



TRISTAN DA CUNHA

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INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC UTILITIES

POST OFFICE (TRISTAN DA CUNHA) ORDINANCE, 1898¹

*SH Ordinance 1 of 1898
In force 14 February 1898*

Amended by SH Ordinance 5 of 1994

Applied to Tristan da Cunha by Ord. 13 of 1951 (See Cap. 108 of the Revised Laws of St Helena) with modifications which have been incorporated in the text below.

The text also modifies the St Helena Ordinance to the circumstances of Tristan da Cunha as required by section 2(2) of the Application of St Helena Law (Tristan da Cunha) Ordinance, 1987².

SH subsidiary legislation (omitted):

POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS (INVALIDATION) ORDER, 2008

POST OFFICE (RATES OF CHARGE) ORDER, 2013

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AN ORDINANCE to provide for the application in Tristan da Cunha of laws and regulations in force in the United Kingdom relating to the post office, and to empower the Administrator to fix the rates of postage.

¹ *This text is not authoritative but was prepared by the Law Revision Commissioner under section 14 of the Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance, 1999 as stating the law at 1 November 2017.*

² “(2) The said law of St Helena applies to Tristan da Cunha only in so far as it is applicable and suitable to local circumstances, and subject to such modifications, adaptations, qualifications, and exemptions as local circumstances render necessary.”

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Post Office (Tristan da Cunha) Ordinance, 1898.

Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, “**postal packets**” means letters, post-cards, reply postcards, newspapers, book packets, patterns or sample packets, and all packets or articles transmissible by post.

Governor may make certain orders

3. The Governor may by order—
- (a) fix the rates of postage to be charged on postal packets sent from the post office in Tristan da Cunha;
 - (b) provide that the postage or revenue stamps specified in the order and issued for the purpose of this Ordinance are no longer to be valid for that purpose.

Postal laws of England in force

4. (1) Subject to this Ordinance, all laws and regulations for the time being in force relating to the Post Office of the United Kingdom are, so far as applicable, to be in force in Tristan da Cunha.³

(2) The Administrator may from time to time by order provide for all matters relating to the practice, procedure and jurisdiction in Tristan da Cunha, under the said laws and regulations, in cases where the Administrator considers that the provisions of those laws in respect of such matters are inapplicable to Tristan da Cunha.

³ *Postal services in the UK are provided predominantly by the Royal Mail (which delivers letters) and Post Office Ltd (which oversees post offices). The industry is regulated by Ofcom. Since 1 October 2011, the main piece of legislation is the Postal Services Act 2011, although some parts of the Postal Services Act 2000 are still in force.*