

## **THE IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN POST AMENDMENT (No. 1) WARRANT 1943**

DATED MARCH 30, 1943.

We, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, 1908 to 1940, 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:—

- 1.—(1) This Warrant (except regulation 7 thereof) shall be read as one with the Imperial and Foreign Post Warrant, 1940, hereinafter called “the principal Warrant”.
  - (2) Regulation 7 of this Warrant shall be read as one with the Inland Post Warrant, 1936.
- 2.—(1) The provisions contained in regulation I of the principal Warrant, specifying the rates of postage on outgoing letters and postcards, shall have effect subject to the modifications set forth in paragraph (2) of this regulation.
  - (2) (a) In respect of every outgoing letter and postcard posted in Great Britain for transmission to the master or a member of the crew of any British ship (whether employed on Government non-commercial service or on ordinary commercial service) on the high seas or in any port or place outside Great Britain, there shall be charged and paid the rates of postage specified in Part II of the Second Schedule to the principal Warrant;
  - (b) In respect of every outgoing letter posted on board any British ship employed on Government non-commercial service (whether the ship is on the high seas or in any port or place outside Great Britain), being a letter posted by the master or a member of the crew for transmission to Great Britain or Eire or to any of the countries or places specified in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant, there shall be charged and paid the rates of postage specified in Part III of the Second Schedule to the principal Warrant; no postage shall be payable for the transmission of any single postcard so posted;
  - (c) In respect of every outgoing letter and postcard posted on board any British ship while it is employed on ordinary commercial service and is on the high seas, being a letter or postcard posted by the master or a member of the crew for transmission to Great Britain or Eire:
    - (i) if the letter or postcard is handed over at any port in the countries or places specified in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant or at a port in the United States of America the rate of postage shall be as stated in Part III of the Second Schedule to the principal Warrant in respect of a letter, no postage being payable in respect of a single postcard so posted and handed over; and
    - (ii) if the letter or postcard is handed over at any other port abroad the rates of postage shall be those specified in Part II of the said Second Schedule.
- (3) The rate of postage, or freedom from postage, specified in regulation 4 of the principal warrant in respect of certain outgoing printed packets shall also apply to every such outgoing printed packet posted as mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) or sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (2) of this regulation by the persons and for the destinations mentioned in those

sub-paragraphs respectively, but as regards the said sub-paragraph (c) only if it is handed over at a port in the countries or places specified in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant or at a port in the United States of America.

3. Regulation 11 of the principal Warrant is hereby repealed and the following regulation is substituted therefor:—
  - “11. There shall be charged and paid:—
    - (a) on every airgraph letter a rate of postage not exceeding one shilling for each sheet;
    - (b) on every air letter a rate of postage not exceeding one shilling;
    - (c) on every Air Mail packet (other than an airgraph letter or an air letter) a rate of postage not exceeding five shillings for each half ounce or fractional part of a half ounce in weight.”
- 4.—
  - (1) Every air letter shall comply with the requirements of the Postmaster General as to the paper used, its dimensions and the form and manner in which it is made up, the position of the stamp and the particulars appearing on the outside, and nothing shall be enclosed with the letter.
  - (2) A letter shall only be transmissible as an airgraph letter or an air letter if it is addressed to such countries or destinations as may from time to time be prescribed.
  - (3) An airgraph letter shall not be transmissible as a registered postal packet.
5. Notwithstanding anything in regulation 60 of the principal Warrant, a letter, postcard or printed packet posted on board any British ship employed on Government non-commercial service while it is in any port or place outside Great Britain shall be treated as an outgoing letter, postcard or printed packet (as the case may be) if it is posted by the Master or a member of the crew of the ship for transmission to Great Britain or Eire or to any of the countries or places specified in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant in a closed mail.
6. Regulation 67 of the principal Warrant shall be read and have effect as though at the end thereof the following words were added:—

“and also to postal packets so transmitted between Great Britain and any British ship outside the territorial waters of Great Britain and Eire notwithstanding that such last mentioned postal packets are addressed c/o G.P.O. or c/o the shipowners or their agents in Great Britain”.
7. The expression “Inland” when used in the Inland Post Warrant 1936, in relation to any postal packet or any description thereof shall not include a postal packet addressed to a British ship if the packet has to be sent abroad for delivery, notwithstanding that the packet is required to be addressed c/o G.P.O. or c/o the shipowners or their agents in the United Kingdom.
8. In this Warrant—
  - (a) The expression “airgraph letter” means a letter, written on a prescribed form, a photographic reproduction of which, made under the direction of the Postmaster General, is transmitted to the country or place of destination or to some intermediate place, the transmission being wholly or partly by an Air Mail Service.
  - (b) The expression “air letter” means a letter written on a special form and transmitted, on the paper on which it is written, to the country or place of destination through the whole or part of its course by an Air Mail Service.
9. This Warrant may be cited as “The Imperial and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1943”.

**10.** This Warrant shall come into operation forthwith.

**11.** Dated this 30th day of March, 1943.

*J. P. L. Thomas.*  
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Two of the Commissioners of  
His Majesty's Treasury.

*Harry Crookshank,*  
His Majesty's Postmaster General.