

The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant 1957

<i>Made</i>	<i>29th July 1957</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>31st July 1957</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>1st October 1957</i>

We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred upon us by Sections 5, 8, 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) This Warrant shall be read as one with the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1953 (hereinafter called "the Principal Warrant") and the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1955.
- (2) The Interpretation Act 1889 applies to the interpretation of this Warrant as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Rates of Postage on Letters and Postcards

- 2.—(1) The First Schedule to the Principal Warrant (which specifies the rates of postage payable under regulation 3 of the Principal Warrant) is hereby revoked, and the Schedule set out in the First Schedule to this Warrant shall be substituted therefor.
- (2) In paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Principal Warrant (which fixes rates of postage for letters and postcards to certain destinations):
 - (a) the words "or the United States of America" in sub-paragraph (i) are hereby revoked;
 - (b) sub-paragraphs (iv) and (v) are hereby revoked.
- (3) In Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the Principal Warrant (which relates to destinations) the entries "India (Indian Post Offices in Tibet and Indian and French Post Offices in the French, Settlements)" and "Sudan (Anglo-Egyptian)" are hereby revoked.
- (4) In Part 2 of the Second Schedule to the Principal Warrant all the entries are hereby revoked, and the following entry shall be substituted therefor:

"British Postal Agencies in the Persian Gulf (in Bahrain, Dubai, Kuwait, Muscat and Qatar)"

Rates of Postage on Printed Packets, Commercial Packets, Sample Packets and Small Packets

3. The Third Schedule to the Principal Warrant (which specifies the rates of postage payable under regulations 4 and 5 of the Principal Warrant) is hereby revoked, and the Schedule set out in the Second Schedule to this Warrant shall be substituted therefor.

Insured Boxes

4. In regulation 8 of the Principal Warrant (which relates to the postage on insured boxes) for the words "one shilling and threepence" in each place where they appear there shall be substituted the words "one shilling and eightpence" and for the word "threepence" in the last line there shall be substituted the word "fourpence".

Air Mail Packets

5. In sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of regulation 10 of the Principal Warrant (Which specifies the rate of postage on Forces letters), for the words "two and a half pence" there shall be substituted the word "threepence".

Bulk Postage

6. In paragraph (1) of regulation 11 of the Principal Warrant (which specifies the postage per pound weight on mail bags containing printed packets transmitted in bulk), for the figure "4½d." there shall be substituted the figure "8½d."

Articles Liable to Duty

7. In paragraph (3) of regulation 16 of the Principal Warrant (which prescribes a fee on incoming packets containing articles liable to customs duty) for the word "sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "one shilling".

Certificate of Posting

8. In regulation 36 of the Principal Warrant, (which fixes the fees for certificates of posting of unregistered packets), for the words "one halfpenny", "one shilling", and "twopence" there shall be substituted the words "one penny", "two shillings", and "fourpence" respectively.

Postal facilities

9. After regulation 36 of the Principal Warrant the following regulations shall be inserted:

"Postal packets in bond

36A.—(1) The Postmaster-General may, on application being made in such manner as he may direct by the addressee of any incoming postal packet in bond:

- (a) make a search for the packet in order that it may if possible receive expedited customs examination; or
- (b) re-address the packet to any person either within or outside the British postal area; or
- (c) permit the addressee or his authorised agent, attending at the place where the packet is, to re-address the packet to any person either within or outside the British postal area.

(2) There shall be charged and paid in respect of the facilities provided for in this regulation, in addition to any fees payable under paragraph (3) of regulation 16:

- (i) for each of the facilities mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1), the fee appropriate to the number of packets comprised in the application, according to the scale of fees set out in columns 1 and 2 of the table following;
- (ii) for the facility mentioned in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1), the fee appropriate to the number of packets comprised in the application, according to the scale of fees set out in columns 1 and 3 of the table following.

TABLE

Col. 1	Col. 2		Col. 3	
Number of packets:	£	s.	d.	s. d.
1		5	0	2 6
2		7	0	3 6
3		9	0	4 6
4		11	0	5 6
5		12	0	6 0
6 to 10 inclusive		14	0	7 0
11 to 20 "		18	0	9 0
21 to 30 "	1	2	0	11 0
31 to 40 "	1	6	0	13 0
41 to 50 "	1	10	0	15 0
Every additional 25 or part thereof		5	0	2 6

- (3) There shall be charged and paid in respect of each packet which is re-addressed under this regulation to an address outside the British postal area the same postage and fees as would have been payable thereon if it had been posted as a fresh packet for transmission to the new address;
- (4) In this regulation a postal packet in bond means a postal packet which is in the custody of the Postmaster-General at some place appointed by him and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise for customs examination.

Postal facilities

36B. 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."

Registration

10. In paragraph (2) of regulation 38 of the Principal Warrant (which prescribes the fee for the registration of outgoing postal packets) for the word "sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "one shilling".

Minor and Consequential Amendments

11. The amendments set out in the Third Schedule hereto, being amendments to the Principal Warrant which relate to minor matters or are amendments consequential upon amendments made by this Warrant, shall be made in the regulations and Schedules specified in the said Schedule.

Citation and commencement

12. This Warrant may be cited as "The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant, 1957," and shall come into operation on the 1st day of October 1957.

Harwood Harrison, Anthony Barber,
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.
Dated this 29th day of July, 1957.

