

THE FOREIGN AND COLONIAL PARCEL POST WARRANT 1925

DATED MAY 30, 1925.

We, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, 1908 to 1920, 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:—

General Conditions.

1. Parcels may, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, be transmitted by post:—
 - (a) between Great Britain and any country or place out of Great Britain with reference to which an arrangement has been made with respect to the conveyance of parcels by post, and
 - (b) between Great Britain and such British Postal Agencies as the Postmaster General may direct, between such Agencies and any country or place with reference to which such an arrangement as above mentioned has been made, and also between such British Postal Agencies.Provided that this Warrant shall not apply to parcels transmitted between Great Britain and the Irish Free State.
2. There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post—
 - (a) any parcel containing coin or gold bullion exceeding five pounds in value, or any parcel containing silver bullion, or silver partly manufactured, exceeding twenty pounds in value; or
 - (b) any parcel containing any article or thing not authorised by the Customs or other laws or regulations of Great Britain, or of the country to which the parcel is addressed, or of any country through which it may pass, or, if posted at a British Postal Agency, by the Customs or other laws or regulations of the country in which the Agency is situate.
3. Except by permission of the Postmaster General, there shall not be forwarded, conveyed, or delivered by post any parcel the dimensions and weight of which shall exceed such dimensions and weight as shall be prescribed by the Postmaster General with reference to such parcel.
- 4.—(1) There shall be charged and paid on outgoing parcels such rates of postage as from time to time shall be directed by the Postmaster General. Provided that (except as hereinafter provided) such rates of postage shall in no case exceed:—
 - (a) twelve shillings on a parcel not exceeding eleven pounds in weight; and
 - (b) twenty-four shillings on a parcel exceeding eleven pounds, but not exceeding twenty-two pounds, in weight.(2) The rates of postage on parcels addressed to Northern Rhodesia, to Southern Rhodesia, to the Belgian Congo (via Cape Town), to Japan and China (via North America), and on parcels addressed for transmission through Japan and China via North America, shall in no case exceed:—

- (a) twenty shillings on a parcel not exceeding eleven pounds in weight; and
 - (b) forty shillings on a parcel exceeding eleven pounds, but not exceeding twenty-two pounds, in weight.
- (3) The Postmaster General shall publish from time to time in the *London Gazette* the several rates of postage payable under this Warrant, and in any proceeding by or against the Postmaster General relating to the postage payable in respect of parcels transmitted under this Warrant, the production of a copy of the *Gazette* containing the rate in question shall be conclusive evidence that such rate is the rate for the time being payable as aforesaid.
- (4) Where it is provided by this Warrant that the rates of postage payable in respect of inland parcels shall apply to parcels transmitted under this Warrant, there shall be charged and paid on parcels exceeding eleven pounds in weight as Inland postage a sum not exceeding two shillings and two pence for each parcel.
5. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, the following provisions shall apply to the posting of an outgoing parcel, that is to say:—
- (a) The parcel shall be posted by being handed in at a post office prescribed by the Postmaster General for that purpose.
 - (b) The parcel must bear the name and full address of the addressee, and must be packed in such manner and form and in accordance with such directions as the Postmaster General may from time to time prescribe in that behalf. Except as otherwise directed by the Postmaster General, the parcel must be accompanied by or have affixed to it one or more declarations of such kind, and stating the nature and value of the contents of the parcel in such manner and form and with such other particulars as the Commissioners of Customs and the Postmaster General may prescribe.
 - (c) The sender may also be required to fill up a despatch note in such form as the Postmaster General may prescribe.
- 6.—(1) Where the sender of an outgoing parcel desires that such parcel may be delivered to the addressee free of all Customs Duties and other charges thereon, the following rules shall apply to such parcel:—
- (a) There shall be charged and paid on such parcel, in addition to all postage payable thereon, the amount of the Customs Duties and of all other charges payable on the delivery of such parcel, and such further sum or 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.
- (2) This Regulation shall not apply to a parcel addressed to a country or place with the Postal Administration of which the Postmaster General has not for the time being an arrangement for the collection from the senders of Customs and other charges.
7. Parcels intended to be transmitted by post under the provisions of this Warrant 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.

