

## **The British Postal Agencies (Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post) Warrant, 1958**

<i>Made</i>	<i>14th May 1958</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>22nd May 1958</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>1st June 1958</i>

We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers given to us by sections 5, 8, 11, 15 and 81 of the Post Office Act, 1953 and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her 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:—

### *Interpretation*

1.—(1) In this Warrant, except so far as the contrary is provided or the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

"the Act" means the Post Office Act, 1953;

"air parcel" means an outgoing parcel conveyed or intended to be conveyed at the request of the sender through any part of its course in the post by an air mail service;

"bullion" means uncoined and unmanufactured metal;

"coin" means coin (whether or not current), except such as is used or designed for purposes of ornament;

"incoming" means received in a British postal agency through the post;

"jewellery" means:—

- (a) gold, silver or platinum or other precious metal in a manufac-factured 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;

"outgoing" means posted in a British postal agency;

"parcel" means a postal packet which is posted as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant or any Warrant amending or replacing the same, or is received in a British postal agency from any other place by parcel post;

"postal arrangement" means an arrangement made by Her Majesty or by the Postmaster-General with respect to the conveyance by post of parcels between the country or place in which a British postal agency is situated and any other country or place, or between other places through a British postal agency.

- (2) Any reference in this Warrant to the provisions of any enactment warrant or regulations shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to those provisions as amended re-enacted or replaced by any subsequent enactment warrant or regulations.
- (3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of this Warrant as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

#### *Application*

2. The provisions of this Warrant shall apply exclusively to parcels transmitted by post in either direction between a British postal agency and any other place (including another British postal agency), being parcels in respect of which a postal arrangement has been made.

#### *Rates of postage*

- 3.—(1) There shall be charged and paid on outgoing parcels (except air parcels) such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General may fix not exceeding forty rupees per parcel up to a maximum weight of twenty-two pounds.
- (2) There shall be charged and paid on outgoing air parcels such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General may fix not exceeding twenty-six rupees per pound or thirteen rupees per half pound or fractional part of a pound or half pound (as the case may be) up to a maximum weight of twenty-two pounds.
- (3) The Postmaster-General shall publish from time to time in such manner as he may consider expedient the several rates of postage payable under this Warrant.
- (4) The rates of postage in respect of outgoing parcels to which this Warrant applies which have been fixed and published under regulation four of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant, 1950 shall continue in force until superseded by rates fixed under this regulation, and shall take effect as if they had been fixed and published under this regulation.

#### *Delivery*

- 4.—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs of this regulation, there shall be charged on an incoming parcel and paid by the addressee on its delivery the amount of any deficient postage and any fees and charges which are payable in respect of the parcel under the law or regulations of the country or place in which the British postal agency is situated or any country or place from or through which the parcel has been transmitted, but have not been paid.
- (2) Where an incoming parcel cannot be delivered to the original addressee, and is delivered within the country or place in which the British postal agency is situated to a substituted addressee whose name has been furnished by the sender in accordance with the relevant postal arrangement, paragraph (1) of this regulation shall apply in respect of the parcel as if the reference therein to the addressee were a reference to the substituted addressee.
- (3) Where an outgoing parcel is received back in a British postal agency from any other place for return to the sender in accordance with the relative postal arrangement, paragraph (1) of this regulation shall apply in respect of the parcel as if the reference therein to the addressee were a reference to the sender; and the sender shall pay in addition postage in respect of the return transmission at such rate and such other charges as the Postmaster-General may consider appropriate having regard to the terms of the relative postal arrangement.
- (4) The Postmaster-General may withhold any parcel from delivery until all sums due thereon have been paid.

### *Undeliverable parcels*

- 5.—(1) An incoming parcel which cannot be delivered, and an outgoing parcel which is received back in a British postal agency from any other place for return to the sender in accordance with the relative postal arrangement and which cannot be returned to the sender, may be dealt with or disposed of as the Postmaster-General may think fit.
- (2) Where an incoming parcel cannot be delivered within such time as the Postmaster-General may consider reasonable, or delivery of it is refused, and subsequently the sender or the addressee requests that the parcel should be delivered, the Postmaster-General may if he thinks fit comply with such request; and in that event there shall be charged on the parcel and paid by the addressee on its delivery all such sums as are referred to in paragraph (1) of regulation four including any further charge incurred if the parcel has already been returned to the country or place of origin.

