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**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

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**SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS**

**POST OFFICE**

**Post Office Order 2002**

S. R. & O. No: 1 of 2002

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*Commencing: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002*

IN EXERCISE of my powers under sections 3 and 4 of the Post Office Ordinance (a), I make the following Order —

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Post Office Order 2002 and shall come into force on 1 July 2002.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order —

“Aerogramme” means a letter written on a form consisting of a single sheet of paper suitably folded and gummed on all sides and sold by the post office for the purpose of being used to send messages by airmail;

“Inland” means the Falkland Islands, the British Antarctic Territory and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands;

“Newspaper” means any paper containing public news intelligence of occurrences or any remarks or observations printed in it for sale, and published in South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands or elsewhere periodically, or in parts or numbers at intervals not exceeding 26 days between the publication of any two such papers, parts or numbers; and also any printed paper printed in order to be dispersed, and made public weekly or more often, or at intervals not exceeding 26 days, containing only or principally advertisements; and

“Printed Paper” means a newspaper or a document which is a reproduction on paper, cardboard or other materials commonly used in printing, not less than six copies of which, identical in all respects, are intended to be mailed ;

**Postage Rates**

3. The rates of postage on the various categories of postal matter shall be as shown in the First, Second and Third Schedules to this Order.

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(a) Of the Falkland Islands in its application to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

### **Weight Limitations**

4. The maximum weight for the following postal articles, for any destination, shall be —

- (a) letters ..... 2 kg
- (b) printed papers ..... 2 kg
- (c) small packets ..... 2 kg
- (d) literature for the blind ..... 7 kg
- (e) postal parcels ..... 30 kg

### **Aerogrammes**

5. — (1) An aerogramme shall not be accepted for transmission by airmail —

- (a) if it has any enclosure; or
- (b) if it is not sufficiently stamped for transmission as an aerogramme by airmail.

(2) Where an aerogramme is not by virtue of paragraph (1) to be accepted for transmission by airmail it may, at the discretion of the Postmaster, be accepted for transmission by surface mail if it is sufficiently stamped for such transmission.

### **Small Packets**

6. — (1) A class of postal packets called “small packets” is authorised with the object of affording facilities, in the international service, for the transmission of small articles of merchandise in the letter mails. The small packets service is limited to those countries which have agreed to participate in it.

(2) The same prohibitions applicable to letter post also apply to the small packet service. In addition, the following are excluded from transmission in small packets —

- (a) letters, notes or documents having the character of actual and personal correspondence including tapes, discs or wires bearing recordings of current and personal messages;
- (b) coins, bank notes and currency notes;
- (c) negotiable instruments payable to bearer;
- (d) platinum, gold or silver, manufactured or not;
- (e) precious stones, jewels and other valuable articles; and
- (f) postage stamps whether obliterated or not.

(3) Small packets addressed to a destination outside the Falkland Islands shall —

- (a) have securely affixed to them an International Customs Declaration Form in a form approved by the Universal Postal Union (and obtainable from the Postmaster) which shall have been fully and properly completed by the sender; and

(b) be marked with the words “small packet” in the top left-hand corner of the obverse of the packet.

A small packet which does not comply with this paragraph shall not be accepted for transmission by mail.

(4) Small packets may be registered, but may not be insured.

### **Exemptions from Postage**

7. (1) The following postal articles may be accepted for transmission by mail without the pre payment of postage —

(a) postal articles originating in a department of the Government posted in the Falkland Islands and bearing —

(i) the words “On Her Majesty’s Service” conspicuously marked at the top of the obverse of the item; and

(ii) in the lower left-hand or right-hand corner of the obverse of the item, the official departmental stamp; and

(b) postal articles sent on postal business by the postal authorities.

(2) Postage shall ordinarily be pre-paid by affixing adhesive postage stamps obtained from the postal authorities but, by arrangement between the sender and the Postmaster, may be pre-paid by use of a franking machine approved by him and subject to compliance with such conditions as he may specify.

### **Unpaid or Underpaid Postage**

8. —(1) Where the postage payable on any postal packet has not been pre-paid or has not been fully pre-paid, the following surcharge is payable —

(a) in the case of an overseas postal packet, the surcharge calculated according to the Detailed Regulations of the Universal Postal Union; and

(b) in the case of an inland postal packet, double the postage or double the deficiency as the case may be.

