

## SCHEME T3/1971

NOTE—The Scheme which follows this Note revokes the Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations 1963 (S.I. 1963 No. 558) which have effect under paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 9 to the Post Office Act 1969 as if they were provisions of a Scheme made under section 28 of that Act: the Scheme also revokes the Post Office Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1970 (Post Office Scheme T5/1970). The Scheme:

- (1) consolidates with amendments the provisions of the above Regulations and Scheme;
- (2) expresses in decimal currency the charges which will be payable for inland telegram service on and from 15th February 1971.

(This Note is not part of the Scheme.)

THE POST OFFICE INLAND TELEGRAM  
SCHEME 1971

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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 of all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

## PART I

COMMENCEMENT, CITATION, REVOCATION,  
INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

*Commencement and Citation*

1. This Scheme shall come into operation on the 15th day of February 1971 and may be cited as the Post Office Inland Telegram Scheme 1971.

*Revocation*

2. The Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations 1963 (S.I. 1963 No. 558) and the Post Office Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1970 (Post Office Scheme T5/1970) are hereby revoked.

*Interpretation*

3.—(1) In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

“British Islands” means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man;

“de luxe greetings telegram” means a telegram to be delivered on an ornamental form of an area of more than 120 square inches and of thicker paper than the form on which a standard greetings telegram is delivered, and in a special envelope;

“money order telegram” means a telegram by which the particulars of a telegram money order are transmitted to the office of payment;

“ordinary rate” means the charge for the transmission of a telegram specified in paragraph 5;

“overnight rate” means the charge for the transmission of an overnight telegram specified in paragraph 6;

“overnight telegram” means a telegram accepted for transmission at a reduced rate on condition that its transmission or delivery or both may be deferred;

“prescribed” means prescribed by the Post Office;

“priority telegram” means a single address ordinary or greetings telegram which is accepted for transmission at an increased rate on condition that it will be entitled to some priority in transmission and delivery;

“registered address” means an abbreviated or arbitrary telegraphic address registered in accordance with paragraph 23;

“standard greetings telegram” means a telegram to be delivered on an ornamental form of an area of not more than 120 square inches, and in a special envelope;

“written telegram” includes a telegram tendered 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.

(2) Any reference in this Scheme to, or to any provision of, any enactment or Scheme shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to such enactment or Scheme or such provision thereof, as amended, re-enacted or replaced, whether before or after the commencement of this Scheme, by any subsequent enactment or Scheme.

(3) In this Scheme the letter “p” when used in relation to any charge or sum payable hereunder 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, and as if this Scheme and the Regulations and Scheme hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

*Application*

4. This Scheme shall apply to written telegrams originating in and addressed to places within the British Islands and, to the extent provided by paragraph 39, to written telegrams between the British Islands and the Republic of Ireland:

Provided that:

- (a) This Scheme shall not apply to any telegrams which are press telegrams for the purpose of the Post Office Inland Press Telegram Scheme 1971, except in so far as they are expressly made applicable thereto by that Scheme.
- (b) This Scheme shall not apply to any telegrams which are radio-telegrams for the purpose of the Post Office International Telegram Scheme 1971, except in so far as they are expressly made applicable to such telegrams by that Scheme.
- (c) This Scheme shall not apply to any telegrams sent via a place outside the British Islands (not being a place in the Republic of Ireland) to which the proviso to paragraph 4 of the Post Office International Telegram Scheme 1971 applies.

## PART II

### TRANSMISSION CHARGES

#### Ordinary rate

5. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of a telegram other than an overnight telegram the following sums:

- (a) if the length of the telegram does not exceed twelve words, 25p;
- (b) if the length of the telegram exceeds twelve words, 25p for the first twelve words and 2p for each additional word.

#### Overnight rate

6. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, there shall be charged and paid for the transmission of an overnight telegram the following sums:

- (a) if the length of the telegram does not exceed twelve words, 12½p;
- (b) if the length of the telegram exceeds twelve words, 12½p for the first twelve words and 1p for each additional word.

#### Additional charges for certain telegrams

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

- (a) (i) if the telegram is a standard greetings telegram, the sum of 2½p in addition to the ordinary rate and to any other sum payable under this paragraph;
- (ii) if the telegram is a de luxe greetings telegram, the sum of 10p in addition to the ordinary rate and to any other sum payable under this paragraph;
- (b) if the telegram is a priority telegram, the sum of 10p in addition to the ordinary rate and to any other sum payable under this paragraph;
- (c) if the telegram is tendered on a Sunday, or is tendered on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the British Islands other than Scotland, the sum of 12½p in addition to the ordinary rate or the overnight rate (as the case may be) and to any other sum payable under this paragraph.

