

THE POST OFFICE LAW.
CAP. 281 AND LAW 44 OF 1953.

DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 11 (1).

In exercise of the powers vested in him by section 11 (1) of the Post Office Law, His Excellency the Governor, on the representation of the Postmaster-General, has been pleased to direct as follows:—

1. On and from the 1st April, 1959, the limits of size and weight for the various classes of postal packets conveyed by post and the conditions under which such postal packets posted, or conveyed or delivered by post shall be as follows:—

To the British Commonwealth and to all Territories under British Trusteeship.

Category	Limit of weight	Limits of Size	
		Other than in the form of a roll	In the form of a roll
LETTERS.. .. .	4 lb.	<p><i>Maximum</i> : 2 feet in length, 18 inches in width, 18 inches in depth. <i>Minimum</i> : 4 inches in length, 2$\frac{3}{4}$ inches in width.</p>	<p><i>Maximum</i> : the length and twice the diameter combined must not exceed 3 feet 3 inches, and the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet 8 inches. <i>Minimum</i> : the length plus twice the diameter 6$\frac{3}{4}$ inches, but the greatest dimension must not be less than 4 inches.</p>
POSTCARDS	—	<p>No postcard may exceed 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches in length by 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches in width, or be less than 4 inches in length by 2$\frac{3}{4}$ inches in width. <i>Maximum</i> : 2 feet in length, 18 inches in width, 18 inches in depth. <i>Minimum</i> : 4 inches in length, 2$\frac{3}{4}$ inches in width.</p>	<p><i>Maximum</i> : the length and twice the diameter combined must not exceed 3 feet 3 inches, and the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet 8 inches. <i>Minimum</i> : the length plus twice the diameter 6$\frac{3}{4}$ inches, but the greatest dimension must not be less than 4 inches.</p>
COMMERCIAL PAPERS .. .	5 lb.		

To the British Commonwealth and to all Territories under British Trusteeship.

Category	Limit of weight	Limits of Size		In the form of a roll
		Other than in the form of a roll		
PRINTED PAPERS ..	6½ lb. (books generally may weigh as much as 11 lb.)	<p><i>Maximum</i>: 2 feet in length, 18 inches in width, 18 inches in depth. <i>Minimum</i>: 4 inches in length, 2¼ inches in width.</p>	<p><i>Maximum</i>: the length and twice the diameter combined must not exceed 3 feet 3 inches, and the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet 8 inches. <i>Minimum</i>: the length plus twice the diameter 6¾ inches, but the greatest dimension must not be less than 4 inches</p>	
LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND.	15 lb.	do.		do.
SAMPLES ..	5 lb.	<p><i>Maximum</i>: 2 feet in length, 1 foot in width, 1 foot in depth. <i>Minimum</i>: 4 inches in length, 2¾ inches in width.</p>		do.
SMALL PACKETS ..	2 lb.	<p><i>Maximum</i>: 3 feet in length, width and depth combined, but the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet. <i>Minimum</i>: 4 inches in length, 2¾ inches in width.</p>		do.
INSURED BOXES ..	2 lb.	12 inches in length, 8 inches in width, 4 inches in depth.		—
PARCELS ..	22 lb. (to some countries the limit is lower)	3 feet 6 inches in length and 6 feet in length and girth combined.		—

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		Other than in the form of a roll	In the form of a roll
LETTERS	4 lb.	<p><i>Maximum</i> : 3 feet in length, width and depth combined, but the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet.</p> <p><i>Minimum</i> : 4 inches in length, 2$\frac{3}{4}$ inches in width.</p>	<p><i>Maximum</i> : the length and twice the diameter combined must not exceed 3 feet 3 inches, and the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet 8 inches.</p> <p><i>Minimum</i> : the length plus twice the diameter 6$\frac{3}{4}$ inches, but the greatest dimension must not be less than 4 inches.</p>
POSTCARDS	—	<p>No postcard may exceed 5$\frac{7}{8}$ inches in length by 4$\frac{1}{8}$ inches in width or be less than 4 inches in length by 2$\frac{3}{4}$ inches in width.</p>	—
COMMERCIAL PAPERS	4 lb.	<p><i>Maximum</i> : 3 feet in length, width and depth combined, but the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet.</p> <p><i>Minimum</i> : 4 inches in length, 2$\frac{3}{4}$ inches in width.</p>	<p><i>Maximum</i> : the length and twice the diameter combined must not exceed 3 feet 3 inches, and the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet 8 inches.</p> <p><i>Minimum</i> : the length plus twice the diameter 6$\frac{3}{4}$ inches, but the greatest dimension must not be less than 4 inches.</p>
PRINTED PAPERS	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. (books generally may weigh as much as 11 lb.) 15 lb.	do.	do.
LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND.	1 lb. 2 lb.	do. do.	do. do.
SMALL PACKETS	2 lb.	12 inches in length, 8 inches in width, 4 inches in depth.	—
INSURED BOXES	22 lb.	3 feet 6 inches in length and 6 feet in length and girth combined.	—
PARCELS	(to some countries the limit is lower)		

Within the Island.

