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2. For the purposes of these regulations, Interpre-  
tation.

"cash-on-delivery parcel" means a parcel in respect of which a trade charge is collectable by the Post Office at the time such parcel is being delivered;

"country of origin" in relation to a parcel, means the country in which that parcel is posted;

"Comptroller" means the Comptroller of Customs;

"incoming" means received at the Post Office in Barbados through the post after dispatch from a foreign country;

"outgoing" means posted in Barbados for dispatch to a foreign destination;

"jewellery" means

- (a) gold, silver or platinum or other precious metal in a manufactured state, including coins used or designed for ornamental purposes,
- (b) diamonds and precious stones,
- (c) watches with cases comprising wholly or mostly gold, silver, platinum or other precious metal, and
- (d) any article of a nature of an article specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) that, apart from workmanship, has an intrinsic marketable value;

"manufactured state" means a state brought about by reason of value having been added to the raw material by skilled workmanship;

"officer of the Post Office" means a person engaged in the business of the Post Office;

"trade charge" means an amount that the Post Office undertakes to collect on a cash-on-delivery parcel

Postage.

### 3. The rate of postage payable

First  
Schedule.

(a) in respect of parcels set by surface mail, is the rate contained in Part I of the *First Schedule*; and

First  
Schedule.

(b) in respect of parcels sent by air mail, is the rate contained in Part II of the *First Schedule*.

Payment of  
postage  
and fees.

4. Subject to these regulations and to any directions given by the Postmaster General, postage and fees payable in respect of every overseas parcel must be prepaid and may be denoted

(a) by the affixing to the parcel of adhesive postage stamps;

(b) by means of impressions made by a franking machine, printing press or other printing or stamping device, being a machine, press or device operated under the direction or with the authority of, the Postmaster General; or

(c) by such other means as the Postmaster General permits.

Method of  
posting  
parcels  
bearing a  
franking  
impression.

### 5. Parcels

(a) that bear the impression of franking machines;

(b) that are declared to be intended for impression by franking machines; and

(c) the payment of postage on which is denoted by a printed impression or by an impression made by a device authorised by the Postmaster General, other than by a franking machine,

are acceptable for transmission only at such Post Offices, within such hours and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Postmaster General directs.

6. Stamps and impressions denoting payment of postage or fees in respect of a parcel must be placed in such position on the parcel as the Postmaster General directs.

Placing of stamps and franking impressions.

7. (1) Parcels containing any of the following articles are not acceptable for transmission by post, namely,

Prohibited articles.

- (a) articles that, by their nature or their packing, are likely to
  - (i) expose officers of the Post Office to danger, or
  - (ii) soil or damage other parcels or postal equipment;
- (b) opium, morphine, cocaine or other narcotics, unless they are being transmitted as consignments for medical or scientific purposes to countries that admit them for such purposes;
- (c) explosive, non-explosive parts of artillery fuses, matches, inflammable films, raw celluloid or articles made of celluloid, inflammable or dangerous substances except firing caps and loaded metal cartridges for portable firearms, if adequately packed and the law of the country or place of destination so permits;
- (d) living creatures other than bees, leeches and silkworms;
- (e) obscene or immoral articles;
- (f) articles of which the importation is prohibited in the country of destination, either generally or in postal parcels;
- (g) arms and their component parts (unless accompanied by a licence and their importation is not prohibited in the country of destination);
- (h) documents having the character of current and personal correspondence (except invoices, delivery bills, dispatch notes or advice) sent unenclosed and reduced to their essential elements;
- (i) correspondence of any kind, except correspondence of a personal and current nature exchanged between the sender and the addressee of the parcel or persons residing with them;
- (j) radioactive materials, except where there is an agreement between Barbados and the country of

destination for the acceptance of parcels containing such materials either reciprocally or in one direction only.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), parcels containing articles mentioned in this paragraph are not acceptable for transmission in uninsured parcels where the country of destination accepts insured parcels, that is to say, coins, bank-notes, currency notes, securities of any kind payable to bearer, platinum, gold or silver (manufactured or not), precious stones and jewels and other valuable articles.

(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply in a case where an exchange of parcels between countries that admit parcels referred to in this regulation can only be made intransit through the intermediary of a country that does not admit them.

Limits of  
weight and  
size.

8. (1) Subject to this regulation, no parcel is, except the Postmaster General permits, acceptable for conveyance by post if

- (a) the weight thereof exceeds 10 kg;
- (b) the length exceeds 1.05m; or
- (c) the length and girth combined exceeds 2m; (the girth being measured around the thickest part).

(2) Where, by virtue of a postal agreement between Barbados and a particular country, a limit lower than a limit specified in paragraph (1) is in operation, then, the limit in operation in pursuance of the agreement applies.

(3) In addition to paragraph (1), a parcel is not acceptable for transmission by post unless it is made up in accordance with the following requirements

- (a) if the parcel is made up in roll form,
  - (i) its length and twice its diameter combined must not be less than 170m, and
  - (ii) neither its length nor diameter must be less than 100mm;

- (b) where a parcel is made up other than in roll form, at least one surface must be made to measure not less than 140mm in length and 90mm in width.

9. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), every parcel made up for <sup>Packing.</sup> transmission by post must be made up and secured in such manner as the Postmaster General approves for the purpose of

- (a) preserving the contents thereof from loss or damage while in the course of transmission;
- (b) preventing any tampering with the contents;
- (c) preventing damage to other postal articles in the course of transmission or to any receptacle in which that parcel is conveyed; and
- (d) avoiding injury to any officer of the Post Office or to any other person authorised to deal with that parcel.

