

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 118

Hong Kong.

ORDINANCE No. 7 of 1926 (POST OFFICE).

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, the Governor in Council makes the undermentioned regulations in substitution for the regulations heretofore made under the said section.

Regulations.

1. The following rates of postage shall be charged on letters (other than postcards) addressed to the following destinations :—

<i>Destination.</i>	<i>Rate of Postage.</i>
Places in the Colony	3 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.
United Kingdom and British possessions and protectorates	
<i>via</i> Suez and the Pacific...	12 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.
<i>via</i> Siberia	20 cents for the first ounce and 10 cents for each additional ounce or part of an ounce.
Macao	4 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.
China proper, excluding Sinkiang, Mongolia and Thibet	
Foreign countries generally..	20 cents for the first ounce and 10 cents for each additional ounce or part of an ounce.

2. The following rates of postage shall be charged on postcards addressed to the following destinations:—

<i>Destination.</i>	<i>Rate of Postage.</i>
Places in the Colony	2 cents.
United Kingdom and British possessions and protectorates	8 cents.
Macao	2 cents.
China proper, excluding Sinkiang, Mongolia and Tibet	
Foreign countries generally	8 cents.

3.—(1) The postage on printed papers for Hong Kong, China and Macao shall be 2 cents for each two ounces or part of two ounces; and to all other destinations 4 cents for each two ounces or part of two ounces.

(2) In this regulation, "Printed paper" means a document which is produced by some mechanical process other than typewriting.

4.—(1) The postage on Commercial papers for any destination shall be 20 cents for the first ten ounces and 4 cents for each additional two ounces or part of two ounces.

(2) In this regulation, "Commercial paper" means a document produced wholly or partly by hand, which has not the character of personal correspondence, and which does not represent a monetary value.

5.—(1) Circulars for addresses in the Colony which are posted in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight, and which are posted by being delivered to an officer of the Post Office, shall be charged postage at the rate of 2 cents for each two ounces or part of two ounces.

(2) In this regulation, "Circular" means a communication of which copies are addressed to a number of persons in identical or nearly identical terms.

6. Literature for the blind, not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight, shall be charged postage at the rate of 2 cents for each 2 pounds or part thereof.

7.—(1) The postage on Samples shall be 8 cents for the first four ounces and 4 cents for each additional two ounces or part of two ounces.

(2) Samples must possess no saleable value, and must bear no writing except the name or commercial style of the sender.

the address of the person for whom they are intended, a trade mark or manufacturer's mark, and numbers prices and indications relative to weight, measurements, dimensions or quantity, or necessary to determine the origin or nature of the goods.

8.—(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 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 lbs.

(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 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 50 cents for the first eight ounces, and 15 cents for each additional two ounces or part of two ounces. The postage must be fully prepaid by the sender.

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

9. Printed papers, commercial papers and samples may be enclosed in the same packet: Provided that—

- (1) each article taken separately shall not exceed the limits of weight and size applicable to it;
- (2) the total weight shall not exceed 5 lbs. if addressed to the United Kingdom, a British possession or protectorate, or a country not in the Postal Union, and 4 lbs. 6 ozs. if addressed to any foreign country in the Postal Union; and
- (3) the minimum rate of postage for each packet shall be 20 cents if it contains commercial papers and 8 cents if it consists of printed papers and samples.

10. The postage on clubbed packets for China shall be 4 cents for each half ounce.

11. The rates of postage on parcels shall be those from time to time and for the time being approved by the Governor in Council and exhibited at the Post Office.

12. The following letters are not subject to any postage :—

- (1) letters on official business, posted in Hong Kong, from a department of the Government of the Colony, addressed to the United Kingdom or to a British possession or protectorate, marked "On His Majesty's Service", and signed in the lower left-hand corner with the usual signature of the head or assistant head of the department of origin;
- (2) letters on postal business posted in Hong Kong, and addressed to the Postmaster General; and
- (3) letters on Hong Kong Savings Bank business posted in Hong Kong, and addressed "Hong Kong Savings Bank".

13. The following postal packets shall be charged the same rates of postage as if they were letters :—

- (1) all postal packets which are closed to inspection, except parcels; and
- (2) all postal packets which contain a letter.

14. No postal packet shall contain any enclosure which is directed to a name and address different from the name and address borne on the cover, and which is enclosed with the intention of evading postage. Any such enclosure may be taken out and may be forwarded to the addressee charged with separate postage. This regulation shall not apply to any clubbed packet sent by or addressed to any person licensed under the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, to send or to receive clubbed packets.

