

Post Office

Cap. 27A.

**POST OFFICE (INLAND PARCEL POST)
REGULATIONS, 1980**1980/199.
1991/135.

Authority: These regulations were made on 17th June, 1980 by the Minister under section 59 of the *Post Office Act*.

Commencement: 1st January, 1981.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Post Office (Inland Parcel Post) Regulations, 1980*. Short title.

2. For the purposes of these regulations,
"coin" means all coin whether current or not but does not include coins used for ornamental purposes;
"inland" means posted in Barbados for delivery in Barbados;
"parcel" means a postal packet posted as a parcel in accordance with these regulations. Interpretation.

3. These regulations apply in respect of inland parcels. Application.

4. Subject to these regulations, inland parcels may be posted at the General Post Office or at any District Post Office that the Postmaster General designates for the purpose and may be transmitted by post between the General Post Office or between any two of such District Post Office. Post Offices between which parcels may be transmitted.

5. The Postmaster General may at any time, with the approval of the Minister, discontinue the use of a District Post Office in respect of the receipt and delivery of inland parcels. Discontinuance of parcel post at District Post Office.

6. A parcel is not acceptable for transmission by post unless it is made up in compliance with the following requirements Limit of size and weight.

- (a) its length must not exceed 300 mm and its length and girth combined must not exceed 600 mm (the girth being the measurement around the thickest part of the parcel);
- (b) one surface must not measure less than 140 mm in length nor less than 90 mm in width; and
- (c) its weight must not exceed 3 kg.

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Rates of
postage for
inland
parcels.
Schedule.
Payment of
postage on
inland
parcels.

7. The rate of postage payable in respect of parcels is the rate specified in the *Schedule*.

8. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, postage in respect of parcels must be prepaid by means of the affixing of adhesive postage stamps to the parcel or by any other prescribed methods, subject to such conditions as the Postmaster General approves.

Packing.

9. Every parcel must be so made up and secured as not to cause or to appear, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, likely to cause damage or injury, as the case may be, to

- (a) any other postal article;
- (b) any receptacle in which it is conveyed; or
- (c) any officer of the Post Office or other person handling that parcel.

Method of
posting.

10. A parcel may be posted by delivering it during the hours of business to an officer of a post office at a counter of that Post Office.

Parcels
posted
other than in
accordance
with regu-
lation 10.

11. A postal article that appears to have been posted as a parcel but has been posted in a Post Office letter box or in a manner other than in accordance with regulation 10 must be dealt with as follows

- (a) if the postage on the postal article is fully prepaid at letter or printed paper rate of postage and conforms to the regulations relating to letters or printed papers, it must be forwarded as a letter or, as the case may be, a printed paper packet; and
- (b) if the postage on the postal article is not fully prepaid as a letter or printed paper packet and does not conform to the regulations relating to letters or printed papers, it must be forwarded to its destination as a parcel charged with the amount that is payable in respect of parcels on which insufficient postage has been paid.

Retention
of parcels
marked "To
be called
for".

12. A parcel on which is written the words, "to be called for" must be retained at the Post Office of its destination for a period of 7 days after the date on which it is received at that Post Office and thereafter it shall be disposed of in accordance with regulation 16.

13. A parcel addressed to a person on board a ship may be called for at the General Post Office after notice of its arrival there has been given to the ship's agent and if the parcel is not delivered after the expiration of a period of 4 weeks from the giving of such notice, it must be disposed of in accordance with regulation 16.

Parcels
addressed
to ships.

14. A parcel may be redirected from one address to another address within Barbados upon payment by the addressee to the Postmaster General, before delivery of that parcel, of additional postage at the rate specified in paragraph 2 of the Schedule.

Redirec-
tion of
parcels.

Schedule.

15. An inland parcel is, for purposes of delivery, to be treated as a registered letter.

Delivery of
parcels.

16. (1) The following conditions relate to the disposal of parcels

Disposal of
parcels.

(a) if a parcel is at a District Post Office for delivery at that District Post Office and is undelivered after a period of 10 days, it must be returned to the Parcel Post Branch, General Post Office;

(b) if a parcel is for delivery at the General Post Office and remains undelivered after a period of 10 days, the sender must be notified by post (if his name and address are ascertainable from the Parcel) that the parcel has not been delivered and that he may

(i) call for it, or

(ii) elect to have it sent to him by post, but in each case, upon payment by him of the charges payable in respect of such parcels;

(c) if the name and address of the sender are not ascertainable from the parcel, the parcel must be opened and examined and, if the name and address of the sender are ascertainable upon examination of the contents of the parcel, that parcel must be dealt with as set forth in subparagraph (a).

(2) A parcel is not to be delivered or returned to the sender unless he pays the charges specified in paragraph 4 of the Schedule.

Schedule.

(3) The Postmaster General may require proof that an applicant for a parcel is the person entitled to receive it.

(4) Where

(a) no application is made for delivery of a parcel within the time specified in a notice referred to in paragraph (1); or

(b) an applicant

(i) fails to satisfy the Postmaster General that he is entitled to delivery of a parcel; or

(ii) fails to pay charges to which a parcel is subject, the Postmaster General may direct that the parcel be disposed of in such manner as he thinks fit.

Offensive
parcels.

17. Notwithstanding regulation 16, the Postmaster General may direct that a parcel that has become offensive or injurious to other parcels or to any officer of the Post Office be dealt with or disposed of as he thinks fit.

Prohibi-
tions rela-
ting to con-
veyance and
delivery of
parcels.

18. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), no article in the nature of personal correspondence or any item that is not transmissible by inland letter post under these regulations is transmissible by inland parcel post.

(2) No coin or gold bullion is transmissible by inland parcel post.

Safety of
parcels.

19. The transmission through the post, or the delivery, of a parcel may be delayed for a period not exceeding 24 hours if such delay is necessary for the protection or safety of such parcel.

Parcels not
to interfere
with letter
post.

20. Where a dispatch or delivery of a parcel from a Post Office would delay a dispatch or delivery of letters, if both dispatches are made together, the dispatch or delivery of the parcel may be delayed until the normal dispatch or delivery next following.

Liability
of Post-
master
General.

21. No personal liability attaches to the Postmaster General for any loss or damage arising in respect of any parcel whether or not such loss or damage is caused by the act, neglect or default of an officer of the Post Office or of any other person.

Non-
Compliance.

22. In any case where a parcel is posted in contravention of these regulations such parcel must be dealt with as the Postmaster General directs.

SCHEDULE¹*(Regulations 7, 14, 16)*

INLAND PARCEL POST

Rate of postage						\$
(a)	Weight not exceeding 500 g	..	..	..	..	5.00
(b)	for each additional 500 g or part thereof up to a maximum of 2 500 g	..	..	..	..	2.00

¹This Schedule came into operation on 30th September, 1991.