

Literature for the blind

8. No postage shall be payable on an outgoing packet (other than an air mail packet and a Datapost packet) consisting of or containing only literature for the blind.

Air mail packets

9. There shall be charged and paid ;

(a) on every air letter, postage of 24p. ;

(b) on every Forces air letter, postage of 12½p. ;

(c) on other air mail packets, postage at the rate specified in Schedule 3.

Bulk posting in mail bags

10.—(1) There shall be charged and paid on mail bags containing printed matter for transmission as provided by paragraph 30 postage at the following rates:

(a) on every bag containing nothing but printed matter which would be transmissible in separately posted printed packets to which paragraph 6 applies, postage at the rate of 80p. for each 1 kilogramme, or part of 1 kilogramme, weight of the bag and its contents, with a minimum charge per bag equal to the charge for a 10 kilogramme bag, and a maximum charge per bag equal to the charge for a 30 kilogramme bag ;

(b) on every bag containing nothing but printed matter which would not be so transmissible, postage at the rate of £1.00 for each 1 kilogramme, or part of 1 kilogramme, weight of the bag and its contents, with a minimum charge per bag equal to the charge for a 10 kilogramme bag, and a maximum charge per bag equal to the charge for a 30 kilogramme bag.

(2) Where postage is charged and paid under this paragraph on any mail bag, postage shall not be charged on any individual postal packet contained therein.

PART III. GENERAL CONDITIONS

Prohibitions

11.—(1) Save as the Post Office may either generally or in any particular case allow, there shall not be conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet of a description referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of section 11(1) of the Act.

(2) Subject to the powers of the Post Office under paragraph 18, there shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet:

(a) containing:

(i) opium, morphine, cocaine, or other narcotic:

Provided that such narcotics may be sent for medical or scientific purposes in insured letters to countries which admit them when sent for those purposes ;

(ii) any living creatures, except:

Bees, leeches, silkworms, or parasites or destroyers of noxious insects used for the purpose of controlling those insects and exchanged between officially recognised institutions ;

(iii) anything which, by the law of the country or place in which the packet is posted or to which it is addressed, or of any country or place through which it may pass, it is unlawful respectively to send, import or convey by post or otherwise than by parcel post ;

(iv) any imitation of a bank note within the meaning of section 38 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925 ;

(b) containing or bearing any fictitious stamp (not being a fictitious stamp made with the approval of the Post Office), or any counterfeit impression of a postal franking machine used under the direction or by the permission of the Post Office, or any counterfeit of any other impression authorised by or under this Scheme to be used to denote payment of postage or fees ;

(c) having thereon, or on the cover thereof any words, letters or marks (used without due authority) which signify or imply or may reasonably lead the recipient thereof to believe, that the postal packet is sent on Her Majesty's service ;

(d) of such a form or colour or so made up for transmission by post as to be likely in the opinion of the Post Office to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packet ;

(e) having on the outer cover a metal fastener with sharp edges such as might injure any person dealing with the packet or obstruct or impede the performance of any postal operation ;

(f) having anything written, printed or otherwise impressed upon or attached to any part of the postal packet which, either by tending to prevent the easy and quick reading of the address of the packet or by inconvenient proximity to the stamp or stamps used to denote payment of postage or fees or in any other way, is in itself or in the manner in which it is written, printed, impressed or attached, likely in the opinion of the Post Office to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packet ;

(g) bearing any stamp or impression of a postal franking machine, press or device denoting payment of postage or fees which is imperfect or mutilated or defaced in any way, or across which anything is written or printed or otherwise impressed ; but a stamp shall not be deemed to be imperfect or mutilated or defaced or to have anything written or printed or impressed across it within the meaning of this provision by reason only that it is distinctly perforated with initials by means of a punch if the perforating holes are not larger than those dividing one stamp from another in a sheet of stamps ;

(h) the cover whereof or the part thereof reserved for the address is divided into separate sections for the insertion of successive addresses ;

(i) the cover whereof is entirely transparent or has therein any open panel ;

Provided that there may be a transparent panel in the cover for the purpose of showing the address of the addressee, subject to such rules as may be prescribed ;

(j) whereon the payment of any postage or fees purports to be denoted by any stamp or impression which has been previously used to denote payment of the postage or fees on any other postal packet (including a parcel) ;

(k) consisting of or containing two or more postal packets (of the same or of different descriptions) addressed to different persons who are at different addresses.

(3)—(a) This sub-paragraph applies to incoming postal packets addressed to persons at addresses within the British postal area which were posted outside that area by or on behalf of any one person resident or carrying on business in that area, not being packets addressed to that person or to an agent of that person.

(b) If within any period of 30 consecutive days (inclusive) the Post Office receives more than 100 incoming postal packets to which this sub-paragraph applies, being packets posted by or on behalf of any one person, all or any of such packets so received within that period may, if the Post Office so determines, be either:

(i) detained and returned to the country or place of origin, or (at the discretion of the Post Office)

(ii) forwarded charged, in the case of each packet, with such amount of postage as the Post Office may in the particular case determine (not exceeding the amount of postage which would have been prepayable thereon if it had been originally posted in the British postal area (singly) as a first class letter) ; and if a packet shall be so forwarded, the amount charged thereon shall be payable on or before the delivery of the packet, and the Post Office may withhold the packet from delivery until such amount has been paid.

(c) Without prejudice to the application of paragraph 3 (5), in this sub-paragraph "person" includes any corporation or unincorporated association of persons or partnership, and "any one person" shall be construed accordingly ; and for the purposes of this sub-paragraph a postal packet (by whomsoever and wheresoever made up) shall be deemed to have been posted by or on behalf of a person, corporation, association or partnership if it was posted for the purposes of that person, corporation, association or partnership.

(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