(2) Where, by virtue of a postal agreement between Barbados and a particular country there exists special requirements for the packing of certain articles, any parcel containing any such article must be made up in accordance with those requirements.

10. (1) A parcel may be posted

<sup>Time and  
mode of  
posting.</sup>

- (a) by being handed in the manner contained herein to an officer on duty at a Post Office at a counter set apart for the purpose and within the hours during which that Post Office is open to the public for the posting of parcels; or
- (b) by being handed to any officer of the Post Office who the Postmaster General authorises to receive parcels at a place other than at a Post Office.

(2) The name and address of the addressee must be written on every parcel

- (a) by some means other than pencil; or
- (b) by means of copying ink pencil on a dampened surface.

(3) The sender of a parcel shall, upon the posting thereof, fill in, upon being requested by an officer of the Post Office, a dispatch note in a form approved by the Postmaster General; and shall fill in such customs declaration forms, certificates

and other documents and affix such labels respecting the contents of the parcel as are required

- (a) by the laws of Barbados;
- (b) by the law of the country or place of destination of the parcel; or
- (c) by the Postmaster General.

Treatment  
of parcels  
posted ir-  
regularly.

**11.** (1) A postal article that has on it any word, mark or other external evidence that causes it to have the appearance of a parcel but which postal article has been posted in a manner other than that prescribed for the posting of parcels may, at the discretion of the Postmaster General be

- (a) detained and returned or given up to the sender; or
- (b) forwarded as another category of postal article if it is in conformity with the requirements of and bears the postage applicable to such other postal article.

(2) Subject to these regulations, any parcel that is discovered in the course of transmission

- (a) not to be in compliance with the law of the country or place
    - (i) where it was posted,
    - (ii) to which it is addressed, or
    - (iii) through which it is liable to pass;
  - (b) not to be accompanied by a document required by the law of any such country or place; or
  - (c) to have been posted otherwise than in the manner prescribed by these regulations,
- may be detained and returned or given up to the sender or dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General directs.

Sender's  
disposal in-  
structions.

**12.** (1) A sender of a parcel must at the time of the posting thereof, give directions as to the manner in which the parcel is to be dealt with in case of the non-delivery thereof.

(2) Except in the case of a parcel address to a destination in Canada or the United States of America, a direction to be given in pursuance of paragraph (1) must be either

- (a) to return immediately to the sender by air or surface mail;
- (b) to return, after the expiration of a specific period, to the sender by air or surface mail;
- (c) to deliver by air or surface mail to an alternative address after redirection if necessary;
- (d) to redirect by air or surface mail to the original addressee; or
- (e) to abandon without further action.

(3) In a case of a parcel for transmission to a destination in Canada or the United States of America, the sender may request at the time of posting that if the parcel cannot be delivered as addressed, it may be

- (a) treated as abandoned; or
- (b) tendered for delivery at another address in the country of destination;

and a sender who avails himself of the provisions of this paragraph must have included in the dispatch note the words, "If not deliverable as addressed, abandon", or, "If not deliverable as addressed, deliver to.....", which words must also appear on the cover of the parcel.

13. (1) Where a sender does not give instructions respecting the delivery of a parcel and that parcel cannot be delivered, it must be returned to the sender without notification after the expiration of 28 days from its arrival at the Post Office in the country or place of destination.

Failure of sender to give disposal instructions.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a parcel that has been refused by the addressee must be returned immediately to the sender.

14. A parcel that has been returned to the sender is subject to payment by the sender of

Rates in respect of returned parcels.

- (a) postal fees equal to the amount of the expenses incurred in the further transmission of the parcel to the Post Office in the country or origin; and
- (b) the uncanceled charges and fees incurred by the country or place of destination at the time of the return of the parcel.

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Charges on  
incoming  
parcels.

15. (1) There is chargeable on each incoming parcel and payable by the addressee on delivery of that parcel,

- (a) the amount of any postage deficiency in respect thereof; and
- (b) any fees or charges payable thereon remaining unpaid, under any law, regulation or scheme in force in Barbados or any country or place from or through which the parcel has been transmitted.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, "postage deficiency" means

- (a) in relation to a parcel on which no part of the postage has been prepaid, the full amount of the postage that ought to have been prepaid thereon; and
- (b) in relation to a parcel on which only part of the postage has been prepaid, the difference between the full postage and the amount thereof that has been prepaid.

Delivery of  
parcels.

16. (1) Subject to these regulations and to any directions the Postmaster General gives, a parcel addressed for delivery in Barbados must be delivered at a Post Office as soon as is practicable after its arrival in Barbados.

(2) A postmaster who receives at the Post Office where he is in charge a parcel for delivery at that Post Office must send a notice to the person to whom the parcel is addressed informing him

- (a) that a parcel addressed to him has been received at the Post Office;
- (b) that he may apply for delivery of it either personally or by some other person;
- (c) that the parcel will be opened immediately before delivery and the contents examined;
- (d) that if any duties, charges or fees are payable in respect of the contents, payment should be made before delivery of the parcel; and
- (e) that if no application for the parcel is made before the expiration of a period of 1 month from the date appearing on the notice, the parcel will be disposed of as the Postmaster General directs.



17. (1) Where a parcel, other than a cash-on-delivery parcel, contains articles on which customs duty is payable, there is payable by the addressee or his agent at the time of delivery the charge set out in paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule.

Advice of  
Arrival  
Charge.

Second  
Schedule.

(2) In the case of a cash-on-delivery parcel the delivery fee payable is the fee set out in paragraph 2 of the Second Schedule.

