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POST OFFICE ORDINANCE, 1898

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AN ORDINANCE to provide for the application in St Helena of laws and regulations in force in the United Kingdom relating to the post office, and to empower the Governor in Council to fix the rates of postage.

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Post Office Ordinance, 1898.

Interpretation

¹ Under section 10 of the Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance, 1999 this text is authoritative and is the sole authentic edition in respect of the law contained in it as at 1 November 2017.

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 in Council may make certain orders

3. The Governor in Council may by order—
- (a) fix the rates of postage to be charged on postal packets sent from the post office in St Helena;
 - (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 St Helena.²

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

² *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.*

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POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS (INVALIDATION) ORDER, 2008 (Section 3(b))

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Postage and Revenue Stamps (Invalidation) Order, 2008, and comes into force on 1st May 2008.

Invalidation of postage and revenue stamps

2. (1) The postage and revenue stamps of St Helena listed in the Schedule cease to be valid with effect from 1st May 2008.

(2) A period of 6 months from 1st May 2008 to 31st October 2008 will be allowed for holders of these stamps to exchange them for St Helena postage or revenue stamps of equivalent value and in current use.

(3) Applications for exchanges under sub-paragraph (2) should be made to the Postmistress, Post Office, Jamestown, St Helena, South Atlantic Ocean.

SCHEDULE (Paragraph 2(1))

YEAR	STAMP ISSUE TITLE	RELEASE DATE
1992	Homeward Round the Horn	24 January
1992	40 th Anniversary of HM QEII Accession to the Throne	6 February
1992	10 th Anniversary – Falklands Liberation	12 June
1992	Christmas – Nativity Scenes	12 October
1992	Anniversaries of St Helena	4 December
1993	Flowers	19 March
1993	WWF – Wirebird	16 August
1993	Birds Definitive	26 August
1993	Christmas – Toys	1 October
1994	Children's Artworks	6 January
1994	Pets	18 February
1994	Endemic Fish	6 June
1994	Butterflies	9 August
1994	Christmas – Carols	10 October
1994	Flowers Part II	15 December
1995	Emergency Services	2 February
1995	Harpers Earth Dam	6 April
1995	50 th Anniversary - End of WWII	8 May
1995	Endemic Invertebrates	28 August
1995	Orchid Singapore – Harpers Earth Dam	1 September
1995	Christmas – Children's Paintings	17 October
1996	Union Castle Mailships - Part 1	8 January
1996	100 th Anniversary - Marconi Radio Telecom	28 March
1996	70 th Birthday – HM QEII	22 April
1996	Postal Transport – Capex '96	8 June

1996	Napoleonic Sites	12 August
1996	Christmas – Season’s Greetings	1 October
1997	Diana’s Peak National Park - Endemic Plants	7 January
1997	Hong Kong ’97	3 February
1997	500 th Anniversary - Discovery of St Helena Part 1	29 May
1997	Hong Kong Returns to China	20 June
1997	Golden Wedding – HM QEII & Prince Philip	10 May
1997	Christmas –25 th Anniversary - DOEAWS	29 September
1998	Union Castle Mailships – Part II	1 January
1998	Diana – Princess of Wales	4 April
1998	500 th Anniversary - Discovery of St Helena Pt II	2 July
1998	Maritime Heritage Definitive	28 August
1998	Christmas – Island Crafts	28 September
1999	Australia ’99	5 March
1999	Philex France’99	5 May
1999	500 th Anniversary - Discovery of St Helena Pt III	12 July
1999	The Wedding of HRH Prince Edward/ Miss Sophie Rhys-Jones	19 June
1999	Queen Mother’s Century	3 September
1999	100 Years - Cable & Wireless	26 November
1999	Union Castle Line – Centenary Voyage	23 December
2000	Kings & Queens throughout the Ages	29 February
2000	Boer War – Part I	10 April
2000	500 th Anniversary - Discovery of St Helena – Pt IV	23 May
2000	Royal Birthdays	4 August
2000	Christmas – Pantomimes	10 October
2001	Hong Kong 2001	1 February
2001	Age of Victoria	24 May
2001	500 th Anniversary- Discovery of St Helena Pt V	19 July
2001	Royal Naval Ships	20 September
2001	Christmas – Tammy Wynette	11 October
2001	Napoleon’s Earlier Years	1 November

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POST OFFICE (RATES OF CHARGE) ORDER, 2013

(Section 3(a))

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Post Office (Rates of Charge) Order, 2013, and comes into force on 1st April 2013.

Rates for external mail

2. The rates of postage and other charges on postal packets sent to external destinations from the Post Office of St Helena are those set out in the First Schedule to this order.

Internal postage rates

3. The rates of postage and other charges on postal packets sent from the Post Office to internal destinations of St Helena are those set out in the Second Schedule to this order.

