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## POST OFFICE

**The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment  
(No. 3) Regulations 1968**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	5th August 1968
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	20th August 1968
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	16th September 1968

I, the Right Honourable John Thomson Stonehouse, M.P., Her Majesty's Postmaster General, by virtue of the powers conferred on me by sections 5, 8, 15 and 81 of the Post Office Act 1953(a) (as amended or substituted by section 28 of and the Schedule to the Post Office Act 1961 (b)), and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make the following regulations:

*Interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations shall be read as one with the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Regulations 1965(c) (hereinafter called "the principal regulations"), as amended (d).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) applies for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Letters and postcards*

2. For Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (which Parts specify the rates of postage on certain letters and postcards) there shall be substituted the following:

## PART 1

*Rates of postage under regulation 3(1)*

1. Letter not exceeding 1 oz. in weight	... ..	5d.
2. Letter exceeding 1 oz. in weight:		
for the first ounce	... ..	5d.
for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof	... ..	2d.
3. Single postcard	... ..	5d.
4. Reply postcard—on each half	... ..	5d.

## PART 2

*Rates of postage under regulation 3(2)*

1. Letter not exceeding 1 oz. in weight	... ..	4d.
2. Letter exceeding 1 oz. in weight:		
for the first ounce	... ..	4d.
for each additional ounce or fractional part thereof	... ..	2d.
3. Single postcard	... ..	4d.
4. Reply postcard—on each half	... ..	4d.

(a) 1953 c. 36.

(b) 1961 c. 15.

(c) S.I. 1965/1735 (1965 III, p. 4878).

(d) S.I. 1965/2173, S.I. 1966/912, (1965 III, p. 6371; 1966 II, p. 2185).

(e) 1889 c. 63.

*Specified countries or places*

3.—(1) In Schedule 2 to the principal regulations, as amended (a), (which Schedule specifies the countries or places in respect of which certain rates of postage and limits of weight and size apply):

(a) in Part I:

- (i) the words "Aden and the Protectorate of South Arabia" shall be deleted;
- (ii) for the words "Mauritius and Dependencies" there shall be substituted the word "Mauritius";
- (iii) immediately before the word "Pakistan" there shall be inserted the word "Nigeria".

(b) Part 2 shall be deleted.

(c) For the heading "Part 3" there shall be substituted the heading "Part 2".

(2)(a) In regulation 3(1)(a) of the principal regulations, for the words "Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 2" there shall be substituted the words "Part 1 of Schedule 2".

(b) In regulation 3(1)(b) of the principal regulations, for the words "Part 1, Part 2 or Part 3 of Schedule 2", there shall be substituted the words "Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 2".

*Certain outgoing packets*

4. For Part 1 of Schedule 3 to the principal regulations (which Part specifies the rates of postage under regulation 4) there shall be substituted the following:

## PART 1

*Rates of postage under regulation 4**Printed packet:*

(a) not exceeding 2oz. in weight	...	...	...	...	...	2d.
(b) exceeding 2oz. in weight:						
for the first 2oz.	...	...	...	...	...	2d.
for the next 2oz. or fractional part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	1d.
for each additional 4oz. or fractional part thereof	...	...	...	...	...	3d.

*Bulk postage*

5. For regulation 10(1)(a) of the principal regulations, as substituted (b), (which regulation prescribes the postage payable on printed packets transmitted in bulk) there shall be substituted the following:

"(a) on every bag containing nothing but printed packets to which regulation 4 applies, postage at the rate of 1s. for each 1lb. weight, or fractional part thereof, of the bag and its contents, less 5%";

*Articles liable to duty*

6. In regulation 15(3) of the principal regulations, as amended (b), (which paragraph prescribes the fee payable in respect of incoming postal packets containing articles liable to customs duty), for "1s. 6d." there shall be substituted "1s. 9d."

(a) S.I. 1965/2173, S.I. 1966/912, (1965 III, p. 6371; 1966 II, p. 2185).

(b) S.I. 1966/912 (1966 II, p. 2185).

*Despatch of certain packets*

7. For regulation 22 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following regulation:

“22. Without prejudice to the generality of regulation 44, any printed packet, sample packet or Phonopost packet may be withheld from despatch until any subsequent despatch.”

*Compensation for registered packets*

8. In regulation 34 of the principal regulations (which prescribes the maximum compensation which the Postmaster General may pay in respect of registered postal packets (other than insured letters or boxes) and their contents), for the sum “£2 18s. 0d.” in both places where it occurs there shall be substituted the sum “£3 8s. 0d.”

*Compensation fees and maximum compensation for insured letters*

9. For Schedule 5 to the principal regulations (which specifies the compensation fees payable in respect of, and the maximum compensation which may be paid for the loss of or damage to, outgoing insured letters), there shall be substituted the following:

## SCHEDULE 5

Regulations 36 and 37

## INSURED LETTERS—COMPENSATION FEES AND MAXIMUM COMPENSATION

Compensation fees		Maximum compensation		Compensation fees		Maximum compensation			
s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
	2	28	0	0	2	6	224	0	0
	4	42	0	0	2	8	238	0	0
	6	56	0	0	2	10	252	0	0
	8	70	0	0	3	0	266	0	0
	10	84	0	0	3	2	280	0	0
1	0	98	0	0	3	4	294	0	0
1	2	112	0	0	3	6	308	0	0
1	4	126	0	0	3	8	322	0	0
1	6	140	0	0	3	10	336	0	0
1	8	154	0	0	4	0	350	0	0
1	10	168	0	0	4	2	364	0	0
2	0	182	0	0	4	4	378	0	0
2	2	196	0	0	4	6	392	0	0
2	4	210	0	0	4	8	400	0	0

*Citation and commencement*

10. These regulations may be cited as the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1968, and shall come into operation on 16th September 1968.

Dated 5th August 1968.

*John Stonehouse,*  
Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which come into operation on 16th September 1968, amend the regulations relating to postal packets (other than parcels) sent to or received from British Commonwealth or foreign countries (except the Republic of Ireland). The principal amendments are as follows:

(1) The rates of insurance for insured letters and boxes are adjusted in favour of senders.

(2) The maximum amounts of compensation payable in respect of lost or damaged registered packets (other than insured letters or insured boxes) are increased.

(3) Various rates of postage and a charge for service are altered. The following table sets out the principal changes:

<i>Category of correspondence or service</i>	<i>Present charges</i>	<i>New charges</i>
<b>1. Outgoing mail</b>		
Letters—		
Commonwealth		
First oz.	4d.	5d.
Each additional oz.	1½d.	2d.
Postcards—		
Commonwealth:	3d. single 6d. reply paid	5d. single 10d. reply paid
Printed papers, reduced rate		
Posted singly—		
First 2 oz.	2d.	2d.
Next 2 oz.	1½d.	1d.
Subsequent weight steps	1½d. per 2 oz.	3d. per 4oz.
Posted in bulk—		
First lb.	1s. 1d.	1s. 0d.
Each additional lb.	1s. 0d.	1s. 0d.
	less 5% of the total postage	less 5% of the total postage
<b>2. Incoming mail posted by HM Forces overseas</b>		
Letters—		
First oz.	3d.	4d.
Each additional oz.	1½d.	2d.
Postcards—		
Single	2d.	4d.
Reply paid	4d.	8d.
<b>3. Service</b>		
Post Office fee for customs clearance	1s. 6d.	1s. 9d.