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POST OFFICE

# AIR MAIL

## LETTER POST TO CYPRUS

Customers are reminded that Cyprus is now included in the destinations to which All-Up rates apply; the new All-Up letter rate for Cyprus is the same as that for Gibraltar and Malta shown on page 6.

### Countries Outside Europe

**Blue Air Mail Label:** Free at any post office. You must either put a label on all air mail at the top left-hand corner on the address side, or you may write "By Air Mail" boldly in the same place, but the label is more likely to catch the sorter's eye.

**Air Letters:** Air Letter forms, postage 5p, may be sent to all countries. Enclosures are not permitted. You may get the special forms at post offices or use privately-manufactured forms which bear a statement that they have been approved by the Post Office, with the approval number. Unapproved forms will be treated as ordinary air mail letters.

**Printed Papers, Small Packets, and newspapers** may be sent by air. Some countries only accept Small Packets weighing up to 1lb, whereas the normal limit is 2lb (See Post Office Guide).

You must write the service you intend below the air mail label. Rates on pages 2-5.

The special rates for newspapers apply only to publications registered as newspapers at the P.O. Write "Newspapers" below the air mail label.

These classes of mail **must not** contain anything in the nature of a current letter. **THEY MUST BE SENT IN "OPEN" COVERS OR BE MADE UP IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENABLE EASY EXAMINATION WITHOUT THE NEED TO BREAK ANY SEALS.**

**Correct Postage Essential:** Please make sure that the correct postage is paid; underpaid air mail items may be sent by surface route and suffer delay.

**Insured Letters and Boxes** may be sent by air mail to many countries (see pages 2-5). Normal insurance fees are payable besides the air postage rate; (the Printed Paper rate applies for Insured Boxes).

**Literature for the Blind** may go by air mail to all countries at 1p for each 2 oz.

**Air Parcels** may be sent by air at the rates on pages 2-5. Where no rate is shown there is no service at present. Supplemental services as for ordinary parcels are available except that air parcels can be accepted for insurance to certain countries only (see pages 2-5). You must put a blue air mail label close to the address (each address if the parcel is addressed in more than one place), on the despatch note if one is used, and on the trade charge card for C.O.D. parcels. **Air parcels are usually given speedy customs clearance abroad.**

**The posting times** in this leaflet apply to the posting boxes in the front of London Chief Office, King Edward Building, King Edward Street, EC1A 1AA. *Note:* For mail to be weighed and rated, the counter at King Edward Building is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. At Trafalgar Square Branch Office, which is open always, mail can be weighed and rated at any time. Overnight and on Saturday evening and Sunday, the posting times in this leaflet also apply to Trafalgar Square B.O.

Ask at your Head or your Branch Post Office for local posting times. They are generally earlier than London Chief Office times. Glasgow and Manchester have some local posting times for North America.

**Transit Times:** Pages 2-5 give a guide to times of actual transmission of air mail letters to each country of destination. The times do not apply to air parcels, but still give some guide. The times are calculated from the time of posting at London Chief Office. They do not allow for intervals between arrival and delivery in the country of destination and they are not guaranteed.

**H.M. Forces:** Special air mail rates—particulars in leaflet PL (B) 3043 obtainable at post offices—apply to correspondence for H.M. Forces. Air parcels may be sent to the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force and the Army but there are no concessionary postage rates for these items. Generally, civilian postage rates apply, except to H.M. Ships in foreign waters, for which there are different rates. For rates to all types of authorised Forces addresses, see the Post Office Guide or ask at a post office.

So far as is possible the information in this leaflet is correct on the first of the month. Air Mail services are liable to alteration, but between monthly issues of the leaflet any post office will give particulars of important changes. Your Head Postmaster will supply leaflets free if you give him a standing order.