Revocation

4. *Omitted*

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Para. 2)

EXTERNAL POSTAL RATES AND OTHER CHARGES

PART I - SURFACE MAIL

		<u>International</u>	<u>Ascension</u>
		£	£
(i)	Letters—		
	For the first 20 grammes or part thereof	0.40	0.25
	above 20g up to 50g	0.75	0.65
	above 50g up to 100g	1.10	0.45
	above 100g up to 250g	1.25	1.00
	above 250g up to 500g	2.20	2.00
	above 500g up to 1000g	3.50	2.75
	above 1000g up to 1500g	4.50	3.75
	above 1500g up to 2000g	6.50	5.25
	(Maximum weight 2kg)		
(ii)	Postcards—	0.40	0.25
(iii)	Printed matter—		
	For the first 20 grammes or part thereof	0.40	0.25
	above 20g up to 100g	0.70	0.50
	above 100g up to 250g	1.10	0.70

above 250g up to 500g	1.60	1.10
above 500g up to 1000g	1.95	1.60
above 1000g up to 2000g	3.10	2.10
each additional 1000g	1.00	0.60
(Maximum weight: papers 2kg, books and pamphlets 5kg)		

(iv) Small packets—

For the first 100 grammes or part thereof	0.70	0.60
above 100g up to 250g	1.10	0.80
above 250g up to 500g	1.60	1.30
above 500g up to 1000g	1.85	1.60
above 1000g up to 2000g	3.35	2.10
(Maximum weight 2kg)		

(v) Special Charges—

a. Registration fee	0.70	0.70
b. Insurance premium	70p per £20 of the insured value or part thereof plus registration fee (Maximum insured value £1000)	
c. Redirection (International)		
1 Month	£20.00	
3 Months	£45.00	
6 Months	£65.00	
12 Months	£100.00	

(vi) Parcels—

	<u>Great Britain or Falkland Islands</u>	<u>South Africa</u>	<u>Ascension</u>	<u>Other Countries</u>
	£	£	£	Rate of postage to Great Britain or South Africa (as the case may be) plus the onward postage therefrom to the country of destination
a. Weight up to 3kg	6.20	5.20	3.20	
above 3kg up to 4kg	8.20	7.20	5.20	
above 4kg up to 5kg	10.20	9.20	7.20	
above 5kg for each additional 1kg or part thereof (Maximum weight 30kg)				
above 4kg up to 5kg	2.50	2.00	1.50	

b. Insurance (via Great Britain only): 70p per £20 of the insured value or part thereof (maximum insured value £1000).

PART II - AIR MAIL

To all destinations:

(i) Letters up to 100g—	£
For the first 10g or part thereof	0.60
Above 10g up to 20g	0.80
For each additional 20g or part thereof (up to 100g total weight)	0.35
(ii) Letters over 100g—	
For letters over 100g up to 120g	2.20
For each additional 20g or part thereof (over 120g total weight)	0.40

	(Maximum weight 2kg)	
(ii)	Postcards—	0.50
(iii)	Printed matter—	
	For the first 20 grammes or part thereof	0.50
	For each additional 20g or part thereof	0.30
	Maximum weight 2kg. 5kg for Books & Pamphlets)	
(iv)	Small packets—	
	For the first 100 grammes or part thereof	1.30
	For each additional 20g or part thereof	0.40
	(Maximum weight 2kg)	
(v)	Aerogrammes—	1.00

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Para. 3)

INTERNAL POSTAGE RATES AND OTHER CHARGES

(i)	Letters, Postcards, Printed Matter and Small Packets—	
	For the first 25 grammes or part thereof	0.15
	each additional 50g or part thereof	0.10
	(Maximum weight 2kg)	
(ii)	Special charges—	
a.	Registration fee	0.70
b.	Recorded delivery	
	Next business day	£1.35 plus fee in par. (i)
	Within three business days	75p plus fee in par. (i)
c.	Private Post Box	Annual fee £10
d.	Redirection (Local)	
	1 Month	£5.00
	3 Months	£10.00
	6 Months	£20.00
	12 Months	£30.00
e.	Keepsake	
	Up to 17 days	£5.00
	Up to 24 days	£8.00
	Up to 31 days	£10.00
	Up to 66 days	£20.00

POST OFFICE ORDINANCE, 1898

POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS (INVALIDATION) ORDER 2026 (Section 3(b))

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(b) of the Post Office Ordinance 1898, the Governor on the advice of the Executive Council makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Postage and Revenue Stamps (Invalidation) Order 2026, and comes into force on 1 July 2026.

Invalidation of postage and revenue stamps

2. (1) The postage and revenue stamps of St Helena listed in the Schedule cease to be valid with effect from 1 July 2026.

(2) A period of six months from 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2026 will be allowed for holders of these stamps to exchange them for St Helena postage or revenue stamps of equivalent value and in current use.

(3) Applications for exchanges under paragraph (2) should be made to the Post Office, Jamestown, St Helena, South Atlantic Ocean.

SCHEDULE

YEAR	STAMP ISSUE TITLE	RELEASE DATE
2015	Paintings of Main Street	9 November 2015
2015	Christmas 2015 – Santa Claus	21 November 2015
2016	Airport Part 2	1 January 2016
2016	Christmas 2016 – Carolling on Our Island	1 November 2016
2017	Post Box Walks	28 November 2017
2017	Christmas 2017 – Flowers at Christmas	28 November 2017
2018	Royal Wedding – Harry and Meghan	18 June 2018
2018	Farewell RMS St Helena	18 June 2018
2018	Christmas 2018 – The Light Parade	4 September 2018
2018	Airport Part 3	10 October 2018
2019	Jonathan, World's Oldest Animal	19 September 2019
2020	Seven Wonders of St Helena	6 February 2020
2020	Christmas 2020 – The Nativity of Jesus	1 September 2020
2021	Bicentenary of the Death of Napoleon	8 February 2021