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## POST OFFICE

### THE POST OFFICE (INLAND POST) AMENDMENT (No. 1) SCHEME 1969

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The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by Section 28 and paragraph 3 (4) of Schedule 9 of the Post Office Act 1969 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

#### Commencement, citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 1st day of October 1969 and may be cited as the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1969.

(2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Inland Post Regulations 1968 (S.I. 1968 No. 1253) (hereinafter called "the Regulations").

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889 applies for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if the Post Office Act 1953 were an Act conferring the power to make this Scheme.

(4) In regulation 1 (1) of the Regulations the following definition shall be inserted after the definition of "articles for the use of the blind":

" "British postal area" means the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man ".

(5) The following paragraph shall be substituted for regulation 1 (3) of the Regulations:

"(3) Any reference in these Regulations to the provisions of any enactment or regulation shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to those provisions as amended, re-enacted or replaced by any subsequent enactment, regulations or instrument."

#### Postage not prepaid or insufficiently prepaid

2. The following regulation shall be inserted after regulation 10 of the Regulations:

"10A.—(1) Where the postage or any other sum chargeable for the transmission of an inland postal packet is required to be prepaid and has not been, or has been insufficiently, prepaid by the sender, there shall be payable by the addressee on the delivery of the packet, or, if the packet is refused or cannot for any other reason be delivered, by the sender—

(a) where the non-payment or deficiency is in respect of postage, an amount equal to double the amount of the postage or, as the case may be, of the deficiency;

(b) where the non-payment or deficiency is in respect of a sum other than postage, an amount equal to that sum or, as the case may be, to the amount of the deficiency.

(2) Where, on the delivery to him of an inland postal packet, the addressee has paid any amount thereon in accordance with the foregoing subsection and desires to reject the packet, the Post Office may, on the application of the addressee and subject to the provisions of any Scheme made under the Post Office Act 1969 and of any regulations having effect as if they were provisions of any such Scheme, charge to the sender the said amount together with the additional postage and other charges, if any, for returning the packet to him, and the sender shall pay any sum so charged; and on the payment by the sender of that sum the Post Office shall repay to the addressee the amount paid by him under paragraph (1) of this regulation."

#### Postmarks

3. The following regulation shall be inserted after regulation 10A of the Regulations:

"10B. The marks used by the Post Office for the purpose of cancelling stamps used for the payment of postage on postal packets may consist of such words or devices as the Post Office may in its discretion think proper, including words or devices (whether constituting advertisements or otherwise) in respect of the use of which as postmarks payment is made by any persons to the Post Office."

#### Registration of newspapers

4. The following regulation shall be substituted for regulation 18 of the Regulations:

"18.—(1) The proprietor or printer of any publication such as is specified in paragraph (5) of this regulation may register it in a register of newspapers kept by the Post Office for that purpose in such form and with such particulars as the Post Office may direct:

Provided that the Post Office may refuse to permit the registration under this paragraph of any publication printed and published outside the British postal area or the Channel Islands unless arrangements have been made to its satisfaction for maintaining a responsible representative of the publication in the United Kingdom.

(2) Any such registration shall be in respect of a period of twelve months commencing on such date in each year as the Post Office may direct, and there shall be payable on each registration a fee of five shillings.

(3) A publication for the time being on the said register—

(a) shall be a registered newspaper within the meaning of the provisions of any scheme made under the Post Office Act 1969 and of any regulations having effect as if they were provisions of any such scheme;