

## THE INLAND POST WARRANT, 1947.

DATED DECEMBER 11, 1947.

WE, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred upon us by Sections 2, 3, 12, 15, 16, 17 and 82 of the Post Office Act, 1908, Sections 2, 6 and 7 of the Post Office (Amendment) Act, 1935, Section 9 of the Crown Proceedings Act, 1947 and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant, made on the representation of His Majesty's Postmaster General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, order, direct and declare as follows:—

### *Rates and Conditions of Postage and certain Services*

1. There shall be charged and paid upon the postal packets specified in the first column of the First Schedule hereto the rates of postage respectively specified in the second column thereof; the limits of size and weight of such postal packets shall not (except with the special permission of the Postmaster General) exceed those respectively specified in the third and fourth columns of the said Schedule; and the transmission thereof by post shall be subject to the conditions set out in the fifth column of the said Schedule and to the further conditions and provisions contained in the body of this Warrant.
- 2.—(1) There shall be charged and paid for the services specified in the first column of the Second Schedule hereto the charges specified or referred to in the second column of the said Schedule and the said services shall be subject to the provisions contained or referred to in the third column of the said Schedule and to the further conditions and provisions contained in the body of this Warrant.  
  
(2) There shall be charged and paid for the conveyance of an express packet conveyed in the manner specified in the first column of the Third Schedule hereto fees at the rates specified in the second and fourth columns of the said Schedule. The services shall be subject to the limits of size and weight of the postal packets conveyed referred to in the third column of the said Schedule, to the provisions specified in the fourth column thereof and to the further provisions contained in the body of this Warrant.

### *General Conditions*

- 3.—(1) There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet:—
  - (1) Consisting of or containing any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, cinematograph film, lithograph, engraving, book, card or written communication, or any indecent or obscene article, whether similar to the above or not; or
  - (2) Having thereon, or on the cover thereof, any words, marks, or designs which are grossly offensive or of an indecent or obscene character; or
  - (3) Consisting of or containing:—
    - (a) any explosive substance;
    - (b) any dangerous substance;
    - (c) any filth;
    - (d) any noxious or deleterious substance;
    - (e) any sharp instrument not properly protected;

- (f) except with the special permission of the Postmaster General, any living creature;
- (g) any article or thing whatsoever which is likely to injure other postal packets in course of conveyance, or any receptacle in which the same are conveyed, or an officer of the Post Office or other person who may deal with such packet; or
- (4) Containing or bearing any fictitious postage stamp or any counterfeit impression of a stamping machine used under the direction or by the permission of the Postmaster General; or
- (5) Containing any imitation of a Bank note within the meaning of Section 38 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1925; or
- (6) Purporting to be prepaid with any stamp or impression of a stamping machine which has been previously used to prepay any other postal packet, or any other revenue duty or tax; or
- (7) Having thereon or on the cover thereof any words, letters or marks (used without due authority) which signify or imply, or may reasonably lead the recipient thereof to believe that the postal packet is sent on His Majesty's Service; or
- (8) Having thereon or on the cover thereof any words, marks, or designs of a character likely, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packet in the post; or
- (9) Of such a form or so made up for transmission by post as to be likely, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packet in the post; or
- (10) Having anything written, printed, or otherwise impressed upon or attached to any part of that side of the packet which bears the address at which the packet is to be delivered, which, either by tending to prevent the easy and quick reading of the address of the packet, or by inconvenient proximity to the stamp or stamps used in the payment of postage, or in any other way, is in itself, or in the manner in which it is written, printed, impressed, or attached, likely, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with such postal packet.
- (11) Where the Postmaster General has prescribed any particular colour, form or design for use in relation to a particular class of postal packets, it shall not be lawful to post or tender for conveyance by post any other postal packet of such colour, form or design.

4.—(1) There shall not be posted, or conveyed, or delivered by post any postal packet consisting of or containing two or more postal packets addressed to different persons who are at different addresses.

(2) If any such postal packet be posted, or tendered for conveyance by post, each postal packet contained therein may be forwarded to the addressee thereof charged with an additional rate of postage according to the prepaid rates fixed by this Warrant.

5. Every postal packet must be made up and secured in such manner as in the opinion of the Postmaster General is calculated to prevent injury to any other postal packet in course of conveyance, or to any receptacle in which the same is conveyed, or to an officer of the Post Office or other person who may deal with such packet, and where the Postmaster General has made any special rules in relation to the packing of any particular packet or article, such rules shall be observed.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, the postage and fees payable on every postal packet (except a packet consisting wholly of printed votes or proceedings of Parliament) must be prepaid.

7. Postage may be prepaid either—
- (a) by adhesive postage stamps; or
  - (b) by impressions of stamping machines working under the direction or by the permission of the Postmaster General; or
  - (c) by the use of a stamped envelope, cover, postcard, or other postal form; or
  - (d) by the use of an embossed or impressed stamp cut out of or otherwise detached from an envelope, cover, postcard, or other postal form; or
  - (e) in such other manner as the Postmaster General may from time to time prescribe.

Provided that—

- (i) No stamp or impression of a stamping machine which is imperfect or mutilated or defaced in any way shall be used in payment or to denote payment of postage,
  - (ii) no stamp indicating on the face thereof payment of a registration fee as well as postage shall be used in payment of postage on any unregistered postal packet, and
  - (iii) packets bearing the impression of stamping machines and packets intended for impression by stamping machines shall be accepted only at such Post Offices as the Postmaster General thinks fit and within such hours, and under and subject to such rules, conditions and restrictions as shall be prescribed.
8. Where postage is prepaid the stamp or impression on the envelope, cover, postcard or other form shall be in such position as the Postmaster General may deem convenient.
9. Nothing shall be written or printed or otherwise impressed across the postage stamp on any postal packet.

*Special Conditions as to Postcards*

10. The following special conditions shall apply to postcards:—
- (1) A postcard shall be made of cardboard or paper stout enough not to hinder its manipulation and (except as the Postmaster General shall otherwise direct or authorize in regard to reply postcards) no writing or printing, other than the name and address of the addressee, shall appear on the right hand half of the face thereof.
  - (2) Nothing whatever shall be in any manner attached to a postcard except—
    - (a) Postage stamps in payment of postage or of sums payable as late fee or for registration or for advice of delivery or for express delivery;
    - (b) Illustrations, photographs, stamps of any kind, cuttings, paper bearing the address or other written or printed matter. Provided that any such articles shall be of such nature as not to alter the character of the postcard, and shall be completely adherent. Provided also that stamps likely to be mistaken for stamps used for the payment of postage shall not be affixed to the address side of a postcard.
  - (3) The two parts of a reply postcard may be folded together, but, save as aforesaid, a postcard or a reply postcard shall not be in any way folded, but shall be sent in one piece, open, through the post.

*Special Conditions as to Printed Packets*

11. The following special conditions shall apply to printed packets:—
- (a) Every such packet shall be subject to examination in the post and if posted without a cover shall not be fastened or otherwise treated so as to prevent easy examination. A covered packet shall be unfastened or so adapted that the contents can be easily examined without breaking any seal or tearing any paper or separating any adhering surfaces or cutting any string.

- (b) No such packet shall contain or bear any communication in the nature of a letter not being matter coming within the definition of such packet or being otherwise expressly allowed by this Warrant.
- (c) No circular which is reproduced from or produced after the fashion or in imitation of a typewritten document shall be sent by post as a printed packet save under such conditions as the Postmaster General may from time to time direct.
- (d) No paper money shall be posted or conveyed or delivered by post in a printed packet, but this condition shall not apply to a stamped proxy paper or to a stamped and addressed card, wrapper or envelope forwarded by the sender of the packet in order that such card, wrapper or envelope may be returned through the post to such sender or some person designated by him.

*Special Conditions as to Newspapers*

- 12.—(1) The provisions of the First Schedule of this Warrant relating to newspapers apply exclusively to newspapers registered in the manner provided by this Warrant.
  - (2) The proprietor of any newspaper may register it at the General Post Office for transmission by post, on payment to the Postmaster General of a fee of five shillings.
  - (3) The registration of a newspaper may be renewed from year to year, on payment to the Postmaster General of a fee of five shillings.
  - (4) Any newspaper not registered as aforesaid will, if posted, or tendered for transmission by post, be charged with postage as a printed packet, letter, or parcel of the same weight, whichever treatment involves the lowest charge.
  - (5) Notwithstanding anything in the First Schedule to this Warrant, an inland packet consisting of one registered newspaper or of two or more registered newspapers may be transmitted by post at the rate of postage payable in respect of an inland printed packet of the same weight, where such rate of postage is less than the rate of postage which would be payable under the First Schedule to this Warrant. In such case the packet shall be subject to the conditions applying to the transmission by post of an inland printed packet.
- 13.—(1) Every newspaper or packet of newspapers shall be posted either in a cover open at both ends, and so that the same can be easily removed for the purpose of examination, or without a cover and tied with string which can be removed without cutting.
  - (2) Every newspaper when posted shall be so folded and covered (if posted in a cover) as to permit the title to be readily inspected.
  - (3) No article (not part of the newspaper) shall be posted in or in the same cover with the newspaper.
  - (4) No newspaper and no cover of a newspaper shall bear anything (not being part of the newspaper) except—
    - (1) the names, addresses and descriptions of the sender and addressee with index or reference numbers and letters;
    - (2) the words "With compliments" "Specimen copy" or "Voucher copy";
    - (3) the title of the newspaper, and a reference to its registration for transmission by post; and
    - (4) a reference to any page of or place in the newspaper to which the attention of the addressee is directed.
  - (5) This Regulation applies only to newspapers registered at the General Post Office.

