

CAYMAN ISLANDS



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- (10) A person may also be compensated in accordance with the new regulation 37A in an amount not exceeding \$100 where an article is sent by international express mail service and it is lost or damaged while in the custody of the Post Office. Compensation may also be paid for the late delivery of a postal package sent by international express mail service.
- (11) The rental fee for a private bag is \$100 and rent is due under regulation 41 each year from the date on which the rent was first paid after the commencement of these Regulations.
- (12) A new lock and key for a private bag or box is \$30.00.
- (13) Money orders may now be in amount of \$500 or less.
- (14) The fees for international express mail service are set out in the new Sixth Schedule.
- (15) The Seventh Schedule of the Postal Regulations has been amended to regulate the additional miscellaneous services provided by the Post Office which include safe mail and some charges for previous miscellaneous services have been varied.



provisions reference to the newly built Airport Post Office and Mail Processing Centre which will be the main office of exchange in the islands.

These Regulations define the 2 types of expedited mail service provided by the Post Office i.e. international express mail service and special delivery service. By the latter service mail is sent from the Islands by regular post with a label marked "special delivery". The offices of exchange in the countries which also provide such a service will, upon receipt of the mail, expedite delivery of such mail.

International express service is a courier service provided by the Post Office.

The following changes have also been made to the Postal Regulations-

- (1) There is a classification of Post Office called a Postal Agency.
- (2) The General Post Office is now not the only office of exchange. The offices of exchange include the Stake Bay Branch Post Office, the Airport Post Office and Mail Processing Centre and the Seven Mile Beach Branch Post Office.
- (3) "Branch Post Masters" now bear the title "District Manager".
- (4) An officer in charge of a Postal Agency is called a Postal Agent. Postal Agents and District Managers are required to render such accounts and returns as are required by the Postmaster General.
- (5) Mail originating in the Islands may be sent directly overseas from any of the offices of Exchange.
- (6) Reply coupons may be issued in the Islands and are exchangeable at any money order office for postage stamps valued at 30 cents. International Reply coupons are now exchangeable for postage stamps valued at 30 cents.
- (7) In accordance with the amendment to Regulation 25, the Post Office shall not be liable to pay compensation to any person in the event of loss or theft of, or damage to, postal packages containing coins or bank notes.
- (8) The fee for sending mail by special delivery is \$1.00 plus the cost of postage. Such fee may be changed by the Postmaster General from time to time.
- (9) Where a person sends any article of value by registered postal package and such article is lost or damaged while in the custody of the Post Office the Post Office may pay to the person compensation in amount not exceeding \$28.00.

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In accordance with the powers conferred on him by section 24 of the Postal Law (1997 Revision), the Governor in Council makes the following Regulations:

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Postal (Amendment) Regulations, 1998.

Citation and interpretation

2. The Postal Regulations (1995 Revision), referred to in these regulations as "the principal regulations" are amended in regulation 2 by inserting the following in its appropriate alphabetical order-

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

"international express service" means the service provided by the Post Office of sending mail from the Islands overseas by courier"; and

"special delivery" means the service provided by the Post Office of sending mail marked with the words "special delivery" to certain overseas countries by the regular postal service from the Islands to an office of exchange in those countries which will, upon receipt of the mail, expedite delivery of such mail."

3. The principal regulations are amended in regulation 3 by repealing the word "and" and by inserting after the word "Sub-Post Offices" the words " and Postal Agencies".

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal regulations

4. Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is repealed and the following regulation is substituted-

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal regulations

"4. (1) The General Post Office is the main Post Office in the Islands and it controls and manages all other post offices in the Islands.

- (2) For the purposes of these Regulations-
 - (a) the offices of exchange in the Islands are-
 - (i) the General Post Office;
 - (ii) the Stake Bay Branch Post Office;

- (iii) the Airport Post Office and Mail Processing Centre; and
- (iv) the Seven Mile Beach Branch Post Office; and
- (b) an "office of exchange" is a Post Office which despatches mail directly to, and receives mail directly from, international overseas Post Offices.

Amendment of regulation 6 of the principal regulations

5. The principal regulations are amended in regulation 6 by repealing "Branch Postmasters" and substituting "District Managers".

Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal regulations

6. The principal regulations are amended by repealing regulation 7 and substituting the following-

"7. The officers in charge of Sub-Post Offices and Postal Agencies are styled District Managers and Postal Agents respectively and are required to render such accounts and returns as are required by the Postmaster General".

Amendment of Regulation 13 of the principal regulations

7. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended -

- (a) by repealing the word "Sixth" in subregulation (5) as renumbered and substituting "Seventh"; and
- (b) by renumbering subregulation (5) as subregulation (6);
- (c) by inserting the following subregulation as subregulation (5)-

"(5) The rates of postage for International Express Mail Service are listed in the Sixth Schedule.."