Ernest Marples,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.
26 July, 1957.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE HERETO

FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL WARRANT
AS SUBSTITUTED BY THIS WARRANT

PART 1

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Principal Warrant

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| 1. Letter not exceeding one ounce in weight | 3d. |
| 2. Letter exceeding one ounce in weight:
for the first ounce | 3d. |
| for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof | 1½d. |
| 3. Postcard (not being a reply postcard) | 2½d. |
| 4. Reply postcard | 5d. |

PART 2

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (2) of regulation 3 of the Principal Warrant

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| 1. Letter not exceeding one ounce in weight | 2d. |
| 2. Letter exceeding one ounce in weight:
for the first ounce | 2d. |
| for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof | 1½d. |
| 3. Postcard (not being a reply postcard) | 1½d. |
| 4. Reply postcard | 3d. |

PART 3

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (3) of regulation 3 of the Principal Warrant

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| 1. Letter not exceeding one ounce in weight | 6d. |
| 2. Letter exceeding one ounce in weight:
for the first ounce | 6d. |
| for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof | 4d. |
| 3. Postcard (not being a reply postcard) | 4d. |
| 4. Reply postcard | 8d. |

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL WARRANT
AS SUBSTITUTED BY THIS WARRANT

PART 1

Rates of postage payable under regulation 4 of the Principal Warrant

Printed packet:—

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| (a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight | 1½d. |
| (b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight:
for the first 2 ounces | 1½d. |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | 1d. |

PART 2

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (1) of regulation 5 of the Principal Warrant

1. Printed Packet:—
 - (a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight 1½d.
 - (b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight:
 - for the first 2 ounces 1½d.
 - for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof 1d.
2. Commercial Packet:—
 - (a) not exceeding 10 ounces in weight 6d.
 - (b) exceeding 10 ounces in weight:
 - for the first 10 ounces 6d.
 - for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof 1d.
3. Sample Packet:—
 - (a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight 2d.
 - (b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight:
 - for the first 2 ounces 2d.
 - for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof 1d.
4. Small Packet:—
 - (a) not exceeding 10 ounces in weight 10d.
 - (b) exceeding 10 ounces in weight:
 - for the first 10 ounces 10d.
 - for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof 2d.

PART 3

Rates of postage payable under paragraph (2) of regulation 5 of the Principal Warrant

PACKET

- | | Rate of postage |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Printed Packet:— | |
| (a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight | 2d. |
| (b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight: | |
| for the first 2 ounces | 2d. |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | 1d. |
| 2. Commercial Packet:— | |
| (a) not exceeding 10 ounces in weight | 6d. |
| (b) exceeding 10 ounces in weight: | |
| for the first 10 ounces | 6d. |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | 1d. |
| 3. Sample Packet:— | |
| (a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight | 2d. |
| (b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight: | |
| for the first 2 ounces | 2d. |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | 1d. |
| 4. Small Packet:— | |
| (a) not exceeding 10 ounces in weight | 10d. |
| (b) exceeding 10 ounces in weight: | |
| for the first 10 ounces | 10d. |
| for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof | 2d. |

THE THIRD SCHEDULE

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL WARRANT

Number of Regulation or Schedule in the Principal Warrant	Amendment
1	After the definition of "Commonwealth country" insert the following definition: "'customs duty' includes purchase tax".
2(b)	After "G.P.O." insert the word "London".
3(2)(ii)	For the words "sub-paragraph (v)" substitute the words "sub-paragraph (iii) (b)".
4(1)	Delete the words "item 1 of".
5(1)	For the words "Part 1 of the Third Schedule" substitute the words "Part 2 of the Third Schedule".
5(1) (c)	For the words "sub-paragraph (v)" substitute the words "sub-paragraph (iii) (b)".
5(2)	For the words "Part 2 of the Third Schedule" substitute the words "Part 3 of the Third Schedule".
9(2)	For the words "Part 2 of the Third Schedule" substitute the words "Part 3 of the Third Schedule".
12(2) (a) (ii)	For the word "animals" substitute the word "creatures".
12(2) (a) (iv)	Substitute "anything which, by the law of the country or place in which the packet is posted or to which it is addressed, or of any country or place through which it may pass, it is unlawful respectively to send, import or convey by post;".
12(2) (a) (v)	For the words "gold bullion and coin" substitute the words "coin or gold bullion".
12(2) (b)	After "fictitious stamp" insert "(not being a fictitious stamp which is authorised to be made by or under Post Office regulations)".
12(2) (i)	After "prepay" insert "the postage or fees on".
15 (1) (ii)	Delete.
17 (1)	After "postal packet" insert "and the fees payable in respect of postal facilities".

Number of Regulation or Schedule in the Principal Warrant	Amendment
17 (5)	Delete the words "or defaced" in lines 2 and 4. After "in any way" insert "or across which anything is written or printed or otherwise impressed". After "or mutilated" in line 4 insert "or to have anything written or printed or impressed across it".
23	For the words "one penny or one and a half pence" substitute the words "one and a half pence or twopence".
Second Schedule, Part 1.	In the entry beginning "Australia", before "Lord Howe Island" insert "Cocos (Keeling) Islands". For the entry beginning "Gold Coast" substitute "Ghana". In the entry beginning "Singapore" delete the words "and Cocos (Keeling) Islands".
Fourth Schedule:	
Para. 1 (a) (i)	After "Part 1" insert "or Part 2".
Para. 1 (a) (ii)	Delete.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant amends the regulations relating to postal packets (except parcels) sent to or received from British Commonwealth or foreign countries (except the Republic of Ireland). The main changes are:

1. The rates of postage on all classes of packet (except air mail packets and magazines for Canada) posted in the British postal area to civilian destinations are increased as are the rates on certain classes of packet sent to and from the Forces.
2. The cheaper Commonwealth rate of postage ceases to apply to packets for certain non-Commonwealth countries to which it formerly extended.
3. The charge on incoming packets liable to customs duty is increased.
4. Charges are fixed for certain facilities relating to incoming packets in bond.
5. The registration fee is increased.