

- (iv) no Director of the Company should vote on any matter where they have an interest by virtue of other Directorships;
- (v) the Company should inform the Director of any important changes in the composition of the Board or the responsibilities of any Director;
- (vi) the Company's Dividend policy; and
- (vii) the principles of corporate governance which are from time to time recognised by the Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority.

(8) A further licence modification will require the Company to publish the financial information that would be required if it was subject to the Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority.

Maintenance of comparisons with other water undertakers

The Director considers that Bristol Water's core business should be transparent to regulation. To that end, the Director proposes modifications of the Company's licence, which will require it to operate at arm's length from its Group. The modifications will:

(9) (i) ensure that payment for any services provided by an Associated Company does not exceed prices obtained by market testing, or where this is not appropriate, an approximate proportion of the Associated Company's costs, as agreed by the Director; and

(ii) require the Company to obtain from the Associated Company information required by the Director about the latter's costs.

The role of the Company's owners

The Company should have the active co-operation of its owners in carrying out its functions as a water undertaker and complying with the conditions of its appointment. Further modifications will:

(10) (i) require the Company to obtain from the Group legally enforceable undertakings, applicable to all other Companies in the Group, that each of them will:

(a) give the Company all information it requires to comply with its licence;

(b) refrain from any action which would be likely to cause or require the Company to breach any of its obligations under the Water Industry Act 1991 or its licence as a water undertaker; and

(c) ensure that the Company's Board contains no fewer than three independent non-executive Directors.

(ii) require the Company to inform the Director immediately in writing, if it becomes aware that the undertaking has ceased to be legally enforceable, or that there has been any breach of its terms; and

(11) prohibit the Company (except with the Director's consent) from making any contract with a member of the Group which is not one of the Company's subsidiaries, for so long as the above undertakings have not been given or there is an unremedied breach of any of them.

Office of Water Services

December 2003.

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Royal Mail Group plc

ROYAL MAIL GROUP PLC SCHEME OP 2/2003

[This note is not part of the Scheme]

NOTE. The Scheme which follows this note is made under section 89 of the Postal Services Act 2000 and amends the Successor Postal Services Company Overseas Parcel Post Scheme 2001. The Scheme, which comes into force on 8 January 2004, revises certain postal charges.

ROYAL MAIL GROUP PLC OVERSEAS PARCEL POST (AMENDMENT NO 7) SCHEME 2003

Made 19 December 2003

Coming into operation 8 January 2004

Royal Mail Group plc^(a) by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 89 of the Postal Services Act 2000^(b) and of 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 8 January 2004 and may be cited as the Royal Mail Group plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No 7) Scheme 2003.

(2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Successor Postal Services Company Overseas Parcel Post Scheme 2001^(c) (hereinafter called "the Scheme"), as amended by the Consignia plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No 1) Scheme 2001^(d), the Consignia plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No 2) Scheme 2001^(e), the Consignia plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No 3) Scheme 2002^(f), the Consignia plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No 4) Scheme 2002^(g), the Royal Mail Group plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No 5) Scheme 2003^(h) and the Royal Mail Group plc Overseas Parcel Post (Amendment No 6)⁽ⁱ⁾.

Storage fees

In paragraph 27 (b and c) of Part 3 of the Scheme (Parcels in bond) for the figure £5.35 there shall be substituted £5.50 and for the figure £1.30 there shall be substituted £1.35.

Rates of postage

3. There shall be substituted the following for Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Scheme:

'Part 1'

	£
1. Standard Service parcel to Zone 4 not exceeding 1kg in weight:	4.40
exceeding 1kg but not exceeding 2kg in weight:	5.50
exceeding 2kg but not exceeding 4kg in weight:	8.35
exceeding 4kg but not exceeding 6kg in weight:	9.05
exceeding 6kg but not exceeding 8kg in weight:	10.35
exceeding 8kg but not exceeding 10kg in weight:	11.05
exceeding 10kg but not exceeding 20kg in weight:	12.80
2. Standard Service parcel to Zone 5 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	5.65
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	1.20
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	1.05
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	.70
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	.65
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	.55
3. Standard Service parcel to Zone 6 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	15.75
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	1.50
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	1.10
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	.95
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	.60
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	.40
4. Standard Service parcel to Zone 7 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	15.80
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	1.50
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	1.10
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	.90
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	.60
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	.40
5. Standard Service parcel to Zone 8 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	16.50
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	1.55
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	1.10
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	.90
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	.55
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	.40
6. Standard Service parcel to Zone 9 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	17.75
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	2.25
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	2.00
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	1.45
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	1.05