Amendment of regulation 16 (2) of the principal regulations

8. Regulation 16 of the principal Regulations is amended in subregulation (2) by inserting the words "the Airport Post Office and Mail Processing Centre, the Stake Bay Branch Post Office or the Seven Mile Beach Branch Post Office" after the words "General Post Office".

Repeal of regulation 18 of the principal regulations and substitution

9. Regulation 18 of the principal regulations is repealed and the following substituted-

"18. (1) Reply coupons issued in the Islands are exchangeable at any money order office for postage stamps valued at 30 cents.

(2) Reply coupons issued in any country of the U.P.U are exchangeable at any money order office for postage stamps valued at 30 cents, which rate represents the postage rate by surface mail, of a letter at the first weight step to the country of origin of the reply coupon.."

Post office clearance fee for parcels	\$.50
Annual fee for Personalised General Delivery	\$24.00
Annual fee for Personalised General Delivery for Caymanian Senior citizens 65 years of age or more	Free
Fee for International Reply Coupons	\$.90
Fee for personal mail re-direction between local and international posts offices-	
One month	\$15.00
Three months	\$35.00
One year	\$65.00
Fee for personal mail re-direction between post boxes within the same post office	Free
Fee for Safe Mail Service*	
Four weeks	\$10.00
Eight weeks	\$20.00
Twelve weeks	\$36.00
Fee (monthly) for collection from and delivery to bank and branch in same district	\$120.00
Fee for collection and delivery of monthly bills from company to Sub-Post Offices in districts	\$250.00

* Note- Safe mail is the service provided by the Post Office of retaining mail delivered to persons who are absent from the Islands for a period of 3 months or less."

Made in Council this 12th day of May, 1998.

C.H. PARSONS

Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of these Regulations is to amend the Postal Regulations (1995 Revision) in order to regulate the services provided by the Post Office and to provide for a revision of postal fees. These Regulations also include in their

Malawi	6	Maldives	5
Mali	6	Malta	4
Mauritania	6	Mauritius	5
Moldova	4	Monaco	4
Morocco	6	Mozambique	6
Namibia	6	Netherlands	4
Nigeria	6	Niger Republic	6
Norway	4	Oman	5
Pakistan	5	Poland	4
Portugal	4	Qatar	5
Reunion	6	Romania	4
Russia	4	Sao Tome & Principe	6
Sardinia	4	Saudi Arabia	5
Senegal	6	Seychelles	6
Sicily	4	Sierra Leone	6
Slovakia	4	Slovenia	4
South Africa	6	Spain	4
Spanish Terr. of N. Africa	6	Sri Lanka	5
Sudan	6	Swaziland	6
Sweden	4	Switzerland	4
Syria	5	Tanzania	6
Togo	6	Trinidad and Tobago	2
Tunisia	6	Turkey	4
Turkmenistan	5	Uganda	6
Ukraine	4	United Arab Emirates	5
United Kingdom	3	United States of America	1
Vietnam	5	Zaire	6
Zambia	6	Zimbabwe	6"

Repeal of Sixth Schedule of the principal Regulations and substitution

21. The Sixth Schedule (now the Seventh Schedule as amended by these Regulations) of the principal Regulations is repealed and the following substituted-

“SEVENTH SCHEDULE Regulation 13 (5)

Charges for Miscellaneous Services

Fee for the registration of a letter post item	\$1.00
Fee for advice of delivery of a registered item	\$1.00
Fee for the replacement or reinstallation of a private box lock	\$30.00
Fee for the registration of a newspaper	\$20.00
Fee for licence to use a franking machine per annum or part thereof	\$80.00

10. Regulation 23 of the principal Regulations is amended in subregulation (3) by inserting at the end the words “unless redirected in accordance with regulation 39”.

11. Regulation 25 of the principal regulations is amended by inserting the following subregulation-

“(5) The Post Office shall not be liable to pay compensation to any person in the event of loss or theft of, or damage to, postal packages containing coins or bank notes.”.

12. Section 34 of the principal regulations is repealed and the following substituted-

“Special delivery
34. The fee for sending a package by special delivery is \$1.00 plus the cost of postage or such other fee as the Postmaster General may from time to time determine.”

13. Regulation 37 of the principal regulations is amended in subregulations (1) and (2) by repealing the words “nineteen” and substituting the word “twenty-eight”.