18. (1) Any parcel containing plants, suckers, cuttings, buds, grafts, bulbs, roots, seeds, fruit or vegetables to be used for propagation and not for consumption as food is subject to examination by an authorised officer of the Ministry of Agriculture before delivery to the addressee is effected.

Plants,  
seeds etc.,  
examina-  
tion and  
portage.

(2) A parcel containing cotton seed, cotton or lint is to be disposed of as the Postmaster General directs unless the sender thereof has complied with the law for the time being in force in relation to importation of cotton seed.

(3) A delivery notice of a parcel to which this regulation relates must not be forwarded to an addressee until the parcel has been taken to the Chief Agricultural Officer and examined and certified by him as being fit for delivery.

(4) There is payable by the addressee, in addition to other duties, fees and charges payable in respect of a parcel, to which this regulation relates, the fee set out in paragraph 3 of the Second Schedule as being the fee payable for portage of a parcel.

Second  
Schedule.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, "parcel" includes "packet".

19. (1) A parcel may be redirected to an address within or outside Barbados subject to the following provisions, namely,

Redirection.

(a) a request for redirection of an incoming parcel must be made in writing by

(i) the sender, through the postal administration of the country or place of origin of the parcel,

(ii) the addressee, by the filing at the Post Office of an application for redirection of mail in the manner approved by the Postmaster General, or

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- (iii) the making of a request by the addressee in writing addressed to the Postmaster General;
- (b) Where
  - (i) the addressee of a parcel is not changed, and
  - (ii) the original and second addresses are both within the delivery of the same Post Office, redirection is free of charge so long as a request for redirection is made within the period during which a parcel may be retained at the Post Office under these regulations;
- (c) where a parcel is redirected from one post office to another in Barbados, a fee for redirection is payable and such fee is to be calculated at the rate of postage payable in respect of inland parcels except that the maximum amount that may be collected in any case must not exceed the postage payable in respect of a parcel of 5,000g in weight;
- (d) a redirection fee is additional to any other duty, charge or fee payable in respect of a parcel and is payable at the time of delivery of the parcel by means of postage stamps affixed to the notice of delivery of that parcel in such manner and in such position as the Postmaster General deems appropriate;
- (e) Where a request is made for redirection of a parcel to an address outside Barbados, redirection may be effected on condition that
  - (i) parcels are exchanged between Barbados and the country or place where the parcel is being redirected,
  - (ii) where the parcel is of a category that cannot be exchanged between Barbados and the country or place to which it is being redirected, the parcel will be redirected as an ordinary parcel if there is in force an agreement that so permits,
  - (iii) where the category of the parcel is changed, all marks relating to the original category will be covered or completely erased from the parcel,

- (iv) the parcel will be rewrapped and freshly addressed so as to leave no doubt as to the new addressee and the new destination,
- (v) any customs declaration, export licence, service label or other required document will be completed and submitted with or, as the case may be, affixed to, the parcel, and
- (vi) the further transmission of the parcel will be regarded as a fresh transaction so far as the posting of the parcel and any special service connected therewith are concerned, and the postage and fees payable will be fully prepaid.

(2) No delivery fee is payable in respect of a parcel that has been redirected to a destination outside Barbados.

20. A parcel made up for transmission by post must not be posted, forwarded, conveyed or delivered if it contains any contraband article; and, subject to such duties as may be payable under any law for the time being in force in Barbados, any parcel, the contents of which have been discovered to have been falsely declared, are liable to seizure and forfeiture.

Parcels containing prohibited or undeclared articles.

21. (1) Where an outgoing parcel has been returned from a country or place outside Barbados for delivery to the sender, there is chargeable on the parcel and payable by the sender, whether or not the parcel is returned to him,

Return of outgoing parcels.

- (a) the amount of any postage deficiency and the amount of any fees and charges payable in respect of the parcel under any law or scheme for the time being in force in Barbados or in force in any country or place from or through which the parcel has been transmitted; and
- (b) such other charges and postage in respect of the return transmission as the Postmaster General considers appropriate.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, "postage deficiency" has the meaning to it by paragraph (2) of regulation 15.

22. The Postmaster General may withhold

- (a) any incoming parcel from delivery to an addressee; or

Withholding of parcels from delivery or return.

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(b) any outgoing parcel returned to the Post Office for delivery to the sender,  
until all amounts payable in respect thereof have been paid.

Conditions  
relating to  
return and  
delivery of  
parcels.

23. (1) Subject to this regulation,

(a) an incoming parcel that cannot be delivered; and

(b) an outgoing parcel that

(i) has been returned from a country or place outside Barbados for return to the sender, or

(ii) in respect of which an amount due under regulation 15 or 21 has not been paid within such period as the Postmaster General considers reasonable,

may be dealt with or disposed of as the Postmaster General deems proper.

(2) The Postmaster General may specify in a notice to the addressee or in such other manner as he determines the period that may elapse before the return of a parcel to the sender and may, in so doing, have regard to the nature and contents of the parcel.

(3) A parcel is not to be given up or returned by post to the sender unless the sender has paid all charges for redirection and all other charges to which the parcel has become subject.

(4) Where a sender requests that a parcel be returned to him by post, such parcel must not be returned unless fresh postage is paid by him along with all other charges to which the parcel has become subject.

(5) The Postmaster General may, before delivery of a parcel, require proof that an applicant therefor is entitled to receive it.

(6) Where no application is made for delivery of a parcel after the expiration of a period of 1 month from

(a) the date of notification to the addressee that that parcel is at the Post Office; or

(b) the failure of an applicant for the delivery thereof to pay the charges to which the parcel is subject,

the parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General directs.

