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GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

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**The Post Office (Postal Orders) Order, 1993**

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| <i>Made</i>                   | <i>30th March, 1993</i> |
| <i>Laid before the States</i> | <i>1993</i>             |
| <i>Coming into operation</i>  | <i>5th April, 1993</i>  |

**THE STATES POST OFFICE BOARD**, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 29, 30, 33 and 68 of the Post Office (Guernsey) Law, 1969, as amended(a), hereby orders:-

**PART I**

**Issue and amount of postal orders**

1. (1) Postal orders may be issued for the denominations as specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(2) The value of a postal order may be increased by affixing postage stamps not exceeding three in number and not exceeding a total of 49p in value:

Provided that no payment shall be made by or on behalf of the Board in respect of:-

- (a) a stamp not affixed in the space provided for the purpose on the postal order; or

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(a) Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXII, p.128; Vol. XXIII p.511.

- (b) a stamp which is not a stamp for the time being authorised or required to be used for the purpose of the States Post Office; or
- (c) a stamp which has been cut out of any postal packet, document, instrument, envelope or other cover, or which is perforated with initials or marks.

**Poundage**

2. The poundage payable for postal orders shall be at the rates specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

**Prepayment**

3. The amount for which a postal order is to be issued and all poundage payable in respect of it shall be prepaid.

**Name of payee and office of payment**

4. (1) The blanks in a postal order for the name of the payee and for the name of the post office at which the postal order is to be paid may be filled in before or after issue.

(2) If the blanks are not filled in before issue, the person to whom the postal order is issued shall, before parting with it, fill in the name of the payee (whether or not the postal order is crossed with a view to payment through a banker), and may fill in the name of the post office at which the postal order is to be paid.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (2) of this section, if the blank space in a postal order for the name of the payee has not been filled in the person presenting the postal order for payment, or in the case of a crossed postal order the customer on whose behalf the banker presents it for payment, shall for the purpose of this Order be deemed to be the payee.

(4) No alteration shall be made in the name of the payee, or of the post office at which the postal order is to be paid, when once filled in, except by the direction of the Board.

**Crossing of postal orders**

5. (1) A postal order may be crossed generally by the addition on its face of the words "and Company" or any abbreviation thereof, between two parallel transverse lines, or of two parallel transverse lines simply, or it may be crossed specially by the addition on its face of the name of a banker, in which case the postal order shall be deemed to be crossed to that banker.

(2) A postal order which is crossed generally may be crossed specially.

(3) A banker to whom a postal order is crossed may again cross it specially to another banker as his agent for collection.

(4) Where a postal order is crossed generally, it shall not be paid except to a banker.

(5) Where a postal order is crossed specially, it shall not be paid except to the banker to whom it is crossed, or to his agent for collection.

(6) Where a postal order is crossed specially to more than one banker, except when crossed to an agent for the purpose of collection, payment thereof shall be refused.

**Payment of postal orders otherwise than to bankers**

6. The following provisions shall apply to the payment of postal orders otherwise than to bankers:-

- (a) the receipt at the foot of the order shall be signed by the payee;
- (b) when a postal order is made payable to a body corporate, the receipt may be given by means of a stamp of the name of the body corporate, to which is appended the signature of an officer of the body corporate together with a description of his office;
- (c) when a postal order is made payable to a firm it shall be receipted in the name of the firm. If the postal order is payable to a firm not trading under a personal name the name of the firm shall be written or stamped in the

space for the receipt, the signature of a partner or servant of the firm, with a description of his office in the firm, being appended thereto;

- (d) the proper officer of the States Post Office shall ascertain that the receipt for the amount of the postal order is signed, and may refuse payment until he is satisfied that it is signed by or under the authority of the person appearing to be the payee;
- (e) the proper officer of the States Post Office may also, if the receipt is not signed in his presence, take reasonable steps to satisfy himself that the person presenting the postal order is either the payee or his agent;
- (f) the proper officer of the States Post Office may also require the person presenting the postal order to sign his name on the postal order before payment is made although the receipt has been already signed;
- (g) nevertheless, the signature to the receipt shall in all cases be a sufficient authority to the Board for the payment of the postal order, if that signature purports to be the signature of the payee or if the

signature purports to be that of an officer of a body corporate or partner or servant of a firm as aforesaid;

