

POST OFFICE

POST OFFICE SCHEME 2/1984

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 3rd September 1984, provides for alterations to the provisions relating to recorded delivery packets and to postal rates, fees and compensation limits generally.

(This Note is not part of the Scheme)

THE POST OFFICE INLAND POST AMENDMENT (NO. 14) SCHEME 1984

Made - - - - - 6th August 1984
Coming into operation - - - - - 3rd September 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 3rd September 1984 and may be cited as the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 14) 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), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 12) Scheme 1983 (Post Office Scheme P5/1983), and the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 13) Scheme 1984 (Post Office Scheme 1/1984).

Interpretation

2. In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 of the Scheme, the following definition shall be inserted after the definition of "express delivery office":

" "express packet" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 28; "

The definition of "recorded delivery packet" shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:

" "recorded delivery packet" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 29; "

Additional postage on late posted packets

3. In sub-paragraph (3) (a) of paragraph 6 of the Scheme, the words "paragraph 2 of Part II of Schedule 7" shall be deleted and the words "sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 29" inserted in their place.

Unaddressed packets

4. In sub-paragraph (13) (b) of paragraph 25 of the Scheme, the figure "43" shall be deleted and the figure "29" inserted in its place.

Recorded delivery

5. The following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 28 of the Scheme:

"Recorded delivery"

29.—(1) In this Scheme the expression "recorded delivery packet" means a postal packet which is posted as a recorded delivery packet in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, with the intention that the recipient of the packet shall give a written receipt therefor on delivery.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, any unregistered postal packet other than a parcel may be sent as a recorded delivery packet.

(3) There shall be charged and paid on each recorded delivery packet a recorded delivery fee as specified in item 9 of Schedule 3 to the Scheme, in addition to postage and any other fees charged and payable thereon.

(4) A recorded delivery packet shall be handed to an officer of the Post Office on duty at a post office, or authorised to receive such packets otherwise than at a post office, where the Post Office allows that method of posting; and any recorded delivery packet which has been transmitted to its original address and which is redirected in pursuance of paragraph 32 shall also be handed to such an officer as aforesaid.

(5) The sender of a recorded delivery packet shall complete, and deliver up to such officer as aforesaid, such form, and shall attach to the packet such label in such position, as may be prescribed.

(6) If an unregistered postal packet (other than a parcel) to which is attached such a label as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (5) is found in the post or left at a post office, and the requirements of sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) have not been complied with, and a certificate of posting has not been obtained, the packet shall be either forwarded to the addressee or tendered to the sender charged (in either case) with the recorded delivery fee, but the amount (if any) of the postage which may have been prepaid in respect of the packet in excess of the ordinary postage shall be accepted in part payment, or, if sufficient, in payment of such recorded delivery fee.

(7) Where upon tender of such a postal packet to the sender pursuant to sub-paragraph (6) the sender pays the charges to which it has become liable the packet shall be forwarded to the addressee.

(8) Where upon tender of such a postal packet to the addressee or sender pursuant to sub-paragraph (6), he refuses or fails to pay the charges to which it has become liable, the packet may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Post Office thinks fit.

(9) On the delivery of a recorded delivery packet the recipient shall give a written receipt therefor in the prescribed form. Where such a receipt is not obtained, the packet may nevertheless be delivered, or may be withheld and dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Post Office thinks fit.

Business reply packets and postage forward parcels

6. In sub-paragraph (8) of paragraph 30 of the Scheme, the words "an annual fee of £20 in respect of a Business Reply Licence, and £22" shall be deleted and the words "the fee specified in item 1 of Schedule 3 in respect of a Business Reply Licence, and the fee specified in item 2 of Schedule 3" inserted in their place.

Freepost licences

7. In sub-paragraph (9) of paragraph 31 of the Scheme, the words "an annual fee of £20" shall be deleted and the words "the fee specified in item 3 of Schedule 3" inserted in their place.

