

POST OFFICE

SCHEME P1/1981

NOTE: The Scheme which follows this note has been made under section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969 and amends the Post Office Inland Post Scheme 1979. The Scheme, which will come into operation on 26th January 1981, provides for postage rates and fees generally to be increased.

(This note is not part of the Scheme)

THE POST OFFICE INLAND POST AMENDMENT (No. 4) SCHEME 1981

Made - - - - - 22nd December 1980

Coming into operation - - - - - 26th January 1981

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969, and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Commencement and citation

1.—(1) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 26th day of January 1981 and may be cited as the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 4) Scheme 1981.

(2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Post Office Inland Post Scheme 1979 (Post Office Scheme P1/1979) (hereinafter called "the Scheme") as amended by the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1979 (Post Office Scheme P5/1979), the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1980 (Post Office Scheme P1/1980) and the Post Office Inland Post Amendment (No. 3) Scheme 1980 (Post Office Scheme P6/1980).

2. In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 of the Scheme, as subsequently amended, in the definition of "minimum registration fee" the word "smaller" shall read "smallest".

Rates of postage

3. The following sub-paragraph shall be inserted immediately after sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 5 of the Scheme:

"(3)(a) On and from the date when this Scheme comes into operation until such time as the Post Office may determine under (b) below, the postage charges and rates of charge shall be those specified or referred to in Schedule 1 as amended.

(b) The Post Office may, at any time after the coming into operation of this Scheme, and from time to time thereafter, determine that different charges and rates of charge shall be substituted for all or any of the charges or rates of charge set out in Schedule 1 as amended, and such substituted charges or rates of charge shall be applicable on and after such day as may be so determined. Such substituted charges or rates of charge (or any of them) may be determined on such basis and subject to such conditions and limitations as the Post Office may think fit."

Additional postage on late posted packets

4. In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 6 of the Scheme the words "not exceeding 10p" shall be deleted.

Postmarks

5. Sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 14 of the Scheme shall be deleted and the following inserted in its place:

"(2) The Post Office may write or impress on, or affix to a postal packet such words, marks, codes, devices or labels for postal purposes as it may, in its discretion, think proper."

Treatment of irregular packets

6. In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 15 of the Scheme the words "and the additional sum of 1p" shall be deleted and the words "and in addition such sum as the Post Office may from time to time determine" inserted in their place.

Royal Mail Special Delivery service

7. In sub-paragraph (6) of paragraph 26 of the Scheme the figure "£1" shall read "£1.25".

Postal facilities

8. The following sub-paragraph shall be inserted immediately after sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 27 of the Scheme:

"(3)(a) On and from the date when this Scheme comes into operation until such time as the Post Office may determine under (b) below, the charges and fees shall be those specified or referred to in Schedules 3 and 4 as amended.

(b) The Post Office may, at any time after the coming into operation of this Scheme, and from time to time thereafter, determine that different charges and fees shall be substituted for all or any of the charges or fees set out in Schedules 3 and 4 as amended, and such substituted charges or fees shall be applicable on and after such day as may be so determined. Such substituted charges or fees (or any of them) may be determined on such basis and subject to such conditions and limitations as the Post Office may think fit."

Redirection by the public

9. In sub-paragraph (3)(b) of paragraph 32 of the Scheme, as subsequently amended, the words "a fee of 12p" shall be deleted and the words "the fee specified in Column 1 of Part I of Schedule 7 to the Scheme" inserted in their place.

Registration

10. In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 37 of the Scheme, as subsequently amended, the words "the higher registration fee" shall be deleted and the words "one of the higher registration fees" inserted in their place.

Compulsory registration

11.—(1) In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 40 of the Scheme the figures "£15" shall read "£18".

(2) In sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 40 of the Scheme, as subsequently amended, the words "the fee of 12p" shall be deleted and the words "the recorded delivery fee" inserted in their place; and the words "higher registration fee if covered by the said excess amount" shall be deleted and the words "highest registration fee which the said excess amount covers" inserted in their place.

Recorded delivery service

12.—(1) In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 43 of the Scheme, as subsequently amended, the words "a fee of 12p" shall be deleted and the words "the fee specified in Column 1 of Part I of Schedule 7 to the Scheme" inserted in their place.

(2) In sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 43 of the Scheme, as subsequently amended, the words "of 12p" shall be deleted.

Compensation for certain other postal packets

13. In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 47 of the Scheme, "£12.50" shall read "£15".