### *Special Conditions as to Parcels*

- 14.**—(1) All parcels intended to be transmitted by post shall (except as otherwise provided in this Warrant) be posted by being handed in at a post office in the manner hereinafter provided, on the days and within the hours during which such office shall be open to the public for the posting of parcels.
- (2) Every parcel must be packed in such a manner as in the opinion of the Postmaster General is calculated to preserve the contents from loss or damage in the post and to prevent any tampering with its contents.
- 15.** In respect of every parcel intended to be posted at a post office, the sender shall hand it to an officer on duty at the counter in such office. If such parcel does not exceed the limits of weight or measurement mentioned in the First Schedule hereto the postage thereon, according to the rates mentioned in that Schedule, shall be paid in accordance with the Regulation the marginal note of which is "Mode of payment", and no such parcel shall be forwarded by the post until the postage chargeable thereon shall have been properly paid; and if any such parcel shall be left at a post office without the postage chargeable thereon having been properly paid, such parcel shall be detained, and may be returned or given up to the sender thereof, or otherwise dealt with or disposed of in any manner authorised by this Warrant.
- 16.** The Postmaster General may, if he thinks fit, from time to time authorize such officers as he may direct to receive parcels for the post otherwise than at a post office under such rules and conditions as may be prescribed.
- 17.**—(1) Parcels intended to be transmitted by post between the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and other parts of the British Islands shall not be posted, forwarded, conveyed, or delivered except subject to such Regulations as are referred to in Section 15 of the Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882.
- (2) In respect of every parcel transmitted in either direction between the Channel Islands and any other part of the British Islands to which such Regulations as aforesaid apply, and upon the contents of which any duty is payable under the Customs Acts, there shall be charged and paid such further sum or fee as the Postmaster General shall direct not exceeding the following (that is to say):—
- Where the Duty does not exceed ten shillings—sixpence.  
Where the Duty exceeds ten shillings—one shilling.

### *Exceptional Unpaid Postal Packets*

- 18.** The provisions of this Warrant with reference to prepayment of postage shall not apply to:—
- (a) Business reply letters, and the postage charged on every such letter if not prepaid shall be the postage otherwise chargeable thereon together with an additional charge of one halfpenny;
- (b) Postage and fees payable on postal packets with respect to which the Postmaster General has entered into an arrangement with the senders thereof for the grant of credit facilities.

### *Special Conditions as to articles for the use of the Blind*

- 19.** The following provisions shall apply to postal packets consisting of articles for the use of the blind:—
- (a) Every packet shall bear on the outside thereof the inscription "Articles for the Blind" and the written or printed name and address of the sender.
- (b) Every packet shall be subject to examination in the post.

- (c) Every packet shall be posted either without a cover or in a cover which can be easily removed for the purposes of examination.
- (d) No packet shall contain any article not being an article for the use of the blind (except a label which may bear the name and address of the person to whom the packet is to be returned).
- (e) No packet shall contain any communication or inscription either in writing or printing (except the title, date of publication or manufacture, serial number, names and addresses of printer, publisher or manufacturer, price and table of contents of the book or paper, and any key to or instructions for the use of the special type or of any enclosed article).
- (f) Articles (xiii) to (xvi) (inclusive), mentioned in paragraph (15) of Regulation 61 of this Warrant, may be sent or received only by persons or institutions who have entered into special arrangements to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General with regard to the transmission of such articles.

*Special conditions as to sample packets*

- 20.**—(1) The cover of every sample packet shall bear the word "sample" written or printed thereon.
- (2) Upon the outside of a sample packet or on the cover thereof shall be printed in ordinary type, or by means of a hand stamp, the name and address of the dealer by whom the samples are sent.
  - (3) There shall not be enclosed in any sample packet any goods of any kind (however small the quantity) which under the provisions of this Warrant are chargeable with a rate of postage higher than the rate of postage applicable to sample packets.
  - (4) The provisions of Regulation 11 (Special conditions as to printed packets) shall apply to sample packets.

*Irregular Posting*

- 21.** If any postal packet is found, when in the post, not to comply with the provisions applicable to its transmission, it shall be forwarded charged with the lowest rate of postage which is applicable to the packet.

Provided that—

- (1) If forwarded as a letter or printed packet, the conditions in the fifth column of the First Schedule hereto (being the condition relating to letters and the similar condition, numbered (2) relating to printed packets), shall apply.
- (2) If forwarded as a parcel, it shall be charged with the appropriate rate of postage and an additional fee of one penny, less any postage prepaid.
- (3) The Postmaster General may, in any case, in his discretion, instead of forwarding the packet, return the same to the sender, or otherwise dispose thereof as he may think fit.

*Re-direction*

- 22.**—(1) Any postal packet may be re-directed from its original address, or any substituted address, to the same addressee at any other address.
- (2) Except where the Postmaster General otherwise directs any postal packet (other than a parcel) so re-directed as aforesaid shall be transmitted by post free of any charge or rate of postage in respect of such transmission, provided that such packet is re-directed on the day of its delivery at the address from which it is re-directed, or on the day next following.
  - (3) In calculating the period within which a re-directed packet may be transmitted free of charge, under this Regulation (hereinafter referred to as "the period of free re-direction")

the following days shall not be computed, that is to say, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or Public Holiday.

- (4) Upon any postal packet (other than a parcel) re-directed at any time subsequent to the period of free re-direction, and upon any parcel whenever re-directed, there shall be charged in respect of each re-direction and (if not previously paid) paid by the addressee thereof in money upon the delivery of such packet or parcel the following additional rate of postage and fees (that is to say):—
  - (a) In the case of an unregistered postal packet (including an unregistered parcel) an additional rate of postage equal in amount to the rate of postage originally chargeable thereon;
  - (b) In the case of a registered postal packet (including a registered parcel) the said additional rate of postage together with an additional registration fee according to the provisions of this Warrant.

Provided that the Postmaster General may remit such additional rate of postage and (where applicable) registration fee in the case of a parcel re-directed within the period of free re-direction, if the parcel is re-directed to an address served from the same Delivery Office or to an address within the same Town Delivery Area and may remit such additional registration fee as aforesaid, but not the additional rate of postage, in the case of a registered parcel re-directed within the period of free re-direction where the parcel is re-directed to an address which is not served as aforesaid.

- 23.—(1) In any case where an officer of the Post Office has reasonable cause to believe that a packet, purporting to be re-directed, has been posted as a re-directed packet with a view to evading the payment of any postage chargeable by law upon such packet, he may, before the delivery of such packet, require the addressee (who shall furnish proof of identity to the satisfaction of such officer) to sign a receipt for the same.
- (2) Any re-directed packet which appears to have been opened before being re-directed, and any packet which purports to be re-directed, but which appears to have been treated in a manner designed to evade the payment of any postage chargeable thereon by law, shall be dealt with and charged as an unpaid packet of the same description or otherwise dealt with as may be authorised by the Postmaster General.

#### *Postes Restantes*

24. With regard to postal packets addressed to a post office to be called for by the addressee the following provisions shall apply (that is to say):—
  - (a) The service is provided only for the occasional use and temporary convenience of addressees and the Postmaster General may make rules limiting and prescribing the number of postal packets which may be addressed to the same addressee at the same post office in any given period and the other conditions subject to which the service may be used and the post offices or class of post offices at which the service is available. In the event of any breach of such rules the packets may be dealt with or disposed of as the Postmaster General may in his discretion direct or authorise.
  - (b) The sender may add to the address of any such packet a request that the packet may, if not called for within the time specified in such request, be returned to the sender or some person designated by him.

In such case such packet shall, at the expiration of the time specified in the request (and subject to and in accordance with the rules in force for the time being as to the return of postal packets) be returned as specified in such request and shall, if necessary, be opened for that purpose by any officer of the Post Office duly authorised in that behalf.