- (h) if a postal order presented for payment has any erasure or alteration, or is cut, defaced or mutilated, the proper officer of the States Post Office may refuse payment;
- (i) the proper officer of the States Post Office may refuse or delay the payment of a postal order when it appears to him necessary to do so in cases other than those mentioned in this Order. X

**Payment of postal orders to bankers**

7. The following provisions shall apply to the payment of postal orders to bankers:-

- (a) if a postal order which is crossed generally is presented for payment by any banker and has the name of such banker written or stamped upon the face thereof, or bears a code or device of such banker, being a code or device in terms and of a type, design and size and in a position approved by the Board X that name, code or device may be accepted as a sufficient receipt for the amount of the postal order, and the postal order may be paid without any other receipt;

- (b) if a postal order which is crossed specially is presented for payment by the banker to whom it is crossed, and bears the name, code or device of such banker as mentioned in the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section the name, code or device may be accepted as a sufficient receipt for the amount of the postal order and the postal order may be paid without any other receipt:

Provided that where the postal order is crossed specially to a second banker as agent for collection, the name, code or device of such second banker appearing on the order as mentioned in the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section may be accepted as a receipt under the provisions of this order;

- (c) a postal order which is crossed generally or specially, if presented for payment by a banker, may be paid at any post office in the Bailiwick, notwithstanding that the order has been filled in with the name of some particular post office;
- (d) a postal order presented by a banker for payment shall not (in the absence of an express arrangement between such banker and the Board to the contrary) X

be paid until such postal order has  
been examined by such officer of the X  
States Post Office as the Board may X  
from time to time direct.

**Payment of postal orders after expiration of six months  
from last day of month of issue**

8. If the Board pays a postal order after the X  
expiration of six months after the last day of the  
month in which the postal order was issued it may  
charge a commission equal to the amount of the original  
poundage.

**Application of Part 1**

9. (1) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this  
section, this Part shall apply to the issue, payment  
and treatment of postal orders within the Bailiwick.

(2) In relation to postal orders issued at any  
post office under the charge of the postal  
administration of a country outside the Bailiwick,  
being a post office where postal orders are issued  
under such an arrangement as mentioned in section 33 of  
the Law, the following subsection shall be substituted  
for subsection (2) of section 1 of this Order:-

"(2) the value of a postal order may be  
increased by affixing, in the space provided for  
the purpose, postage stamps not exceeding three  
in number and not exceeding a total of 49p in  
value or the equivalent in the currency of the  
country in which the postal order is issued.  
Any such stamp may either be a stamp authorised

or required to be used for the purpose of the States Post Office or, if the postal administration of the country in which the postal order is issued so allows, a current stamp for denoting a rate of postage of that country, but no other stamps may be used. If a stamp is affixed in contravention of the provisions of this subsection no payment shall be made by or on behalf of the Board in respect of that stamp."

(3) The provisions of this Part relating to the payment of postal orders shall apply to the payment under the authority of the Board of British and Jersey postal orders:

Provided that:-

(a) no payment shall be made by or on behalf of the Board in respect of a stamp affixed to a British or a Jersey postal order, as the case may be, for the purpose of increasing its value unless:-

(i) the stamp is either a stamp authorised or required to be used for the purpose of the States Post Office or a stamp issued by the postal administration in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or Jersey, as the case may be,

and authorised to be used by that administration; and

(ii) the stamps affixed to any such postal order do not exceed three in number and do not exceed a total of 49p in value;

(b) the provision of section 8 shall not apply to British postal orders or Jersey postal orders and in lieu thereof the period within which such orders may be paid and the conditions on which they may be paid after the expiry of any period shall be such as may be provided for in the enactments for the time being in force in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or Jersey relating to such orders.