(7) A parcel that, while it is in Post Office custody, becomes offensive or is likely to cause injury to an officer of the Post Office or damage to any other parcel, may be dealt with or disposed of as the Postmaster General directs, notwithstanding that the regulations contained herein with respect to the return of such parcel have not, or have only partially, been complied with.

24. In any case not provided for herein, a parcel that has been posted in contravention of these regulations may, at the option of the Postmaster General,

Non-compliance with regulations.

- (a) be treated as a parcel that cannot be delivered; or
- (b) be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster General directs.

25. Subject to these regulations,

- (a) every parcel posted for transmission by air mail and the dispatch note in respect thereof must have attached thereto the words, "By Airmail (Par Avion)"; and
- (b) a parcel is transmissible by air mail only if it is addressed to a country mentioned in the first column of Part II of the First Schedule.

Special requirements for air parcels.

First Schedule.

26. Where there is an agreement between Barbados and another country for the insurance of parcels, any parcel posted for transmission to that other country may be insured subject to the following requirements, namely,

General requirements for insurance of parcels.

- (a) the container of the parcel must be sealed with lead seals or identical wax seals or by some other effective means being a special design or mark of the sender;
- (b) only 1 form or design referred to in paragraph (a) may be used on any 1 parcel;
- (c) where the parcel is secured by a string, it may be sealed by a single lead or wax seal applied in such a manner that the string cannot be untied or removed without obvious traces of tampering;
- (d) the wax or other seals, as well as the labels of whatever kind affixed to the parcels must be so spaced as not to hide any damage to the packing;

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- (e) the labels and postage stamps must not be folded over 2 sides of the packing so as to cover an edge;
- (f) any label on which the address appears must not be gummed to the packing itself;
- (g) the parcel must, like the dispatch note, have a pink label bearing the name of the Post Office where it was posted and the serial number of the parcel; the label being fastened to the parcel by means of an adhesive substance on the same side as, and as near as possible to, the address; but a small pink label bearing the words, "Insured Valeur declaree)" may be used;
- (h) an amount equal to the insured value of the parcel must be expressed in Barbados currency and must be written by the sender otherwise than in pencil or indelible pencil on the parcel and the dispatch note in words and figures without erasure or alteration, even if the erasure or alteration is certified;
- (i) the amount of the insured value must be converted into gold francs; the amount resulting from the conversion being
  - (i) calculated to the nearest franc,
  - (ii) written in figures at the side of or immediately below the value expressed in Barbados currency, and
  - (iii) underlined boldly in colour or in pencil;
- (j) the weight of the parcel must be expressed in kilogrammes and tens of grammes both on the parcel beside the address and on the dispatch note (in a space provided for the purpose), each fraction of 10 grammes being expressed to the nearest 10;
- (k) no additional serial number must be placed on an insured parcel in transit through Barbados; and
- (l) a parcel for transmission between Barbados and the United States of America or between Barbados and the United Kingdom containing precious stones, jewellery or any article of gold, silver or platinum exceeding \$500 or £120 sterling in value must be

packed in a box measuring not less than 1.05m in length and girth combined.

27. (1) There shall be charged on every insured parcel and paid by the sender by means of postage stamps, affixed to such parcel at the time of posting (in addition to the postage and other charges payable in respect of the parcel) an insurance fee at the rate set out in paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule.

Insurance fee and limit of insurance of parcels.  
Second Schedule.

(2) No person shall, with intent to defraud, insure a parcel at a value greater than the actual value of that parcel.

28. A sender of an insured parcel is, upon the posting thereof, entitled to a certificate of posting and such certificate must contain

Certificate of posting of insured parcel.

- (a) an acknowledgement of the fact that the correct insurance fee has been prepaid; and
- (b) a statement of the amount for which the parcel has been insured.

29. No article that is unacceptable for transmission by post under these regulations may be contained in an insured parcel; and any parcel containing postage or other revenue stamps, coin, bank notes, watches, articles of gold or silver, precious stones or jewellery, must be insured for at least part of the value of its contents.

Prohibitions in respect of insured parcels.

30. Where an uninsured parcel is discovered, during the course of its transmission by post, to contain any article mentioned in regulation 29, the Postmaster General may

Compulsory insurance.

- (a) request the sender of such parcel to insure it; or
- (b) deal with it or dispose of it in such manner as he thinks fit.

31. A person who accepts delivery of an insured parcel must give a receipt in writing therefor and if he fails to do so, the parcel and any delivery document must be endorsed to that effect and returned to the sender.

Receipt for delivery of insured parcel.

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32. (1) The sender of an insured parcel may

- (a) upon request made by him in such form as the Postmaster General approves and upon payment of the fee set out in paragraph 5 of the Second Schedule, obtain advice of the delivery of that parcel; or
- (b) upon request made by him within 1 year from the date of posting of such parcel in such form as the Postmaster General approves and upon payment of the fee set out in paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule, have an inquiry made into the non-delivery or suspected loss thereof.

(2) Payment of a fee under paragraph (1) may be made by affixing, on the form on which the request for advice or, as the case may be, inquiry is made, postage stamps of a value equal to the amount payable.

(3) The Postmaster General may, in any particular case, direct that no charge be made in respect of an inquiry referred to in this regulation.

Free de-  
livery of  
parcels.

33. (1) A sender of a parcel to which these regulations relate may request that that parcel be delivered free of any customs duty, postal fees or charges that would otherwise be payable by the addressee under the law of the country of destination (if there is in existence an agreement to that effect between Barbados and that country) in which case the sender must

Second  
Schedule.