Provided that if the time specified in such request exceeds the time during which the packet would (according to the rules of the Post Office in force for the time being) be retained at the post office to

which it is addressed, the packet shall, notwithstanding any such request, be dealt with in accordance with such rules.

*Return of Postal Packets*

- 25.**—(1) With regard to any postal packet (other than a parcel) chargeable by law with a postage equal to or greater than the lowest rate of postage for the time being payable in respect of an inland letter, which cannot be delivered through want of a true direction, or by reason that the addressee is dead or cannot be found, or has refused the same, or has refused or neglected to pay any charges thereon, or for any other sufficient reason, the following provisions shall apply (that is to say):—
- (a) Where the full name and address of the sender appears legibly on the outside of such packet (as is hereby authorised notwithstanding anything in this Warrant contained) the packet shall be returned to the sender unopened, but subject to payment of any charges to which it has become liable.
  - (b) Where the name and address of the sender does not appear on the outside of such packet or are illegible the packet shall be opened by any officer of the post office duly authorised in that behalf, and if the name and address of the sender can be ascertained, the packet shall be returned to the sender, subject to payment of any charges to which it has become liable.
  - (c) Where the name and address of the sender cannot be ascertained, the packet may be dealt with or disposed of as the Postmaster General may in his discretion direct or authorise.
- (2) With regard to any postal packet chargeable by law with a postage less than the lowest rate of postage for the time being payable in respect of an inland letter, which cannot be delivered for any such reason as aforesaid the following provisions shall apply (that is to say):—
- (a) Where a request for the return of such postal packet to the sender thereof, or some person designated by him, appears on the outside of such packet (which request is hereby authorised notwithstanding anything in this Warrant contained) such packet shall be charged with an additional rate of postage equal in amount to the prepaid rate of postage originally chargeable upon the packet, and such rate of postage shall be payable by the sender of such packet, and the packet shall, upon payment of such rate of postage and any other charges to which it has become liable, be returned to the sender thereof or to the person so designated by him as aforesaid.
  - (b) Where no such request as aforesaid appears upon the packet, but where the packet has been insufficiently prepaid, or where from any other cause the Postmaster General deems it expedient so to do, he may tender such packet to the sender thereof charged with an additional rate of postage equal in amount to the prepaid rate of postage originally chargeable upon the packet, and the packet shall, upon payment of such rate of postage and any other charges to which it has become liable, be returned to the sender thereof.
  - (c) Where no such request as aforesaid appears upon the packet, or where upon the tender of the packet to the sender thereof he refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the packet has become liable by law, the packet may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may in his discretion direct or authorise.
- 26.** With regard to—
- (a) parcels which are addressed to a post office to be called for, or to a place beyond the limits of the postal delivery of any town or district, or to a ship at any port in Great Britain, and



which are not called for or delivered within such reasonable times as may be prescribed;  
and

- (b) parcels which cannot be delivered for want of a true direction, or by reason that the addressee is dead, or cannot be found, or has refused the same, or has refused or neglected to pay any charges thereon, or for any other sufficient reason,

the following provisions shall apply, that is to say:—

- (1) The parcel shall, as the Postmaster General may from time to time direct, be retained at or forthwith forwarded to such place as the Postmaster General may from time to time appoint, and may, if necessary, be there opened and examined.
- (2) Where the name and address of the sender can be ascertained from the parcel, the parcel shall be returned to him free of charge.
- (3) Where the name and address of the sender cannot be ascertained from the parcel, the parcel shall be retained pending a claim from the sender or addressee. In default of any claim within a period of three calendar months, the parcel shall be disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may in his discretion direct or authorise.
- (4) Where, in the case of a parcel which cannot be delivered for want of a true direction, the sender corrects the address of the parcel, the parcel shall be forwarded to the corrected address subject to the following conditions:—
  - (a) Where the corrected address of the parcel is served from the same delivery office as the original address, and the parcel is not, at the time of such correction, lying at a returned letter office, no new charge shall be made with respect to the delivery of the parcel;
  - (b) Where the corrected address of the parcel is not served from the same delivery office as the original address, or the parcel at the time of such correction is lying at a returned letter office, the sender shall pay an additional rate of postage equal in amount to the rate of postage which shall have been originally chargeable on such parcel.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, a parcel shall not be given up or returned by post to the sender except upon payment by him of any charge to which the parcel has become liable under the provisions of any such Regulations as are referred to in Sections 14 and 15 of the Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882.
- (6) The Postmaster General may require proof to his satisfaction that an applicant for a parcel is entitled to receive the same.
- (7) Where an applicant fails to prove to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General that he is entitled to receive the parcel, or refuses or fails to pay any charges to which the parcel has become liable, the parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may in his discretion direct or authorise.
- (8) Any parcel in the possession of the Postmaster General which becomes offensive or injurious to any officer of the post office, or other person, or to other parcels, or which is likely from its character or condition to become offensive or injurious as aforesaid, or to become valueless before it can be delivered or otherwise dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant, may forthwith be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may in his discretion direct or authorise, notwithstanding that the provisions of this Warrant as to the return of such parcel have not been, or have only partially been, complied with.
- (9) Where a parcel cannot be delivered by reason that the addressee has refused or neglected to pay the Customs or other charges thereon or for any other reason and—
  - (a) the name and address of a substituted addressee has been furnished by the sender or addressee and the parcel is forwarded to the substituted address; or
  - (b) the parcel is subsequently retransmitted to the addressee thereof at the request of the sender or addressee;

there shall be charged and paid by the addressee the additional postage chargeable for transmission from the original to the substituted address, or in respect of such retransmission, as the case may be.

- 27.** Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Warrant, where the Postmaster General is satisfied that the addressee of postal packets is dead he may in his discretion:—
- (a) deliver or re-direct such postal packets on the written application of any one or more of the Executors named in the Will of the addressee or of a person appearing to the Postmaster General to be entitled to take out Letters of Administration to the Estate of the addressee, or in Scotland of a majority or quorum of the Executors or (if there is no Will) of the person whose appointment is being sought as Executor Dative; or
  - (b) deliver or re-direct such postal packets on the written application of any person appearing to the Postmaster General to be conducting the affairs of the deceased addressee of the postal packets; or
  - (c) retain such postal packets for such period as he may think fit and on production of Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration of the Estate of the addressee together with the written application of one or more of the executors or administrators, or in Scotland on production of confirmation together with the written application of a majority or quorum of the Executors or the Executor Dative, deliver or re-direct the packets in accordance with such request.

#### *Express Delivery*

- 28.** An express packet must bear the word "Express" or such other words or such lines or marks as shall be prescribed.
- 29.** An express packet to be conveyed by special messenger throughout the whole of its course in the post must be posted by being handed to an officer of the Post Office in accordance with such conditions as shall be prescribed. In the case of a postal packet not to be conveyed by special messenger during the first part of its course, the packet must be posted in the manner in which other postal packets are posted under this Warrant.
- 30.** The sender or addressee of an express packet may require the messenger who delivers the packet to convey an express packet by way of reply or further service. There shall be charged and paid in respect of the last mentioned packet the charges specified in the Third Schedule to this Warrant.
- 31.** All mileage fees, postage, and other sums payable in respect of express packets shall be prepaid, except where the Postmaster General otherwise directs. Provided that the Postmaster General may forward a packet as an express packet although the full sums chargeable thereon are not prepaid, and if the addressee refuses to pay the deficiency it shall be paid by the sender. Provided further that in no case shall the Postmaster General be bound to deliver any express packet not fully prepaid unless the addressee pays all sums due and payable thereon.
- 32.** The provisions of this Warrant relating to the compulsory registration of postal packets shall not apply to a postal packet containing coin or jewellery if the packet is conveyed as an express packet throughout its whole course in the post.
- 33.**—(1) A letter shall not be transmitted by a Railex Service unless it is posted by being handed to an officer of the Post Office at a post office which is also an express delivery office. The letter may be posted on a weekday only, and during such hours as may be prescribed in relation to the post office at which it is tendered.
- (2) A letter shall not be posted for transmission by a Railex service:—
- (a) as a registered postal packet; or

- (b) if it contains coins or jewellery.
- (3) No postal packet other than a letter may be transmitted by a Railex Service.
- (4) The delivery of a letter transmitted by a Railex service to the addressee from the railway station to which it was conveyed by railway will be by special messenger meeting the train if, but only if, it arrives at that station at a time when a messenger is on duty.
34. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant as to express delivery, all express packets shall be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered in all respects subject to the provisions of the Acts and Regulations in force for the time being in relation to inland postal packets, so far as the same are applicable.