## PART II

### Issue and payment of postal orders

10. The Board may authorise any officer of the States Post Office to issue or pay postal orders, and the provisions of this Order shall apply to any such person so authorised as though he were a proper officer of the States Post Office. x

Remission of poundage

11. The Board may remit in whole or in part any poundage payable under this Order in such cases or classes of case as it may determine.

Discharge to the Board

12. The payment of a postal order, a British or a Jersey postal order, as the case may be, in accordance with this Order to whomsoever made shall discharge the States and every proper officer of the States Post Office from all liability whatsoever in respect of that postal order and payment thereof notwithstanding any forgery, fraud, mistake, loss, neglect or omission which may have been committed or have occurred in the procuring of the order or obtaining the payment thereof or otherwise in relation thereto.

PART III

Interpretation

13.(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:

"British postal order" means an order similar to a postal order issued by the postal administration in the United Kingdom;

"Jersey postal order" means an order similar to a postal order issued by the postal administration of Jersey;

**"the Law"** means the Post Office (Guernsey) Law, 1969;

**"the payee"** means the person entitled to receive the amount of a postal order, or of a British postal order or of a Jersey postal order, as the case may be;

**"postal order"** means a money order issued in pursuance of section 30 of the Law, of that X section as applied by section 33 of the Law, as a postal order in such special form as may, from time to time, be approved by the Board;

**"proper officer of the States Post Office"** X means any officer of the States Post Office in charge of or transacting business with reference to orders at a post office;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Law.

(2) Any reference in this Order to any other enactment or Order shall, except where the context otherwise requires, be construed as including a reference to that enactment or Order as amended, repealed or replaced, extended or applied by or under any other enactment or Order including this Order.

(3) The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948 (b), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of a Guernsey enactment.

**Repeals**

14. The Orders set out in Schedule 2 to this Order are repealed.

**Citation**

15. This Order may be cited as the Post Office (Postal Orders) Order, 1993.

**Commencement**

16. This Order shall come into force on 5th day of April, 1993.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1993.



J. W. de Putron

President of the States Post Office Board,

for and on behalf of the Board.

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(b) Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p.355.

SCHEDULE 1

Sections 1 and 2

POSTAL ORDERS AND POUNDAGE PAYABLE

| Col. 1<br>Denominations available | Col. 2<br>Poundage<br>(Payable per postal order) |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 50p<br>£1                         | 25p  |
| £2<br>£3<br>£4                    | 42p  |
| £5<br>£6<br>£7                    | 55p  |
| £8<br>£9<br>£10                   | 65p  |
| £15                               | 75p  |
| £20                               | 80p  |

SCHEDULE 2

Section 14

Orders repealed

The Post Office (Postal Order) Order, 1983(a)  
The Post Office (Postal Order) (Amendment) Order,  
1985(b)  
The Post Office (Postal Order) (Amendment) Order,  
1986(c)  
The Post Office (Postal Order) (Amendment) Order,  
1987(d)  
The Post Office (Postal Order) (Amendment) Order,  
1988(e)  
The Post Office (Postal Order) (Amendment) Order,  
1989(f)  
The Post Office (Postal Order) (Amendment) Order,  
1990(g)  
The Post Office (Postal Order) (Amendment) Order,  
1991(h)  
The Post Office (Postal Order) (Amendment) (No. 2)  
Order, 1991(i)  
The Post Office (Postal Order) (Amendment) Order,  
1992(j)

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| (a) S.I. 1983 No. 7  | (f) S.I. 1989 No. 16 |
| (b) S.I. 1985 No. 14 | (g) S.I. 1990 No. 5  |
| (c) S.I. 1986 No. 13 | (h) S.I. 1991 No. 8  |
| (d) S.I. 1987 No. 17 | (i) S.I. 1991 No. 30 |
| (e) S.I. 1988 No. 6  | (j) S.I. 1992 No. 21 |

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**The Post Office (Postal Orders) Order, 1993**

This Order contains all of the information that is relevant to postal orders.

It includes the issue and amount of postal orders, the poundage payable, and all of the regulations regarding their payment.

Schedule 1 to this Order outlines all of the denominations of postal orders available and the poundage payable per postal order.