#### Money order telegrams

8. Where the sender of a money order payable at a money order office in the British Islands requests that the particulars of the money order shall be transmitted to the office of payment by telegraph, the sender shall pay, in addition to the charges for the money order, a charge for the money order telegram of 25p for the first 12 words or less and 2p for each word in excess of 12 words, together with any of the following further sums which may be applicable:

- (a) if words containing a private communication from the remitter are added to the telegram the further sum of 2p 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) (i) 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 standard greetings telegram, the further sum of 2½p;

(ii) 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 de luxe greetings telegram, the further sum of 10p;

- (d) if, at the like request, the telegram is treated as a priority telegram, the further sum of 10p;
- (e) if the telegraph money order is applied for on a Sunday, or is applied for on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the British Islands other than Scotland, the further sum of 12½p.

#### 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 made under the Post Office Savings Bank Act 1954 withdraw sums by telegraph, the depositor shall pay for the telegrams to and from the Director of Savings at the rate of 25p for each telegram.

## PART III

### METHOD OF CHARGING

#### Counting of words

10. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, the contents of telegrams shall be reckoned, and telegrams charged for with reference to their contents, according to the following rules:

- (a) In calculating the number of words of any telegram, any name or address, whether of the sender or of an addressee, which is to be transmitted with the message contained therein shall be treated as part of the telegram.
- (b) Where a combination of words is, by the usage of the English language, recognised 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.
- (c) 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, shall be counted 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 of a coastguard station, shall be counted 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) In registered addresses the indicator word of any such address denoting the office or mode of delivery, shall be counted as part of the registered address and not as a separate word.
- (g) 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.
- (h) 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 this Scheme.
- (i) 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 emphasise the same.
  - (ii) A parenthesis (both signs), except that when the brackets enclose special instructions referred to in paragraph 18 they are not counted.
  - (iii) Inverted commas (both signs).
  - (iv) A full stop.
  - (v) A comma.
  - (vi) A colon.
  - (vii) A mark of interrogation.
- (j) Numbers expressed in figures shall be counted at the rate of five figures to a word.
- (k) Ordinal numbers expressed in figures and letters shall be counted according to the last preceding rule, letters being reckoned as figures.
- (l) An oblique stroke, horizontal bar, hyphen, multiplication sign, decimal point, full stop, comma, or colon, used with a figure or group of figures, shall be counted as a figure.
- (m) Any letters following and forming part of the designation of a fraction shall count as figures.
- (n) 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 or telex number, shall be counted as though the letters were figures.
- (o) 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.
- (p) Sums of money expressed in figures combined with letters, bars, or other signs shall be counted according to the foregoing rules.
- (q) When sums of money are expressed partly in figures and partly in words, each figure or group of figures shall be counted separately.
- (r) Where a telephone or telex number is used as the address of a telegram, that part of the address which consists of the telephone or telex number (including the name of the exchange, if any), 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 this Scheme.
- (s) Service indications inserted before the address of a telegram shall not be counted.
- (t) Special instructions referred to in paragraph 18 shall be counted and charged for as part of the telegram.

#### Foreign languages

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

### PART IV

#### OVERNIGHT TELEGRAMS

##### Overnight Telegrams

12.—(1) Overnight telegrams shall be tendered only between such hours as the Post Office may from time to time specify by notice published in such manner as the Post Office may think fit, or (if no hours are so specified) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

(2) The address of an overnight telegram shall be a full postal address or a registered address.

(3) An overnight telegram shall be delivered by post, or, if the Post Office thinks fit, by messenger, by telephone, or by any other means.

(4) Paragraphs 25 and 26 shall not apply to overnight telegrams.

(5) An overnight telegram shall not be sent as a greetings telegram.

### PART V

#### SERVICES AND FACILITIES

##### General

13. The services and facilities referred to in this part of this Scheme may be provided by the Post Office at such times, during such periods, and in such circumstances as the Post Office may think fit, and the charges and conditions specified in this part of this Scheme shall apply to such services and facilities in so far as they are so provided.