### *Registration*

35. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, any postal packet may be registered.
36. For the registration of a postal packet as described in the first column of Part I of the Fourth Schedule hereto there shall be charged and paid the registration fee (hereinafter called "the minimum registration fee") and (where applicable) the late fee respectively specified in the second and third columns of the said Part I of the said schedule.
37. For the purpose of section nine of the Crown Proceedings Act, 1947 (which in subsection (2) deals with proceedings against the Crown in respect of loss of or damage to a registered inland postal packet, in subsection (5) provides that Post Office Regulations may be made for prescribing the conditions to be observed for the purposes of the said section in relation to such packets and in subsection (7) provides that in the said section the expression "sender" has such meaning as may be assigned to it by Post Office Regulations):—
- (1) the conditions set out in Part II of the Fourth Schedule hereto shall be complied with in relation to a registered postal packet;
- (2) the expression "sender" means the person on whose behalf the postal packet is posted but does not include a person at whose request the article or any of the articles contained in the postal packet is sent by the first mentioned person by post.
38. On the delivery of a registered postal packet the recipient shall give a written receipt therefor in the prescribed form. Where such a receipt is not obtained, the packet may nevertheless be delivered, or may be withheld and dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may, in his discretion, direct or authorise.
39. Any postal packet:—
- on which, or on the envelope or cover of which, the word "registered", or any other word, phrase, or mark conveying the impression that the packet is registered or intended to be registered, is written or impressed;
- shall be registered, and if found in the post unregistered may be detained for the purpose of registration, at any Post Office through which it shall pass.
40. If any postal packet which is subject to compulsory registration under the last foregoing Regulation shall be posted without registration, such packet shall be charged with the minimum registration fee but the stamps (if any) which may have been affixed to such postal packets in excess of the ordinary postage shall be accepted in payment or part payment (as the case may be) of such registration fee.
- 41.—(1) With regard to—
- (i) any letter or parcel found open in the post or which cannot be delivered for want of a true direction, or by reason that the addressee is dead, or cannot be found, or has refused or neglected to pay any charges thereon, or for any other sufficient reason, and

(ii) any printed packet, sample packet, newspaper or packet of newspapers, the following provisions shall apply, that is to say:—

Where any such postal packet is found to contain—

- (a) a postal order not crossed to a banker in which the name of the payee has not been inserted in accordance with the direction on such order: or
- (b) any cheque or dividend warrant which is not crossed to a banker or made payable to order: or
- (c) any bearer security (including a share warrant, scrip or subscription certificate, bond or relative coupon): or
- (d) any bank note or currency note: or
- (e) any postage stamps: or
- (f) coin or jewellery:

of a value of ten shillings or over, such postal packet shall be registered and shall be forwarded to the addressee or tendered to the sender thereof (as the case may be) charged with the minimum registration fee.

(2) Where upon tender of such postal packet to the addressee or sender thereof he refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the same has become liable by law, such packet may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may, in his discretion, direct or authorise.

**42.** The maximum amount which shall be available for compensating persons aggrieved by the loss of or damage to a registered postal packet (including a packet which has been registered compulsorily under this Warrant) and its contents shall be as follows:

- (a) if the registration fee charged in respect of the packet (excluding any fee payable under Regulation 22 of this Warrant on re-direction of the packet) was the minimum registration fee of three pence the maximum available compensation shall be the amount set opposite that fee in column 2 of Part III of the Fourth Schedule hereto;
- (b) if the sender on registering the packet elected to pay one of the higher registration fees specified in column 1 of Part III of the Fourth Schedule hereto the maximum available compensation shall be the amount set opposite the fee paid in column 2 of the said Part III.

#### *Unregistered packets—Compensation*

**43.** If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in, or forming part of, an unregistered parcel be lost or damaged whilst in the custody of the Postmaster General, the Postmaster General may pay to any person who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed and other circumstances) such sum, not exceeding three pounds, in respect of such parcel as he may think just.

**44.** If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in, or forming any part of, an unregistered express packet, which is conveyed by special messenger throughout its whole course in the post, be lost, or damaged whilst in the custody of the Postmaster General, the Postmaster General may pay to the person who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances) such sum, not exceeding three pounds, in respect of such packet as he may think just.

#### *Cash on Delivery packets*

**45.** No Trade Charge exceeding £40 shall be collected under this Warrant.

46. Cash on Delivery packets (other than parcels) shall be registered.
47. There shall be charged and paid on each Cash on Delivery packet, in addition to the postage and other charges payable on such packet, a fee according to the scale of fees set out in the Fifth Schedule hereto.
48. The sender of a Cash on Delivery packet shall fill up, as far as required, the prescribed form (in this Warrant referred to as "the Trade Charge form"), and shall mark the packet in such manner and with such particulars as shall be prescribed.
49. The fee payable on a Cash on Delivery packet shall be paid by the sender and shall be indicated on the Trade Charge form.
- 50.—(1) A Cash on Delivery packet shall not be given up to the addressee thereof, or opened at his request, until the Trade Charge and any postage or other charges due thereon have been paid.
  - (2) Where the Trade Charge on a Cash on Delivery packet exceeds £10 or the Trade Charge and the postage or other charges due in respect of such packet exceed that sum, the Postmaster General may give notice to the addressee of the arrival thereof and before delivery is effected require the addressee to pay the amount due within such period as shall be prescribed and at such Office as shall be specified in the advice sent to the addressee by the Postmaster General.

#### *Trade Charge Money Orders*

- 51.—(1) The Postmaster General shall upon receiving from the addressee the Trade Charge remit the same to sender of the packet, or a person named by him, by means of a Trade Charge Money Order forming part of the Trade Charge form or by such other means as shall be prescribed.
  - (2) Except where payment is made to a Banker, the receipt for the amount of the Trade Charge which forms part of the Trade Charge form shall be signed by the sender of the packet, or by the person named by him to receive the amount or by a person duly authorised in that behalf by the sender or by the person named by him.
  - (3) When a Trade Charge Money Order is made payable to a company, corporation or society, the receipt may be given by means of a stamp of the name of the company, corporation or society, to which is appended the signature of an officer of the company, corporation or society together with a description of his office.
- 52.—(1) A Trade Charge Money Order shall be crossed and marked "not negotiable," and, except where the Postmaster General shall otherwise direct, shall be paid to a Banker.
  - (2) The Order may be crossed either:—
    - (a) generally by the addition on its face of two parallel transverse lines or
    - (b) specially by the addition on its face of the name of a Banker between the two parallel transverse lines, in which case the Order shall be deemed to be crossed to and shall be paid to that Banker.
  - (3) A Banker to whom a Trade Charge Money Order is crossed may again cross it to another Banker as his Agent for collection.
53. The following rules shall apply to the payment of a Trade Charge Money Order to a Banker:—
  - (1) A Trade Charge Money Order may be presented for payment by a Banker at any Office at which payment of such Orders presented by a Banker may from time to time be authorised by the Postmaster General.
  - (2) Where a Trade Charge Money Order is presented by a Banker the name of the Banker, by or on behalf of whom such Order is presented, written or stamped by way of crossing or

otherwise, upon the face of the order, shall be a good receipt to the Postmaster General for the amount of the Trade Charge.

(3) Where a Trade Charge Money Order has been presented for payment by a Banker and has been paid to a Banker and it is afterwards discovered that such Order should not have been paid or allowed to such Banker, the amount so paid or allowed may be deducted from any moneys which may thereafter become payable to such Banker for or on account or in respect of Post Office Money Orders and no objection shall be taken by any Banker to such deduction.

54. The payment of the amount of a Trade Charge Money Order in accordance with this Warrant to whomsoever made, shall discharge the Postmaster General and his officers from all liability whatsoever in respect of that Order and payment of the amount thereof notwithstanding any forgery, fraud, mistake, loss, neglect or omission which may have been committed or have occurred in the procuring of the Order or obtaining the payment thereof or otherwise in relation thereto.

55. After the expiration of three calendar months from the last day of the calendar month in which any Trade Charge Money Order is issued such Order shall be absolutely void and of no effect, and the Postmaster General shall be under no liability to pay such Order. Provided that in such case the Postmaster General may, if he thinks fit, pay the amount of the Order, although the Order has become void, subject (if a period of twelve months or over has elapsed since the last day of the month in which the Order was issued) to a deduction of the sum of sixpence, being the sum payable under the Money Order Warrant 1947(a), for the renewal of a void inland money order, or such other sum as is for the time being payable for the renewal of a void inland money order under any Warrant amending or superseding the Money Order Warrant 1947.

#### *Miscellaneous*

56. Where any postal packet, from its size, weight, character, or condition is, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, unfit for transmission by the route by which such packet would ordinarily travel in the post, such packet may be detained and forwarded by such other route as the Postmaster General may think fit.