each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	.75	In Schedule 1 Part II there shall be substituted the following for the current provision:	
7. Economy Service parcel to Zone 9 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	15.45	Postage chargeable under paragraph 5(2) on certain parcels according to weight.	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	1.65	Weight not exceeding 1kg	£3.35
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	1.40	Weight exceeding 1kg but not exceeding 1.5kg	£4.30
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	1.30	Weight exceeding 1.5kg but not exceeding 2kg	£4.60
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	1.15	Weight exceeding 2kg but not exceeding 4kg	£6.95
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	.95	Weight exceeding 4kg but not exceeding 6kg	£7.55
8. Standard Service parcel to Zone 10 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	15.15	Weight exceeding 6kg but not exceeding 8kg	£8.60
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	3.80	Weight exceeding 8kg but not exceeding 10kg	£9.25
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	3.60	Weight exceeding 10kg but not exceeding 20kg	£10.80
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	2.85	<i>Compensation</i>	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	2.10	In Schedule 3 Part I the current provision shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	1.65	Parcel compensation fee and maximum compensation.	
9. Economy Service parcel to Zone 10 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	14.25	Compensation fee	Maximum compensation payable
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	2.60	(in addition to postage)	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	2.20	£10.00	£500
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	2.15	<i>L Brannon</i> , for and on behalf of Royal Mail Group plc	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	1.90	(a) Royal Mail Group plc (a Company registered in England and Wales under number 4138203) is a universal service provider as defined in section 4(3)(a) of the Postal Services Act 2000.	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	1.80	(b) 2000 c 26.	
10. Standard Service parcel to Zone 11 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	20.80	(c) The Post Office Overseas Parcel Post Scheme 1982 was amended, renamed the Successor Postal Services Company Overseas Parcel Post Scheme 2001 and treated as made under section 89 of the Postal Services Act 2000 by article 41 of the Postal Services Act 2000 (Commencement No 4 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2001 (2001/1148 (C37)). Royal Mail Group plc is the successor postal services Company referred to in article 41(1) of that Order. Its name was changed from Consignia plc on 4 November 2002.	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	3.75	(d) <i>London Gazette</i> 29 June 2001, issue number 56259.	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	3.35	(e) <i>London Gazette</i> 6 July 2001, issue number 56266.	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	2.75	(f) <i>London Gazette</i> 21 December 2001, issue number 56424.	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	2.70	(g) <i>London Gazette</i> 22 March 2002, issue number 56516.	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	2.50	(h) <i>London Gazette</i> 14 March 2003, issue number 56877.	
11. Economy Service parcel to Zone 11 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	19.60	(i) <i>London Gazette</i> 21 March 2003, issue number [].	
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	3.20	17 December 2003.	(921)
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	2.65		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	2.35		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	2.30		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	1.90		
12. Standard Service parcel to Zone 12 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	21.00		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	5.05		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	4.75		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	4.15		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	3.55		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	3.00		
13. Economy Service parcel to Zone 12 not exceeding 0.5kg in weight:	15.35		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg in weight up to 2.5kg:	2.35		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 2.5kg in weight up to and including 5kg:	2.30		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 5kg in weight up to and including 10kg:	2.10		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 10kg in weight up to and including 15kg:	2.05		
each additional 0.5kg or part of 0.5kg above 15kg in weight in excess of 15kg up to 20kg:	2.00		

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NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 107(6) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2003

PROPOSAL TO GIVE A DIRECTION APPLYING THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS CODE TO UK BROADBAND

- The Director-General of Telecommunications (the "Director"), in accordance with section 107(6) of the Communications Act 2003 (the "Act"), hereby makes the following proposal to give a direction under section 106(3) of the Act applying the Electronic Communications Code (the "Code") to UK Broadband. The Director is able to exercise powers under the Act pursuant to section 408 of the Act and Article 3(1) of the Communications Act 2003 (Commencement No 1) Order 2003.
- The draft Direction and the accompanying explanatory statement setting out the Director's reasons for the proposal are available at: www.ofcom.org.uk/legacy_regulators/oftel/. Hard copies of the draft Direction and the explanatory statement will be made available on request. Please contact Christina Spyrelli on 020 7783 4312 or by sending an e-mail to christina.spyrelli@ofcom.org.uk.
- Representations on the proposal may be made to: Christina Spyrelli, Ofcom, Riverside House, 2A Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA (telephone 020 7783 4312, e-mail: christina.spyrelli@ofcom.org.uk) by not later than 21 January 2004.
- All confidential information should be clearly marked as such and separated out into a confidential annex. All representations received by Ofcom, with the exception of material marked confidential, will be published and made available for inspection in Ofcom's Knowledge Centre. Please contact Jan Kacperk on 020 7981 3790 or by e-mail at jan.kacperk@ofcom.org.uk for further information with respect to public inspection.
- In this notification, unless the contrary intention appears, words and phrases shall have the same meaning as in the Act.