

POST OFFICE
SCHEME P9/1971

NOTE:—The Scheme which follows this note comes into operation on 1st July 1971 and amends certain provisions of the Inland Post Regulations 1968 (S.I. 1968 No. 1253) (as amended), which Regulations, by virtue of paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 9 to the Post Office Act 1969, have effect as if they were provisions of a scheme made under section 28 of that Act. The provisions so amended relate to incoming postal packets from the Channel Islands and the Republic of Ireland.

The principal changes are:

- (1) the fees chargeable for customs clearance are increased;
- (2) the fee for storing a parcel in bond while awaiting customs clearance or re-addressing is increased, and will be charged in respect of the entire period of storage, including the first 28 days;
- (3) the addressee of a postal packet in bond may, on payment of a fee, have the packet transferred from a place appointed for customs examination to another such place.

(This note is not part of the Scheme)

THE POST OFFICE (INLAND POST)
AMENDMENT (No. 5) SCHEME 1971

Made 15th June 1971

Coming into Operation 1st July 1971

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 28 of, and paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Post Office Act 1969, and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Commencement, citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1971, and may be cited as the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 5) Scheme 1971.

(2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Inland Post Regulations 1968 (S.I. 1968 No. 1253) (hereinafter called "the Regulations"), as amended by the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1969, the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1970 (Post Office Scheme P1/1970), the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 3) Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme P1/1971), and the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 4) Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme P6/1971).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889 applies for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(4) Any reference in this Scheme to the provisions of any enactment, regulations or scheme shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to those provisions as amended, re-enacted or replaced by any subsequent enactment, regulation or scheme.

(5) In regulation 1(1) of the Regulations, the following definition shall be inserted after the definition of "freepost packet":

"incoming" when used in relation to any postal packet, or any description of postal packet, means received in the British postal area from the Channel Islands or from the Republic of Ireland;

(6) In this Scheme the letter "p", when used with figures to express an amount of money, means a new penny or new pence (as the context may require).

Packets from the Channel Islands and the Republic of Ireland

2. For regulation 21(3) as substituted by regulation 55A of the Regulations (Packets to and from the Channel Islands) and for regulation 21(3) as substituted by regulation 55 of the Regulations (Application of the regulations to packets to and from the Republic of Ireland) there shall be substituted (in each case) the following paragraph:

"(3) With respect to the clearance through customs of an incoming postal packet, the Post Office may charge the following fee:—

(a) the fee of 20p on each incoming postal packet (other than a parcel) which is produced to the proper officer of Customs and Excise;

(b) the fee of 25p on each incoming parcel; and such fee (if charged) shall be paid by the addressee if the packet shall be delivered to him."

3. Paragraph (3) of regulation 55A of the Regulations (Packets to and from the Channel Islands), including that paragraph as applied by paragraph 8(2) of the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1969 (Packets to and from the Republic of Ireland), shall be amended as follows:

(1) There shall be inserted at the end of sub-paragraph (i)—

"(e) transfer the packet (if it is a packet with respect to which a customs notice has been sent to the addressee) from the appointed place where the packet is to some other appointed place nominated by the addressee";

(2) In sub-paragraph (ii)(a) for the words "and (c)" there shall be substituted the words ", (c) and (e)".

(3) For sub-paragraph (v) there shall be substituted the following—

"(v) If the Post Office stores a parcel in bond while it is awaiting customs clearance or is waiting to be re-addressed in pursuance of an application in that behalf made in accordance with sub-paragraph (i)(c) or (d), there shall be charged on the parcel for such storage (in addition to any other charges or fees payable under these regulations) the following fee:

(a) where the parcel is stored for a period not exceeding 28 days, the fee shall be 50p;

(b) where the parcel is stored for a longer period, the fee shall be 50p with an additional sum calculated at the rate of 5p for each working day (or residual part of such a day) of storage after the first 28 days part of that period.

(vi) The storage fee charged under sub-paragraph (v) with respect to a parcel (other than a parcel which is returned to its sender) shall be paid by the addressee if the parcel shall be delivered to him, or by the original addressee if the parcel shall be re-addressed in accordance with sub-paragraph (i)(c) or (d).

(vii) For the purposes of this paragraph:

(a) a parcel shall be deemed to be in bond when and so long as it is in the custody of the Post Office at a place appointed by the Post Office and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise as a place for customs examination;

(b) "appointed place" means a place so appointed for that purpose;

(c) a parcel shall be deemed to be stored in bond by the Post Office while it is in an appointed place, if and so long as:

(i) after a customs notice has been sent to the addressee with respect thereto, it is awaiting customs clearance, or is waiting to be re-addressed in pursuance of an application in that behalf made under sub-paragraph (i)(c) or (d); or

(ii) being a parcel conveyed by air addressed to a registered trader with respect to which the necessary documents for the purpose of making an entry or delivering an account of the goods therein were not delivered to the proper officer of Customs and Excise on or before its arrival at such a place, it is awaiting customs clearance, or is waiting to be re-addressed in pursuance of such an application;

and the period of such storage shall be deemed to have begun at the beginning of the day on which the customs notice was sent or, in the case of such a parcel as is mentioned in (ii) (above), at the beginning of the day on which the parcel was brought into an appointed place, and that period shall be deemed to terminate at the end of the day on which customs clearance is granted, or, if later (in the case of a parcel with respect to which such an application has been made), at the end of the day on which

the parcel is re-addressed; and in the case of a parcel which has been transferred under subparagraph (i)(e), the period of storage shall be deemed to have continued unbroken while it was in course of transit to the nominated place;

(d) "customs notice" means a notice sent by an officer of Customs and Excise requiring entry to be made of goods contained in a parcel in bond, or requiring an account of them to be delivered;

(e) "registered trader" means a trader who is for the time being registered with the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under the Advance Documentation Scheme; and

(f) "working day" means a day on which the appointed place in which a parcel is stored is open for public business."

Dated 15th June 1971.

Signed on behalf of the Post Office by *D. E. Roberts* (a person authorised by the Post Office to act in that behalf).

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