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Postal (international) rates higher

POSTAL rates for international postal matter, other than parcels, sent by surface mail, will be increased as from April 1, 1959, says a release from the Ministry of Communications and Works.

This increase was decided on at the Universal Postal Congress held in Ottawa in 1957, and is to enable administrations to cover their operational costs.

Because the Jamaica postage rates for such correspondence are below the new prescribed minima, the Government is obliged to adjust the rates now being applied.

The Ministry has emphasized that the increases are not prompted by the wish to obtain additional revenue, but is entirely to keep in step with international requirements.

The release states the Ministry of Communications and Works invites the attention of the public to the Post Office (Rates of Postage) (Amendment) Order, 1959, published in the Jamaica Gazette Supplement, Proclamations Rules and Regulations on the 12th of March, 1959, prescribing the new basic rates of postage for International and Commonwealth correspondence sent by surface mail.

At the Universal Postal Congress held in Ottawa in 1957, to which this Government is a party, a decision was taken to increase the basic rates of postage for international postal matter, other than parcels, sent by surface mail, in order to enable administrations

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International postal rates

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to cover their operational costs. The Jamaica postage rates for such correspondence are below the new prescribed minima and we are therefore obliged to adjust our rates by the 1st of April, 1959, when the decisions of the Ottawa Congress come into force. Similar adjustments have also been made in respect of the rates on corresponding Commonwealth correspondence sent by surface mail. The following is a schedule of the new rates which will be effective as from the 1st of April, 1959—

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE		NEW RATES
Letters		
Not exceeding 1 oz.	.. .. .	6d
Each additional oz.	.. .. .	4d
Postcards		
Single	.. .. .	4d
Reply Paid	.. .. .	8d
Commercial Papers		
Not exceeding 10 oz.	.. .. .	6d
Each additional 2 oz.	.. .. .	1d (No change)
Printed Papers		
Not exceeding 2 oz.	.. .. .	2d
Each additional 2 oz.	.. .. .	1d (No change)
Samples		
Not exceeding 2 oz.	.. .. .	2d for the first 2 oz.
Each additional 2 oz.	.. .. .	1d (No change)
Small Packets		
Not exceeding 10 oz.	.. .. .	10d (No change)
Each additional 2 oz.	.. .. .	2d (No change)
COMMONWEALTH CORRESPONDENCE		
Letters		
Not exceeding 1 oz.	.. .. .	3d
Each additional oz.	.. .. .	1½d
Postcards		
Single	.. .. .	3½d
Reply Paid	.. .. .	5d

It is essential, therefore, to note that the increases are not prompted by the wish to obtain additional revenue from this source, but entirely to keep in step with international requirements.