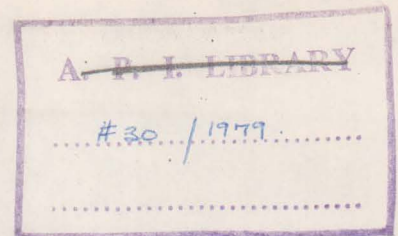


REVISION OF POSTAGE RATES -
CHARGES 1979



On the 1st May, 1975, inland postal and telegraph charges were last increased as a result of the accumulating deficits in the operations of the Post and Telegraphs Department brought about by escalations in salaries, wages, rentals, and the cost of transporting mails, among other factors. Increases in overseas mail charges became necessary on 1st January, 1976, as a result of the decisions of the 1974 Lausanne Postal Union Congress.

2. By international convention the costs of the conveyance and handling of mails between countries are calculated in terms of the United States dollar.

3. Since 1976, there have been further increases in costs arising from the devaluation of the Jamaican dollar, new wage agreements, mail transport, rentals and fuel.

4. New rates are proposed and in preparing these the opportunity has been taken to introduce certain changes. These are:

a) NEWSPAPERS SENT BY AIR MAIL

This category of post is to be removed as has been done by most postal administrations worldwide. Newspapers will now be treated as "Second Class Matter."

b) AIRMAIL POSTCARD

The airmail postcard has been calculated at a common rate for all destinations instead of at a different rate for each of three regions.

c) AIR PARCEL POST

Air parcel post charges were formerly calculated on a single unit i.e., per half pound. Instead of a flat rate for each half-pound of weight, there is to be a charge for the first pound and a reduced charge for each additional pound.

5. The new rates which are to take effect from 1st July, 1979 reflect increases as follows:

- On inland mails and services - 50%
- On international mails and services - of the order of 75% - 100%.

6. It is estimated that an additional revenue intake of approximately \$2.5 million will accrue from the proposed increases for the financial year 1979/80.

--- 7. The new schedules of rates are to be gazetted shortly. Excerpts from these schedules are attached for the information of the House.

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Minister of Public Utilities
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18th June, 1979

REVISION OF INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE RATES
Effective 1/7/79

SURFACE MAIL

Weight to all countries	<u>Present Charges</u>				<u>Proposed Charges</u>			
	Letters	Postcards each	Printed Papers	Small Packets	Letters	Postcards each	Printed Papers	Small Packets
Up to 1 oz.	18¢	12¢	9¢	-	32¢	22¢	16¢	-
Over 1 oz. up to 2 oz.	30¢	-	14¢	-	60¢	-	25¢	-
" 2 oz. " " 4 oz.	40¢	-	20¢	20¢	75¢	-	35¢	35¢
" 4 oz. " " 8 oz.	90¢	-	36¢	36¢	\$1.55	-	65¢	65¢
" 8 oz. " " 1 lb.	\$1.70	-	65¢	65¢	\$2.95	-	\$1.15	\$1.15
" 1 lb. " " 2 lb.	\$2.90	-	\$1.08	\$1.08	\$5.10	-	\$1.90	\$1.90
" 2 lb. " " 4 lb.	\$4.60	-	\$1.50	-	\$8.30	-	\$2.70	-
For books and pamphlets								
Over 4 lb. to 5 lb.			\$1.90				\$3.30	
Over 5 lb. to 7 lb.			\$2.65				\$4.50	
Over 7 lb. to 9 lb.			\$3.40				\$5.75	
Over 9 lb. to 11 lb.			\$4.20				\$6.95	
Aerogrammes	18¢				32¢			

REVISION OF AIR MAIL CHARGES
EFFECTIVE 1/7/79

REGION	<u>Present Charges</u>				<u>Proposed Charges</u>		
	Letters	Postcards	Second Class Matter	Newspaper	Letters	Postcard	Second Class Matter
	<u>Per ½ oz.</u>	<u>Per ½ oz.</u>	<u>Per ½ oz.</u>	<u>Per ½ oz.</u>	<u>Per ½ oz.</u>	<u>Per ½ oz.</u>	<u>Per ½ oz.</u>
North, South, Central America and Caribbean Territories.	20¢	10¢	10¢	5¢	35¢	22¢	16¢
United Kingdom and Europe (except Cyprus and USSR)	25¢	12¢	12¢	6¢	50¢	22¢	20¢
Africa, Asia, Australia, Cyprus, New Zealand, USSR, Far East Countries	30¢	18¢	18¢	10¢	65¢	22¢	28¢

REVISION OF OTHER POSTAL CHARGES
EFFECTIVE 1/7/79

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	
Selling price of International Reply Coupons	36c	69c	(This charge is mandatory)
Indemnity on lost registered letters	\$14.33	\$25.60	(These charges are mandatory)
Compensation on lost, damaged or stolen international parcels -)
on parcels up to 11 lb.	14.33	25.60)
22 lb.	21.50	41.29)
Enquiry fee on international letters and parcels	6c	15c	
Advice of delivery fee on items going overseas	20c	25c	
Special handling fee on unpaid letters	10c	15c	
Unpaid or underpaid letters from overseas	3c	5c	
Insurance fee on letters and parcels - for each \$36.00 of value	10c		
- for each \$67.00 of value	-	20c	

