2) There shall be charged and paid in respect of a late fee packet such sum, not exceeding 7½p in addition to the postage and to the registration fee (if any), as the Post Office may fix either generally or in relation to the description of postal packet concerned or to the class of office of collection or to the manner of posting. Such sum is referred to in the following paragraph of this regulation as the "late fee"."

Other rates of postage

15. For Schedule 3 to the Regulations there shall be substituted the following Schedule:

“ Regulations 4 and 5

SCHEDULE 3

Other Rates of Postage

Part 1

Rates of postage under regulation 4

Printed packet:

(a) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1p
(b) exceeding 2 oz. in weight:										
for the first 2 oz.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1p
for the next 2 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ p
for each additional 4 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1p

Part 2

Rates of postage under regulation 5(1)

1. Printed packet:

(a) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1p
(b) exceeding 2 oz. in weight:										
for the first 2 oz.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1p
for the next 2 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ p
for each additional 4 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1p

2. Sample packet:

(a) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1½p
(b) exceeding 2 oz. in weight:										
for the first 2 oz.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1½p
for each additional 2 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1p

3. Small packet:

(a) not exceeding 8 oz. in weight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7½p
(b) exceeding 8 oz. in weight:										
for the first 8 oz.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6½p
for the next 2 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2p
for each additional 2 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1½p

Part 3

Rates of postage under regulation 5(2)

1. Printed packet:

(a) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1½p
(b) exceeding 2 oz. in weight:										
for the first 2 oz.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1½p
for each additional 2 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1p

2. Sample packet:

(a) not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1½p
(b) exceeding 2 oz. in weight:										
for the first 2 oz.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1½p
for each additional 2 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1p

3. Small packet:

(a) not exceeding 8 oz. in weight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7½p
(b) exceeding 8 oz. in weight:										
for the first 8 oz.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6½p
for the next 2 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2p
for each additional 2 oz. or part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1½p

Fees and compensation for insured letters

16. For Schedule 5 to the Regulations there shall be substituted the following Schedule:

“ Regulations 36 and 37

SCHEDULE 5

Insured Letters—Compensation Fees and Maximum Compensation

<i>Compensation fees</i>	<i>Maximum compensation</i>	<i>Compensation fees</i>	<i>Maximum compensation</i>	<i>Compensation fees</i>	<i>Maximum compensation</i>
	£		£		£
1p	28	11p	168	20p	294
2p	42	12p	182	21p	308
3p	56	13p	196	22p	322
4p	70	14p	210	23p	336
5p	84	15p	224	24p	350
6p	98	16p	238	25p	364
7p	112	17p	252	26p	378
8p	126	18p	266	27p	392
9p	140	19p	280	28p	400”
10p	154				

Fees for facilities in respect of postal packets in bond

17. For Schedule 6 to the Regulations there shall be substituted the following Schedule:

“ Regulation 42

SCHEDULE 6

Postal Packets in Bond

	Col. 1	Col. 2 £	Col. 3 £
Number of packets:			
1		0.50	0.25
2		0.70	0.35
3		0.90	0.45
4		1.10	0.55
5		1.20	0.60
6 to 10 inclusive		1.40	0.70
11 to 20 inclusive		1.80	0.90
21 to 30 inclusive		2.20	1.10
31 to 40 inclusive		2.60	1.30
41 to 50 inclusive		3.00	1.50
Every additional 25 or part thereof		0.50	0.25”

Countries and places to which special rates of postage apply

18. In Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations:

- (a) for the words “ Fiji (including Pitcairn Island) ” there shall be substituted the word “ Fiji ”;
- (b) immediately after the word “ Pakistan ” there shall be inserted the words “ Pitcairn Island ”;
- (c) for the words “ Tonga (Protected State) ” there shall be substituted the word “ Tonga ”.

Dated 13th January 1971.

Signed on behalf of the Post Office by T. Scott (a person authorised by the Post Office to act in that behalf).