Insured services available Letters L Boxes B Parcels P	Letters per ½-oz. or part thereof	Postcards, Printed Papers, and Small Packets per ½-oz. (newspaper rates in brackets)	Air Parcels		To	Times of posting at the boxes in the front of King Edward Building, King Edward Street, EC1A 1AA and approximate times of transit							Days
			First lb.	Each lb. after		Not applicable to Air Parcels							
			£ p	£ p		Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1:20	45	SENEGAL	12.30 pm		1.15 pm		1.15 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1:15	50	SEYCHELLES			11.0 am					Variable
	5	3 (1½)	1:50	40	SHARJAH	As for Bahrain	7.30 am	6.0 pm	4.30 pm			6.0 pm	2-4
LP	7½	4 (2)	1:20	45	SIERRA LEONE								1-2
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1:30	75	SINGAPORE	12.30 pm	10.0 am	12.15 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	6.0 am	6.0 pm	2
LBP	9	5 (2½)	1:90	1:20	SOLOMON ISLANDS		7.30 am		7.30 am		7.30 am	12.15 pm	5-9
	7½	4 (2)	1:30	55	SOMALI Dem. Republic								
					Hargeisa		6.0 am		6.0 am				
					Mogadishu		2.0 pm		6.0 am			6.0 am	
	7½	4 (2)	1:30	70	SOUTH AFRICA	12.30 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1:45	70	SOUTH WEST AFRICA	12.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	1-2
					SOUTHERN YEMEN (People's Republic of)	See YEMEN (People's Democratic Republic of)							2-3
LP	5	3 (1½)	95	20	SPANISH Territories in North Africa	3.30 am	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	6.0 am	2-3
P	5	3 (1½)	1:20	45	SPANISH W. AFRICA	3.30 am	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	6.0 am	4-10
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1:20	55	SUDAN, Dem. Republic of	3.30 am	6.0 am	11.30 am	6.0 pm	11.30 am	12.15 pm	6.0 am	1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1:20	65	SURINAM	3.30 am		6.0 am	3.30 am	6.0 am			2-4
LBP	5	3 (1½)	1:00	30	SWAZILAND	12.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	1-2
LBP	9	5 (2½)	1:45	85	SYRIA	3.30 am		5.0 am	6.0 am	7.30 am	6.0 am	4.30 pm	1
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1:30	55	TAIWAN	3.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	2
					TANZANIA except Zanzibar	12.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	6.0 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	3.30 pm	1-2
LP	7½	4 (2)	1:50	70	THAILAND (Siam)	12.30 pm	12.15 pm	5.0 am	2.0 pm	11.30 am	2.0 pm	7.30 am	1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1:25	55	TIBET	As for India, Calcutta							7-12
P	9	5 (2½)	1:90	1:15	TOGO				4.30 pm				1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1:20	55	TONGA	As for Fiji						10.0 am	4-8
P	7½	4 (2)	1:25	50	TORTOLA (British Virgin Is.)	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am		6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	2-4
	7½	4 (2)	1:30	70	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am		6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	1-2
	5	3 (1½)	85	20	TRISTAN DA CUNHA	As for South Africa							Variable
	7½	4 (2)	1:15	55	TUNISIA	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	1
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1:25	50	TURKS & CAICOS IS.		9.0 am		6.0 am		6.0 am		2-6
P	5	3 (1½)	1:05	30	UGANDA	12.30 pm	6.0 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	6.0 pm	6.0 pm	1-2
P	7½	4 (2)	1:00	55	UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC	6.0 pm	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	11.30 am	6.0 pm	6.0 am	1-2
					UNITED STATES OF AMERICA								
					Boston	3.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	
					Chicago	3.30 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	
					Dallas, Miami	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	
					Los Angeles	3.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	6.0 am	7.30 am	6.0 am	7.30 am	
					Western States	3.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	6.0 am	7.30 am	6.0 am	7.30 am	
					New York		6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	1-2
					Philadelphia	3.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	
					Washington	3.30 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	
					Other Parts	3.30 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	
P					As for New York								
P					Alaska	As for Los Angeles							
	7½	4 (2)	1:25	50	Hawaii	As for Los Angeles							
LP	7½	4 (2)	1:40	75	UPPER VOLTA	3.30 pm	3.30 pm	3.30 pm	3.30 pm	3.30 pm	3.30 pm	3.30 pm	2-3
					URUGUAY	12.30 pm	3.30 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3.30 pm	1-2
					U.S.S.R. (Asia)	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	7.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	Variable
					(Letters by air to Moscow)								
	7½	4 (2)	1:50	60	VENEZUELA	12.30 pm	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1:50	75	VIETNAM, North	As for China, Peking							3-7
P	7½	4 (2)	1:50	75	VIETNAM, South		12.15 pm		5.0 am			7.30 am	2
P	9	5 (2½)	1:70	95	VIRGIN IS. OF U.S.A.	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am		6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	2-4
P	9	5 (2½)	1:85	1:15	WAKE ISLAND	As for U.S.A.,							4-5
LBP	5	3 (1½)	1:25	45	WESTERN SAMOA	As for Fiji							Variable
					YEMEN (Arab Republic)	As for Yemen (People's Democratic Republic of)							
P	7½	4 (2)	1:45	65	YEMEN** (People's Democratic Republic of)		6.0 am		6.0 am	4.30 pm	6.0 pm	6.0 am	1-2
					ZAMBIA								
					Lusaka, Livingstone	12.30 pm	7.30 am	2.0 pm	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	6.0 pm	2.0 pm	1-2
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1:30	55	Ndola	12.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	6.0 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	3.30 pm	1-2
					ZANZIBAR								