##### Delivery at two or more addresses

14.—(1) A telegram (not being an overnight telegram or a priority telegram) may, at the request of the sender, be delivered at two or more addresses outside the London Postal Area which are within the delivery area served by messenger from the same terminal telegraph office, or at two or more addresses within the London Postal Area which are in the same postal district.

(2) There shall be charged and paid for a telegram which is to be so delivered:

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

(b) in respect of each address at which the telegram is to be delivered, after the first, the sum of 8½p and (in the case of a standard greetings telegram) the further sum of 2½p and (in the case of a de luxe greetings telegram) the further sum of 10p;

(3) Where a telegram is to be so delivered to two or more addresses within the London Postal Area, and any of the addresses is a registered address or a telephone or telex number, the sender shall add the postal district initials after such address. The postal district initials shall not form part of the matter telegraphed or be charged for.

##### 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 12½p or exceed £1.

*Reply vouchers*

16.—(1) When a reply to a telegram has been provided for by the sender pursuant to paragraph 15, a reply voucher may be delivered to the addressee. The voucher may be used by the addressee or any other person:

- (a) in payment or part payment of the charges on a telegram or a number of telegrams tendered together, whether or not sent in reply to the original telegram, and whether or not addressed to the sender of the original telegram; or
  - (b) in the discretion of the Post Office in payment or part payment of any account rendered by the Post Office for charges for telegraph or telephone services.
- (2) If the voucher is not so used, the sum paid for the reply will be repaid to the sender of the original telegram on surrender of the voucher.
- (3) If the original telegram is undeliverable, the sum paid by the sender for the reply may, in the discretion of the Post Office, be refunded to the sender at the time of any notification to him of the non-delivery of the original telegram.

*Repetition of telegrams*

17.—(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 or of the overnight rate as the case may be (any fraction of  $\frac{1}{2}$ p being charged as  $\frac{1}{2}$ p), and shall be paid at the same time as the charge for transmission.

(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.

*Special instructions on telegram envelopes*

18. When the sender of a telegram desires that special instructions, such as "private", "confidential", or "to be opened at once", shall be written on the envelope containing the transcript of the telegram which is to be delivered to the addressee, he shall write the instructions on the telegram form immediately before the address.

*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 has commenced, the sum due from the sender shall be 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ p only and any amount in excess of this sum prepaid by him shall be refunded.
- (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 the further sum of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ p if the service telegram is sent on a Sunday, or is sent on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the British Islands other than 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, in the discretion of the Post Office, be refunded or waived.

*Receipt for charges*

20. 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 Post Office shall approve.

*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 the 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 original 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 money order telegram, the charge for re-transmission shall be 25p for the first 12 words or less and 2p for each word in excess of 12 words and, if words containing a private communication from the remitter are added to the telegram, the further sum of 2p 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 25p 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*

22.—(1) Any person may register, at any telegraph office, such 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 Post Office may approve.

(2) In respect of the registration of any such special instructions as aforesaid the sum of £1.57 $\frac{1}{2}$  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 £1.57 $\frac{1}{2}$  per annum: Provided that no charge shall be made under this paragraph 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; or
- (c) the registration of any instruction as to telegrams bearing registered addresses.

(3) Any such special instructions, if registered by the Post Office, shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph 24 as regards the days and times of delivery of telegrams.

*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:

94p in respect of a period not exceeding three months;

£1.87½ in respect of a period exceeding three but not exceeding six months;

£2.62½ in respect of a period exceeding six but not exceeding nine months; and

£3 in respect of a period exceeding nine months but 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 address 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.

PART VI  
DELIVERY

*Days and times for delivery of telegrams*

24. A telegram may be delivered on such days and at such times as the Post Office may determine.

*Method of delivery*

25.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph 26 and the following sub-paragraphs of this paragraph, a telegram shall be delivered by messenger.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph 26:

(a) any telegram may at the discretion of the Post Office be delivered by telephone or by teleprinter or other electrical apparatus;

Provided that a greetings telegram shall not be so delivered except by arrangement between the Post Office and the addressee;

(b) any telegram may at the discretion of the Post Office be delivered by post if in its opinion it will reach the addressee by that means not later than if it were delivered by messenger;

(c) any telegram may at the discretion of the Post Office be delivered by pneumatic tube or other mechanical means.

