

# AIR PARCEL POST.

## INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC.

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### I.—AIR PARCEL SERVICES TO PARIS (semi-official).

1. Parcels for Paris (*see* paragraph 5)—but not for any other place in France—may be posted for onward transmission each weekday by the aeroplane service from Croydon of Messrs. Handley Page Transport, Ltd. That Company is responsible for the clearance of the parcels through the French Customs and for their subsequent delivery.

#### A.—Conditions of Posting.

2. **Accepting Offices.**—Air parcels may be posted at any District or Branch Post Office in London, and at any Head Post Office in the Provinces. In many of the larger towns, such as Manchester and Birmingham, air parcels can also be handed in at one or more subordinate Post Offices. A list of these can be obtained on application at the local Head Office.

3. The Air Service is not available for Insured or Cash on Delivery parcels; nor can Customs Charges on air parcels be prepaid in advance. Redirection to places beyond Paris is not undertaken.

4. As regards maximum weight and dimensions, the making out of Customs Declarations and Despatch Notes, compensation in the event of loss or damage, etc., air parcels are subject to the same regulations as parcels sent by ordinary parcel post. It is particularly important, in the case of an air parcel, that the relative Customs Declaration and Despatch Note should be completed with the utmost care and accuracy; otherwise the parcel is liable to delay in Customs clearance and delivery at the other end, and may lose the benefit of transmission by air post. The sender must see that, either before or at the time of posting, an "Air Mail" label is carefully affixed to the parcel close to the address where it will not easily be overlooked.

5. **Delivery in Paris.**—The Company undertakes to deliver air parcels at any address within the walls of Paris at a charge to the addressee of 1 franc 25 per parcel. It also undertakes, at a charge to the addressee of 5 francs per parcel, delivery in many of the suburbs.

The sender, and not the Post Office or the Air Company, is responsible for seeing that the address of any parcel sent by air to Paris comes within the indicated limit. If it does not, the parcel will ordinarily be returned undelivered to the sender (*see* next paragraph). The names of the suburbs of Paris where delivery is undertaken can be ascertained at any accepting Office.

6. **Undelivered Parcels for Paris.**—In order that the Company may be in a position to dispose promptly of any air parcel which cannot be delivered at the address intended, the sender should in every case show on the Despatch Note or on the cover of the parcel, (a) if possible, an alternative address in Paris (*see* paragraph 5) at which the parcel should be tendered, (b) whether, in the event of non-delivery, it should be returned to the sender, or treated as abandoned. The sender will be liable to pay on return of the parcel any additional postal or other charges (possibly including French Customs charges) which may have accrued upon it.

#### B.—Services to Paris.

7. Air parcels may be sent to Paris by "EXPRESS" or "NON-EXPRESS" Service.

An "EXPRESS" parcel is normally forwarded by air from Croydon on the day after posting, and delivered in Paris on the same evening or the following morning. (As to latest times

of posting, and the special facilities provided in London in this connection, *see* paragraph 8). In the case of a NON-EXPRESS parcel the interval between posting and delivery is normally one or two days longer, but should still be substantially less than in the case of a parcel for Paris sent by the ordinary parcel post.

The fees chargeable on such parcels (inclusive of inland as well as air conveyance, but exclusive of the delivery charge payable by the addressee—*see* paragraph 5) are as follows :—

|                              | For parcels weighing |         |         |          |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|----------|
|                              | up to 2 lb.          | 2-5 lb. | 5-8 lb. | 8-11 lb. |
| "Express" service ... ..     | 1/9                  | 3/-     | 4/6     | 6/-      |
| "Non-express" service ... .. | 1/6                  | 2/3     | 3/3     | 4/3      |

8. The latest time at which a parcel (express or non-express) can be posted at any accepting Office so as to reach the London Aerodrome on the following morning may be ascertained by enquiry at that Office. At certain special Offices in central London "express" parcels for Paris may be posted in the morning for air conveyance on the same day and delivery on the same evening or the following morning. (For names of Offices and times of posting *see* section IV. of the Air Mail Leaflet.)

## II.—EXPRESS AIR PARCEL SERVICE TO HOLLAND.

9. Parcels addressed to any part of Holland may be posted for conveyance from London to Rotterdam or Amsterdam by air and for express delivery by the Dutch Post Office. They will usually be forwarded from Croydon by air on the morning after posting, and be delivered in Rotterdam and Amsterdam the same evening, and in other parts of Holland by the second morning after posting. They should thus reach their respective destinations two or three days earlier than if sent by the ordinary parcel post. The scale of charges, inclusive of express delivery at the place of destination, is as follows :—

|                                  |         |          |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| For parcels weighing up to 3 lb. | 3-7 lb. | 7-11 lb. |
| 3/6                              | 6/6     | 9/-      |

(On parcels addressed "Poste Restante" the charges are 6d. less.)

The general conditions and latest times of posting are similar to those in the Paris service (*see* paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 8 above), *except* that there are at present no facilities for posting in London in the morning for air conveyance to Holland on the same day.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

LONDON, E.C.1.

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