

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE No. 115 of 1925.

It is hereby notified for general information that, under the provisions of section *three*, sub-section (4), and of section *four* of Act No. 10 of 1911 of the Union of South Africa, as of force in Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and Swaziland, respectively, His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve of the following regulations governing a "Cash on Delivery" Service, to form part of the Postal Regulations.

By Command of His Excellency the
High Commissioner.

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,
Imperial Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,
Capetown, 28th July, 1925.

"CASH ON DELIVERY" SERVICE.

1. *Nature of Service.*—The "Cash on Delivery" service is one under which the Post Office, upon payment of the ordinary parcel post charges, plus a prescribed "Cash on Delivery" fee, undertakes to deliver parcels within Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and Swaziland; to collect from the addressee on delivery an amount specified by the sender called the *Trade Charge*; and to pay that sum to the sender of the article. The service is undertaken at all Money Order Offices, but after receipt of the Trade Charge at a Money Order Office, delivery of a parcel addressed to a person residing some distance therefrom can be obtained at the nearest postal agency at the addressee's risk.

2. *Trade Charge.*—Ordinarily, the Trade Charge in respect of any one parcel may not exceed—

- (a) in the case of silver and gold articles, jewellery, and ostrich feathers, £10;
- (b) in all other cases, £40.

If, however, the value of the contents of a parcel exceeds the amounts prescribed in (a) or (b), the parcel will be accepted subject to payment of the specified fees and the conditions laid down in paragraph 5.

3. *C.O.D. Fees.*—In addition to the postal charges, which must be affixed to the parcel in postage stamps, a "Cash on Delivery" fee is payable at the time of acceptance. The fee is based on the "Trade Charge." It is 1s. for amounts up to and including £1, plus 3d. for every additional £1 or part thereof, and covers insurance up to the amount of the Trade Charge, but not exceeding the sums specified in paragraph 2 (a) and (b). (C.O.D. parcels are accepted for registration or express delivery on payment of the usual fees applicable to those services.)

4. *Conditions of Acceptance.*—(a) The sender must affix to each parcel a C.O.D. label bearing the name and address of the addressee, the amount of the Trade Charge to be collected, a declaration certifying the nature of the contents of the parcel and that it is in execution of a bona fide order, and his signature and address. He must also complete, in ink, a Trade Charge card, to which the amount of the relative C.O.D. fee must be affixed in postage stamps. No erasure or alteration of any kind will be allowed in the amount entered on the Trade Charge card. On collection of the Trade Charge this card is returned as a voucher to the sender of the parcel, who presents it for payment in the same way as a money order.

(b) A certificate of posting must be obtained from a Money Order Office in respect of each parcel posted. The production of this certificate may be required as a condition of the payment of the Trade Charge.

(c) Parcels containing precious stones, coin, bullion, bank notes, or any other paper having a sign of monetary value, such as uncanceled stamps, coupons, and scrip, are not accepted C.O.D. Those containing silver and gold articles, jewellery, and ostrich feathers must be registered.

5. *Compensation.*—Compensation up to the amount of the Trade Charge, but not exceeding the sum specified in paragraph 2 (a) or 2 (b), will be paid in the case of the entire loss of a C.O.D. parcel whilst in the custody of the Post Office.

Failure to comply with any condition contained in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 will, without exception, debar consideration of a claim.

All claims must be lodged with the Postmaster at the office of origin of the parcel within three months of the date of posting.

6. *Delivery.*—(a) C.O.D. parcels will not be delivered by postmen. Advice of the arrival of a C.O.D. parcel, and the charges to be paid, will be forwarded to the addressee. If not claimed within fourteen days, advice of non-delivery will be forwarded to the sender, who may, within a further period of seven days, give instructions for its disposal, failing which the parcel will be returned to him, and a fee equal to the amount of the original postage charge collected on delivery.

(b) No receipt will be given to the addressee when payment of the Trade Charge is made.

(c) Cheques will not be accepted in payment of Trade Charges.

(d) Once a Trade Charge has been collected, the amount will in no case be refunded to the addressee.

7. *Reduction or Cancellation of a Trade Charge after Posting.*—The sender may, by making a formal request in writing, reduce or cancel the amount of the Trade Charge on a C.O.D. parcel on payment of 3d. in addition to any other costs necessarily incurred on account of the request. A fresh Trade Charge card, showing the altered amount and the particulars furnished on the original card, must be submitted with the written request.

8. *Examination of Parcels.*—Addressees or their agents will on no account be permitted to examine parcels before paying the Trade Charges.

Parcels Cash on Delivery.—

“Cash on Delivery” fee per parcel for collection of a Trade Charge not exceeding £1: 1s.

For each additional £1 or fraction thereof: 3d. additional.

[In the case of “Cash on Delivery” parcels, the fee for the certificate of posting (item 6) is regarded as being included in the “Cash on Delivery” fee.]