REVISION OF INLAND POSTAGE CHARGES
1979

<u>CATEGORIES</u>	<u>PRESENT CHARGES</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHARGES</u>
<u>LETTERS</u>		
1st 4 oz.	10c	15c
Over 4 oz. to 8 oz.	15c	20c
" 8 oz. " 12 oz.	20c	25c
" 12 oz. " 1 lb.	30c	35c
" 1 lb, " 2 lb.	60c	70c
" 2 lb. " 4 lb.	90c	\$1.00
<u>POSTCARDS</u>		
SINGLE	5c	8c
<u>PRINTED PAPERS</u>		
1st 4 oz.	9c	13c
Over 4 oz. to 8 oz.	10c	15c
" 8 oz. " 12 oz.	15c	20c
" 12 oz. " 1 lb.	30c	34c
" 1 lb. " 2 lb.	60c	65c
" 2 lb. " 4 lb.	85c	95c
<u>NEWSPAPERS</u>		
Per copy irrespective of weight (maximum weight 1½ lb)	5c	8c
<u>PARCELS</u>		
Per lb.	12c	18c
<u>REGISTRATION FEE (inland)</u>		
To ensure compensation up to \$20	40c	60c
For each additional \$20 compensation up to a maximum of \$800	2c	4c
<u>REGISTRATION FEE (overseas)</u>		
For each article	40c	60c
<u>REGISTRATION ENVELOPES (inland)</u>		
In addition to any registration fee and postal charges, for each envelope		
(a) of "F" size (measuring approximately 5¼ inches in length and 3¾ inches in width)	2c	4c
(b) of "H" size (measuring approximately 8 inches in length and 4¾ inches in width)	3c	6c
Embossed with 60c stamp for registration and 15c stamp for postage	50c	75c

<u>ADVICE OF DELIVERY FEE</u>		
	4c	6c
<u>EXPRESS DELIVERY FEE</u>		
Normal Postage Plus	20c	30c
<u>BUSINESS REPLY SERVICE</u>		
On each item normal postage plus fee of	2c	4c
<u>PRIVATE LETTER BAGS</u>		
Fee per annum conveyed by the holder or the employee of the holder of the bag	\$8.00 Payable in advance	\$12.00 Payable in advance
Fee per annum conveyed under arrangement with the Posts and Telegraphs Department	\$10.00 Payable in advance	\$15.00 Payable in advance
<u>PRIVATE LETTER BOXES</u>		
Fee per annum	\$8.00	\$12.00
Repair to private letter boxes or replacement of keys	2.50	5.00
<u>UNPAID OR UNDER PAID POSTAGE</u>		
Minimum payable on unpaid or underpaid inland items	1c	3c
<u>STORAGE CHARGES ON PARCELS FROM OVERSEA</u>		
(a) For 30 days from the date of issue of the relevant parcel notice.	Free	(a) For 20 days from the date of issue of the relevant parcel notice. Free
(b) For the day immediately after the expiry of the 30 days specified in sub-paragraph (a)	50c	(b) For the day immediately after the expiry of the 20 days specified in sub-paragraph (a) 60c
(c) For every day after the day specified under sub-paragraph (b)	10c	(c) For every day after the day specified under sub-paragraph (b) 20c
<u>PRESENTATION TO CUSTOMS CHARGE</u>		
For each item.	50c	60c

COMMISSION ON POSTAL ORDERS

(a) Jamaica On each order at -

10 cents	..	..	..	2c
15 cents	..	..	..	2c
20 cents	..	..	..	4c
25 cents	..	..	..	4c
30 cents	..	..	..	4c
35 cents	..	..	..	4c
40 cents	..	..	..	5c
45 cents	..	..	..	5c
50 cents	..	..	..	5c
80 cents	..	..	..	5c
1 dollar	..	..	..	6c
2 dollars	..	..	..	6c
4 dollars	..	..	..	8c
6 dollars	..	..	..	8c
8 dollars	..	..	..	10c
10 dollars	..	..	..	10c

TELEGRAPH SERVICES

Telegrams (Ordinary)
First 12 words
Each additional word

35c
3c

50c
4c

Telegrams (Priority)
First 12 words
Each additional word

45c
3c

55c
4c

EXTRACTS FROM SURFACE PARCEL POST CHARGES

	<u>Present</u>				<u>Proposed</u>			
	On parcels up to				On parcels up to			
	2 lb	7 lb	11 lb	22 lb	2 lb	7 lb	11 lb	22 lb
United Kingdom	\$ 4.90	6.50	8.50	11.30	\$ 9.40	12.30	15.90	21.50
Barbados, Bermuda, Trinidad & Tobago)	1.70	2.40	3.40	5.00	\$ 3.65	5.00	6.65	10.15
Guyana	2.20	3.15	4.35	6.30	\$ 3.95	5.85	8.10	12.75
Canada	65c per lb				\$ 1.65 per lb or part thereof			
United States of America	70c per lb				\$1.35	"	"	"

EXTRACTS FROM AIR PARCEL POST CHARGES

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Each additional</u>
	Each $\frac{1}{2}$ lb	First lb	lb
United Kingdom	\$ 2.50	\$ 10.45	\$3.50
Bermuda, Barbados, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago)	\$ 0.70	4.00	1.00
Canada	\$ 0.80	\$2.85 per lb or part thereof	
U.S.A.	\$ 0.80	\$2.65 " " " " "	