- (a) at the time of posting the parcel pay to the Postmaster General a deposit in respect of each dollar or part thereof of the declared value of the parcel as set forth in paragraph 7 of the Second Schedule;
- (b) in every case pay a stamp duty of the amount specified in paragraph 8 of the Second Schedule and sign an undertaking to pay on demand the amount by which charges raised abroad may exceed the deposit; and
- (c) mark on the cover of the parcel and on the dispatch note the words, "TO BE DELIVERED FREE OF CHARGES" or such words as indicate free delivery.

(2) A sender of a parcel to which this regulation relates must furnish the Postmaster General with the permanent address of such sender and



- (a) no undertaking under paragraph (1) (b) is acceptable from a person who is unable to give a permanent address in Barbados; and
- (b) one undertaking suffices for up to 3 parcels, but not more, posted together by 1 sender for transmission to 1 addressee.
- (3) The stamp duty specified in paragraph 8 of the Second Schedule is payable in respect of each parcel and the amount of the deposit referred to in paragraph (1) (a) is to be calculated on the combined value of the parcels posted. Second Schedule.
- (4) The Postmaster General shall, in respect of a parcel to which this regulation relates, give to the sender a certificate of posting containing an acknowledgement that the appropriate deposit specified in paragraph 7 of the Second Schedule has been paid.
- (5) Where a deposit paid under this regulation exceeds the aggregate amount of the customs duty, postal fees and charges payable in the country or place of destination, the Postmaster General shall refund to the sender the amount of the excess.
- (6) The sender of a parcel may request that it be delivered free of customs duty and of all other charges, except a trade charge, due at the time of its delivery, if an agreement to that effect exists between the postal authorities of Barbados and those of the country of destination; and in such a case the provisions of this regulation apply except that the words to be marked on the cover of the parcel must be "TO BE DELIVERED FREE OF CHARGES EXCEPT TRADE CHARGE".

34. Cash on delivery parcels may, except there is an agreement to the contrary, be exchanged between Barbados and Exchange of cash on delivery parcels.

- (a) Grenada;
- (b) Guyana;
- (c) St. Lucia;
- (d) St. Vincent; and
- (e) The United Kingdom (excluding the Channel Islands).

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Trade  
charge.  
Second  
Schedule.

35. A trade charge must be collected on cash on delivery parcels by the Postmaster General in accordance with the scale contained in paragraph 9 of the Second Schedule, unless a lower limit is fixed by agreement between Barbados and the country or place to which a particular such parcel is sent.

Special re-  
quirements  
relating to  
outgoing  
C.O.D.  
parcels.

36. The following principles apply in respect of cash on delivery parcels posted in Barbados for delivery to places abroad, namely,

Second  
Schedule.

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Schedule.

- (a) in addition to the postage and other charges ordinarily payable, the sender must prepay by means of postage stamps affixed in such manner to the parcel and in such place thereon as the Postmaster General directs,
  - (i) a fixed fee of the amount specified in paragraph 10 of the Second Schedule, and
  - (ii) a special fee as set out in the scale contained in paragraph 8 of the Second Schedule;
- (b) the sender must mark on the address side of the parcel, (by some means other than pencil) the words, "Reimbursement" or "C.O.D." followed by the amount of the trade charge written in Roman and Arabic numerals;
- (c) where a sender is required to write a dispatch note, he must endorse thereon, by some means other than pencil, the amount of the trade charge;
- (d) there must be provided by the Postmaster General a form known as a trade charge money order form which must be completed by the sender, by some means other than pencil, and transmitted along with the parcel;
- (e) after the amount of the trade charge has been recorded no erasure thereof or correction thereto may be made;
- (f) any request for a cancellation or reduction of the amount of trade charge on a parcel must, after verification of its validity, be forwarded to the postal administration of the destination of the parcel;
- (g) the Postmaster General must supply to the sender a certificate of posting containing an acknowledgement that the cash on delivery fee has been prepaid and a statement as to the amount of the trade charge;

- (h) the Postmaster General must, upon being advised by the postal administration of the country of destination of the parcel that the trade charge in respect of that parcel has been collected, remit to the sender or a person named by him an amount equal to the trade charge; such amount being paid by means of a trade charge money order or by such other means as the Postmaster General directs;
- (i) all outgoing cash on delivery parcels must be posted
  - (i) at the General Post Office or at a district post office designated by the Postmaster General for the purpose, and
  - (ii) in the manner prescribed in these regulations for the posting of parcels.

37. A cash on delivery parcel need not be insured and, if insured, the amount of insurance need not be the same as the amount of the trade charge; but in the case of loss, the amount of indemnity payable is to be determined in accordance with the regulations applicable to compensation in the case of an ordinary parcel no regard being had to the amount of the trade charge.

Relation of trade charge to insured value of C.O.D. parcel.

38. The amount of the trade charge in relation to a parcel must not exceed the amount of the declared value together with fees payable in connection with the delivery note and the postage.

Relation of trade charge to the declared value of parcel.

39. The following requirements relate to cash on delivery parcels received in Barbados from places abroad

- (a) there must be charged and paid in respect of the delivery of each parcel, in addition to any other amount due on the parcel, a delivery fee as specified in paragraph 11 of the Second Schedule;
- (b) the parcel must not be delivered until the trade charge and all other amounts payable in respect of the parcel have been paid;

Special requirements relating to incoming C.O.D. parcels.

Second Schedule.

