

"parcel" means a postal packet which is posted in the British postal area as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of the Post Office Overseas Parcel Post Scheme 1982 or is received at a post office in the British postal area from abroad by parcel post;

"postal form" means a form issued by or under the authority of the Post Office;

"postal packet" means (except where otherwise expressed) a letter, postcard, printed packet, small packet, a Datapost packet, an IPBS packet and a packet consisting of or containing only literature for the blind, and accordingly does not include a telegram or (except in the foregoing definition of "parcel") a parcel;

"postcard" means a card recognised as a postcard in accordance with the terms of the Universal Postal Convention for the time being in force;

"prescribed" means prescribed by the Post Office;

"printed packet" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 22;

"small packet" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 24;

and other expressions have the same meanings as they have in the Act.

(2) In Schedule 3, the following expressions used in relation to a postal packet of any class or description have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

"to Zone A" means addressed to a country or place specified in Part 1 of Schedule 4;

"to Zone B" means addressed to a country or place specified in Part 2 of Schedule 4;

"to Zone C" means addressed to a country or place specified in Part 3 of Schedule 4.

(3) Any reference in this Scheme to the provisions of any enactment, regulations or scheme shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to those provisions as amended, re-enacted or replaced by any subsequent enactment, regulations, or scheme.

(4) Any reference in any regulations or scheme to the provisions of any scheme revoked by this Scheme shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to the corresponding provisions of this Scheme.

Application

4.—(1) This Scheme, except where otherwise expressed, applies exclusively to postal packets transmitted by post from or to the British postal area otherwise than under the Post Office Inland Post Scheme 1982.

(2) This Scheme does not apply to parcels.

PART II. RATES OF POSTAGE

Letters and postcards other than airmail packets

5.—(1) Postage at the rates specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1 shall be charged and paid on letters and postcards posted in the British postal area, or posted on board a ship registered in any part of the British postal area while the ship is on the high seas:

(i) for transmission to a person on board a ship of the Royal Navy (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British postal area); or

(ii) for transmission to a member of the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country serving outside the British postal area with the armed forces of the United Kingdom or of any other Commonwealth country, being transmission through a British Forces Post Office or a civilian Postal Administration in any Commonwealth or foreign country which has agreed to deliver without surcharge letters and postcards at the said rates.

(2) Postage at the rates specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 shall be charged and paid on all other outgoing letters and postcards and on all other letters and postcards posted on board a ship registered in any part of the British postal area while the ship is on the high seas, for transmission to a person anywhere in the world.

(3) This paragraph does not apply to air mail packets.

Reduced rate printed packets

6.—(1) Postage at the rates specified in Part 1 of Schedule 2 shall be charged and paid on outgoing printed packets to which this paragraph applies.

(2) Subject as hereinafter mentioned this paragraph applies to outgoing printed packets consisting of or containing only one or more things of any of the following descriptions:

(a) any newspaper or other periodical publication which complies with the following conditions:

(i) it is printed and published in the British Postal Area

(ii) it is issued in consecutive numbers at intervals of not more than one year;

(iii) it consists only of paper or of some substance ordinarily used for printing publications;

(iv) it is not in the nature of current and personal correspondence and at least one third of the publication consists of articles of a literary character (with or without publicity or advertising matter);

(v) the full title, and the date, month or year of issue, or an indication of the frequency of issue, are conspicuously printed on the cover (or, in the absence of a cover, at the top of the first page) and on every detached sheet, page or piece of paper which is issued as part of such newspaper or publication;

(b) any book;

(c) any pamphlets, which expression for this purpose means short printed publications or works of a literary character whether or not enclosed within covers;

(d) any musical scores;

(e) any maps;

Provided that:

This paragraph shall not apply to:

air mail packets;

All-up newspapers;

printed packets of a commercial character (such as catalogues, prospectuses or price lists);

printed packets consisting of or containing:

newspapers or other periodical publications with advertisement slips annexed;

books, pamphlets, musical scores or maps which contain publicity matter or advertisements otherwise than on the cover or fly leaves;

nor shall this paragraph apply to any printed packet unless the cover thereof is conspicuously marked "Printed Papers Reduced Rate" on the left hand side of the space above the address.

(3) The decision of the Post Office as to whether a particular printed packet is one to which this paragraph applies shall be conclusive.

Other printed packets and small packets

7.—(1) Postage at the rates specified in Part 2 of Schedule 2 shall be charged and paid on all printed packets posted:

(a) in the British postal area for transmission to those persons mentioned in paragraphs 5(1)(i) and (ii); or

(b) on board a ship of the Royal Navy (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British postal area) for transmission to a person in the British postal area; or

(c) by a member of the forces referred to in paragraph 5(1)(ii) serving as therein mentioned, for transmission through a British Forces Post Office at which British postage stamps are issued, to a person in the British postal area; or

(d) on board a ship registered in any part of the British postal area while the ship is on the high seas; for transmission to the persons mentioned in paragraphs 5(1)(i) and (ii), wherever they may be stationed.

(2) Postage at the rates specified in Part 1 of Schedule 2 shall be charged and paid on the printed packets specified in paragraph 6 posted on board a ship registered in any part of the British postal area while the ship is on the high seas, for transmission to anyone other than those persons mentioned in paragraphs 5(1)(i) and (ii) wherever they may be stationed.

(3) Postage at the rates specified in Part 3 of Schedule 2 shall be charged and paid on All-up Newspapers except those which are posted under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph.

(4) Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 6 or sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) of this paragraph, postage at the rates specified in Part 4 of Schedule 2 shall be charged and paid on outgoing printed packets and on outgoing small packets.

(5) this paragraph does not apply to air mail packets.