



## ASCENSION

### REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS, 2017

### INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC UTILITIES

### **POST OFFICE (ASCENSION) ORDINANCE, 1898<sup>1</sup>**

*Ordinance SH1 of 1898  
In force 14 February 1898*

*Applied to Ascension by Cap. 5 of 1951 Revised Edition.*

*Amended by SH 5 of 1994*

*The text also modifies the St Helena Ordinance to the circumstances of Ascension as required by section 2(2) of the St Helena Law (Application to Ascension) Ordinance, 1988<sup>2</sup>.*

*SH subsidiary legislation:*

#### **POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS (INVALIDATION) ORDER, 2008**

*Legal Notice 11 of 2008*

*Ascension subsidiary legislation:*

#### **POST OFFICE (RATES OF CHARGE) ORDER, 2012**

*Legal Notice A3 of 2012. Replaced by:*

#### **POST OFFICE (RATES OF CHARGE) ORDER, 2014**

*Legal Notice A3 of 2014*

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### **POST OFFICE (ASCENSION) ORDINANCE, 1898**

#### ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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<sup>1</sup> *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 18 December 2017.*

<sup>2</sup> “(2) The said law of St Helena applies to Ascension 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.”

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

### **Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Post Office (Ascension) 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 Ascension;
  - (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 Ascension.<sup>3</sup>

(2) The Governor may from time to time by order provide for all matters relating to the practice, procedure and jurisdiction in Ascension, 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 Ascension.

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## **POST OFFICE ORDINANCE, 1898**

### **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.

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

## **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))

*Omitted; see the St Helena Post office Ordinance, 1898*

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## **POST OFFICE (ASCENSION) ORDINANCE, 1898**

### **POST OFFICE RATES OF CHARGE (ASCENSION) ORDER, 2014**

(Section 3(a))

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Post Office (Rates of Charge)(Ascension) Order, 2014, and comes into force on 1 April 2014.

#### **Rates for mail**

**2. (1)** The rates of postage and other charges on postal items sent to external destinations from the Post Office of Ascension are those set out in the Schedule.

**(2)** In the Schedule—

- (a)* “letter” means a postal item (not being a postcard or an aerogram) which does not exceed 100g in weight, 353mm in length, 250mm in width, or 25mm in thickness;
- (b)* “packet” means a postal item (not being a letter, a postcard, or an aerogram) which does not exceed 2Kg in weight; and
- (c)* “parcel” means any postal item which is not a letter, a small packet, a postcard, or an aerogram.

### **SCHEDULE**

(Paragraph 2(1))

#### **Rates of Postal Charges**

#### **Part 1 – Surface Mail**

To St            All other

|              |   | Helena           | destinations              |
|--------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>(i)</i>   | <b>Letters</b>  |                  |                           |
|              | Not exceeding 20g                                     | £0.25            | £0.35                     |
|              | Exceeding 20g   | £0.50            | £0.70                     |
| <i>(ii)</i>  | <b>Postcards</b>                                      | £0.25            | £0.45                     |
| <i>(iii)</i> | <b>Packets</b>  |                  |                           |
|              | Not exceeding 100 grammes in weight                   | £0.35            | £0.60                     |
|              | Exceeding 100g but not exceeding 250g                 | £0.50            | £1.00                     |
|              | Exceeding 250g but not exceeding 500g                 | £0.80            | £1.30                     |
|              | Exceeding 500g but not exceeding 1000g                | £1.10            | £1.60                     |
|              | Exceeding 1000g but not exceeding 2000g               | £1.60            | £3.20                     |
| <i>(iv)</i>  | <b>Parcels</b>  | To Great Britain | South Africa<br>St Helena |
|              | Exceeding 2Kg but not exceeding 5Kg                   | £12.50           | £11.40<br>£5.75           |
|              | Exceeding 5Kg but not exceeding 10Kg                  | £20.00           | £16.50<br>£9.00           |
|              | Exceeding 10Kg but not exceeding 15Kg                 | £33.00           | £20.00<br>£11.50          |
|              | Exceeding 15Kg but not exceeding 20Kg                 | £45.00           | £24.00<br>£14.00          |
|              | For each additional Kg or part thereof <sup>(*)</sup> | £2.50            | £1.90<br>£1.60            |

(\*) The maximum permitted weight of a postal parcel is 30Kg.

For other destinations, the charge will be the charge to Great Britain or South Africa (as appropriate) plus the cost of onward postage to the destination.

**Part 2 – Air Mail** (All Destinations)

|             |  |       |
|-------------|--|-------|
| <i>(i)</i>  | <b>Letters</b>   |       |
|             | Not exceeding 10 grammes in weight                             | £0.55 |
|             | Exceeding 10g but not exceeding 20g                            | £0.65 |
|             | For each additional 20g or part thereof                        | £0.40 |
| <i>(ii)</i> | <b>Postcards</b>   | £0.50 |
| <i>(iv)</i> | <b>Packets</b>   |       |
|             | Not exceeding 100 grammes in weight                            | £1.25 |
|             | For each additional 20g or part thereof up to a maximum of 2kg | £0.30 |
| <i>(v)</i>  | <b>Aerogrammes</b>   | £0.75 |
|             | (Aerogramme plus postage)                                      |       |

**Part 3 – Registration** (All Destinations, Surface or Air Mail)

|                  |       |       |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| Registration fee | _____ | £1.00 |
|------------------|-------|-------|