

(4) There shall be charged and paid by the original addressee in respect of each packet which is re-addressed under sub-paragraph (1) to an address outside the British postal area, the same postage and fees as would have been payable thereon if it had been posted as a fresh packet for transmission to the new address.

(5) With respect to the clearance through customs of a parcel or parcels stored in bond, the Post Office may charge a fee as follows:

(a) Where a parcel or parcels are stored for a period not exceeding 28 days, the fee shall be £1.25 for each parcel, except where two or more parcels are posted simultaneously by a sender to the same addressee, when the fee shall be:

- (i) Where there are not more than 5 parcels: £1 for each parcel.
- (ii) Where there are more than 5 parcels but not more than 30: £1 for each of the first 5 parcels and then 60p for each additional parcel.
- (iii) Where there are more than 30 parcels: for the first 30 parcels the fee for each as in (ii) and then 35p for each additional parcel.

(b) Where a parcel or parcels are stored for a period of more than 28 days, the fee for each parcel shall be as in (a) with an additional sum for each parcel calculated at the rate of 5p for each working day (or residual part of such day) of storage after the first 28 days.

(6) The fees charged under sub-paragraph (5) with respect to each parcel (other than a parcel which is returned to its sender) shall be paid by the addressee if the parcel shall be delivered to him, or by the original addressee if the parcel shall be re-addressed in accordance with (c) or (d) of sub-paragraph (1).

(7) For the purposes of this paragraph:

(a) a parcel shall be deemed to be in bond when and so long as it is in the custody of the Post Office at a place appointed by the Post Office and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise as a place for customs examination;

(b) "appointed place" means a place so appointed for that purpose;

(c) a parcel shall be deemed to be stored in bond by the Post Office while it is in an appointed place, if and so long as:

(i) after a customs notice has been sent to the addressee with respect thereto, it is awaiting customs clearance, or is waiting to be re-addressed in pursuance of an application in that behalf under (c) or (d) of sub-paragraph (1); or

(ii) being a parcel conveyed by air addressed to a registered trader with respect to which the necessary documents for the purpose of making an entry or delivering an account of the goods therein were not delivered to the proper officer of Customs and Excise on or before its arrival at such a place, it is awaiting customs clearance, or is waiting to be re-addressed in pursuance of such an application;

and the period of such storage shall be deemed to have begun at the beginning of the day on which the customs notice was sent or, in the case of such a parcel as is mentioned in (ii) (above) at the beginning of the day on which the parcel was brought into an appointed place, and that period shall be deemed to terminate at the end of the day on which customs clearance is granted, or, if later, (in the case of a parcel which was waiting to be re-addressed in pursuance of such an application) at the end of the day on which the parcel is re-addressed; and in the case of a parcel which has been transferred under (e) of sub-paragraph (1), the period of

storage shall be deemed to have continued unbroken while it was in course of transit to the nominated place;

(d) "customs notice" means a notice sent by an officer of Customs and Excise requiring entry to be made of goods contained in a parcel in bond, or requiring an account of them to be delivered;

(e) "registered trader" means a trader who is for the time being registered with the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under the Advance Documentation Scheme; and

(f) "working day" means a day on which the appointed place in which a parcel is stored is open for public business.

Postings in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland

72. (1) This paragraph applies to incoming postal packets addressed to persons at addresses within the British postal area which were posted in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland 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.

(2) If within any period of 30 consecutive days (inclusive) the Post Office receives more than 250 incoming postal packets to which this 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:

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

(b) 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.

(3) Without prejudice to the application of paragraph 3(6), in this 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 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.

PART XIII

Transitional Provisions

Transitional provisions

73. (1) Any rate of postage fixed by the Post Office under any of the provisions of the schemes revoked by this Scheme which is in force immediately before this Scheme comes into operation shall continue in force as if it had been fixed under the corresponding provision of this Scheme until superceded by a rate of postage fixed under that provision.

(2) Where immediately before this Scheme comes into operation a continuous service or facility was being provided under any of the provisions of the schemes revoked by this Scheme and was due to be provided for the residue of a period of time then current, such service or facility shall continue to be provided under the corresponding provision of this Scheme until the expiration of that period as if that provision had been in force when the application