

The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant 1949

<i>Made</i>	<i>13th April 1949</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>20th April 1949</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>1st May 1949</i>

We, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by sections 2, 4, 12 and 82 of the Post Office Act, 1908 and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of His 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:—

Warrant to be read with existing Warrants.

1. This Warrant shall be read as one with the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1948 (hereinafter called "the principal Warrant") and the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant 1948 (hereinafter called "the Amendment Warrant").

Printed packets, commercial packets and sample packets.

2. Regulation 3 of the principal Warrant, and Regulation 3 of the Amendment Warrant from the commencement thereof to the second "and" at the end of paragraph (a), are hereby revoked and the following regulation is substituted for the first mentioned Regulation:—
- "3. There shall be charged and paid on every outgoing printed packet (other than a magazine for Canada, including the Province of Newfoundland, or a packet consisting of literature for the blind), commercial packet or sample packet, the rates of postage specified in the following table:—

Packet	Rate of postage
1. Printed packet:	
(a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight	One penny
(b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight—	
for the first 2 ounces	One penny
for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof	One halfpenny
2. Commercial packet:	
(a) not exceeding 10 ounces in weight	Threepence
(b) exceeding 10 ounces in weight—	
for the first 10 ounces	Threepence
for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof	One halfpenny
3. Sample packet:	
(a) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight	One penny
(b) exceeding 2 ounces in weight—	
for the first 2 ounces	One penny
for each additional 2 ounces or fractional part thereof	One halfpenny."

Printed packets transmitted in bulk.

3. Regulation 4 of the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the following regulation is substituted therefor:—

"4. There shall be charged and paid on every mail bag containing printed packets (other than magazines for Canada, including the Province of Newfoundland) for transmission as provided by Regulation 38 of this Warrant a rate of postage of fourpence halfpenny for every pound in weight of the mail bag and its contents. Provided that for this purpose the weight of each mail bag and its contents shall be calculated to the nearest pound."

Amendment of Regulation 27 of principal Warrant.

4. In Regulation 27 of the principal Warrant (which provides that where the rate of postage of one halfpenny only has been paid on a printed packet and the packet is posted after an hour fixed by the Postmaster General the packet may be detained until the following day or, if that is a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday, until the next following day) for the words "one halfpenny" there shall be substituted the words "one penny".

5. Regulation 46 of the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the following Regulation is substituted therefor:—

"46. For the registration of outgoing postal packets there shall be charged and paid the following sums, that is to say:—

- (1) When the packet is registered by delivery to an officer of the Post Office authorised to receive the same, though not on duty at a Post Office, or when the packet is registered at a Post Office before the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such Post Office (without extra fee) of postal packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch therefrom, the sum of fourpence (hereinafter called "the registration fee").
- (2) When the packet is registered at a Post Office after the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such Post Office (without extra fee) of postal packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch therefrom, but within such further time (if any) as the Postmaster General may from time to time appoint with reference to such office, such extra sum in addition to the registration fee as may be prescribed. Provided that such sum shall not exceed one shilling and sixpence."

Interpretation.

6. The Interpretation Act 1889 applies to the interpretation of this Warrant as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Short Title.

7. This Warrant may be cited as "The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant 1949".

Commencement.

8. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of May 1949.

Wm. Hannan, J. W. Snow,
Two of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

Wilfred Paling,
His Majesty's Postmaster General.
Dated this 13th day of April, 1949.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Warrant, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Warrant amends the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1948 in order to give effect to the Budget proposals in so far as they relate to postal packets sent abroad (excluding packets sent to Eire).

Regulation 2: (a) increases the postage on a printed packet weighing up to 2 ounces from a halfpenny to one penny; (b) as respects a commercial packet, makes the minimum rate of threepence applicable to a packet weighing not more than 10 ounces (as against a previous maximum of 12 ounces); and (c) alters the postage on a sample packet from one halfpenny per 2 ounces, with a minimum charge of one penny, to one penny for a weight not exceeding 2 ounces and one halfpenny for each additional 2 ounces or part thereof.

Regulation 3 alters the rate for bulk transmission of printed packets from fourpence to fourpence-halfpenny per pound in weight of the mail bag and its contents.

Regulation 4 is consequential on the change in the minimum rate for a single printed packet.

Regulation 5 increases the registration fee from threepence to fourpence.