Redirection by the public

8.—(1) In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 32 of the Scheme, the words “ A Royal Mail Special Delivery ” shall be deleted and the words “ An express ” inserted in their place.

(2) In sub-paragraph (3)(b) of paragraph 32 of the Scheme, the words “ Column 1 of Part I of Schedule 7 ” shall be deleted and the words “ item 9 of Schedule 3 ” inserted in their place.

Transmission of postal packets in bulk

9. In sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 36 of the Scheme, the figure “ 43 ” shall be deleted and the figure “ 29 ” inserted in its place.

Packets for which the Post Office accepts liability

10. In sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 36A of the Scheme, the words “ sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 43, or paragraph 45,” shall be deleted and the words “ sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 23, or sub-paragraphs (8) or (9) of paragraph 29,” inserted in their place.

Recorded delivery

11. Paragraphs 43, 44, 45 and 46 of the Scheme shall be deleted.

Compensation for certain other postal packets

12.—(1) In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 47 of the Scheme, the words “ a recorded delivery packet,” shall be deleted.

(2) In sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 47 of the Scheme as subsequently amended, the figure “ £17 ” shall read “ £18 ”.

(3) The following sub-paragraph shall be inserted after sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 47 of the Scheme:

“ (6) For the purpose of this paragraph, any fee payable under paragraph 32 on redirection of a recorded delivery packet shall be disregarded. ”

Compensation for recorded delivery packets to and from the Channel Islands or to and from the Isle of Man.

13. Paragraph 66A of the Scheme shall be deleted.

Compensation for certain postal packets to and from the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland

14. In paragraph 67 of the Scheme as subsequently amended, the word “ Guernsey ” shall be deleted and the words “ the Channel Islands ” inserted in its place, and the figure “ £17 ” shall read “ £18 ”.

Customs regulations, prepayment of duty and clearance of incoming packets

15. In sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 70 of the Scheme as subsequently amended, the figure “ 90p ” shall read “ £1·00 ” in both places where it occurs.

Incoming packets in bond

16.—(1) In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 71 of the Scheme as subsequently amended, the content of the table shall read as follows:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Number of packets	Fee	Fee
Not exceeding 2	£3·00	£1·50
Between 3 and 20 inclusive	£1·20 per packet	60p per packet
Exceeding 20	£25·00	£12·50

(2) In sub-paragraph (5)(a) of paragraph 71 of the Scheme as subsequently amended, the figure “ £2·70 ” shall read “ £3·00 ”. The content of the table shall read as follows:

Column 1	Column 2
Number of parcels	Fee
Between 2 and 9 inclusive	£1·60 per parcel
Between 10 and 26 inclusive	£16·00
Exceeding 26	60p per parcel

(3) In sub-paragraph (5)(b) of paragraph 71 of the Scheme as subsequently amended, the figure “ 50p ” shall read “ 60p ”.

Datapost service

17. In sub-paragraph (7) of paragraph 75 of the Scheme, the figure “ 43 ” shall be deleted and the figure “ 29 ” inserted in its place.

Letter and parcel rates

18. The following amendments are made to Schedule 1 to the Scheme as subsequently amended:

(1) In column 2 of item 1(a), “ 16p ” shall read “ 17p ”, and “ 12½p ” shall read “ 13p ”.

(2) Items (b)(i) and (b)(ii) of column 2 of item 1 shall be deleted and the following shall be substituted:

“ (b)(i) For transmission as a first class letter:

Weight not exceeding 60g,	Such rate, not exceeding 18p, as the Post Office may fix
Exceeding 60g, but not exceeding 100g,	24p
Exceeding 100g, but not exceeding 150g,	31p
Exceeding 150g, but not exceeding 200g,	38p
Exceeding 200g, but not exceeding 250g,	45p
Exceeding 250g, but not exceeding 300g,	53p
Exceeding 300g, but not exceeding 350g,	61p
Exceeding 350g, but not exceeding 400g,	69p
Exceeding 400g, but not exceeding 450g,	78p
Exceeding 450g, but not exceeding 500g,	87p
Exceeding 500g, but not exceeding 750g,	£1·28
Exceeding 750g, but not exceeding 1000g,	£1·70
Exceeding 1000g: For each additional 250g of part thereof	42p