### *Redirection*

- 6.—(1) An incoming parcel may be redirected from a British postal agency to the same addressee at any address outside the country or place in which the agency is situated, provided that:—
- (i) the parcel is eligible for transmission to the place of the new address and complies with the conditions applicable to such transmission;
  - (ii) the sender has not forbidden redirection by means of a note to that effect on the address side of the parcel in English or in any other language understood at the original delivery office; and
  - (iii) the Postmaster-General is satisfied that there will be paid on delivery of the parcel the sums charged thereon under the next following paragraph.
- (2) There shall be charged on a parcel which is redirected under paragraph (1) of this regulation additional postage at the rate applicable to the transmission of a parcel of like weight posted in the British postal agency to the place of the new address, and (if the parcel is an insured parcel) a further insurance fee in accordance with sub-paragraph (g) of paragraph (1) of regulation seven.

### *Insured parcels*

- 7.—(1) Where the relative postal arrangement so provides, an outgoing parcel may be insured, and in such case the following rules shall apply:
- (a) The parcel shall not be addressed to an addressee identified by initials only, or addressed in pencil.
  - (b) The seals, labels and postage stamps affixed to the parcel shall be so spaced that they cannot conceal injuries to the cover; and no label or postage stamp shall be folded over two sides of the cover so as to hide the edge.
  - (c) Where the contents include coin, bullion or jewellery they shall be enclosed in a strong box or case measuring, if the contents are jewellery exceeding 1300 rupees in value, at least three feet six inches in length and girth combined, which shall be sewn up or otherwise fastened in a wrapper of linen, canvas, strong paper or other substantial material. The address shall be written on the actual covering of the parcel and seals not more than three inches apart shall be placed along the edges of each joint or loose flap.
  - (d) The sender shall mark on the cover of the parcel (otherwise than in pencil) the words "Insured for" followed by the sum, in words and figures, for which the parcel is to be insured. Such sum shall not exceed either (i) the real value of the contents

and the packing (including any container in which the contents may be enclosed), or (ii) the sum of 3000 rupees or such lesser sum as may be fixed by the relative postal arrangement.

- (e) Where the sender is required to fill up a despatch note he shall mark thereon (otherwise than in pencil) the sum for which the parcel is to be insured.
  - (f) No erasure or correction shall be made in the address or in the sum for which the parcel is to be insured wherever these particulars are to be shown.
  - (g) There shall be charged and paid at the time of posting, in addition to the postage and any other charges payable on the parcel, an insurance fee comprising: (i) a sum equal to the registration fee chargeable for the registration of an outgoing postal packet other than a parcel under the British Postal Agencies (Commonwealth and Foreign Post) Warrant for the time being in force, and (ii) the compensation fee appropriate to the sum for which the parcel is to be insured according to the scale of fees set out in Part I of the First Schedule hereto.
  - (h) On the posting of the parcel the Postmaster-General shall furnish to the sender a certificate of posting bearing an acknowledgment that the insurance fee has been paid and stating the amount for which the parcel has been insured.
- (2) If an outgoing parcel containing any article which, under the relative postal arrangement, is not transmissible in an uninsured parcel is found in the post uninsured, the parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may think fit.
  - (3) On the delivery of an incoming insured parcel the recipient shall give a written receipt therefor in a form prescribed by the Postmaster-General. Where such a receipt is not obtained, the parcel may nevertheless be delivered, or may be withheld and dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may think fit.
  - (4) If an incoming parcel containing any such article as is mentioned in paragraph (2) of this regulation is found in the post uninsured, the parcel may be delivered on payment of a fee equal to the registration fee chargeable for the registration of an outgoing postal packet other than a parcel, or may be returned to the Postal Administration of the country or place of origin.

### *Compensation*

- 8.—(1) If a parcel, or any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of a parcel, be lost or damaged whilst in the course of conveyance by post under the provisions of this Warrant, the Postmaster-General may pay such sum as he may think just to any person or Postal Administration, if in his opinion such person or Administration establishes a reasonable claim to compensation:

Provided that:—

- (a) In the case of an uninsured parcel the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum appropriate thereto according to the scale set out in Part II of the First Schedule hereto, having regard to the weight of the parcel.
- (b) In the case of an outgoing insured parcel, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum appropriate thereto according to the scale set out in Part I of the First Schedule hereto, having regard to the compensation fee paid in respect of the parcel.
- (c) In the case of an incoming insured parcel the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of 3000 rupees or such lesser sum as, having regard to the compensation fee paid in respect of the parcel, may be fixed by the relative postal arrangement.

