

- (a) by adhesive postage stamps bearing the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, being stamps of denominations of money in the new currency of the United Kingdom provided for by the Decimal Currency Act 1967;
- (b) by embossed, impressed or printed postage stamps of such denominations which have been cut out of, or otherwise detached from, any envelopes, covers, wrappers, cards or letter forms authorised by the Post Office for postal use or other postal forms;
- (c) by means of impressions made by franking machines, printing presses, or other printing or stamping devices, being machines, presses or devices operated under the direction, or with the authority, of the Post Office;
- (d) in such other manner as the Post Office may from time to time permit."

(2) In paragraph 11 of the Scheme, after sub-paragraph (6), there shall be added the following sub-paragraph:

"(7) No stamp or impression which is imperfect or mutilated or defaced in any way, or across which anything is written or printed or otherwise impressed, shall be used to denote payment of postage or fees; but a stamp shall not be deemed to be imperfect or mutilated or defaced or to have anything written or printed or impressed across it within the meaning of this provision, by reason only that it is distinctly perforated with initials by means of a punch if the perforating holes are not larger than those dividing one stamp from another in a sheet of stamps."

Dated 21st February 1972.

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

POST OFFICE SCHEME P2/1972

NOTE:—The Scheme which follows this note is made under Section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969 and amends the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Scheme 1971. The amending Scheme, which comes into operation on 1st March 1972, makes provision whereby:

- (a) postage stamps in denominations of pre-decimal currency and certain old issues of stamps in denominations of £1 may no longer be used for denoting payment of postage and other fees;
- (b) stamps which have been mutilated or defaced may not be used;
- (c) in the case of an outgoing postal packet on which no part, or part only, of the postage has been prepaid, the Post Office may endorse on the packet an indication that it should be treated as if the full postage had been prepaid, and may recover from the sender the amount of the outstanding postage.

(This note is not part of the Scheme.)

THE POST OFFICE OVERSEAS LETTER POST AMENDMENT (NO. 1) SCHEME 1972

Made - - - - 21st February 1972

Coming into operation 1st March 1972

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by Section 28 of 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 1st day of March 1972 and may be cited as the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1972.

(2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme P7/1971) (hereinafter called "the Scheme").

(3) 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 the Post Office Act 1953 (as amended) were an Act conferring the power to make this Scheme.

Payment of postage and fees

2.—(1) For sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 17 of the Scheme there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:

"(3) Payment of postage or fees payable under this Scheme may be denoted:

- (a) by adhesive postage stamps bearing the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, being stamps of denominations of money in the new currency of the United Kingdom provided for by the Decimal Currency Act 1967;
- (b) by postage stamps of such denominations embossed, impressed or printed on envelopes, covers, wrappers, cards or letter forms authorised by the Post Office for postal use, or on other postal forms, or by such postage stamps which have been cut out of, or otherwise detached from, any such envelopes, covers, wrappers, cards, letter forms or other postal forms;
- (c) by means of impressions made by franking machines, printed presses, or other printing or stamping devices, being machines, presses or devices operated under the direction, or with the authority, of the Post Office;
- (d) in such other manner as the Post Office may from time to time permit."

(2) In paragraph 17 of the Scheme, after sub-paragraph (6), there shall be added the following sub-paragraph:

"(7) No stamp or impression which is imperfect or mutilated or defaced in any way, or across which anything is written or printed or otherwise impressed, shall be used to denote payment of postage or fees; but a stamp shall not be deemed to be imperfect or mutilated or defaced or to have anything written or printed or impressed across it within the meaning of this provision, by reason only that it is distinctly perforated with initials by means of a punch if the perforating holes are not larger than those dividing one stamp from another in a sheet of stamps."

Unpaid or underpaid postage

3. For sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 18 of the Scheme there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:

"(2) Notwithstanding anything in sub-paragraph (1), where no part, or a part only, of the postage payable on an outgoing postal packet (including an air mail packet) has been prepaid, the Post Office (whether or not requested so to do by the sender) may (if it thinks fit), instead of dealing with the packet in accordance with that sub-paragraph, affix to the packet stamps to the value of the postage deficiency, or endorse thereon an indication that it should be treated as if the full postage thereon had been paid, and the packet shall thereupon be forwarded as if the full postage thereon had been prepaid; and the sender of a packet so forwarded shall pay to the Post Office on demand the amount of the postage deficiency."

Dated 21st February 1972.

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

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INLAND POST AND POST TO THE CHANNEL ISLANDS AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Certain Letter Postage Rates. Inland Post Regulations 1968 (S.I. 1968 No. 1253) (as amended by the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 7) Scheme 1972—P4/1972).

The rates of postage which the Post Office has fixed under Schedule 1 to the above Regulations (as amended) to be charged on and after 6th March 1972 on a letter (other than a preferred letter), the weight of which does not exceed 2 oz., being either an inland letter, or a letter for transmission to the Channel Islands or the Republic of Ireland, are as follows:

- (i) if transmitted as a first class letter ... 3p
(ii) if transmitted as a second class letter ... 2½p