
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 1255

POST OFFICE

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

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Laid before Parliament 20th August 1968

Coming into Operation 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 Parcel 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.

Rates of postage

2. In regulation 3(1) of the principal regulations (which paragraph prescribes the maximum rate of postage on outgoing parcels other than air parcels) for "£4" there shall be substituted "£5".

Fees for customs clearance

3. In regulation 7 of the principal regulations, as amended (f), (which regulation prescribes the further fee payable in respect of incoming parcels containing dutiable articles), for "2s. 6d." there shall be substituted "2s. 9d."

Insurance and compensation

4. For Schedule 2 to the principal regulations, as substituted(d), there shall be substituted the following:

(a) 1953 c. 36.

(b) 1961 c. 15.

(c) S.I. 1965/1734 (1965 III, p. 4859).

(d) S.I. 1965/2172, 1966/913 (1965 III, p. 6368; 1966 II, p. 2190).

(e) 1889 c. 63.

(f) S.I. 1966/913 (1966 II, p. 2190).

Regulations 20 and 21

SCHEDULE 2
INSURANCE AND COMPENSATION

PART I
Insured Parcels

Insurance fee	Maximum compensation	Insurance fee	Maximum compensation	Insurance fee	Maximum compensation
s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£
3 2	28	4 10	168	6 10	336
3 4	42	5 0	182	7 0	350
3 6	56	5 2	196	7 2	364
3 8	70	5 4	210	7 4	378
3 10	84	5 6	224	7 6	392
4 0	98	5 8	238	7 8	400
4 2	112	5 10	252		
4 4	126	6 0	266		
4 6	140	6 2	280		
4 8	154	6 4	294		
		6 6	308		
		6 8	322		

PART II
Uninsured Parcels

Weight of Parcel	Maximum compensation
	£ s. d.
Not exceeding 2lb.	1 7 0
Exceeding 2lb. but not exceeding 7lb. (see Note below) ...	2 1 0
Exceeding 7lb but not exceeding 11lb	3 8 0
Exceeding 11lb but not exceeding 22lb	5 9 0

Note.—Where the relative postal arrangement provides for a first weight step of 3lb., the maximum compensation payable in respect of a parcel of a weight not exceeding 3lb. is £1 7s. 0d.

Parcels in bond

5. In regulation 24 of the principal regulations, as amended (a), (which regulation provides, and prescribes fees, for certain facilities in respect of incoming parcels in bond) there shall be inserted immediately after paragraph (3) the following paragraph:

“(3A) Where notice has been given under regulation 9(1) of the Postal Packets (Customs and Excise) Regulations 1966(b), as amended (c), requiring entry to be made of the goods in a parcel in bond and the parcel remains in bond for a period of more than 28 days after the date of such notice, there shall be charged on the parcel (in addition to any other fees payable under these Regulations) a fee, not exceeding 27s., calculated at the rate of 1s. for each day or part of a day in excess of the said period of 28 days during which the parcel remains in bond as aforesaid; and the fee shall be paid by the addressee.”

Citation and commencement

6. These regulations may be cited as the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel 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 parcels sent to or received from British Commonwealth or foreign countries (except the Republic of Ireland). The principal changes are as follows:

- (1) The maximum postage chargeable on outgoing surface parcels is raised from £4 to £5.
- (2) The insurance fees for outgoing parcels are adjusted in favour of senders.
- (3) The amounts of compensation payable for uninsured parcels are increased.
- (4) The Customs clearance fee for parcels is raised from 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d.
- (5) A new fee is introduced in respect of incoming parcels awaiting clearance at the postal Customs depot after a free period of 28 days.

(a) S.I. 1966/913 (1966 II, p. 2190).

(b) S.I. 1966/66 (1966 I, p. 134).

(c) S.I. 1968/931 (1968 II, p. 2440).