(2) An airmail packet on which no part, or part only, of the postage payable thereon has been paid may be dealt with as if it were not an airmail packet.

### **Undelivered Parcels**

9. Any parcel not collected within three months from the posting of a notification of arrival may be returned to the sender or otherwise disposed of as the Postmaster thinks fit.

### **Registration**

10. — (1) The fees for registration are —

- (a) Inland                      50p; and
- (b) Overseas                    £1.00

(2) The maximum limit of compensation for the loss of a registered postal packet is £20 where the overseas fee has been paid and £10 otherwise.

#### **Cash on Delivery Parcels**

11. For cash on delivery parcels a fee equivalent to the rates of poundage for the time being charged by the United Kingdom Post Office on British Postal Orders and calculated by reference to the trade charge in respect of the parcel or the sum of £300, whichever is the lower.

#### **Postal Orders**

12. — (1) The rates of poundage on British Postal Orders shall be those for the time being in force under the legislation relating to the United Kingdom Post Office with such additional charge by way of poundage as the Postmaster may determine.

(2) The value of a postal order may be increased by affixing such number of postage stamps of such type and to such aggregate value as is for the time being permitted by the United Kingdom Post Office.

#### **Insurance**

13. — (1) Insurance shall be available only in relation to letters and parcels addressed to an addressee in the United Kingdom and any country for the time being notified by the Postmaster.

(2) The insurance charge shall be £3 with a maximum insured value of £300.

#### **Customs Declarations: Overseas Parcels**

14. Parcels addressed to a destination outside South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands shall have securely affixed to them an International Customs Declaration Form in a form approved by the Universal Postal Union (and obtainable from the Postmaster) which shall have been fully and properly completed by the sender.

#### **Inland Small Packets**

15. —(1) Inland small packets shall be marked with the words “small packet” in the top left-hand corner of the obverse of the packet.

(2) Where an inland small packet is not marked as required by subparagraph (1) or exceeds 1 kg in weight it shall if it does not exceed 2kg in weight attract postage at the rate applicable to letters and otherwise shall be treated as a parcel and be charged for and transmitted accordingly.

#### **Weight Limitation**

16. No item shall be accepted for transmission —

- (a) as an overseas airmail letter or as an overseas small packet if it exceeds 2 kg in weight;
- (b) as an overseas airmail parcel if it exceeds 2kg in weight;
- (c) as an overseas surface mail letter, printed paper or small packet if it exceeds 2 kg in

- weight;
- (d) as an overseas surface mail parcel if it exceeds 30 kg in weight;
  - (e) as an inland letter, printed paper or small packet, if it exceeds 2 kg weight; or
  - (f) as an inland parcel if it exceeds 10 kg in weight.

### Postage Rates etc

17. The First, Second and Third Schedules shall have effect so as to set rates of postage for the various matters referred to therein.

### Revocation

18. The Post Office Order 1981 and all Orders amending that Order are revoked.

## FIRST SCHEDULE Airmail Rates to all Countries

### AIRMAIL RATES

Letters	First 20gm each additional 10gm	45p 25p
Small Packets & Printed Papers	First 60gm each additional 10gm	95p 15p
Printed Papers (Registered with Post Office)	First 60gm each additional 10gm	92p 15p
Postcard		40p
Aerogramme “ (illustrated)		40p 52p

## SECOND SCHEDULE Surface Mail Rates

### SURFACE RATES

Postcards		26p
LETTERS	First 20gm up to 100gm each additional 50gm	36p 81p 35p
Small packets & Printed Papers	First 100gm each additional 50 gm	70p 25p
Parcels to United Kingdom	First kg each additional kg	£8 £4

Maximum weight 30 kg

*(Rates to other countries, as  
notified from time to time)*

THIRD SCHEDULE  
Inland Rates

INLAND RATES

Letters	First 20gm each additional 50gm	22p 15p
Small Packets & Printed Papers	First 70gm each additional 50gm	19p 7p
Postcard		16p

Literature for the blind shall not attract postage.

Made this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002

D A Lamont  
*Commissioner*

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Order consolidates, with amendments, the Post Office Order 1981, as amended. It does not amend the effect of the law, except as to a number of postal rates and the definitions of "Newspaper", "Printed Paper" and one of the prohibitions in relation to Small Packets.