

Administration of Germany Parcels posted in England and addressed to places in Switzerland, and to deliver such Parcels and also to allow Parcels addressed to England to be posted in Switzerland and to hand such Parcels to the Postal Administration of Germany for transmission to England.

And whereas it is expedient for the due carrying out of the said arrangement that certain rates of postage to be charged in respect of Parcels should be fixed as hereinafter appears, and that Parcels should be posted, forwarded, conveyed, and delivered, subject to the regulations, conditions, prohibitions, and restrictions hereinafter appearing.

Now, We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Acts relating to Her Majesty's Post Office, and in exercise of all powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

*Interpretation Clause.*

1.—(1.) The expressions "Parcels" and "Parcel" in this Warrant respectively mean any postal packet, which is posted as a parcel, in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant, or any Warrant amending the same.

(2.) The expression "United Kingdom" includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

(3.) The expression "Lord Lieutenant" means the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being.

(4.) The expression "arms" includes any cannon, gun, revolver, pistol, and any description of fire-arms, also any sword, cutlass, pike, and bayonet, also any part of any arms as so defined.

(5.) The expression "ammunition" includes bullets, gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, guncotton, and every other explosive substance, whether fitted for use with any arms or otherwise.

(6.) The expression "prohibited district in Ireland" means any place in Ireland in respect of which the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, by and with the advice of the Privy Council in Ireland, may have made or may make orders for prohibiting or regulating therein the sale or importation of arms and ammunition.

*Places between which Parcels may be transmitted.*

2. From and after the date when this Warrant comes into operation parcels may, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, be transmitted by post between the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

*Maximum Dimensions and Weight.*

3. There shall not be conveyed or tendered for conveyance by post under this Warrant from the United Kingdom any Parcel the dimensions of which shall exceed in any direction two feet, or which shall exceed in weight seven pounds.

*Rates of Postage.*

4. On all Parcels transmitted by post under this Warrant from the United Kingdom to Switzerland there shall be charged and paid the following rates of postage (that is to say):—

If such Parcels are sent by way of Hamburg:

On every Parcel not exceeding three pounds in weight, one shilling and five pence.

On every Parcel exceeding three pounds and not exceeding seven pounds in weight, two shillings.

If such Parcels are sent by way of Belgium:

On every Parcel not exceeding three pounds in weight, one shilling and nine pence.

On every Parcel exceeding three pounds and not exceeding seven pounds in weight, two shillings and two pence.

*Prepayment.*

5. The postage on Parcels posted in the United Kingdom shall in all cases (except as otherwise provided in this Warrant) be prepaid at the time of posting by means of adhesive postage stamps.

*Times of Posting.*

6. Parcels intended to be transmitted by post may, in the United Kingdom, be posted on any day of the week except Sunday, but shall not be posted on Sundays, or in England or Ireland, on Christmas Day or Good Friday, and in Scotland on either of the two Sacramental Fast Days, except in the cases next hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

Where the delivery of Parcels on Sundays, or any of the other days aforesaid, at certain Post Offices, to addressees calling for the same, may hereafter be specially authorized by the Postmaster-General, the posting of Parcels on Sundays, or such other days as aforesaid, at such offices respectively, shall also be permitted within such times and in such manner as may be directed by the Postmaster-General.

*Mode of Posting.*

7. Except as otherwise provided in this Warrant, all Parcels shall in the United Kingdom be posted by being handed in at a Post Office in the manner hereinafter provided, within the hours during which such office shall be open to the public for the posting of Parcels.

*Posting at Post Offices.*

8. The following provisions shall apply to the posting of Parcels at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, that is to say:—

(1.) It shall be the duty of the person bringing a Parcel to hand it to an officer on duty at the counter in such office.

(2.) Such Parcel must bear the name and address of the sender and the exact direction of the addressee, and must be packed in a manner adequate for the length of the journey, and for the protection of the contents. The Parcel must also be so packed as to prevent any tampering with its contents without leaving an obvious trace of its violation, and must be sealed by means of sealing wax, lead, or otherwise, with some impress or mark of the sender. Such Parcel must also be accompanied by or have affixed to it a declaration of such kind, and stating the contents of the Parcel in such manner and form and with such other particulars as the Commissioners of Customs and the Postmaster-General may prescribe.

(3.) Such Parcel shall be measured and weighed by such officer, and (if such Parcel do not exceed the limits of measurement or weight hereinbefore mentioned) the postage thereof according to the rates hereinbefore respectively mentioned shall be paid by means of postage stamps affixed to such Parcel, and shall be verified by such officer, and no such Parcel shall be forwarded by the post without the before-mentioned requirements being complied with; and if any such Parcel shall be left at a Post Office without such requirements being complied with, such Parcel shall, except as hereinafter mentioned, be detained and may be returned or given up to the sender thereof or otherwise