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**THE POSTAL AMENDING REGULATIONS 1951**

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government House at Wellington, this 23rd day of  
May, 1951

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Postal Amending Regulations 1951.

2. Regulation 15 under the heading "General Book Post Regulations" of the regulations made pursuant to the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908, on the 17th day of January, 1910, and published in the *Gazette* on the 18th day of the same month at page 149, is hereby revoked.

3. Regulation 1 under the heading "Book Post" of the regulations made pursuant to the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908, on the 15th day of August, 1927, and published in the *Gazette* on the 18th day of the same month at page 2699, is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

" 1. (1) For the purposes of this regulation the term 'make up' means the method of folding, enveloping, wrapping, or otherwise preparing articles for transmission by post, and the term 'printed paper' includes a newspaper and a magazine.

" (2) For transmission by post, a commercial paper in the nature of an account, invoice, receipt, or similar business document, or a printed paper in the nature of a notice of meeting, circular letter, or similar printed notification, shall be enclosed in an unfastened envelope, unless another form of make up acceptable to the Post Office is approved beforehand. Otherwise a commercial paper or a printed paper shall be enclosed in a wrapper or unfastened cover (including an envelope), or shall be enclosed between boards secured with string easy to untie. In all cases the envelope, wrapper, or cover shall be capable of being opened easily to enable the contents to be examined fully without tearing the cover, breaking any seal, separating any adhering surfaces, or cutting any string. The securing of a packet or a small parcel containing commercial papers or printed papers by means of wire or gummed paper instead of string is permitted, without affecting the liability of the packet or parcel to be opened for examination; but an envelope containing commercial papers or printed papers which is

sealed with gummed paper, or fastened with a metal staple so that the contents cannot be readily examined, will be treated as a letter. An unfastened cover may be furnished with a blunt fastening if it is easy to raise and replace and is not dangerous.

“(3) In all cases articles must be made up in such a manner that there is no risk of their entrapping other articles. The words ‘commercial paper’ or ‘printed paper’, as the case may be, shall appear on the cover of each packet :

“ Provided firstly that pass books (but not statements of accounts current) of banks, building and friendly societies, companies, and similar bodies may be posted in closed covers at the rate for commercial papers if the covers are sufficiently open at the ends to enable the contents to be identified as such :

“ Provided secondly that a printed paper of the form and substance of a single post card may be posted without a cover if it conforms to the conditions laid down for the transmission of post cards :

“ Provided thirdly that a printed paper in the nature of a ‘Householder’ circular may also be posted without a cover if it is folded in a manner approved by the Post Office so as to facilitate its being placed in a gate letter box.

“(4) Articles which do not comply with this regulation as regards make up shall be returned to the sender through the Returned Letter Office, or otherwise dealt with as provided by regulations for the time being in force.”

4. The transmission by post of any postal packet which, by reason of the manner in which the packet is made up, addressed, or stamped, or which, by reason of the colour, type, shape, or dimensions of the packet itself or the envelope or covering in which the packet is contained, or which, because of the use of a badly reconditioned envelope or the use of a previously used envelope that has not been reconditioned, is in the opinion of the Director-General likely to hinder sorting in mail rooms is prohibited.

T. J. SHERRARD,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*[This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.]*

These regulations relate to the manner in which commercial papers and printed papers are to be made up for posting. They require that accounts, invoices, receipts, notices, and similar matter shall be enclosed in envelopes unless some other form of make up is approved. They provide that the transmission by post of postal packets likely to hinder sorting in mail rooms is prohibited ; and that “Householder” circulars, when posted unenclosed in a wrapper or cover, are to be folded as required by the Post Office for ease of handling.

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These regulations are administered in the Post and Telegraph Department.