

STATUTORY RULES.

No. 6 of 1927.

Made under the *Post and Telegraph Ordinance*, 1912-1920.

The *Postal Regulations*, 1923 (Statutory Rules No. 22 of 1923), are further amended as follows:—

1. Regulation 5 is repealed and the following regulation is inserted in lieu thereof:—

“ LETTERS.

5. (1) Any article which is eligible for transmission through the post and posted in the Territory for delivery within the Territory may be accepted for transmission as a letter provided that it be not of inconvenient form or dimensions and does not contain any article likely to injure any person or the contents of the mail.

(2) A letter posted in the Territory for delivery beyond the Territory must not exceed $4\frac{1}{2}$ lb. in weight nor measure more than 18 inches in any direction, or, if in the form of a roll, 2 feet 6 inches in length and 4 inches in diameter.”

2. Regulation 16 is repealed and the following regulation is inserted in lieu thereof:—

“ 16. The maximum weight of postal articles for transmission at the rates prescribed for commercial papers, printed papers, books or catalogues shall be $4\frac{1}{2}$ lb. or $6\frac{1}{2}$ lb. in the case of printed volumes sent singly; and for patterns, samples and merchandise, 1 lb., except in the case of articles containing *bona fide* samples of wine, which may weigh, exclusive of packing, up to 20 oz. No article may exceed 1 foot 6 inches in length, 8 inches in width, 4 inches in depth or, when in the form of a roll, 1 foot 6 inches in length and $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, or be of inconvenient form.”

3. After Regulation 74 the following new regulation is inserted:—

“ EXPRESS DELIVERY.

74A. (1) First and Second Class Mail Matter not exceeding 8 oz. in weight may be specially delivered at Samarai and within three miles of the Post Office at Port Moresby as follows, namely:—

By special messenger after transmission by post. For this service the articles may be posted at any post or receiving office, or in any letter box or posting receptacle, and be ‘expressed’ on reaching the delivery office.

(2) Express delivery shall be made only during the hours the office of delivery is open to the public for transaction of business, and messengers are on duty. There shall be no express delivery on Sundays or on holidays.

(3) Articles marked and prepaid as prescribed shall be delivered by special messenger immediately after receipt of the mail in which they are enclosed.

(4) Delivery of express articles may be effected by foot messengers, or by messengers travelling by other means, at the discretion of the Department. If the sender desires a car or other special conveyance to be used the actual fare must be paid in addition to the express fee and postage.

(5) Express delivery articles addressed to a private box number, or in the address of which a private box number is stated, shall be delivered at the premises of the box-holder if the location of such premises is known.

(6) In addition to the proper postage the fee for express delivery shall be 6d. at Samarai, and 6d. for the first mile or part of a mile and 3d. for each additional half-mile or part of half a mile at Port Moresby.

(7) The express delivery fee must be prepaid by means of postage-stamps affixed to the article.

(8) Postal Articles intended for express delivery must be clearly marked 'Express Delivery,' or words indicating that express delivery is desired, on the address side of the cover, and in order to facilitate handling in the post senders should mark them with a broad perpendicular line on each side of the address.

(9) When a reply is required to an express delivery article, the words 'Wait reply' must be legibly written by the sender immediately under the words 'Express Delivery,' and the postage and fee required for the reply must be affixed in postage-stamps on the articles immediately under the words 'Wait reply.' The messenger may be allowed to wait fifteen minutes for the reply.

(10) Articles in reply shall be delivered after the messenger has delivered all the express delivery articles originally intrusted to him."

4. Regulation 84 is repealed and the following regulation is inserted in lieu thereof:—

" PROHIBITED ARTICLES.

84. The following articles are prohibited from transmission by post in any form:—

- (a) Articles which, from their nature or by their packing, may expose postal officials to danger, or soil or damage the correspondence.
- (b) Explosives, inflammable or dangerous substances.
- (c) Living animals, except bees and silkworms.
- (d) Opium, morphine, cocaine and other narcotics.
- (e) Articles having thereon or therein or on the envelope or cover thereof any words, marks or designs of an indecent, obscene, blasphemous, libellous or grossly offensive character.

- (f) Publications and articles, the importation or transmission of which is prohibited under the 'Customs and Quarantine Ordinance' or by Proclamation.
- (g) Mail matter addressed to certain persons the delivery of which has been prohibited by order of the Chief Postmaster under Section 55 of the *Post and Telegraph Ordinance*, 1912-1920.
- (h) Articles posted in cut-out envelopes.
- (i) Articles posted in entirely transparent envelopes.
- (j) Articles posted in envelopes having transparent panels not complying with the conditions laid down.
- (k) Any articles whatever of which the importation or circulation is forbidden in the countries of origin or destination."

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