8. In respect of every incoming parcel to which such Regulations as are referred to in Section 14 of the Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882, 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 not exceeding sixpence as the Postmaster General shall direct.
9. Any outgoing packet transmissible by Parcel Post, which from any words or marks thereon, or other external evidence, appears to have been intended for transmission as a parcel. and has not been tendered for transmission as a parcel but has been posted in a post office letter box, or otherwise than as provided for the posting of parcels, may, in the discretion of the Postmaster General, either be detained and returned or given up to the sender, or if the said packet is fully pre-paid with the letter or open packet rate of postage, and otherwise conforms in the regulations as to the letter or open packet post, the same may be forwarded as a letter or open packet (as the case may be).
10. Where an incoming parcel exceeds eleven pounds in weight, the Postmaster-General may in such cases as he thinks fit instead of delivering the parcel give notice to the addressee of the arrival thereof and the parcel shall in such case be delivered to the addressee at the post office on his application at any time within such period as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe from the delivery of the notice, and upon payment of all charges due thereon.
11. Where the charges due in respect of an incoming parcel or incoming parcels amount to more than five pounds, the Postmaster General may, in such cases as he thinks fit, give notice to the addressee of the arrival thereof and before delivery is effected require the addressee to pay the amount due at the office of delivery within such period as the Postmaster General may from time to time prescribe.
- Charges
exceeding £5
on incoming
parcels.
- 12.—(1) Parcels which for any reason are undeliverable shall be dealt with in accordance with arrangements from time to time made between the Postmaster General and the Postal Administrations concerned.
- (2) Where under any such arrangement as above mentioned an outgoing parcel is returned to the sender, there shall be charged upon such parcel and paid by the sender additional postage according to the rate chargeable under any such arrangement, and the parcel shall not be given up to the sender except upon payment of such additional postage and of all charges of any kind to which the parcel may have become liable under the provisions of this Warrant, or otherwise by the law of this country, or of any British Possession or foreign country.
- (3) Where under any such arrangement as above mentioned a parcel is not returned to the sender, or the sender or the addressee refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the parcel has become liable under this Warrant or otherwise, the parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may, in his discretion, direct or authorise.
- (4) (a) Where an incoming parcel cannot be delivered as originally addressed and under any such arrangement as above mentioned the name and address of a substituted addressee has been furnished by the sender, and the parcel is forwarded to the substituted address, or
- (b) Where an incoming parcel, which cannot be delivered within such reasonable time as the Postmaster General may from time to time prescribe, is subsequently re-transmitted to the addressee thereof at the request of the sender or of the addressee,

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

13. In any case not in this Warrant expressly provided for, where any parcel shall be posted or tendered for conveyance or transmitted by post, which in any respect infringes or fails to comply with the regulations herein outlined or any of them, such parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General may, in his discretion, direct or authorise.

Express Delivery.

14. Upon every outgoing parcel, not exceeding such weight as the Postmaster General may from time to time prescribe, addressed to any country or place abroad in which delivery of parcels is effected by special messenger, marked with the words "express delivery" or with such other words as may indicate the desire of the sender that the parcel may be delivered by special messenger (which words are hereinafter referred to as an "express marking"), there shall be charged and prepaid such fee not exceeding eightpence as the Postmaster General shall direct.
- 15.—(1) Any incoming parcel, not exceeding such weight as the Postmaster General may from time to time prescribe, marked with an express marking shall, in Great Britain, be conveyed and delivered by special messenger, subject to the regulations and conditions for the time being in force with respect to the conveyance of inland parcels in Great Britain.
- (2) No express fee shall be payable by the addressee of such parcel unless and except so far as the sum pre-paid thereon for express delivery of such parcel is less than the express fee payable on an inland parcel.

Re-direction.

- 16.—(1) Any parcel may be re-directed from its original address or any substituted address within Great Britain or from a British Postal Agency, to the same addressee at any other address in any country or place with which a Parcel Post from Great Britain or from such Agency is established, provided that the parcel conforms with the regulations applicable to parcels sent by post to the country or place to which it is re-directed. In every case of such re-direction there shall be charged on such parcel in respect of such re-direction additional postage according to the rates for the time being payable in respect of the transmission of a like parcel to the country or place to which it may be re-directed.
- (2) Any parcel may be re-directed from its original address or any substituted address within Great Britain to the same addressee at any other address within Great Britain, and in every case of such re-direction there shall be charged on such parcel in respect of such re-direction, and (if not previously paid) paid by the addressee thereof upon the delivery of such parcel such rate of postage, if any, as would in like case be charged upon the parcel if it were an inland parcel.

Insurance and Compensation.

17. If any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of a parcel, be lost or damaged whilst in the course of conveyance by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person, or to the postal administration of any British possession or foreign country, if, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, such person or administration establishes 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 as he may think just.

