

POST OFFICE

POST OFFICE SCHEME 1/1984

NOTE: The Scheme which follows this note has been made under section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969 and amends the Post Office Inland Post Scheme 1979. The Scheme, which will come into operation on 16th April 1984, provides for alterations to conditions and procedures in respect of express packets, Datapost packets and private boxes.

(This note is not part of the Scheme)

THE POST OFFICE INLAND POST AMENDMENT (NO. 13) SCHEME 1984

Made 2nd April 1984
Coming into operation 16th April 1984

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969, and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Commencement and citation

1.—(1) This Scheme shall come into operation on 16th April 1984 and may be cited as the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 13) Scheme 1984.

(2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Post Office Inland Post Scheme 1979 (Post Office Scheme P1/1979) (hereinafter called "the Scheme") as amended by the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1979 (Post Office Scheme P5/1979), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1980 (Post Office Scheme P1/1980), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 3) Scheme 1980 (Post Office Scheme P6/1980), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 4) Scheme 1981 (Post Office Scheme P1/1981), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 5) Scheme 1981 (Post Office Scheme P5/1981), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 6) Scheme 1981 (Post Office Scheme P11/1981), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 7) Scheme 1981 (Post Office Scheme P12/1981), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 8) Scheme 1981 (Post Office Scheme P15/1981), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 9) Scheme 1982 (Post Office Scheme P1/1982), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 10) Scheme 1983 (Post Office Scheme P1/1983), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 11) Scheme 1983 (Post Office Scheme P3/1983), and the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 12) Scheme 1983 (Post Office Scheme P5/1983).

Interpretation

2. In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 of the Scheme, the definitions of "express packet" and "Royal Mail Special Delivery packet" shall be deleted. In sub-paragraph (c) of the definition of "paper money" the word "available" shall be deleted and the word "valid" inserted in its place.

Royal Mail Special Delivery service

3. Paragraph 26 of the Scheme shall be deleted.

Postal facilities—general

4. In sub-paragraphs (2), (3)(a) and (3)(b) of paragraph 27 of the Scheme, the words "Schedules 3 and 4" shall be deleted and the words "Schedule 3" inserted in their place in each case.

Express delivery

5. Paragraph 28 of the Scheme shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:

"28.—(1) In this Scheme the expression "express packet" means a first class letter conveyed or intended to be conveyed by special messenger from the office of delivery at the request of the sender.

(2) There shall be charged and paid for the conveyance of each express packet an express delivery fee as specified in Schedule 3 to the Scheme, in addition to first class postage and any other fees charged and payable thereon.

(3) No such packet shall exceed the limits of size, specified in Column 3 of Schedule 1 to the Scheme, for first class letters.

(4) The express delivery facility may be provided between such places as the Post Office may from time to time consider expedient.

(5) An express packet addressed to a place in the British postal area shall bear the words "Royal Mail Special Delivery".

(6) An express packet addressed to a place in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland shall bear the word "Express".

(7) An express packet shall bear such other words, lines or marks as the Post Office may require.

(8) An express packet shall be posted by being handed to an officer of the Post Office:

(a) on duty at the counter of a post office; or

(b) authorised to receive such packets otherwise than at a post office, where the Post Office allows that method of posting.

(9) The sender of an express packet shall complete and hand to the officer of the Post Office referred to in sub-paragraph (8) such form, and shall attach to the packet such label in such position, as may be required.

(10) Where an express packet arrives at the office of delivery in time to be delivered in the normal course of letter delivery, then at the discretion of the Post Office it may be delivered in the normal course of letter delivery instead of by special messenger.

(11) The Post Office may forward a packet as an express packet although the full postage and fees chargeable thereon are not prepaid, and there shall be payable by the addressee on the delivery of the packet, or, if the packet is refused or cannot for any other reason be delivered, by the sender, such amount as the Post Office may determine. In no case shall the Post Office be bound to deliver any express packet not fully prepaid unless the addressee pays the amount payable thereon.

(12) In the event that an express packet is not available for delivery at the place of address on the next working day after the day of posting, the express delivery fee charged under sub-paragraph (2) may be refunded to the sender of the packet at the discretion of the Post Office.