Category	Limit of weight	Limits of Size	
		Other than in the form of a roll	In the form of a roll
LETTERS.. ..	4 lb.	<p><i>Maximum</i> : 2 feet in length, 18 inches in width, 18 inches in depth. <i>Minimum</i> : 4 inches in length, 2½ inches in width.</p>	<p><i>Maximum</i> : the length and twice the diameter combined must not exceed 3 feet 3 inches, and the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet 8 inches. <i>Minimum</i> : the length plus twice the diameter 6¾ inches but the greatest dimension must not be less than 4 inches.</p>
POSTCARDS	—	<p>No card may exceed 5 7/8 inches in length by 4 1/8 inches in width, or be less than 4 inches in length by 2¾ inches in width.</p>	—
PRINTED PAPERS	2 lb.	<p><i>Maximum</i> : 2 feet in length, 18 inches in width and 18 inches in depth. <i>Minimum</i> : 4 inches in length, 2¾ inches in width.</p>	<p><i>Maximum</i> : the length and twice the diameter combined must not exceed 3 feet 3 inches, and the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet 8 inches. <i>Minimum</i> : the length plus twice the diameter 6¾ inches, but the greatest dimension must not be less than 4 inches. do. do.</p>
SAMPLES LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND. PARCELS	1 lb. 15 lb. 22 lb.	<p>do. do. Length, 3 feet 6 inches. Length and girth combined, 6 feet.</p>	—

2. Items (in packet or roll form) with a size less than the minimum set out above are nevertheless admitted if they bear a rectangular address label of cardboard or strong paper of which the two adjacent sides measure not less than 6¼ inches and the small side is not less than 1½ inches.

- Articles which are posted, or conveyed or delivered by their nature or their packing, may expose postal officials to danger, or soil or damage correspondence.
- Prohibitions.*
- (2) Articles subject to customs duty and samples sent in quantities with the intention of avoiding payment of this duty.
 - (3) Opium, morphine, cocaine and other narcotics.
 - (4) Articles of which the importation or the circulation is prohibited in the country of destination.
 - (5) Living animals, except :
 - (a) bees, leeches and silkworms ;
 - (b) parasites and destroyers of noxious insects intended for the control of those insects and exchanged between officially recognised institutions.
 - (6) Explosive, corrosive, deleterious, inflammable or otherwise harmful substances ; and sharp instruments not properly protected. Matches of all kinds, charged butane gas lighters and refills.
 - (7) Dangerous substances ; nevertheless perishable biological substances and refills.
 - (8) Indecent or obscene communications, prints, photographs, books or other articles, and packets bearing seditious, scurrilous, threatening or grossly offensive, indecent or obscene words, marks or designs, or containing filthy substances.
 - (9) Packets consisting of or containing two or more postal packets of the same or of different descriptions addressed to different persons at different addresses.
 - (10) Packets of which the address portion has been marked off into several divisions intended to contain successive addresses.
 - (11) Counterfeit bank or currency notes and counterfeit postage stamps.
 - (12) Coins exceeding £5 in value ; except coins used or designed for ornamental purposes and declared as such.
 - (13) Gold bullion exceeding £5 in value.
 - (14) Valuable articles (for example, coin, bank-notes, currency notes, securities of any kind and instruments payable to bearer ; platinum, gold or silver, manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels and other precious articles) if sent in unregistered packets.
4. Prohibited articles, if tendered for transmission, will be refused, or, if detected in transit, detained. They will be dealt with in such a manner as the Post Office thinks fit and the senders may be liable to prosecution.
5. Public Instruments Nos. 110/41 and 275/48 are hereby cancelled.
- N.B.*—The conditions under which articles may be forwarded at the reduced rates for Postcards, Commercial Papers, Printed Papers, Samples and Small Packets can be ascertained at any Post Office.

(M.P. 1462/55.)

Made this 28th day of March, 1959.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor,
 Deputy Adm...