Provided that—

- (1) In the case of an uninsured parcel the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed one pound in respect of a parcel not exceeding eleven pounds in weight and one pound twelve shillings in respect of a parcel exceeding that weight.
- (2) In the case of an outgoing insured parcel where in addition to the postage payable in respect of such parcel:—
 - (a) a sum equal to the registration fee prescribed in relation to outgoing postal packets under this Regulations for the time being applicable to the Foreign and Colonial Post (except parcels), and
 - (b) a compensation fee of an amount specified in the first column of the Second Schedule hereto (and no more)are paid in respect of such letter, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum specified in the second column of the said Schedule.
- (3) In the case of an incoming insured parcel the sum paid by way of compensation shall not in any case exceed four hundred pounds, and in no case shall it exceed the amount or the equivalent thereof for which the parcel has been insured by the sender.

18.—(1) 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 parcels, 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, whether such loss or damage be occasioned by or arise from any act or neglect of any officer of the Post Office or any other person.

(2) 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 parcel or any article enclosed in or forming part of a parcel shall be final and conclusive.

19.—(1) Except as otherwise directed by the Postmaster General, a parcel posted in or addressed to a country or place from or to which insured parcels are transmissible by post, and containing coin or any article of jewellery or any article not for the time being transmissible in an uninsured parcel to or from such country or place, shall not be conveyed by post unless the same is insured.

(2) The following provisions shall apply to any such parcel if posted without insurance:—

(i) If such parcel be received at a British Post Office—

(a) the parcel shall be registered, and may be detained for that purpose;

(b) the parcel shall be charged with such registration fee not exceeding sixpence as the Postmaster General shall direct, in addition to all other postage payable thereon;

(c) No compensation shall be payable in respect of the loss or damage of the parcel or the contents thereof.

(ii) If such parcel be posted at a British Post Office it shall be treated in such manner as the Postmaster General may direct.

20. Subject to such rules as the Postmaster General may from time to time prescribe, the Postmaster General may, at the request of the sender of an outgoing insured parcel, and on prepayment by such sender of such sum or fee not exceeding fourpence as the Postmaster General shall direct, cause to be obtained and forwarded to such sender an acknowledgement or certificate of the delivery of such parcel at the office to which the said parcel is addressed.

Special Conditions as to Cash-on-Delivery Parcels.

21. Cash-on-Delivery Parcels may be transmitted by post between:—

- (a) Great Britain and any country or place out of Great Britain with reference to which an arrangement has been made with respect to the transmission of Cash-on-Delivery parcels, and
- (b) between Great Britain and such British Postal Agencies as the Postmaster General may direct, and between such Agencies and any country or place with reference to which such an arrangement has been made and also between British Postal Agencies.

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

23. There shall be charged and paid on every Cash-on-Delivery Parcel, in addition to the postage and any other charges payable on such parcel, the following sums, that is to say:—

(a) On every outgoing parcel a Cash-on-Delivery fee as follows:—

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or each £1 or fraction of £1 of the Trade Charge	0 2½
and a despatch fee of	0 2
(b) On every incoming parcel a fee of	0 4

24. The Cash-on-Delivery fee and despatch fee payable on an outgoing Cash-on-Delivery Parcel shall be prepaid by the sender in stamps affixed to the parcel.

25. The fee payable on an incoming Cash-on-Delivery Parcel shall be paid by the addressee in addition to the Trade Charge.

26. The sender of a Cash-on-Delivery Parcel shall fill up, so far as required, a Trade Charge Money Order form.

27.—(1) A Cash-on-Delivery Parcel shall not be given up to the addressee thereof or opened at his request until the Trade Charge and any other charges due thereon have been paid.

(2) The provisions of the Regulation the marginal note of which is “Charges exceeding £5 on incoming parcels” shall apply to a Cash-on-Delivery Parcel upon which the Trade Charge exceeds £5, or the Trade Charge and other charges due in respect of such parcel exceed that sum.

28. The Postmaster General shall upon receiving from the addressee the Trade Charge on an incoming Cash-on-Delivery Parcel remit the same to the sender of the parcel by means of the Trade Charge Money Order form received with the parcel which will be issued as a Money Order free of commission.

29. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, the regulations for the time being applicable to inland parcels shall (so far as the same are applicable) apply to parcels transmissible by post under the provisions of this Warrant.

30. 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.