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- (c) the Postmaster General must, upon receiving the trade charge from the addressee, remit to the sender of the parcel or a person named by him the amount of the trade charge; such amount being sent through the postal administration of the country or place of origin of the parcel by means of the trade charge money order form accompanying the parcel or by such other means as the Postmaster General determines;
- (d) in a case of a discrepancy between the amount mentioned on the parcel as being the trade charge and the amount appearing on the trade charge money order form, the amount to be collected from the addressee must be that appearing on the trade charge money order form;
- (e) if the addressee so requests, a request for a reconciliation of the discrepancy referred to in paragraph (d) must be sought from the country of origin of the parcel;
- (f) an addressee is not entitled to a refund of a trade charge collected from him under this regulation.

Amendment  
of amount  
of trade  
charge on  
C.O.D.  
parcel.

**40.** The Postmaster General shall, upon receipt by him of a request for cancellation or reduction of the amount of a trade charge on an incoming cash on delivery parcel, give directions as follows

- (a) in a case where the request for reduction is not accompanied by a revised trade charge money order, that a new trade charge money order form be prepared; and
- (b) in a case where the parcel has been delivered before
  - (i) the request has been received, or
  - (ii) the parcel can be traced or identified with certainty,that a request for information be sought from the postal administration in the country of origin of the parcel.

Redirection  
after de-  
livery of  
C.O.D.  
parcels.

**41. (1)** A cash on delivery parcel may be redirected to a destination in another country before delivery if the new country of destination maintains with the country of origin an exchange of parcels of that category; in which case

- (a) the parcel must be accompanied by the trade charge money order form prepared by the country of origin of the parcel and no cash on delivery fee is chargeable; and
- (b) settlement of the trade charge, rests with the new country of destination as if the parcel had been sent there *ab initio*.

(2) If a request is made to have a parcel to which subsection (1) refers directed to another country and that other country does not maintain an exchange of cash on delivery parcels with the country of origin of the parcel, the parcel must be treated as undeliverable.

42. (1) A cash on delivery parcel that has been delivered may be subsequently redirected to a destination in another country if the new country of destination maintains with the country of origin an exchange of parcels of that category; in which case

Re-direction  
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C.O.D.  
parcels.

- (a) the further transmission must be regarded as a fresh transaction in so far as the cash on delivery service and the posting of the parcel are concerned;
- (b) a new cash on delivery fee must be paid; and
- (c) all marks relating to the original cash on delivery transaction must be completely obliterated from the parcel.

(2) A cash on delivery parcel may, after delivery, be redirected as an ordinary parcel in which case all marks relating to the cash on delivery transaction must be completely obliterated and the postage for transmission must be prepaid.

43. (1) Subject to this regulation, where a parcel or any article of pecuniary value contained therein or forming part thereof is lost or damaged while in the custody of the Postmaster General, the Postmaster General may pay to the sender a reasonable compensation therefor in accordance with the scale set out in paragraph 12 of the Second Schedule.

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(2) The Postmaster General shall, in assessing compensation under this regulation, have regard to the value of the lost

or damaged article at the time of posting of the parcel and no account must be taken of indirect loss of profits.

(3) Compensation is not payable in respect of the loss of or damage to any parcel or any article contained therein or forming part thereof where

- (a) an application for compensation has not been received from the person seeking compensation by the Postmaster General or by the postal administration of the country or place from or to which the parcel transmitted within 1 year from the date of the posting of the parcel;
- (b) loss or damage arises from tempest, earthquake, shipwreck, destruction of aircraft, war or other causes beyond the control of the Postmaster General or his staff;
- (c) the parcel cannot be traced or otherwise accounted for by reason of the destruction of official documents, the cause of such destruction being beyond the control of the Postmaster General, his staff or the postal administration.

Compensation in relation to parcels exchanged between specified countries.

44. (1) No compensation is payable in respect of an insured parcel exchanged between Barbados and Canada or the United States of America if such parcel has been delivered without external trace of injury and has been accepted by the addressee; but the addressee of a parcel sent to a country or place that is a signatory to the Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Agreements is entitled to an indemnity in respect of such parcel after the delivery thereof if it has been rifled or damaged.

(2) A claim for indemnity under this regulation is payable only if the claim is made without undue delay and the claimant satisfies the Postmaster General that the theft or damage did not occur after delivery of the parcel.

Power of the Postmaster General in respect of compensation.

45. (1) The Postmaster General may

- (a) replace the contents of a parcel that has been lost or damaged in lieu of paying compensation therefor;

- (b) retain and dispose of, as he thinks fit, a parcel or article that comes into his possession after compensation in respect thereof has been paid; and
- (c) refuse to pay compensation for any loss or damage on any ground on which a common carrier may, in a like case, claim exemption from liability or where
  - (i) the contents of the parcel are of a kind prohibited by paragraphs (b) to (f) of regulation 7 from being transmitted by post,
  - (ii) the parcel, by reason of its contents, has been confiscated or destroyed under the direction of the Postmaster General, or
  - (iii) in his opinion the parcel has been, with intent to defraud, insured for an amount greater than the actual value of its contents.

(2) In a case of loss, total theft or total destruction arising from causes specified in paragraph (3) (b) of regulation 43, the sender is entitled to repayment of air charges and land and sea rates appropriate to any sector not traversed by the parcel and all charges of whatever nature, relating to a service paid in advance but not rendered.

(3) No compensation is payable in respect of damage to parcels containing

- (a) liquid in bottles, eggs and other breakable articles; or
- (b) perishable articles, if there has been no undue delay during transmission by post;

but compensation is payable in the case of loss of such a parcel or its contents.

(4) No compensation is payable if loss or damage is caused by the default of the sender or occurs at a time when the parcel is neither intransit through Barbados nor in the Post Office in Barbados.