15. Precious stones, jewellery and other precious articles shall not be sent by letter post.

16. Subject to any special agreement which may have been made by the Postmaster General with any particular steamship company before the commencement of these regulations, or which may hereafter be made by him, the rates of the gratuities payable under section 19 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, shall be as follows :—

For transit mails other than parcels conveyed to Indo-China and to ports in China south of Shanghai	\$0.50 per bag or paper packet.
For transit mails other than parcels conveyed to Canada, the United States (including Hawaii), Europe, Australia and New Zealand	\$2.00 per bag.
For transit mails other than parcels conveyed to any other destination	\$1.00 per bag.

For mails other than parcels
made up in Hong Kong 10 cents per lb. or
fraction of a lb.

For parcels originating in
Hong Kong or transit parcels. 5 cents per parcel.

17. The fee for the return of a postal packet under section 11 of the Ordinance shall be \$1 payable in stamps.

18. The fee for a private box shall be \$20 or \$10 per year (ending on the 31st December), or \$2 or \$1 a month according to the size of the box. The fees are payable in advance. If the fee is not paid, the box may be closed. A deposit of \$2 must be made for the use of the key: on the return of the key the deposit will be refunded. No person shall without the authority of the Postmaster General make or cause to be made any duplicate key of any private box.

19. The fee for a certificate of posting shall be 1 cent for each packet posted. It shall be payable in advance by means of a 1 cent postage stamp affixed to the certificate.

20. The fee for the reception of mail matter shall be \$ for a year or part of a year. The certificate shall lapse on the 31st December of the year in which it was issued, unless renewed.

21.—(1) The registration fee shall be 20 cents for each postal packet and the fee for an acknowledgment of the receipt by the addressee of any registered post packet shall be 10 cents.

(2) The registration fee, and the postage on a registered packet, must be prepaid.

22. Unregistered postal packets found to contain bank notes, used or unused postage stamps, cheques payable to bearer, or uncrossed postal orders or postal notes, shall be subject to compulsory registration and shall be charged a registration fee of forty cents for each such packet.

23.—(1) For Cash on Delivery parcels a special fee will be collected for any "Trade Charge" at the rate of 10 cents for each \$10, or fraction of \$10, and, in addition, a posting fee of 20 cents will be levied on each parcel so posted.

(2) The trade charge on any one parcel shall not exceed £10 (or \$200 in the case of Macao).

(3) The cash on delivery fee, and the postage, must be prepaid on every cash on delivery parcel.

(4) In this regulation, "trade charge" means the amount to be collected on delivery.

24.—(1) Local money orders (limit \$400 Hong Kong Currency) will be issued payable in Hong Kong and Macao. Commission shall be charged at the rate of 1 cent per dollar or part of a dollar, with a minimum charge of 5 cents.

(2) Foreign money orders will be issued at rates of exchange fixed by the Postmaster General from time to time.

Commission shall be charged at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents for each dollar or part of a dollar, with a minimum charge of 10 cents.

(3) In the case of foreign money orders drawn through London, which must be expressed in sterling, the London General Post Office will, before issuing an order in the currency of the country of payment, make a deduction at the rate of 2*d.* for each £1 or part of £1, with a minimum deduction of 4*d.*

(4) The limits for a single foreign money order shall be £40, 1,000 francs, G\$100, 600 rupees, 400 Yen, and \$100 (silver currency) respectively.

(5) A foreign money order remaining unpaid for one year after the date of issue shall be treated as void.

(6) The fee for an advice of payment shall be 10 cents.

(7) For telegraphic money orders there shall be charged an additional fee of 25 cents and also the cost of the telegram of advice at the deferred rate.

25. Imperial postal orders will be issued at rates of exchange fixed by the Postmaster General from time to time.

26. The commission chargeable on Local postal notes payable at Hong Kong and Macao shall be as follows:—

Amount.	Commission.	Amount.	Commission.
\$ c.		\$ c.	
— 25	1 cent.	3.00	3. cents.
— 50	1 cent.	4.00	4. cents.
1.00	1 cent.	5.00	5. cents.
2.00	2 cents.	10.00	10. cents.

27. The fee for insurance shall be 40 cents for each 300 gold francs (or £12) or part thereof. The right to insure, the limits up to which insurance may be effected and the right to compensation in case of loss or damage, shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of the Postal Guide. In this regulation "Postal Guide" means the Postal Guide issued by the Postmaster General, current at the time of insuring or claiming as the case may be, and includes any amendments of the same whereof notice may from time to time be exhibited at the Post-Office.