31. In this Warrant—

- (1) The expression “parcel” means a postal packet which is posted at a British Post Office as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant or any Warrant amending the same, or is received at a British Post Office from abroad by Parcel Post.
- (2) The expression “British Post Office” means and includes any post office in Great Britain and any British Postal Agency.
- (3) The expression “British Postal Agency” means any Post Office established by the Postmaster-General in a country or place out of Great Britain.
- (4) The expression “outgoing” applied to a parcel means posted at a British Post Office.
- (5) The expression “incoming” applied to a parcel means received at a British Post Office through the post.
- (6) The expression “Great Britain” includes Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
- (7) The expression “British possession” means any part of His Majesty’s dominions exclusive of Great Britain and the Irish Free State.
- (8) The expressions “gold bullion” and “silver bullion” mean uncoined and unmanufactured gold or silver (as the case may be).
- (9) The expression “coin” means coin of all kinds whether or not current in Great Britain or elsewhere, except such as is used or designed for the purposes of ornament.
- (10) The expression “jewellery” means—
 - (a) Gold, silver or platinum 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 the purposes of ornament;
 - (b) diamonds and precious stones;
 - (c) watches entirely or mainly composed of gold, silver or platinum; and
 - (d) any article of a like nature which, apart from workmanship, has an intrinsic or marketable value.
- (11) The expression “insured parcel” means a parcel in respect of which a compensation fee is paid.
- (12) The expression “Cash-on-Delivery Parcel” means a parcel upon which the Postmaster General is requested to collect a sum of money (in this Warrant referred to as a “Trade Charge”) from the addressee for remission to the sender or to a person nominated by the latter and upon which the sender has paid the fees for Cash on Delivery service.
- (13) The expression an “open packet” means and includes a printed packet, a commercial packet, a sample packet, a magazine for Canada or Newfoundland, and a packet of literature for the blind.
- (14) Expressions used in Regulations for the time being relating to the Inland Post or the Foreign and Colonial Post (except parcels) shall, so far as applicable, have the same meaning in this Warrant.

32. This Warrant shall be printed from time to time as amended by all Warrants made prior to the date of such printing.

33. The Warrants mentioned in the First Schedule hereto (so far as unrepealed) are hereby repealed.

Provided that—

(1) Where any provision of any Warrant not comprised in the said schedule has been repealed by any Warrant hereby repealed such repeal shall not be affected by the repeal effected by this Warrant.

(2) The repeal by this Warrant of any Warrant shall not affect—

(a) anything done or suffered before this Warrant comes into operation; or

(b) any legal proceeding commenced before this Warrant comes into operation in pursuance of any Warrant hereby repealed. And any such legal proceeding may be carried on and completed as if this Warrant had not been made.

34. This Warrant may be cited as “The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post Warrant, 1925.”

35. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

Dated this 30th day of May, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

George Hennessey,

W. Cope,

Two of the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury.

W. Mitchell-Thomson,

His Majesty’s Postmaster-General.

The First Schedule.

WARRANTS REPEALED.

Short title.	Date.
The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post Warrant, 1921	1921, June 30th.
The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1923	1923, September 8th.
The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post (Cash-on-Delivery) Warrant, 1919	1919, December 31st.
The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post (Cash-on-Delivery) Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1920	1920, January 12th.
Do. do. (No. 2) do. 1920	1920, April 5th.
Do. do. (No. 3) do. 1920	1920, April 30th.
Do. do. (No. 4) do. 1920	1920, May 31st.
Do. do. (No. 5) do. 1920	1920, June 30th.
Do. do. (No. 6) do. 1921	1921, January 15th.
Do. do. (No. 7) do. 1921	1921, December 12th.
Do. do. (No. 8) do. 1922	1922, December 20th.
Do. do. (No. 9) do. 1923	1923, June 23rd.
Do. do. (No. 10) do. 1923	1923, December 18th.

The Second Schedule.

Compensation Fee.		Compensation.		
<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
0	2	12	0	0
0	4	24	0	0
0	6	36	0	0
0	8	48	0	0
0	10	60	0	0
1	0	72	0	0
1	2	84	0	0
1	4	96	0	0
1	6	108	0	0
1	8	120	0	0
1	10	132	0	0
2	0	144	0	0
2	2	156	0	0
2	4	168	0	0
2	6	180	0	0
2	8	192	0	0
2	10	204	0	0
3	0	216	0	0
3	2	228	0	0
3	4	240	0	0
3	6	252	0	0
3	8	264	0	0
3	10	276	0	0
4	0	288	0	0
4	2	300	0	0
4	4	312	0	0
4	6	324	0	0
4	8	336	0	0
4	10	348	0	0
5	0	360	0	0
5	2	372	0	0
5	4	384	0	0
5	6	396	0	0
5	8	400	0	0