*Service indications*

26.—(1) The sender of a telegram may insert before the full address any of the following service indications relating to the manner of delivery of the telegram:

(a) the word "post", the name of the office of posting being inserted at the end of the address if the Post Office so requires;

(b) the words "hand delivery"; or

(c) the word "telephone" or "telex";

or may use a telephone or telex number as the address of the telegram.

(2) Where the service indication "post" is used, the telegram shall be delivered by post.

(3) Where the service indication "hand delivery" is used, the telegram shall be delivered by messenger, or, if the condition mentioned in paragraph 25 (2) (b) is satisfied, by post.

(4) Where the service indication "telephone" is used, or the address of the telegram is a telephone number, the telegram shall be delivered by telephone

or by teleprinter or other electrical apparatus, unless the Post Office elects to deliver it by any other means.

(5) Where the service indication "telex" is used, or the address of the telegram is a telex number, the telegram shall be delivered by teleprinter or other electrical apparatus unless the Post Office elects to deliver it by any other means.

*Due delivery*

27.—(1) A telegram shall be duly delivered by messenger or by post if it is delivered at the place of address of the telegram, or at an address to which it is re-directed in accordance with this Scheme, or to the addressee in person.

(2) A telegram shall be duly delivered by telephone if it is telephoned to the addressee or his servant or agent or other person purporting to be authorised to receive the telegram.

(3) A telegram shall be duly delivered by teleprinter or other electrical apparatus if it is transmitted by such means to the place of address of the telegram, or to an address to which it is re-directed in accordance with this Scheme.

*Free delivery*

28. The charge for the transmission of a telegram shall cover the cost of delivery by any means within the British Islands.

PART VII  
GENERAL CONDITIONS

*Addresses*

29. The address of a telegram shall contain all particulars requisite to ensure delivery of the telegram without the necessity for making enquiries.

*Addresses of telegrams to members of H.M. Forces*

30.—(1) Where a telegram is addressed to a member of Her 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 airfield in the British Islands, the Post Office may require the sender to include the prescribed particulars in the address of the telegram.

(2) Where the prescribed particulars in the address of any such telegram would, under this Scheme, count as more than five words, they shall be charged for as five words.

(3) In this paragraph 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 airfield; and such other particulars as the Post Office may require or allow.

*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.

*Mode of writing*

32. No telegram written otherwise than in English characters shall be transmitted or tendered for transmission.

*Objectionable telegrams not transmitted*

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

*Deposit of telegrams in letter boxes*

34.—(1) A telegram deposited in a post office letter box shall be transmitted as a telegram if postage stamps in full prepayment of the charges for the transmission of the telegram are attached thereto and the telegram complies in other respects with the provisions of this Scheme, and otherwise may be so transmitted if the Post Office thinks fit.

(2) If no stamps or insufficient stamps are attached to a telegram which is so deposited and transmitted, the charges for transmission, or, as the case may be, the amount of the deficiency, shall (if not collected from the addressee) be paid by the sender.

*Telegrams to be called for*

35. 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.

*Cancellation*

36. Except as otherwise provided in this Scheme, a telegram which has been accepted for transmission shall not be cancelled, and its transmission or delivery shall not be suspended or interfered with, on the application of any person.

*Payment of charges*

37. All charges in respect of the transmission of a telegram and in respect of services and facilities in relation thereto, shall (except as herein otherwise provided, or as the Post Office may determine) be prepaid by the sender thereof.

*Remission of charges*

38. The Post Office may remit in whole or in part any sum payable or paid under this Scheme.

## PART VIII

## GENERAL

*Application to the Republic of Ireland*

39. The provisions of this Scheme shall 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 Post Office.

## 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 twelve words, 30p, and, if the length of the telegram exceeds twelve words, 30p for the first twelve words and 2p for each additional word, with the additional charge of 12½p if the telegram is tendered on a Sunday, or is tendered on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any part of the British Islands other than Scotland;
- (b) Telegrams will not be accepted for transmission to the Republic of Ireland as greetings telegrams, overnight 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) In the case of a money order telegram applied for at a Money Order Office in the British Islands and payable in the Republic of Ireland, paragraph 8 (except sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) thereof) shall apply with the substitution of the sum of 30p for the sum of 25p as the minimum charge payable in respect of the service telegram authorising payment.
- (e) Paragraph 15 shall apply with the substitution of such sums as the Post Office may fix for the minimum and maximum sums specified in that paragraph.

Dated the 11th day of January 1971

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