57. Where the despatch or delivery from a post office of letters would be delayed by the despatch or delivery therefrom at the same time of printed packets, sample packets or postcards, such printed packets, sample packets or postcards or any of them, may be detained in the post office until any subsequent despatch or delivery.

58. The Postmaster General may, in any case in which he may consider it just or reasonable so to do, remit any postage or any sum made payable under this Warrant.

59. Any postal packet which is posted in contravention of the provisions of this Warrant, whether as regards the nature of its contents, the mode of posting, or packing, or otherwise may, subject to and consistently with the special provisions of this Warrant, be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or dealt with or disposed of in such other manner as may be authorised by the Postmaster General.

60. Subject to such rules as may be prescribed, the Postmaster General may, upon application being made in the prescribed manner by the addressee of any postal packets:—

(a) re-direct the postal packets from their original address to the same addressee at any other address;

(b) retain the postal packets and deliver them up to the addressee or his agent upon his calling therefor at the office of delivery;

(c) temporarily withhold the postal packets from delivery to the addressee thereof.

*Supplementary*

61. In this Warrant (including the Schedules thereto)—

*"Letter"*

- (1) The expression "Letter" means any postal packet except the following (namely):—a postcard, printed packet, sample packet, newspaper, parcel, or a packet consisting of articles for the use of the blind.

*"Postcard"*

- (2) The expression "Postcard" means a card of the authorised dimensions bearing either an impressed or an adhesive stamp denoting a rate of postage, and, except where the context otherwise requires, includes a reply postcard.

*"Reply Postcard"*

- (3) The expression "Reply postcard" means a postcard in two parts, connected together, and of such a character that the person receiving the same through the post may, without further payment, again transmit one part of such card through the post.

*"Printed Packet"*

- (4) In this Warrant the expression "printed packet" means a packet which consists of or contains one or more of the following articles or documents:—
- (a) Books and other publications or works of a literary character, whether containing written dedications or not, and any other written or printed matter not being in the nature of a letter (on paper or on some substance ordinarily used for writing or printing).
  - (b) Sketches, drawings, paintings, photographic prints, and engravings on paper or on some substance ordinarily used for the purpose, provided it is not a brittle or exceptionally fragile substance.
  - (c) Maps, plans and charts, on paper or some other substance ordinarily used for the purpose, provided it is not a brittle or exceptionally fragile substance.
  - (d) The binding or mounting of any article hereinbefore described, provided such binding or mounting be of a kind ordinarily used for the purpose, be not made of glass, or any brittle or exceptionally fragile substance, and be transmitted in the same packet with the article in respect of which it is used.
  - (e) The following documents, whether containing matter in the nature of a letter or not, provided they respectively conform to the following conditions:—

Description of Document	Conditions
Commercial or business papers of a formal character, namely, invoices, orders for goods, or for work to be done, confirmations of orders, advice notes of the despatch or receipt of letters, documents, goods, or money (with or without instructions for their further treatment), waybills, bills of lading, receipts for goods or money, statements of account, price lists, prices current, market reports, delivery and shipping notes, tenders for goods or for	

advertisements, quotations for goods, inquiries for quotations, contract notes, confirmations of contracts, share transfer notices, applications for employment, and such other similar documents as the Postmaster General may from time to time prescribe.

Notices of assessments and applications for payment of rates issued by overseers or other officers employed in the collection of rates.

Notices relating to the registration of voters at parliamentary and local government elections.

Notices, certificates, reports and returns given or made to or by public officers and local authorities or other public bodies in the discharge of their public duties.

Lists and tabular statements.

Deeds, agreements, affidavits, Orders of Court, Briefs from Solicitor to Counsel, proposals and policies of insurance, and formal papers necessarily incident to insurance, powers of attorney, proxy papers, licences, voting papers, testimonials and certificates. Copies of any of the foregoing documents.

Circulars (that is, printed notices and letters including, if the Postmaster General is prepared to accept them, unaddressed circulars, whether enclosed in a cover or not, accepted for delivery in localities specified by the sender).

That the document consist of a form bearing printed matter clearly indicating the purpose for which the form is intended to be used and that any writing refer solely to the subject-matter, or consist of a formula of courtesy or of a conventional character not exceeding five words or initials.

That nothing appear in the document in writing which does not form a necessary part thereof.

That nothing appear in writing on the document except—

- (1) Dates, hours and particulars of times.
- (2) The names, addresses and descriptions of parties.
- (3) The particulars of goods and of sums of money.
- (4) The mode of consignment or delivery of goods or money.
- (5) The terms on which business is transacted.
- (6) Index or reference numbers and letters.
- (7) Corrections of errors in print.
- (8) The place, character and objects of meetings or appointments.
- (9) A formula of courtesy or of a



Printed Christmas, New Year, Easter, Birthday Greeting, Picture and Visiting Cards.	<p>conventional character not exceeding five words or initials.</p> <p>That nothing appear in writing on the document except—</p> <p>(1) Date of sending and names and addresses of sender and addressee.</p> <p>(2) A formula of courtesy or of a conventional character not exceeding five words or initials.</p>
Manuscript for press and printed proofs (including information for insertion in directories and similar publications) with corrections and instructions.	That any writing not forming part of the document itself refer solely to the arrangement or correction of the type or to the execution of the work.
Educational exercises and examination papers with comments, corrections and instructions.	That any writing not forming part of the document itself refer solely to the subject-matter of the exercise or to the questions put or the answers thereto.

- (f) Anything necessary or convenient for the safe transmission of any of the before-mentioned articles by post when transmitted in the same packet with the article in respect of which it is so used.

Any two or more documents coming within the definition of a printed packet may appear on the same sheet of paper, provided they are kept wholly distinct from one another.

On any printed packet or on its cover it is allowed to indicate, by hand or by a mechanical process, the name, description and address of the sender or of the addressee, and the date of the despatch, the sender's signature, telephone number and telegraphic address and code.

In this definition expressions referring to print or printing shall be taken to refer to any species of type-printing easy to recognise, and to include lithography, hand stamping, or any mechanical process ordinarily used to produce a number of identical copies of written matter, and easy to recognise, but except in relation to circulars shall not be taken to include typeprinting after the fashion or in imitation of typewriting, or the reproduction of typewriting by the Mimeograph or any other mechanical process ordinarily used to produce a number of identical copies of written matter. Any formula of courtesy or of a conventional character which may be written on any particular document may be written on the envelope, or on a fly leaf, or on a loose sheet accompanying the document, instead of on the document itself.

Expressions referring to writing shall be taken to include typewriting or any mechanical or other process ordinarily used to produce a single document.

*"Sample Packet"*

- (5) The expression "sample packet" means a packet containing a specimen (without saleable value) of goods for sale:—
- (a) either with or without any article or document transmissible as a printed packet, and
  - (b) either with or without a cover or label for the return of the sample to the dealer by whom the sample was originally posted.

*"Newspaper"*

- (6) The expression "Newspaper" means and includes—
- (a) a newspaper and any supplement thereto as respectively defined by the Post Office Acts, 1908 to 1940;
  - (b) a publication which is within the definition aforesaid in all respects save as regards the proportion of advertisements to other matter and which was stamped as a newspaper before the 15th day of June, 1855.

*"Parcel"*

- (7) The expression "Parcel" means a postal packet which is posted as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant or any Warrant amending the same.

*"Postal Packet"*

- (8) The expression "Postal Packet" means and includes any letter, postcard, printed packet, sample packet, newspaper, parcel and articles for the use of the blind.

*"Express Packet"*

- (9) The expression "express packet" means a postal packet conveyed and delivered by special messenger, at the request of the sender or the addressee, throughout its whole course in the post or any part thereof.

*"Express Delivery Office"*

- (10) The expression "Express Delivery Office" means any post office from time to time authorised by the Postmaster General for the reception of postal packets for conveyance and delivery by special messenger.

*"Railex Service"*

- (11) The expression "Railex Service" means a service whereby a letter is conveyed by a special messenger from the Express Delivery Office to the appropriate railway station, despatched from that station by the next available and suitable train and delivered to the addressee from the railway station to which it was despatched.

*"Late fee postal packet"*

- (12) The expression "late fee postal packets" means postal packets posted after the ordinary hours of collection for particular despatches by being handed in at such post offices or otherwise posted in such manner as shall be prescribed.

*"Business reply letter"*

- (13) The expression "business reply letter" means a letter, postcard or printed packet, which—
- (i) is addressed to a person who has made provision to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General for the payment of postage in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant on business reply letters received by him; and
  - (ii) contains or has thereon only a communication sent by way of a reply to a communication from the addressee; and
  - (iii) is distinguished or marked in such manner as the Postmaster General may direct.

