

THE POST OFFICE OVERSEAS LETTER POST AMENDMENT (No. 10) SCHEME 1975

Made 12th December 1975

Coming into operation 5th January 1976

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by Section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969, and of 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 5th day of January 1976, and may be cited as the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 10) Scheme 1975.
 - (2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme P/1971) (hereinafter called “the Scheme”) as amended by the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1972 (Post Office Scheme P2/1972), the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1972 (Post Office Scheme P6/1972), the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 3) Scheme 1972 (Post Office Scheme P8/1972), the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 4) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme P2/1973), the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 5) Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme P6/1973), the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 6) Scheme 1974 (Post Office Scheme P1/1974) the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 7A) Scheme 1974 (Post Office Scheme P2A/1974), the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 8) Scheme 1975 (Post Office Scheme P2/1975), the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 9) Scheme 1975 made on 26th March 1975 (Post Office Scheme P7/1975) and the Post Office Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 9) Scheme 1975 made on 28th August 1975 (Post Office Scheme P11/1975).
 - (3) The Interpretation Act 1889 applies for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
2. In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 of the Scheme:—
 - (1) the definitions of “insured letter” and “insured box” shall be deleted, and the following definition inserted in their place:
 “insured letter” means any insured letter which is for the time being transmissible under the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Agreement for the exchange of insured letters for the time being in force, and the detailed Regulations made thereunder;”
 - (2) the words “and an insured box” shall be deleted from the definition of “postal packet”.

Insured boxes

3. Paragraph 9 of the Scheme as subsequently amended, shall be deleted.

Prohibitions

4. Sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 12 of the Scheme shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:—
 “(4) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme there shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet (other than an insured letter or, where the law or regulations of the country or place of destination allow, an outgoing uninsured registered letter) containing coin, bank notes, currency notes, securities or instruments payable to bearer, travellers cheques, platinum, gold or silver whether manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels, or other valuable articles.”

Contents of certain packets

5. Paragraph 13 of the Scheme shall be deleted, and the following inserted in its place:—
 “13. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme every printed packet and small packet shall be subject to examination in the post, and shall not contain anything sealed or otherwise closed against inspection or contain or bear anything in the nature of current and personal correspondence, or contain any postage stamp or form (whether cancelled or not) denoting payment of postage or fees or any paper representing monetary value.”

Packing and posting

6. In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 14 of the Scheme, the words “or to any other postal equipment,” shall be inserted immediately after the word “conveyed”.

Limits of weight and size

- 7.—(1) In proviso (b) to sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 15 of the Scheme, as subsequently amended, the word “booklets” shall on both occasions be amended to read “pamphlets”.
- (2) The proviso to sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 15 of the Scheme, as subsequently amended, shall be deleted.

Unpaid or underpaid postage

- 8.—(1) In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 18 of the Scheme, the words “or an insured box” shall be deleted.
- (2) In sub-paragraphs (1)(a) and (b) of paragraph 18 of the Scheme, the word “double” shall be deleted.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (4)(a) of paragraph 18 of the Scheme shall be deleted, and the following sub-paragraph inserted in its place:
 “(a) unless it is an insured letter or other registered postal packet, may be detained and returned to the country of origin, or may be forwarded charged with the amount of the postage deficiency, in addition to an amount of 11p, payable at the discretion of the Post Office;”
- (4) Sub-paragraph (4)(b) of paragraph 18 of the Scheme shall be deleted.
- (5) Sub-paragraph (4)(c) of paragraph 18 of the Scheme shall be deleted, and the following sub-paragraph inserted in its place:
 “(b) if it is an insured letter or other registered postal packet shall be forwarded without any charge in respect of the postage deficiency.”
- (6) In sub-paragraphs (5)(a) and (b) of paragraph 18 of the Scheme, the words “an insured box” shall be deleted and the words “other registered postal packet” inserted in their place.
- (7) In sub-paragraph (6) of paragraph 18 of the Scheme, both references to the amount “2p” shall be amended to read “12p”.

9. In Part IV of the Scheme, under the heading “CONDITIONS RELATING TO PARTICULAR CLASSES OF PACKETS”, the following new paragraph shall be inserted before paragraph 21:—

“Letters

- 20A. If an envelope is used as the cover for a postal packet intended for transmission as a letter, it must be of a rectangular shape.”