(ii) For transmission as a second class letter:

Weight not exceeding 60g,	Such rate, not exceeding 14p, as the Post Office may fix
Exceeding 60g, but not exceeding 100g,	18p
Exceeding 100g, but not exceeding 150g,	22p
Exceeding 150g, but not exceeding 200g,	28p
Exceeding 200g, but not exceeding 250g,	34p
Exceeding 250g, but not exceeding 300g,	40p

Exceeding 300g, but not exceeding 350g,	46p
Exceeding 350g, but not exceeding 400g,	52p
Exceeding 400g, but not exceeding 450g,	59p
Exceeding 450g, but not exceeding 500g,	66p
Exceeding 500g, but not exceeding 750g,	98p

- (3) In column 2 of item 2, "12½p" shall read "13p".
- (4) Column 2 of item 4(a) shall be deleted and the following shall be substituted:

"Weight not exceeding 1kg,	£1·33
Exceeding 1kg, but not exceeding 2kg,	£1·72
Exceeding 2kg, but not exceeding 3kg,	£2·10
Exceeding 3kg, but not exceeding 4kg,	£2·30
Exceeding 4kg, but not exceeding 5kg,	£2·50
Exceeding 5kg, but not exceeding 6kg,	£2·65
Exceeding 6kg, but not exceeding 7kg,	£2·80
Exceeding 7kg, but not exceeding 8kg,	£2·95
Exceeding 8kg, but not exceeding 9kg,	£3·10
Exceeding 9kg, but not exceeding 10kg,	£3·25

Postal facilities

19. The following amendments are made to Schedule 3 to the Scheme as subsequently amended:

- (1) Item 1 shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:
"1. Business Reply Licence fee £20".
- (2) Item 2 shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:
"2. Postage Forward Parcel Licence fee £22".
- (3) Item 3 shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:
"3. Freepost Licence fee £20".
- (4) In item 7(1)(b), "£26" shall read "£27·50".
- (5) In item 8A(1)(a), "£32·50" shall read "£34".
- (6) In item 8A(1)(b), "£65" shall read "£68".
- (7) In item 8A(5), "£32·50" shall read "£34" in both places where it occurs.
- (8) In item 8A(6), "75p" shall read "80p".
- (9) The following item shall be inserted after item 8:
"9. Recorded Delivery fee 21p".
- (10) Item 12 shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:
"12. Retention at a delivery office of registered postal packets and recorded delivery packets only (other than those addressed to a post office to be called for in accordance with paragraph 34) and delivery to the addressee or his agent on his calling therefor:
Fee in respect of every year or part of a year (not charged if the addressee is the holder of a private box at the post office concerned) £5·75".
- (11) In item 13, "15p" shall read "16p". The Note shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:
"(not charged if the search is for postal packets addressed to a post office to be called for in accordance with paragraph 34, or if the addressee is the holder of a private box at the post office concerned)".
- (12) In item 15, "£26" shall read "£27·50".
- (13) In item 17B, "£1·50" shall read "£1·60".
- (14) In items 18(1)(b)(i) and 18(1)(b)(ii), "£4·50" shall read "£4·75".

Registered postal packets

20. The following amendments are made to Schedule 5 to the Scheme as subsequently amended:

- (1) In column 1 of Part I, "£1" shall read "£1·10", "£1·10" shall read "£1·25" and "£1·20" shall read "£1·40".
- (2) In column 2 of Part I, "£500" shall read "£600".

Recorded delivery packets

21. Schedule 7 to the Scheme shall be deleted.

Dated 6th August 1984.

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