



ST. HELENA

## CHAPTER 108

### **POST OFFICE ORDINANCE and Subsidiary Legislation**

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**CHAPTER 108****POST OFFICE ORDINANCE**

*(Ordinances 1 of 1898 and 5 of 1994)*

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.

**Commencement**

*[14 February 1898]*

**Short title**

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

**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.<sup>2</sup> 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 shall no longer be valid for that purpose.

**Postal laws of England in force**

4. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance all laws and regulations for the time being in force relating to the Post Office of the United Kingdom shall so far as the same are applicable be in force in St. Helena, and 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 provisions thereof in respect of such matters are deemed by him inapplicable to St. Helena.

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<sup>2</sup> Section 3 substituted by Ord. 5 of 1994

**POST OFFICE (RATES OF CHARGE) ORDER – SECTION 3***(Legal Notice 20 of 2013)**Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Post Office (Rates of Charge) Order, 2013, and shall come into force on 1 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 shall be 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, shall be those set out in the Second Schedule to this order.

**Revocation**

4. The Post Office (Rates of Charge) Order, 2011, is revoked.

**FIRST SCHEDULE****EXTERNAL POSTAL RATES AND OTHER CHARGES**

## PART I

## Surface Mail

	International	Ascension
(i) Letters—	£	£
For the first 20 grammes or part thereof	0.40	0.25
above 20g up to 50g	0.75	0.45
above 50g up to 100g	1.10	0.65
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

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(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—				
		Great Britain or Falkland Islands	South Africa	Ascension	Other countries
		£	£	£	Rate of postage to Great Britain or South Africa
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	2.50	2.00	1.50	(as the case may be) plus the onward postage therefrom to the country of destination
(Maximum weight 30kg)				
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

<b>SECOND SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>INTERNAL POSTAGE RATES AND OTHER CHARGES</b>		
(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

**POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS (INVALIDATION) ORDER, 2008***(Legal Notice 11 of 2008)***Citation and commencement**

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

**Invalidation of postage and revenue stamps**

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

(2) A period of six months from 1 May 2008 to 31 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 subparagraph (2) should be made to the Postmistress, Post Office, Jamestown, Island of St Helena, South Atlantic Ocean.

**SCHEDULE**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>STAMP ISSUE TITLE</b>	<b>RELEASE DATE</b>
1992	Homeward Round the Horn	24 January
1992	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HM QEII Accession to the Throne	6 February
1992	10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Ann. - 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 <sup>th</sup> Ann. – Marconi Radio Telecom.	28 March
1996	70 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Ann. -Discovery of St Helena Part 1	29 May
1997	Hong Kong Returns to China	20 June

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1997	Golden Wedding – HM QEII & Prince Philip	10 May
1997	Christmas –25 <sup>th</sup> Ann.- DOEAWS	29 September
1998	Union Castle Mailships – Part II	1 January
1998	Diana – Princess of Wales	4 April
1998	500 <sup>th</sup> Ann.-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	Philexfrance'99	5 May
1999	500 <sup>th</sup> Ann. – 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 <sup>th</sup> Ann. – 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 <sup>th</sup> Ann.- 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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