(5) A sender is entitled to repayment of charges paid by him (except an insurance charge) if compensation is payable or the addressee refuses a parcel by reason of its bad condition and such condition is caused during the time the parcel is in the custody of the Postmaster General.

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Claims for compensation.

**46. (1)** A claim for compensation must be made without undue delay either by letter addressed to the Postmaster General or in such form as the Postmaster General approves.

(2) Where a claim relates to damage to a parcel or to damage to or the loss of any article contained therein, the parcel must be retained and produced for inspection in as nearly as possible the state in which it was delivered

Refund of compensation to the Post Office.

**47. (1)** Where

(a) compensation has been paid to a person in respect of the loss of a parcel that the sender thereof has insured for an amount that is greater than the true value of the contents and the packing material combined; and

(b) the parcel subsequently comes into the possession of the Postmaster General,  
then, that person is, upon tender to him of such parcel, liable to repay to the Postmaster General the amount paid as compensation or such part of that amount as the Postmaster General determines.

(2) An amount repayable under paragraph (1) must be repaid whether or not the parcel has been accepted upon the tender thereof for acceptance.

Final decision respecting compensation to rest with administration where loss or damage occurs.

**48. (1)** The final decision in respect of all questions of compensation rests with the postal administration of the country or place in the service of which the loss or damage occurred.

(2) Where loss or damage in respect of a parcel occurs in Barbados, the decision of the Postmaster General on any question arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss of or damage to, an insured parcel or any article contained therein is subject to review by the Minister whose decision is final.

Sender's liability.

**49. (1)** The sender of a parcel is liable within the same limits as the postal administration for any damage caused by that parcel to other postal articles in the custody of the Post Office where



- (a) the parcel causing the damage contains articles that are not transmissible by post under these regulations or the conditions of acceptance specified herein have not been observed; and
  - (b) there has been no negligence on the part of the officers of the Post Office.
- (2) The fact that a parcel has been accepted for transmission does not relieve the sender of that parcel from the liability referred to in paragraph (1).
- (3) Where the Postmaster General finds as a fact that damage to a parcel is due to the fault of the sender he must so notify the postal administration of the country of origin.

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1987/120.

**FIRST SCHEDULE<sup>1</sup>**

*(Regulations 3)*

**PART I**

**SURFACE PARCEL POST RATES**

COUNTRY	1 kg.	3 kg.	5 kg.	10 kg.
BAHAMAS via U.S.A.	15.70	22.15	30.70	41.90
BELIZE via U.S.A.	9.40	14.25	21.25	30.05
BERMUDA via U.S.A.	18.10	25.10	34.25	45.75
CANADA	6.95	16.00	31.95	51.10
CAYMAN ISLANDS via U.S.A.	9.40	14.25	21.25	30.05
COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	7.95	10.45	13.65	18.60
GREAT BRITAIN	19.30	24.90	31.15	40.40
GUYANA	14.60	18.45	23.00	29.05
JAMAICA	14.35	18.65	23.90	30.85
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES (a) ARUBA, CURACAO, BONAIRE	13.45	17.35	21.95	28.90
(b) SABA, ST. EUSTATIUS, ST. MAARTEN via ST. CHRISTOPHER-NEVIS	16.60	22.90	29.00	39.15
ST. BARTHOLOMEW	11.10	15.00	20.75	28.85
SURINAME	15.85	20.05	24.75	32.50
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA including ALASKA, HAWAII, PUERTO RICO & U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	8.20	20.50	41.05	65.65

<sup>1</sup> This Schedule came into operation on 4th September, 1987.

## PART I

SURFACE PARCEL POST RATES – *Cont'd*

COUNTRY	1 kg.	3 kg.	5 kg.	10 kg.
TRANSIT A DeC via GREAT BRITAIN	8.05	10.90	14.15	19.25
TRANSIT A DeC via U.S.A. VENEZUELA	3.65 18.95	9.10 24.25	18.15 30.20	29.05 39.25

## PART II

## AIR PARCEL POST RATES

DESTINATION	POSTAGE RATES ON PARCELS NOT EXCEEDING 10 kg	
	Not over 1/2 kg	Each 1/2 kg. after or part thereof
AFGHANISTAN	31.50	11.00
ANGOLA	31.50	11.00
ANGUILLA	8.00	1.00
ANTIGUA	7.50	1.00
ARGENTINA	37.50	18.00
ARUBA	13.50	2.00
AUSTRALIA	24.00	16.00
AZORES	20.00	6.00
BAHAMAS	15.50	2.50
BANGLADESH	29.00	12.00
BELIZE	23.50	9.00
BENIN	22.50	10.00
BERMUDA	18.00	2.50
BOLIVIA	28.00	13.50
BOTSWANA	23.00	12.00
BRAZIL	34.00	10.00

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**AIR PARCEL POST RATES – *Cont'd***

DESTINATION	POSTAGE RATES ON PARCELS NOT EXCEEDING 10 kg	
	Not over 1/2 kg	Each 1/2 kg. after or part thereof
BURMA	32.00	13.00
BURUNDI	28.00	10.50
CAMEROON	22.00	9.50
CANADA	10.00	6.00
CAPE VERDE (Rep. of)	22.00	8.50
CAYMAN ISLANDS	17.00	8.00
CHILE	27.00	12.00
COLOMBIA	24.00	8.00
COMORAS (Federal Islamic Rep.)	30.50	11.50
CONGO (People's Rep.)	24.00	11.00
COSTA RICA	21.00	8.00
CURACAO	16.00	3.50
DJIBOUTI	23.00	10.00
DOMINICA	7.50	1.00
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	18.00	6.00
ECUADOR	24.00	10.00
EL SALVADOR	26.00	8.00
FRANCE	34.50	6.00
GABON	22.00	10.00
GAMBIA	28.00	9.00
GERMANY (Federal Republic of)	19.00	6.00
GHANA	26.00	9.00
GIBRALTAR	20.00	6.50
GREAT BRITAIN	23.00	6.00
GREECE	24.00	8.00
GRENADA	7.50	1.00
GUADELOUPE	15.50	1.50
GUATEMALA	22.00	7.00
GUINEA	23.00	9.00
GUINEA-BISSAU	26.00	9.00