*"Cash on Delivery Packet"*

- (14) The expression "Cash on Delivery packet" means a registered letter, printed paper or newspaper or a registered or unregistered parcel upon which the Postmaster General undertakes at the request of the sender to collect or secure the collection of a sum of money (in this Warrant referred to as a Trade charge) on his behalf from the addressee of

the packet as a condition of delivery and upon which the sender has paid the fee for the Cash on Delivery Service; and the expression "Trade Charge Money Order" means a Money Order in a special form for remitting the Trade charge to the sender of the packet or to a person named by him to receive the amount.

*"Articles for the use of the Blind"*

- (15) The expression "articles for the use of the Blind" means and includes—
- (i) Books and papers impressed for the use of the Blind;
  - (ii) Paper posted to any person for the purpose of being so impressed;
  - (iii) Metal plates impressed for the use of the Blind;
  - (iv) Relief maps;
  - (v) Frames for making impressions for the use of the Blind;
  - (vi) Pencil writing frames and attachments;
  - (vii) Arithmetic and algebra frames and type;
  - (viii) Braillette board and pegs;
  - (ix) Metal graph board and pegs;
  - (x) Playing cards;
  - (xi) Cross-word puzzle boards;
  - (xii) Diagram boards;
  - (xiii) Voice records on discs or films;
  - (xiv) Wrappers and labels for use on packets for the Blind—bulk supplies;
  - (xv) Geometry mats;
  - (xvi) Dominoes.

*"Inland"*

- (16) The expression "Inland", when used in relation to any postal packet or any description thereof, means posted within the British Islands and addressed to some place in the British Islands but does not include—
- (a) a postal packet addressed to any of His Majesty's ships, whether or not the name of a port in the British Islands or the words—*c/o* General Post Office—be included in the address, or
  - (b) a postal packet addressed to a British ship notwithstanding that the packet is addressed *c/o* General Post Office or *c/o* the shipowners or their agents in the United Kingdom
- if in either case such packet has to be sent abroad for delivery.

*"British Islands"*

- (17) The expression "British Islands" means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

*"Re-direction"*

- (18) The expression "Re-direction" as applied to a postal packet includes re-posting.

*"Jewellery"*

- (19) The expression "Jewellery" means:—

- (a) gold, silver or platinum or other precious metal in a manufactured state; that is to say, a state in which value is added to the raw material by skilled workmanship, and in this definition are included any coins used or designed for purposes of ornament;
- (b) diamonds and precious stones;
- (c) watches, the cases of which are entirely or mainly composed of gold, silver or platinum or other precious metal; and
- (d) any article of a like nature which, apart from workmanship, has an intrinsic or marketable value.

*"Paper Money"*

(20) The expression "Paper money" means:—

- (a) notes of the Bank of England, or of any bank of issue in the British Islands, and notes current in the British Islands or in any part of His Majesty's Dominions or in any Foreign State;
- (b) money orders and postal orders;
- (c) unobliterated postage or revenue stamps, whether embossed or adhesive;
- (d) exchequer bills, bank post bills, bills of exchange, promissory notes, cheques, credit notes which entitle the holder to money or goods and all orders and authorities for the payment of money, whether negotiable or not;
- (e) bonds, coupons, and securities for money, whether negotiable or not.

*"Fictitious Postage Stamps"*

(21) The expression "Fictitious Postage Stamp" means any facsimile, imitation or representation (whether on paper or otherwise) of any stamp for the time being authorised or required to be used for the purpose of the Post Office or of any stamp for denoting a current rate of postage of any country outside the British Islands.

*"Postal form"*

(22) The expression "Postal form" means a form issued by or under the authority of the Postmaster General.

*"Prescribed"*

(23) The expression "Prescribed" means prescribed by the Postmaster General.

The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies for the purpose of the construction of this Warrant as it applies to the construction of an Act of Parliament.

**62.** Except as provided in the next following regulations the provisions of this Warrant shall be deemed to apply exclusively to inland postal packets.

**63.** The provisions of this Warrant shall apply to postal packets transmitted between the British Islands and Eire so far as relates to the posting, conveyance, delivery and treatment of such postal packets under the authority of the Postmaster General subject nevertheless to the following modifications, exceptions and additions:—

- (A) In the application of Regulation 1 of this Warrant to postal packets posted in any part of the British Islands for transmission to Eire the description of such packets, the rates of postage, the limits of size and weight and the conditions specified in Part I of the Sixth Schedule hereto shall be substituted for the descriptions, rates, limits and conditions specified in the First Schedule hereto.

(B) In respect of a letter or postcard posted in Great Britain, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands for transmission to an address in Eire the sender may request (by affixing a blue "Air Mail" label to or writing the words "By Air Mail" on the cover or address side of the packet) that the letter or postcard be transmitted by the Air Mail service operating between Liverpool and Dublin. In such case there shall be charged and paid for such portion of the transmission the postage specified in Part II of the Sixth Schedule hereto in addition to the postage payable under Part I of that Schedule and the conditions mentioned in the fifth column of Part I of the said Schedule opposite paragraph (1) and (2) thereof shall have effect with the substitution for the word "postage" of the words "total postage".

(C) For Regulation 17 of this Warrant the following regulation shall be substituted:—

**17.**—(1) Parcels intended to be transmitted by post between the British Islands and Eire shall not be posted, forwarded conveyed, or delivered except subject to such regulations as are referred to in section 14 of the Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882.

(2) Where the sender of a parcel addressed to Eire desires that the parcel may be delivered to the addressee free of all Customs duties and other charges thereon, the following rules shall apply to the parcel:—

(a) there shall be charged and paid on the parcel, in addition to all postage payable thereon, the amount of the Customs Duty and of all other charges payable on the delivery of the parcel and such further fee, not exceeding one shilling, as the Postmaster General shall direct;

(b) the sender shall sign an undertaking (in such form as the Postmaster General may from time to time prescribe) to pay on demand the amount of such Customs duties and other charges as aforesaid;

(c) the sender shall also, if so required, pay by way of deposit, at the time of posting the parcel, such sum as the Postmaster General may prescribe in respect of such Customs Duties and other charges.

(3) In respect of every parcel posted in Eire and intended to be delivered in the British Isles to which such Regulations as aforesaid apply and upon the contents of which any duty is payable under the Customs Acts, there shall be charged and paid such further sum or fee as the Postmaster General shall direct not exceeding the following (that is to say):—

Where the duty does not exceed ten shillings—sixpence.

Where the duty exceeds ten shillings—one shilling.

(D) In respect of postal packets consisting of literature for the blind transmitted between the British Islands and Eire the provisions in the paragraphs lettered (a) to (e) of Regulation 19 of this Warrant shall apply and have effect with the substitution for the words "Articles for the use of the blind" and "an article for the use of the blind" of the words "literature for the blind" and with the omission in the paragraph lettered (e) of the words "or manufacture" and the substitution in the same paragraph of the words "printer or publisher" for the words "printer, publisher or manufacturer".

(E) (i) No postal packet shall be transmitted between the British Islands and Eire as a business reply letter, a cash on delivery packet or a sample packet.

(ii) The service relating to an express packet, in so far as it provides for the conveyance of the packet by special messenger throughout the whole of its course in the post, and the rail service, shall not apply to postal packets transmitted between the British Islands and Eire.

- (F) For Regulation 37 of this Warrant there shall be substituted the following Regulation:
- 37.** The conditions set out in Part II of the Fourth Schedule hereto shall be complied with in relation to a registered postal packet posted in the British Islands for transmission to an addressee in Eire.
- (G) For Regulation 42 of this Warrant there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—
- 42.—**(1) If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in, or forming part of, a registered postal packet be lost or damaged whilst in the custody of the Postmaster General, the Postmaster General may pay to any person or persons who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it is packed, and other circumstances) such sum as he may think just; provided that if the registration fee paid in respect of the registered postal packet so lost or damaged as aforesaid is the minimum registration fee of three pence or one of the higher registration fees specified in column 1 of Part III of the Fourth Schedule hereto (any of which higher registration fees may be paid by the sender) the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum specified in column 2 of the said Part of the said Schedule opposite the amount of the registration fee paid.
- (2) The compensation payable in respect of a registered parcel shall be in substitution for, and not in addition to, any compensation which would have been payable under this Warrant in case the parcel had not been registered.
- (H) In the application of Regulation 43 of this Warrant to unregistered parcels transmitted between the British Islands and Eire the words "two pounds" shall be substituted for "three pounds".
- (I) If any postal packet transmitted between the British Islands and Eire, being a packet which is subject to compulsory registration, shall be posted without registration, no claim to compensation will be considered by the Postmaster General to arise in respect of the loss or damage (if any) of any article enclosed in or forming part of such packet.
- (J) the Postmaster General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss or damage of articles enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet or a parcel transmitted between the British Islands and Eire, out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, but nothing contained in or done under or in pursuance of this Warrant shall render him liable, either personally or in his official capacity, to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of, or in consequence of, any such loss or damage; and the decision of the Postmaster General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss or damage of any article enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet or a parcel, shall be final and conclusive.
- (K) In Regulation 61 of this Warrant for the definition of "Articles for the use of the Blind" there shall be substituted the following definition:—
- (15) The expression "Literature for the Blind" means books and papers impressed in Braille or other special type for the use of the blind.