- (2) Compensation shall not be payable in respect of the loss of or damage to any parcel or any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of any parcel where:—
- (a) an application relating to the parcel is not received, either by the Postmaster-General or by the Postal Administration of the country or place from or to which the parcel was transmitted, from the person claiming compensation within one year of the date of posting of the parcel;
  - (b) the cause of such loss or damage is beyond the control of the Postmaster-General and of the Postal Administration of any country or place under whose administration the parcel is at the time of such loss or damage; or
  - (c) the parcel cannot be traced or otherwise accounted for by reason of the destruction of official documents where the cause of such destruction is beyond the control of the Postmaster-General and of the Postal Administration of any other country or place.
- (3) The Postmaster-General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss of or damage to parcels, and of or to articles enclosed in or forming part of a parcel, 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 or the Crown liable to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of or in consequence of any such loss or damage. The decision of the Postmaster-General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss of or damage to a parcel, or of or to any article enclosed in or forming part thereof, shall be final and conclusive.

#### *Postal facilities*

9. The postal facilities referred to in this Warrant may be provided by the Postmaster-General at such times, during such periods, at such post offices, in such circumstances, and on such conditions (not being inconsistent with the provisions of this Warrant) as the Postmaster-General may from time to time consider expedient.

#### *Remission of postage and fees*

10. The Postmaster-General may remit in whole or in part any postage or other sums chargeable under this Warrant in such cases or classes of cases as he may determine.

#### *Application of British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant, 1958*

11. The provisions of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant, 1958 specified in the Second Schedule hereto shall apply to parcels transmitted by post under the provisions of this Warrant, subject to the modifications specified in the said Schedule.

#### *Citation and commencement*

12. This Warrant may be cited as "The British Postal Agencies (Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post) Warrant, 1958", and shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, 1958.

Dated this 14th day of May, 1958.

*Martin Redmayne, Harwood Harrison,*  
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

*Ernest Marples,*  
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.  
14th May, 1958.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulations 7 and 8

INSURANCE AND COMPENSATION

PART I

INSURED PARCELS

Compensation fees		Maximum Compensation
Rupees	Naye Paise	Rupees
—	10	160
—	22	320
—	34	480
—	46	640
—	58	800
—	70	960
—	82	1120
—	94	1280
1	6	1440
1	18	1600
1	30	1760
1	42	1920
1	54	2080
1	66	2240
1	78	2400
1	90	2560
2	2	2720
2	14	2880
2	26	3000

PART II

UNINSURED PARCELS

Weight of parcel	Maximum Compensation	
	Rupees	Naye Paise
Not exceeding 3 lb.	15	50
Exceeding 3 lb. but not exceeding 7 lb.	23	50
Exceeding 7 lb. but not exceeding 11 lb.	39	—
Exceeding 11 lb. but not exceeding 22 lb.	62	—

## THE SECOND SCHEDULE

## PROVISIONS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN PARCEL POST WARRANT, 1958, APPLYING TO PARCELS TRANSMITTED UNDER THIS WARRANT

Regulation	Subject	Modifications
4	Prohibitions	In sub-paragraph (a) (iv) of paragraph (2), for "£5" there shall be substituted "65 rupees", and for "£50" there shall be substituted "665 rupees".
5	Packing	—
6	Limits of weight and size	—
8	Posting	—
9	Payment of postage and fees	—
10	Treatment of irregular parcels	In paragraph (1), after "provision of" there shall be inserted "the Act or Post Office regulations or".  In paragraph (2), for "the British postal area" there shall be substituted "the British postal agency concerned and".
13	Air parcels	—
21	Advice of delivery and enquiries	For "threepence" in each place where it occurs there shall be substituted "20 naye paise".

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant fixes the rates of postage and fees and prescribes conditions for the parcel post services between the British Postal Agencies in the Persian Gulf and other places and between one Agency and another.

These services were previously covered by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant, 1950, as amended by subsequent Amendment Warrants. The 1950 Warrant and the Amendment Warrants are revoked by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant, 1958, which consolidates them with minor amendments, but does not cover the services in the British Postal Agencies.

The main alterations made by this Warrant are:—

- (i) The replacement of the registration service for parcels transmitted from one Agency to another by an insured service. (Regulations 7 and 8).
- (ii) An increase from 15 to 22 lb. in the maximum weight for parcels transmitted from one Agency to another. (Regulation 6 of the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Warrant, 1958, as applied by Regulation 11 of this Warrant).
- (iii) The omission of reference to the Agencies in Morocco as a result of the closing of these Agencies.