14. The principal regulations are amended by inserting the following new regulation-

“Lost express packages
37A. (1) If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of a postal package sent by international express mail service is lost, stolen or damaged so as to entirely to destroy its value whilst in the custody of the Post Office, the Post Office may, where a claim is submitted within 21 days of the date on which the item was dispatched, pay to a person or postal administration who in the opinion of the Postmaster General, establishes a reasonable claim, damages and refund in postal charges in an amount not exceeding \$100.

(2) If a postal package sent by international express mail service not delivered within 7 days of the date that it was despatched by the sender, the Post Office may, where a claim is submitted within 21 days of the date the postal package was dispatched, pay to person or postal administration who, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, establishes a reasonable claim, the difference between the postage that would have been

charged for sending the package by regular mail and the cost for sending it by international express mail service in an amount not exceeding \$100 provided that the Post Office shall not be liable for any further costs incurred by any person or postal administration as a result of the delay."

15. Regulation 41 of the principal regulations is amended-
- (a) in paragraph (b), by repealing the words "thirty-two" and substituting the words "one hundred";
 - (b) in paragraph (c), by repealing "by the 1st January of each year" and substituting "each year from the date on which the rent was first paid after the commencement of these regulations"; and
 - (c) by repealing paragraph (d).

16. Regulation 47 is repealed and the following substituted-

"47. A private bag or private box renter who loses his key to the bag or box shall be required to obtain a new lock and key and shall pay the Postmaster General thirty dollars for the new lock and key."

17. Regulation 64(9) of the principal regulations is amended by repealing "one hundred" and substituting "five hundred".

18. The First Schedule of the principal Regulations is amended-

- (a) by inserting "Seven Mile Beach and the Airport Post Office and Mail Processing Centre" under "Branch Post Office"; and
- (b) by deleting "South Sound" under "Sub-Post Offices".

19. The Fourth Schedule of the principal regulations is amended by repealing the last two paragraphs referring to "Expedited Mail Service".

20. The principal regulations are amended by renumbering the Sixth Schedule as the Seventh Schedule and by inserting the following as the new Sixth Schedule-

"SIXTH SCHEDULE
Regulation 13

International Express Mail Service					
Weight (in lb.)	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5 Group 6
2	\$18	\$19	\$25	\$28	\$30 \$33
4	\$20	\$27	\$30	\$40	\$46 \$51

6	\$22	\$35	\$35	\$52	\$62	\$69	
Each additional 2 pounds	\$2	\$8	\$5	\$12	\$16	\$18	
Country	Group	Country	Group	Country	Group	Country	
Algeria	6	Andorra	4	Austria	4	Azores	4
Azerbaijan	5	Balearic Islands	4	Barbados	2	Belgium	4
Bahrain	5	Bermuda	2	Botswana	6	Bulgaria	4
Bangladesh	5	Botswana	6	Cameroon	6	Canary Islands	6
Belarus	4	Burkina Faso	6	Central African Republic	6	Cape Verde Islands	6
Benin	6	Canada	2	Congo	6	Chad	6
Bhutan	5	Cape Verde Islands	6	Croatia	4	Corsica	4
Brunei	5	Chad	6	Czech Republic	4	Cyprus	4
Burkina Faso	6	Corsica	4	Djibouti	6	Denmark	4
Canada	2	Cyprus	4	Equatorial Guinea	6	Egypt	6
Cape Verde Islands	6	Denmark	4	Ethiopia	6	Estonia	4
Chad	6	Egypt	6	Faroe Island	4	Faroe Island	4
Corsica	4	Estonia	4	France	6	France	6
Czech Republic	4	Faroe Island	4	Gabon	6	Gambia	6
Djibouti	6	France	6	Gibraltar	4	Ghana	6
Equatorial Guinea	6	Gabon	6	Guernsey	4	Greece	4
Ethiopia	6	Gambia	6	Guinea Bissau	6	Guinea	6
Finland	4	Ghana	6	Hungary	4	Hong Kong	5
Finland	4	Hong Kong	5	Ireland	4	India	5
Gabon	6	India	5	Italy	4	Ireland	4
Germany	6	Ireland	4	Jamaica	2	Jordan	5
Gibraltar	4	Italy	4	Kenya	6	Kenya	6
Guernsey	4	Jamaica	2	Kuwait	5	Kuwait	5
Guinea Bissau	6	Jordan	5	Lebanon	5	Lebanon	5
Hungary	4	Kenya	6	Liberia	6	Liberia	6
Iran	5	Kuwait	5	Lithuania	4	Lithuania	4
Israel	5	Lebanon	5	Madagascar	6	Madagascar	6
Ivory Coast	6	Liberia	6				
Jersey	4	Lithuania	4				
Kazakhstan	5	Madagascar	6				
Kirghizstan	5						
Latvia	4						
Lesotho	6						
Liechtenstein	4						
Luxembourg	4						
Madeira	4						