

SCHEME T6/1974

NOTE: The Scheme which follows this Note has been made under Section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969 and will come into operation on 1st September 1974. It amends the Post Office International Telegram Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme T10/1973). The principal changes are:

- (i) certain detailed provisions concerning types of language admitted in telegrams and the counting of words which were prescribed in the principal Scheme are no longer so prescribed but fall to be determined under a general authority in the Scheme.
- (ii) certain services and facilities are withdrawn.

(This Note is not part of the Scheme)

**THE POST OFFICE INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAM
AMENDMENT (No. 1) SCHEME 1974**

Made - - - - - 14th August 1974

Coming into operation - - - 1st September 1974

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 28 of, and paragraph 3 (1) of Schedule 9 to, the Post Office Act 1969, and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Commencement, Citation and Extent

1.—(1) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 1st day of September 1974 and may be cited as the Post Office International Telegram Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1974.

(2) This Scheme shall extend to the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man.

Interpretation

2.—(1) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Post Office International Telegram Scheme 1973 (Post Office Scheme T10/1973), hereinafter called "the principal Scheme".

(2) In paragraph 3 (1) of the principal Scheme:

(a) the definitions of "European telegram" and "extra European telegram" shall be deleted;

(b) for the definition of "letter telegram" there shall be substituted:

"letter telegram" means a telegram accepted at a reduced rate on the conditions that it may be deferred in transmission or delivery or both and that it may be delivered by post, instead of by telegraph, and includes a ship letter telegram".

(c) for the definition of "plain language" there shall be substituted:

"plain language" means language consisting of words, figures or letters, combined into sentences or phrases conveying an intelligible meaning in one or more of the languages admitted for international telegraphic correspondence in plain language, each word and each expression having the meaning normally assigned to it in the language to which it belongs".

(d) after the definition of "urgent telegram" there shall be inserted:

"word" in relation to a rate of charge for the transmission of a telegram includes any letter, figure, or other symbol or any combination thereof which the Post Office may determine in accordance with paragraph 5 shall be reckoned as a chargeable word".

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889 applies for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Revocation

3. Paragraphs 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 23, 37 (4), 37 (5), 37 (6) and 38 (2) of the principal Scheme are hereby revoked.

Text

4. For paragraph 5 of the principal Scheme there shall be substituted:

"Text

5.—(1) The text of a telegram may consist of plain language or secret language or a combination of plain and secret language:

Provided that secret language shall be accepted for transmission only if the country for which the telegram is destined is willing to receive and deliver telegrams in secret language.

(2) A language shall be deemed to be admitted for international telegraph correspondence in plain language if and so long only as it is notified as such in the current appropriate publication of the General Secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union:

Provided that Latin and Esperanto shall be deemed to be so admitted without such notification.

(3) The Post Office may require the sender to produce evidence that any words or other expressions claimed to be in plain language are in plain language within the meaning of this Scheme.

(4) In the case of telegrams originating within the British Islands or transmitted over the first of their course from a mobile station to a land station within the British Islands, the Post Office may refuse to transmit the next or any part of the text which it considers to be unacceptable as plain or secret language."

Charges for Transmission

5. In paragraph 14 of the principal Scheme the following additional sub-paragraph shall be inserted:

"(3) For the purpose of calculating the amount or amounts payable in respect of the transmission of a telegram the chargeable number of words shall be reckoned in such manner as may be determined by the Post Office".

Services and Facilities—General

6. In paragraph 22 (6) of the principal Scheme the words in brackets "(except the indication GLT for which no charge is made)" shall be deleted.

Amendments to the Schedule

7. In the Schedule to the principal Scheme:

(a) for item 2 there shall be substituted:

"Letter telegram =LT= . . . 3)I(. . . 26, 28 and 38 "

(b) items 3 and 12 (c) shall be deleted.

Dated the 14th day of August 1974.

Signed on behalf of the Post Office by *Anthony P. Hawkins*
(a person authorised by the Post Office to act in that behalf).