(13) Where an express packet is tendered for the post after the latest prescribed time of posting to achieve delivery at the place of address on the next working day, it may nevertheless be accepted but sub-paragraph (12) shall not apply to such packet."

Transmission of postal packets in bulk

6.—(1) In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 36 of the Scheme, the words "packets or Royal Mail Special Delivery packets" shall be deleted.

(2) In sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 36 of the Scheme, the figure "29" shall be deleted.

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Compulsory registration

7. In sub-paragraph (2)(e) of paragraph 40 of the Scheme, the word "available" shall be deleted and the word "valid" inserted in its place.

Compensation for certain other postal packets

8. In sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 47 of the Scheme, the words "or an express packet" shall be deleted in both places where they occur.

Services not available for packets to or from the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland

9. Paragraph 58 of the Scheme shall be deleted.

Datapost service

10.—(1) Sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 75 of the Scheme shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:

"(5) (a) Where a Datapost packet is tendered for the post after the latest prescribed time of posting to achieve delivery at the place of address on the same day as it was posted, where such a facility is provided, it may nevertheless be accepted and transmitted so as to achieve delivery on the next working day.

(b) In the event that a packet is not available for delivery at the place of address on the same day as it was posted, where such a facility is provided, or the next working day if the packet is accepted under (a) above, all or part of the fee paid under sub-paragraph (3) may be refunded to the sender at the discretion of the Post Office."

(2) Sub-paragraph (6) of paragraph 75 of the Scheme shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:

"(6) (a) Where a Datapost packet is tendered for the post after the latest prescribed time of posting to achieve delivery at the place of address on the next working day after the day of posting, it may nevertheless be accepted and treated as if posted on the next working day.

(b) In the event that a packet is not available for delivery at the place of address on the next working day after the day of posting, or the next working day after that if the packet is accepted under (a) above, all or part of the fee paid under sub-paragraph (3) may be refunded to the sender at the discretion of the Post Office."

(3) The following sub-paragraphs shall be inserted after sub-paragraph (8) of paragraph 75 of the Scheme:

"(9) The sender or addressee of a Datapost packet tendered to achieve delivery at the place of address on the same day as it was posted, where such a facility is provided, may require the messenger who delivers the packet to accept for the post a Datapost packet by way of reply or further service, if the last mentioned packet is tendered to achieve delivery at the place of address on the same day, where such a facility is provided. There shall be charged and paid in respect of the last mentioned packet the fee referred to in sub-paragraph (3) and also, as the Post Office may determine, a waiting fee as specified in item 6 of Schedule 3 to the Scheme.

(10) Save as the Post Office may allow, a Datapost packet shall not be addressed or delivered to a private box."

Postal facilities

11.—(1) The following items shall be inserted after item 4 of Schedule 3 to the Scheme as subsequently amended:

"5. Express delivery fee... .. £1.50

6. Waiting fee, payable when the messenger is detained at the request of the sender or addressee or in the course of the service the messenger is performing ... Such fee as the Post Office may fix."

(2) In item 8A(5) of Schedule 3 to the Scheme, the words "Delivery fee" shall be deleted and the words "Transfer fee" shall be inserted in their place. After the words "provision of the box" there shall be inserted the words "or where an addressee requests placement by the Post Office of postal packets addressed to his actual place of address into the box to await collection:"

(3) Item 9 of Schedule 3 to the Scheme shall be deleted.

Express delivery services

12. Schedule 4 to the Scheme shall be deleted.

Registered postal packets

13. In item 3(5)(e) of Part II of Schedule 5 to the Scheme, the word "available" shall be deleted and the word "valid" inserted in its place.

Compensation fee parcels

14. In item (e) of Part III of Schedule 6 to the Scheme, the word "available" shall be deleted and the word "valid" inserted in its place.

Recorded delivery packets

15. In item (e) of Part III of Schedule 7 to the Scheme, the word "available" shall be deleted and the word "valid" inserted in its place.

Compensation for certain other postal packets

16. In item (e) of Part II of Schedule 8 to the Scheme, the word "available" shall be deleted and the word "valid" inserted in its place.

Dated 2nd April 1984.

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

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