

Hong Kong.

No. 704.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 7 of 1926, on the 25th day of November, 1930.

The regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, on the 24th day of June, 1926, and published in the Gazette of the 25th June, 1926, as Notification No. 337, are hereby further amended by the insertion, next after regulation 7, of the following regulation,—

- 7A.—(1) A new 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 exchange of small packets is limited to those countries which have agreed to participate in the service.
- (2) The maximum dimensions of a small packet are 18 in. by 8 in. by 4 in., or if in roll form 18 in. in length and 6 in. in diameter, and the limit of weight is 2 lb.
- (3) The prohibitions applicable to the letter post apply also to the service of small packets. In addition, the following are specially excluded from transmission in small packets.—

Letters, notes or documents having the character of actual and personal correspondence (this prohibition does not apply to open invoices reduced to the simplest form, the address of the article, and the sender’s address); coin; banknotes; currency notes; negotiable instruments payable to bearer; platinum, gold or silver, manufactured or not; precious stones; jewels and other valuable articles; postage stamps, whether obliterated or not.

- (4) Small packets are subject to the requirements for samples of merchandise as regards form, make up and packing (*e.g.* they must be sent in such a manner as to be easy of examination). In addition, the name and address of the sender must be shown on the outside of the packet; and each packet must be conspicuously marked “Small Packet” in the top left-hand corner.
- (5) The rate of postage on small packets shall be 32 cents for the first 8 ounces, and 8 cents for each additional 2 ounces or part of 2 ounces. The postage must be fully prepaid by the sender.
- (6) Small packets may be registered, but not insured.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER,
25th November, 1930.