\* Formerly Somalia.

† Times of posting changed since previous issue.

‡ This weekly Despatch contains unregistered letter mail only.

\*\* Formerly Southern Yemen (People's Republic of)

⊙ Air transmission as far as Capetown only. Both air and surface mails are forwarded from the United Kingdom to South Africa for onward transmission by sea but, as the shipping outlets from Capetown are very irregular, the Post Office cannot guarantee that the use of the air-mail service will result in quicker delivery.

## Europe

**Letter Mail (The All-Up Service)** For Europe there is no special charge for air conveyance and no special need for air mail marking. Letters, letter packets and postcards are sent by air whenever this will give earlier delivery.

**Other Classes of Mail:** There is no air mail service to Europe for other classes of mail. If you want the quickest possible delivery for Printed Papers or Small Packets you should pay the letter rate or, where appropriate, the postcard rate. Literature for the Blind is sent by air free of postage up to 2 lb.

**Newspapers registered at the P.O. Rates:** Weight not over 1oz 3p; 2oz 5p; 4oz 7½p; 8oz 10p; 1lb 20p; 2lb 35p; 4lb 70p.

### Letter Mail Rates:

Weight not over 1oz 5p; 2oz 9p; 4oz 12p; 8oz 30p; 1lb 50p; 2lb 80p; 4lb 130p. (These rates also apply for surface letters to foreign countries outside Europe)

**But to Cyprus, Gibraltar and Malta** — Weight not over 1oz 3p; 2oz 5p; 4oz 7½p; 8oz 10p; 1lb 20p; 2lb 35p; 4lb 70 p. (These rates also apply for surface letters to Commonwealth countries outside Europe.)

**Postcards (to all countries) 3p**

### Air Parcel Rates:

To	First lb.	Each additional lb.	To	First lb.	Each additional lb.	To	First lb.	Each additional lb.
§ALBANIA	p	20	GIBRALTAR	p	15	POLAND	p	15
AUSTRIA	75	15	GREECE	80	25	PORTUGAL	85	20
BELGIUM	90	10	HOLLAND	95	15	§RUMANIA	90	20
§BULGARIA	90	20	HUNGARY	90	15	SPAIN (inc. Balearic Islands)	85	20
CORSICA	120	10	ICELAND	85	20	SWEDEN	85	15
CYPRUS	110	25	ITALY	95	15	SWITZERLAND	70	10
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	85	15	LUXEMBOURG	70	10	TURKEY	105	25
DENMARK	80	10	MALTA	90	20	U.S.S.R. (Europe)	105	35
FINLAND	90	20	NETHERLANDS	80	10	YUGOSLAVIA	90	20
FRANCE	120	10	NORWAY	100	15			
GERMANY	80	15						

§ These countries do not accept Insured parcels.

† The Insurance Service does not apply to Gift Parcels.

### AIR PARCELS FROM ABROAD. QUICK CUSTOMS CLEARANCE BY ADVANCE DOCUMENTATION

In general parcels from abroad containing goods of low value are cleared through Customs by the Post Office without the need for entry documentation, any charges due being collected by the postman on delivery. Air parcels are given priority in clearance over surface parcels.

Where entry documentation is required, however, regular importers by the air parcel post can speed customs clearance by lodging documents with HM Customs before the parcel arrives.

Details of this scheme, known as the **ADVANCE DOCUMENTATION SCHEME**, are given in Customs and Excise Notice No. 142 which may be obtained from any Collector of Customs and Excise or from the Secretary, HM Customs and Excise, King's Beam House, 39/41 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7HE.