28. The selling prices of Imperial and International reply coupons shall be 16 cents and 25 cents each respectively.

29. Letters will be accepted at Hong Kong for transmission by the undermentioned Air Mail Services to the destinations named, and at the charges specified. The charges are in addition to the regular postage.

<i>Destination.</i>	<i>Charge</i>		<i>Destination.</i>	<i>Charge</i>	
	<i>Rate per ounce.</i>			<i>Rate per ounce.</i>	
<i>U.S. Air Mail Services.</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>Cts.</i>	<i>U.S. Air Mail Services.</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
(Via Seattle or San Francisco)			Dutch West Indies		
United States	0.70		(a) Saba, St. Eustatius & St. Martins	1.40	
Europe, Bahamas, Canada and Cuba...	0.90		(b) Curacao, Aruba & Bonaïro	4.25	
Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Porto Rico, and Virgin Is. (British & U.S.)	1.40		British Guiana, Colombia, Dutch Guiana, Ecuador, French Guiana & Venezuela	4.25	
Mexico	1.75		Bolivia & Peru	5.65	
Guatemala, Honduras (British and Republic), Nicaragua and Salvador	2.10		Brazil & Chile	7.05	
Barbados, Costa Rica, Guadeloupe, Leeward Islands (except Virgin Islands) Martinique, Panama & Canal Zone, Tobago, Trinidad & Windward Islands..	2.80		Argentine, Paraguay & Uruquay	7.75	
			<i>Canadian Air Mail Services.</i>	<i>Per Oz.</i>	
			(Via Vancouver)		
			Canada	0.70	
			<i>Shanghai to Manchouli Air Mail Service.</i>	<i>Per ½ Oz.</i>	
			Europe	0.30	
			(Note available during winter. See Mail Notices.)		

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COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th February, 1932.

NOTES.—The Government Notifications relating to the rescinded regulations are:—

G.N. 337 of 1926.	Gazette 25th June, 1926.
„ 329 of 1927.	„ 2nd June, 1927.
„ 615 of 1927.	„ 28th October, 1927.
„ 302 of 1929.	„ 14th June, 1929.
„ 354 of 1929.	„ 12th July, 1929.
„ 463 of 1929.	„ 13th September, 1929.

G.N. 609 of 1929.	Gazette	29th November, 1929.
„ 449 of 1930.	„	25th July, 1930.
„ 471 of 1930.	„	1st August, 1930.
„ 620 of 1930.	„	9th October, 1930.
„ 621 of 1930.	„	9th October, 1930.
„ 660 of 1930.	„	31st October, 1930.
„ 704 of 1930.	„	28th November, 1930.
„ 705 of 1930.	„	28th November, 1930.
„ 11 of 1931.	„	9th January, 1931.
„ 137 of 1931.	„	6th March, 1931.
„ 181 of 1931.	„	27th March, 1931.
„ 217 of 1931.	„	10th April, 1931.
„ 257 of 1931.	„	1st May, 1931.
„ 289 of 1931.	„	15th May, 1931.
„ 589 of 1931.	„	18th September, 1931.
„ 838 of 1931.	„	31st December, 1931.

The substituted regulations embody the rescinded regulations with the following changes,—

- (a) regulation 6—The weight limit in respect of literature for the blind is increased to 11 lbs.
- (b) regulation 11 replaces former regulation 10 and is new. Current parcel post rates will in future be exhibited at the Post Office; the Appendix to the regulations disappears, and frequent and lengthy supplements will not be gazetted in future.
- (c) regulation 21 (1) contains an addition as to the fee of 10 cents for acknowledgment of receipt by the addressee of any registered postal packet.
- (d) regulation 22—compulsory registration fee for postal packets found to contain bank notes, etc., is increased to 40 cents.
- (e) regulation 23 (1)—The fee on Cash on Delivery parcels is altered, and a posting fee of 20 cents is authorised.
- (f) regulation 24 (1)—Provision is made with regard to Local Money Orders.
- (g) regulation 29 replaces former regulation 28, and is new, it contains the present charges for transmission of Air Mail Services letters to destinations.
- (h) The alteration in numbering is due to former regulation 7A now appearing as regulation 8.

No. 119.

Hong Kong.

Order made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 4 of the Crown Fees Ordinance 1870, on the 24th day of February, 1932.

In any case where the holder of a lot or portion or section of a lot is required to take up more than one Crown Lease in respect of that lot or portion or section, by reason only of the fact that more than one house is erected thereon, he may be released from the payment required under Article 15 of the Second Schedule to The Land Registration Ordinance 1844 as amended by Section 3 (iii) of The Land Registration Amendment Ordinance 1931 in respect of any additional lease so required to be taken up by him.

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