**64.** The Warrants mentioned in the Seventh Schedule to this Warrant and, as respects postal packets transmitted between the British Islands and Eire, the Warrants mentioned in the Sixth Schedule to the Inland Post Warrant, 1936(a), are hereby revoked.

**65.—**(1) The rates of postage upon parcels specified in paragraph 7 of the First Schedule and (as respects parcels transmitted to Eire) in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of the Sixth Schedule to this

Warrant shall be charged and paid upon parcels posted on and after the 29th day of December, 1947.

(2) Except as aforesaid this Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1948.

**66.** This Warrant may be cited as "The Inland Post Warrant, 1947."

Dated this 11th day of December, 1947.

*R. J. Taylor,*  
*C. James Simmons,*  
Two of the Commissioners of  
His Majesty's Treasury.

*Wilfred Paling,*  
His Majesty's Postmaster General.

# THE FIRST SCHEDULE

## RATES OF POSTAGE

Col. 1 Description of postal packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight	Col. 5 Conditions
1. Letter	2 oz. (or less) 2½d. For every additional 2 oz. or part thereof ½d.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In Roll form. Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	—	A letter upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency
2. Postcard	Each single 2d. Each reply 4d.	Length— Max. 5⅞ ins. Min. 4 ins. Width— Max. 4⅞ ins. Min. 2¾ ins.	—	A postcard upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency.
3. Printed Packet.	2 oz. (or less) 1d. For every additional 2 oz. or part thereof ½d.	Length 2 feet. Width or depth 18 inches. In Roll form. Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches. Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	2 lb.	(1) Any printed packet on which the rate of postage of one penny only is payable if posted after such hour as the Postmaster General may from time to time fix, may be withheld from despatch until any subsequent despatch or delivery, unless prepaid an extra ½d.  (2) A printed packet upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon is prepaid, shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency.



Col. 1 Description of postal packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight	Col. 5 Conditions
4. Newspaper (Registered at the General Post Office).	Not exceeding 4 oz. (per copy) 1½d.  For every additional 4 oz. or fractional part thereof (per copy) ½d.	Length 2 feet.  Width or depth 18 inches.  In Roll form.  Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches.  Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	2 lb.	(1) The rates of postage specified in column 2 shall be charged and paid on every such newspaper, whether posted singly or in a packet of two or more.  (2) Any such newspaper upon which no part or a part only of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency.
5. Sample Packet.	4 oz. (or less) 1½d.  For every additional 2 oz. or part thereof ½d.	Length 2 feet.  Width or depth 18 inches.  In Roll form.  Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches.  Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	8 oz.	A sample packet upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage is prepaid shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency.
6. Articles for the use of the Blind.	Up to 2 lb. ½d.  Exceeding 2 lb. and not exceeding 5 lb. 1d.  Exceeding 5 lb. and not exceeding 8 lb. 1½d.  Exceeding 8 lb. and not exceeding 11 lb. 2d.  Exceeding 11 lb. and not exceeding 15 lb. 2½d.	Length 2 feet.  Width or depth 18 inches.  In Roll form.  Length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches.  Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	15 lb.	Any such article upon which no part, or a part only of the postage is prepaid shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency.

Col. 1 Description of postal packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight	Col. 5 Conditions
7. Parcel	<p>Weight not exceeding 3 lb. 9d.</p> <p>Exceeding 3 lb. but not exceeding 4 lb. 11d.</p> <p>Exceeding 4 lb. but not exceeding 5 lb. 1s. 0d.</p> <p>Exceeding 5 lb. but not exceeding 6 lb. 1s. 1d.</p> <p>Exceeding 6 lb. but not exceeding 7 lb. 1s. 2d.</p> <p>Exceeding 7 lb. but not exceeding 8 lb. 1s. 3d.</p> <p>Exceeding 8 lb. but not exceeding 15 lb. 1s. 4d.</p>	<p>Greatest length, 3 feet 6 inches.</p> <p>Greatest length and girth combined, 6 feet (the girth to be measured round the thickest part).</p>	15 lb.	

## THE SECOND SCHEDULE

### CERTAIN SERVICES AND CHARGES THEREFOR

Col. 1 Service	Col. 2 Charge	Col. 3 Provisions
1. Late fee postal packet	A fee (in addition to the postage) up to 1s. 6d. as may be prescribed.	A packet upon which no part or a part only of the fee payable is paid shall be liable to a surcharge of double the deficiency.
2. Certificate of posting of an unregistered postal packet, other than a parcel, issued at the request of the sender.	½d.	The service is subject to such rules as may be prescribed.
3. Duplicate certificate of the posting of a registered postal packet issued on request.	3d.	The service is subject to such rules as may be prescribed.

Col. 1 Service	Col. 2 Charge	Col. 3 Provisions
4. Receipt for bulk postings which have been prepaid in stamps.	1s. for the first 1,000 items and 2d. for each additional 1,000 or portion thereof.	The service is subject to such rules as may be prescribed.
5. Advice of delivery of, or inability to deliver a registered postal packet.	3d.	The advice is obtained and forwarded to the sender at his request. The service is subject to such rules as may be prescribed.

## THE THIRD SCHEDULE

### EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES

Col. 1 Service	Col. 2 Fees	Col. 3 Limit of size and weight	Col. 4 Provisions
1. Conveyance by special messenger throughout the whole of the service demanded.	Sixpence a mile or part of a mile.	—	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When the special messenger has to deliver for the same sender two or more postal packets for separate addresses or to different persons at the same address, in addition to the full mileage fee in respect of the whole route traversed by the messenger, one penny is charged for each additional packet.</li> <li>2. Where an addressee requests the delivery by special messenger of more than one postal packet from the normal postal delivery office an additional charge of one penny is made for every 10 packets (or less than 10 packets) in excess of one. The Postmaster General may in his discretion include in the delivery all postal packets which may be held for the addressee and in such case the same additional charge shall be paid by the addressee as would have been payable if such postal packets had been included in the delivery at the request of the addressee.</li> </ol>

Col. 1 Service	Col. 2 Fees	Col. 3 Limit of size and weight	Col. 4 Provisions
2. Conveyance by special messenger of a postal packet through part only of its course in the post.	<p>Sixpence for delivery on weekdays in addition to the postage sums and fees ordinarily payable.</p> <p>Sixpence in addition if the sender requests delivery from a delivery office other than the normal delivery office.</p> <p>One shilling in addition to the above for delivery on Sundays.</p>	As specified in the first schedule above.	<p>3. The service is not available on Sunday or (except in Scotland) on Good Friday and Christmas Day; in Scotland the service is not available on New Year's Day.</p> <p>For delivery on Sunday, the service operates for postal packets other than parcels posted on Saturday for delivery on Sunday but only between such places as the Postmaster General shall direct.</p>
3. Hire of cab or other vehicle for conveyance.	The amount expended by the Postmaster General.	—	This charge may be incurred at the request of the sender as respects service No. 1 or service No. 2 in this Schedule or at the discretion of the Postmaster General as respects service No. 1 and is payable in addition to any other sums payable in respect of the postal packet.
4. Packet charged for on an omnibus tramcar or trolley vehicle by which it is conveyed.	The amount expended by the Postmaster General.	—	This charge may be incurred in respect of service No. 1 and is payable in addition to any other sums payable in respect of the postal packet.
5. Waiting fee.	2d. for each 10 minutes, or part of 10 minutes, beyond the first 10 minutes.	—	This fee is payable in respect of service No. 1. The period is reckoned from the expiration of an initial period of 10 minutes and the fee is payable when the messenger is detained at the request of the addressee or in the course of the service the messenger is performing.

Col. 1 Service	Col. 2 Fees	Col. 3 Limit of size and weight	Col. 4 Provisions
6. Railex Service.	Weight not exceeding 2 ozs. 3s. 0d.  Weight exceeding 2 ozs. but not exceeding 1 lb. 3s. 6d.	If posted in the Channel Islands 2 ozs. in all other cases 1 lb.	The charge covers conveyance by railway and service by Post Office messenger.

## THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

### REGISTERED POSTAL PACKETS

#### PART I

Col. 1 Service	Fee in addition to ordinary postage.	
	Col. 2 Registration fee	Col. 3 Late fee
Postal packet handed for registration to an officer of the Post Office authorised to receive the same, though not on duty at a post office or handed in at a post office for registration.	3d.	Such extra sum not exceeding one shilling and six pence as may be prescribed.  (Applicable only to packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch but registered after the expiration of the time appointed for the registration of packets (without extra fee) and within such further time as the Postmaster General may from time to time appoint with reference to any particular post office).

