

(b) A fixed charge of one shilling on every parcel, due to the American Express Company for the fulfilment of Customs clearance and formalities, and also a fixed fee of one shilling in respect of the charges levied by the United States Government under the title of "Sample Office Fee" or "Storage fee" on every parcel entering the country.

(c) Customs duty is also leviable according to the ordinary Customs tariff of the United States.

Mode of Prepayment.

3. The charges for conveyance must always be prepaid by means of stamps affixed to the cover of the parcel. It is further open to the sender—

I. To prepay in the same way the charges for Customs clearance and Storage fee.

II. While prepaying the charges specified under heading I, to assume responsibility for the Customs charges, so that the parcel may be delivered free of cost to the recipient. This arrangement ensures a speedier conveyance, since ordinary parcels will remain at the New York Custom House until the addressees have remitted thither the amount of duty and other charges upon them.

The charges not prepaid by the sender will be collected from the addressee.

Parcels Forwarded in Bond.

4. The sender may without extra charge direct that a parcel be sent through the New York Custom House in bond, for Customs examination at any one of the "United States Ports of Entry," or Inland Custom Houses, of which a list is given below. This arrangement also does away with the delay at New York referred to in the preceding paragraph; but, on the other hand, the addressees will have to make arrangements for the delivery of parcels so treated after they have been cleared at the Custom House of the Inland Port of Entry.

The sender of a parcel intended to be forwarded in bond must mark it plainly "In bond to," naming the inland Port of Entry chosen; and the same words must also appear in the same handwriting on the Customs declaration which accompanies the parcel.

Delivery.

5. In the United States, as in many British Colonies and Foreign Countries, parcels are not in all cases delivered at the houses of the recipients. Parcels will, however, be delivered at all places within the delivery of any Express Company of the United States; and, when it is not delivered, a notice of its arrival will be sent to the addressee, who must then arrange to obtain it at the point where it is lying.

General Regulations.

6. The regulations of the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post apply generally to this service also. But attention should be paid to the points of difference stated below.

Customs Declarations.

7. The non-adhesive form of Customs declaration must be used. Two copies are required. If the parcel is to be sent in bond to an Inland Port of Entry, it must be endorsed as directed in paragraph 4. Moreover, if the value of the goods contained in the parcel exceeds 100 dollars or £20 10s., the declaration must be made before a United States Consul on forms supplied by him.

Prohibited Articles.

8. In addition to those articles which are excluded from transmission by the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post, the undermentioned articles are prohibited from importation into the United States:—

Eatables, ox-hides, prison-made wares, wines containing more than 24 per cent. of alcohol, cigars and cigarettes in quantity numbering less than 3,000, casks of wine and spirits containing less than 14 gallons, opium containing less than 9 per cent. of morphine. Wine and spirits may be sent in bottles, but Customs duties will be charged as if each parcel contained not less than 12 bottles.

9. The conditions under which compensation is granted for the loss or damage of insured or uninsured parcels correspond with those applicable to Foreign and Colonial Parcels. But the sums payable for insurance are at the following special rates:—

To secure compensation up to £12 a fee of 6d.
 To secure compensation up to £24 a fee of 1s.
 To secure compensation up to £36 a fee of 1s. 6d.
 To secure compensation up to £48 a fee of 2s.
 To secure compensation up to £60 a fee of 2s. 6d.
 To secure compensation up to £72 a fee of 3s.
 To secure compensation up to £84 a fee of 3s. 6d.
 To secure compensation up to £96 a fee of 4s.
 To secure compensation up to £108 a fee of 4s. 6d.
 To secure compensation up to £120 a fee of 5s.

United States Ports of Entry

Albany, N. Y.; Astoria, Ore.; Atlanta, Ga.; Baltimore, Md.; Bangor, Me.; Bath, Me.; Boston, Mass.; Bridgeport, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Burlington, Vt.; Calais, Me.; Charleston, S. C.; Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati, O.; Cleveland, O.; Columbus, O.; Council Bluffs, Ia.; Denver, Col.; Des Moines, Ia.; Detroit, Mich.; Dubuque, Ia.; Duluth, Minn.; Dunkirk, N. Y.; Durham, N. C.; Durango, Col.; Eastport, Me.; Eagle Pass, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Enfield, Conn.; Erie, Pa.; Evansville, Ind.; Everett, Wash.; Fall River, Mass.; Galveston, Texas; Gladstone, Mich.; Grand Haven, Mich.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Green Bay, Wis.; Hartford, Conn.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Kansas City, Mo.; Key West, Fla.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Leadville, Col.; Lincoln, Neb.; Los Angeles, Cal.; Louisville, Ky.; Laredo, Texas; Marquette, Mich.; Memphis, Tenn.; Middletown, Conn.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Mobile, Ala.; Nashville, Tenn.; New Bedford, Mass.; Nogales, Ariz.; Newport, R. I.; Newark, N. J.; New Haven, Conn.; New Orleans, La.; New York, N. Y.; Newport News, Va.; Norfolk, Va.; Oakland, Cal.; Ocala, Fla.; Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Omaha, Neb.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Pittsburg, Pa.; Portland, Me.; Portland, Ore.; Port Huron, Mich.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Port Townsend, Wash.; Providence, R. I.; Pueblo, Col.; Richmond, Va.; Rochester, N. Y.; Saginaw, Mich.; Sandusky, O.; San Antonio, Texas; San Diego, Cal.; San Francisco, Cal.; Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; Savannah, Ga.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Seattle, Wash.; Sioux City, Ia.; South Manchester, Conn.; Springfield, Mass.; St. Augustine, Fla.; St. Joseph, Mo.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Tacoma, Wash.; Tampa, Fla.; Titusville, Pa.; Toledo, O.; Vanceboro, Me.; Vernon, Conn.; Washington, D. C.; Wilmington, Del.; Wilmington, N. C.; Worcester, Mass.

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