

- (g) bearing any stamp or impression of a postal franking machine, press or device denoting payment of postage or fees which is imperfect or mutilated or defaced in any way, or across which anything is written or printed or otherwise impressed; but a stamp shall not be deemed to be imperfect or mutilated or defaced or to have anything written or printed or impressed across it within the meaning of this provision, by reason only that it is distinctly perforated with initials by means of a punch if the perforating holes are not larger than those dividing one stamp from another in a sheet of stamps;
- (h) whereon the payment of any postage or fees purports to be denoted by any stamp or impression which has been previously used to denote payment of the postage or fees on any other postal packet;
- (i) consisting of or containing two or more parcels or other postal packets (of the same or of different descriptions) addressed to different persons who are at different addresses.
- (c) the combined length and girth thereof exceeds 2 metres (the girth to be measured round the thickest part).
- (2) Where the postal arrangement applicable in relation to the conveyance of a parcel stipulates a lower limit than is specified in any one or more of (a), (b) or (c) in sub-paragraph (1), that limit or those limits shall apply, instead of the respective limit or limits so specified.
- (3) Save as aforesaid, no parcel shall be posted, conveyed, or delivered by post unless its size is within the following minimum limits:
- (a) where the parcel is made up in the form of a roll, its length and twice its diameter taken together shall not be less than 170 millimetres, and either its length or its diameter shall not be less than 100 millimetres;
- (b) where the parcel is not so made up, it shall have at least one surface measuring not less than 140 millimetres in length and not less than 90 millimetres in breadth.

(3) Subject as aforesaid, there shall not be posted or conveyed by post an outgoing uninsured parcel containing coin, bank notes, currency notes, securities or instruments payable to bearer, platinum, gold or silver whether manufactured or not, jewellery, or other valuable articles:

- (a) addressed to a country or place to which, under the relative postal arrangement, insured parcels may be sent from the British postal area, or
- (b) addressed to any other country or place, if the parcel does not comply with the provisions of paragraph 23(1)(d).

Packing

7.—(1) Every parcel shall be made up and secured in such manner as in the opinion of the Post Office is calculated to preserve the contents from loss or damage in the post, to prevent any tampering with the contents, and to prevent injury to any other postal packet in course of conveyance, or to any receptacle in which the same is conveyed, or to any other postal equipment, or to an officer of the Post Office or other person who may deal with such packet.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph 22(1) any article contained in a parcel shall be adequately packed as a protection against damage in course of transmission. In particular:

- (a) an article which is of a fragile nature shall be packed in a container of sufficient strength and shall be surrounded in that container with sufficient and suitable material to protect the article against the effects of concussion, pressure and knocks to which parcels are ordinarily exposed in transmission and the parcel shall bear the words "FRAGILE WITH CARE" written conspicuously in capital letters on the face of the cover above the address;
- (b) an article which is liable to be damaged by bending shall be packed in a container of sufficient strength to prevent the article from being bent in transmission and the parcel shall bear the words "DO NOT BEND" written conspicuously in capital letters on the face of the cover above the address;
- (c) a parcel containing any perishable article shall bear the word "PERISHABLE" written conspicuously in capital letters on the face of the cover above the address.

Limits of weight and size

8.—(1) Save as the Post Office may either generally or in any particular case allow, no parcel shall be posted, conveyed, or delivered by post if:

- (a) the weight thereof exceeds 10 kilogrammes, or
- (b) the length thereof exceeds 1.05 metres, or (if that limit of length is not exceeded)

Fees for customs clearance

With respect to the clearance through customs of an incoming parcel, the Post Office may charge on each such parcel a fee of 80p which (if charged) shall be paid by the addressee if the parcel shall be delivered to him.

Posting

10.—(1) All outgoing parcels shall be posted: (a) by being handed to an officer on duty at the counter of a post office designated by the Post Office for that purpose, on the days and within the hours during which such office shall be open to the public for the posting of parcels, or (b) (in circumstances in which the Post Office permits that mode of posting) by being handed to an officer of the Post Office for the time being authorised to receive parcels for the post otherwise than as aforesaid.

(2) Every outgoing parcel shall bear the name and full address of the addressee and of the sender, which shall be written by means other than a pencil, or by means of a copying-ink pencil applied to a surface made damp for the purpose.

(3) On the posting of an outgoing parcel, the sender shall fill up a despatch note in a prescribed form if required so to do, and shall fill up such customs declarations, certificates, and other documents and affix such labels respecting the contents of the parcels as may be required by the law of the country or place in which the parcel is posted or to which it is addressed, or as the Post Office may direct.

Payment of postage and fees

11.—(1) Except as the Post Office may otherwise direct, and subject to the provisions of this Scheme, the postage and fees payable on every outgoing parcel shall be prepaid.

(2) The provisions of this Scheme with reference to prepayment of postage and fees shall not apply to postage and fees payable on parcels with respect to which the Post Office has entered into an arrangement with the senders thereof for the grant of credit facilities.

(3) Payment of postage or fees payable under this Scheme may be denoted:

- (a) by adhesive postage stamps bearing the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, being stamps of denominations of money in the currency of the United Kingdom provided for by the Decimal Currency Act 1967;
- (b) by embossed, impressed or printed postage stamps of such denominations which have been cut out of, or otherwise detached from, any envelopes, covers, wrappers, cards or letter forms, or other postal forms, authorised by the Post Office for postal use;
- (c) by means of impressions made by postal franking machines, printing presses, or other printing or stamping devices, being machines, presses or devices operated under the direction, or with the authority, of the Post Office;