#### PART II

### CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH

1. A packet which the sender desires to be registered must:—
  - (a) be handed for registration to an officer on duty at a post office; or
  - (b) be handed for registration to some officer of the Post Office authorised to receive packets for registration though not on duty at a post office,

and any registered postal packet which has been transmitted to its original address and for which in pursuance of Regulation 22 of this Warrant, re-direction is desired must also be handed to such an officer as aforesaid.

2. (a) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant the fee chargeable for the registration of the packet and any other sum chargeable thereon, must be prepaid.
- (b) On the posting of the packet the person handing over the packet must obtain a certificate bearing thereon an acknowledgment that the registration fee has been paid.
- (c) Provided that in the case of re-direction of a registered postal packet which has been transmitted to its original address sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph shall not apply and, if the person tendering the packet for registration does not prepay any sum chargeable on the packet, a certificate of posting stating that the said sum has not been paid must be obtained.
3. (a) A postal packet of any kind intended for registration must be made up in a reasonably strong cover appropriate to its contents. Except in the case of a printed packet, sample packet or newspaper packet, the packet must be fastened with wax, gum or other adhesive substance, or, where suitable, securely tied with string which is sealed with wax or which is secured at each end by means of a lead, steel or strong metal seal crushed with a press. The packet must also be so made up that no part of the contents can be removed without either breaking or tearing the case, wrapper or cover or forcing two adhesive surfaces apart or breaking a seal.
- (b) The address of the person to whom the packet is to be transmitted must be written on the cover or on a label securely affixed to such cover by gum or other adhesive substance and must be stated fully and correctly to ensure accuracy in delivery.
4. Money in the form of coin or paper money sent by registered post must be enclosed in one of the registered letter envelopes sold by the Post Office.
5. Any article contained in the packet must be adequately packed as a protection against damage in course of transmission. In particular an article of a fragile nature must be packed in a container of sufficient strength and must be surrounded in that container with sufficient and suitable soft material or wadding to protect the article against the effects of concussion, pressure and knocks to which postal packets are ordinarily exposed in transmission, and the packet must bear the words "fragile with care" written conspicuously on the face of the cover above the address.
6. Where a postal packet contains coin the coin must be packed in such a way that it cannot move about and coin in excess of the total value of £5 shall not be enclosed in any such packet.
7. Where a registered postal packet has been delivered and it is alleged that loss or abstraction of or damage to the contents or any of the contents of the packet occurred whilst it was in course of transmission by post, the cover of the packet shall be produced for the Postmaster General's inspection, in the condition as nearly as possible in which it was when the packet was delivered; and where damage to an article of a fragile nature is alleged to have occurred in the course of such transmission the container in which it was enclosed and the packing in such container shall similarly be produced.
8. No postal packet to be transmitted as a registered postal packet shall contain any article or thing which by or under any enactment or this Warrant it is unlawful to send by post.

PART III

Col.1 Registration Fee (In addition to ordinary postage)	Col. 2 Maximum Compensation
s. d.	£
0 3	5
0 4	20
0 5	40
0 6	60
0 7	80
0 8	100
0 9	120
0 10	140
0 11	160
1 0	180
1 1	200
1 2	220
1 3	240
1 4	260
1 5	280
1 6	300
1 7	320
1 8	340
1 9	360
1 10	380
1 11	400

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE

CASH ON DELIVERY PACKETS

*Scale of Fees payable*

Col. 1 Trade Charge	Col. 2 Fee
	s. d.
Not exceeding 10s.	0 4
Exceeding 10s. but not exceeding £1	0 6
" £1 " " " £2	0 8
" £2 " " " £5	0 10
" £5 " " " £10	1 0
" £10 " " " £15	1 2
" £15 " " " £20	1 4
" £20 " " " £25	1 6
" £25 " " " £30	1 8
" £30 " " " £35	1 10
" £35 " " " £40	2 0

## THE SIXTH SCHEDULE

### RATES OF POSTAGE CHARGEABLE ON POSTAL PACKETS TO BE TRANSMITTED TO EIRE

#### PART I

Col. 1 Description of postal packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight	Col. 5 Conditions
1. Letter	2 oz. (or less) 2½d. For every additional 2 oz. or part thereof 1½d.	Length 2 feet.  Width or depth 12 inches.  In Roll form, 2 feet 6 inches in length and 4 inches in diameter.	—	A letter upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency.
2. Postcard	Each single 2d. Each reply 4d.	Length— Max. 5⅞ ins. Min. 4 ins.  Width— Max. 4⅛ ins. Min. 2¾ ins.	—	A postcard upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency.
3. Printed Packet.	2 oz. (or less) 1d. For every additional 2 oz. or part thereof ½d.	Length 2 feet.  Width or depth 12 inches.  In Roll form, 2 feet 6 inches in length and 4 inches in diameter.	2 lb.	(1) Any printed packet on which the rate of postage of one penny only is payable if posted after such hour as the Postmaster General may from time to time fix, may be withheld from despatch until any subsequent despatch or delivery, unless prepaid an extra ½d.  (2) A printed packet upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon is prepaid, shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency.



Col. 1 Description of postal packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight	Col. 5 Conditions
4. Newspaper (Registered at the General Post Office).	Not exceeding 4 oz. (per copy) 1½d.  For every additional 4 oz. or fractional part thereof (per copy) ½d.	Length 2 feet.  Width or depth 12 inches.  In Roll form, 2 feet 6 inches in length and 4 inches in diameter.	2 lb.	(1) The rates of postage specified in column 2 shall be charged and paid on every newspaper, whether posted singly or in a packet of two or more.  (2) Any such newspaper upon which no part or a part only of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency.
5. Literature for the Blind.	Up to 2 lb. ½d.  Exceeding 2 lb. and not exceeding 5 lb. 1d.  Exceeding 5 lb. and not exceeding 8 lb. 1½d.  Exceeding 8 lb. and not exceeding 11 lb. 2d.	Length 2 feet.  Width or depth 18 inches.  In Roll form, length plus twice diameter 3 feet 3 inches.  Greatest dimension 2 feet 8 inches.	11 lb.	Any such article upon which no part, or a part only of the postage is prepaid shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficiency.
6. Parcel	Weight not exceeding 2 lb. 9d.  Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 5 lb. 1s. 0d.  Exceeding 5 lb. but not exceeding 8 lb. 1s. 3d.  Exceeding 8 lb. but not exceeding 11 lb. 1s. 6d.	Greatest length, 3 feet 6 inches.  Greatest length and girth combined, 6 feet (the girth to be measured round the thickest part).	11 lb.	—

## PART II

(TRANSMISSION PARTLY BY AIR FROM GREAT BRITAIN,  
THE ISLE OF MAN OR THE CHANNEL ISLANDS TO EIRE.)

For the first 2 oz. . . . .	2d.
Over 2 oz. and up to 8 oz. . . . .	3d.
For each additional 8 oz. or fraction thereof	3d.

## THE SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Inland Post Warrant, 1936 **(a)**  
Inland Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1940 **(b)**  
Inland Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant, 1940 **(c)**  
Inland Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1942 **(d)**  
Inland Post Amendment (No. 5) Warrant, 1943 **(e)**  
Inland Post Amendment (No. 6) Warrant, 1943 **(f)**  
Inland Post Amendment (No. 7) Warrant, 1946 **(g)**

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**(a)** S.R. & O. 1936 (No. 618) II, p. 2049.      **(b)** S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 671) I, p. 802.  
**(c)** S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 1153) I, p. 806.      **(d)** S.R. & O. 1942 (No. 65) I, p. 733.  
**(e)** S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 219) I, p. 831.      **(f)** S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 499) I, p. 832.  
**(g)** S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 2118) I, p. 1406.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Warrant, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Warrant consolidates with amendments the regulations relating to the inland post and the postal service with Eire.

Section 9 of the Crown Proceedings Act, 1947 (dealing—inter alia— with proceedings against the Crown in respect of loss of or damage to a registered inland postal packet) provides that regulations may be made for prescribing the conditions to be observed for the purposes of the section in relation to such registered packets. These conditions are provided for by Regulation 37 and are set out in Part II of the Fourth Schedule to the Warrant.

The inland rates of postage in the First Schedule are unchanged except as regards parcels, the rates for which have been increased by one penny when the weight does not exceed 3lb and by twopence at each subsequent step of the scale. The postage on parcels to Eire is also increased, the new rates being set out in Part I of the Sixth Schedule.