HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE No. 164 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 amendments of the Postal Regulations published under High Commissioner's Notice No. 115 of 1925.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

SHIRLEY EALES,
Acting Imperial Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,
Pretoria, 2nd December, 1925.

"CASH ON DELIVERY" SERVICE.

Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Regulations published under High Commissioner's Notice No. 115 of 1925 are hereby repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:—

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 accept parcels for delivery at post offices with the Union of South Africa, South-West Africa, 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.
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.

   Should, however, the trade charge to be collected in respect of any one parcel exceed the amount 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 value of the parcel but not exceeding the sums specified in paragraph 2 (*a*) and (*b*). Insurance is strictly limited to the total loss of a C.O.D. parcel during transit in the post. (C.O.D. parcels are accepted for registration or express delivery on payment of the usual fees applicable to those services.)

Section 4 (*b*) of the regulations is amended by the deletion therefrom of the words "from a Money Order Office."

Section 5 of the regulations is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

5. *Compensation.*—In the event of the total loss of any C.O.D. parcel occurring whilst in the custody of the Post Office, the Department undertakes to pay compensation up to an amount equal to the value of the parcel, but in no case exceeding the sum specified in paragraph 2 (*a*) or (*b*); provided that payment of compensation is optional when the loss is due to riot, civil commotion or war, military or usurped power, floods or tempest.

   Failure to comply with any conditions 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.