## PART II

AIR PARCEL POST RATES – *Cont'd*

DESTINATION	POSTAGE RATES ON PARCELS NOT EXCEEDING 10 kg	
	Not over 1/2 kg	Each 1/2 kg. after or part thereof
GUYANA	16.00	2.25
HAITI	19.00	8.00
HONDURAS (Republic of)	30.00	8.00
HONG KONG	26.50	12.00
INDIA	26.00	11.00
ISRAEL	22.00	8.00
ITALY	30.00	7.00
IVORY COAST	25.00	10.00
JAMAICA	15.00	2.00
JAPAN	32.00	12.50
JORDAN	22.00	8.00
KENYA	28.50	11.00
LESOTHO	30.50	12.00
LIBERIA (Republic of)	22.50	9.00
LUXEMBOURG	18.50	6.00
MALAWI	30.50	12.00
MALAYSIA	25.00	13.50
MALI	24.00	9.00
MALTA	23.00	7.00
MARTINIQUE	15.50	1.50
MAURITANIA	24.00	9.00
MAURITIUS	26.50	12.50
MEXICO	22.00	9.00
MONTSERRAT	7.50	1.00
NETHERLANDS	20.00	6.00
NEW ZEALAND	21.50	14.00
NICARAGUA	23.50	8.00
NIGERIA	22.00	9.00
NORWAY	29.00	7.00
PANAMA	28.00	8.00

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**PART II**

**AIR PARCEL POST RATES – *Concl'd***

DESTINATION	POSTAGE RATES ON PARCELS NOT EXCEEDING 10 kg	
	Not over 1/2 kg	Each 1/2 kg. after or part thereof
PARAGUAY	28.00	10.00
PERU	26.00	10.00
PHILIPPINES	27.00	16.00
PORTUGAL	20.50	7.00
ST. CHRISTOPHER-NEVIS	7.50	1.00
ST. LUCIA	7.50	1.00
ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON	10.00	6.00
ST. VINCENT	7.50	1.00
SENEGAL	31.00	9.50
SEYCHELLES	22.00	11.00
SIERRA LEONE	22.00	9.00
SINGAPORE	24.00	13.00
SPAIN	22.00	7.00
SRI LANKA	27.00	12.00
SURINAME	16.00	2.00
SWAZILAND	23.00	12.00
TANZANIA	27.00	11.00
TORTOLA	8.50	1.00
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	7.50	1.00
TURKEY	22.00	7.50
UGANDA	26.00	10.50
U.S.A.	10.00	6.00
U.S.S.R.	30.00	9.00
UPPER VOLTA		
URUGUAY	25.00	11.00
VENEZUELA	19.50	2.00
ZAIRE	33.00	11.00
ZAMBIA	31.50	12.00
ZIMBABWE	21.50	13.50

## SECOND SCHEDULE

1991/136.

(Regulations 17, 18, 27, 32, 33, 35, 36 and 43)

					\$ c.
1.	Advice of Arrival Charge for parcels	...	...		.25
2.	Advice of Arrival for C.O.D. parcels	...	...		.25
3.	Porterage of parcels to which regulation 18 relates	...	...		.25
4.	Insurance of parcels for each \$1.58 or part thereof	...	...		.80
5.	Advice of delivery of insured parcels	...	...		1.25
6.	Inquiry concerning insured parcels	...	...		1.25
7.	Delivery free of charges. Deposit payable in respect of parcels under regulation 33(i)(a) is as follows				
	(a) parcels sent to India and Pakistan	...	...	...	—
	minimum deposit	...	...	...	—
	(b) other countries	...	...	...	—
	minimum deposit	...	...	...	—
	minimum deposit for first \$2.00	...	...	...	1.00
	each additional \$1.00 or part thereof	...	...	...	.50
8.	Stamp duty payable under regulation 33(i)(b)	...	...	...	2.00
9.	Trade charge on C.O.D. parcels				
	(a) parcels not exceeding \$10 in value	...	...	...	.50
	(b) over \$10 not exceeding \$50	...	...	...	.75
	(c) over \$50 not exceeding \$100	...	...	...	1.50
	(d) over \$100 not exceeding \$200	...	...	...	3.00
	(e) over \$200 not exceeding \$300	...	...	...	4.00
	(f) over \$300 not exceeding \$500	...	...	...	6.00
10.	(a) the fixed fee payable on C.O.D. parcels in addition to the appropriate fee specified in paragraph 9 is	...	...	...	.20
	(b) stamp duty payable under regulation 36(a)(ii)	...	...	...	2.00

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## 11. Compensation for loss or damage to parcels

\$ c.

(a)	un-insured not exceeding 5 kg.	...	...	...	...	47.29
	parcels over 5 kg. up to 10 kg.	...	...	...	...	70.94
(b)	insured parcels the value of the article lost or damaged or the amount for which the parcel was insured, whichever is the lesser except that the compensation paid shall not exceed					
(i)	United States of America	...	...	...	...	96.00
(ii)	Canada	...	...	...	...	845.00
(iii)	Other countries	...	...	...	...	394.00