

# AIR MAIL

## SUMMER SERVICES, 1925.

### I.—LETTER AIR MAILS.

1. Any kind of Letter Packet may be sent by Air Mail, *i.e.*, letters, postcards, printed papers and commercial papers and samples. Air Mail packets can be registered, but cannot at present be insured. An Air Mail packet may be posted in any of the ordinary ways of posting.

2. Any packet intended for transmission by Air Mail, besides conforming to the ordinary regulations of the letter post, **must**:—(1) bear an "Air Mail" label or manuscript equivalent, and sometimes a special marking in addition; (2) be prepaid with an Air Mail fee (*see* paragraph 4), in addition to the ordinary postage (foreign or Imperial—*see* paragraph 6).

3. "Air Mail" labels may be obtained free of charge at any Head or Branch Post Office, or on written application from the Secretary (Air Mails), General Post Office, London, E.C.1. The label should be affixed to the top left-hand corner of the cover of the packet. If a label is not available, the cover of the packet should be marked in the top left hand corner as prominently as possible, "By Air Mail"; but the use of the label minimizes risk of delay. If a special additional marking is required (*see* notes C and D), it should always be inserted *immediately beneath the label* (or its equivalent).

4. The Air Mail fee must be prepaid with postage stamps in the ordinary way. Any packet which is not fully prepaid with the appropriate Air Mail fee will not be sent by Air Mail.

5. Express delivery at the place of destination is not covered by the Air Mail fee. If express delivery is desired as well as transmission by air, an additional fee of 6d. (per packet) must be paid, and the cover of the packet must be prominently marked with the word "Express." Similarly, if registration is required, the usual fee must be prepaid.

6. The ordinary postage due (in addition to the Air Mail fee) on an Air Mail packet should be prepaid at the rate applicable to the class of letter packet concerned, *i.e.*, at the letter rate, printed paper rate, sample rate, etc., as the case may be.

7. As regards the LATEST TIME OF POSTING for the Air Mails (a) in London—*see* the separate London inset, (b) in the Provinces—enquiry should be made at the local Head Office.

### 8. LIST OF COUNTRIES SERVED BY AIR MAIL.

The numbers in brackets refer to the corresponding numbered routes overleaf. The air fee is invariable whichever route is used.

	AIR FEE (in addition to ordinary postage)		AIR FEE (in addition to ordinary postage)
ALGERIA (7A, 7B) ... ..	3d up to $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 6d. " " $3\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 3d. for each addl. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.	IRAQ (8) ... ..	3d. per oz.
AUSTRIA (1) (4A) ... ..	3d. per oz.	ITALY (2), (1) ... ..	3d. " "
BELGIUM (3) ... ..	2d. " "	JUGO-SLAVIA (1), (4A) ... ..	" " "
BULGARIA (1) ... ..	" " "	MESOPOTAMIA. (See IRAQ).	
CZECHO-SLOVAKIA (4A) ... ..	3d. " "	MOROCCO (7A), (7B), fee same as for ALGERIA.	
DANZIG (4A) ... ..	" " "	NORWAY (5), (6) ... ..	4d. per oz.
DENMARK (5) (6) ... ..	4d. " "	PERSIA (8), fee same as for IRAQ.	
E. BALTIC STATES (4B) ... ..	6d. " "	POLAND (4A) ... ..	5d. " "
FINLAND (4B) ... ..	6d. " "	RUSSIA (4B) ... ..	8d. " "
FRANCE (1) (2) ... ..	2d. " "	SPAIN (1) ... ..	2d. " "
GERMANY (unoccupied) (3), (4A), (5), (6).	3d. " "	SWEDEN (5), (6) ... ..	4d. " "
GERMANY (occupied) (3) ... ..	2d. " "	SWITZERLAND (2), (1) ... ..	3d. " "
GREECE (1) ... ..	2d. " "	TURKEY (1) ... ..	2d. " "
HOLLAND (4A) ... ..	2d. " "	U.S.A. (9)	
HUNGARY (4A) ... ..	3d. " "	Zone (1) NEW YORK—CHICAGO	5d. " "
		Zone (2) " " —CHEYENNE	10d. " "
		Zone (3) " " —SAN-FRAN-1/2	" "
		CISCO	" "
		(See also Note E.)	

Letters for Egypt, India or Australia, cannot be sent by Air.

## ROUTES.

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Route No.	Mail closes London G.P.O. (see Note A).	AIR ROUTE.	(a) Delivery normally obtained at certain principal places. (b) Onward connexion by ordinary route.	Estimated saving of time of transit.	Useful period of posting at G.P.O., London, each week-day (see Note B).
1	11 a.m.	LONDON—PARIS ...	(a) Paris same evening. Most of France next morning. (b) By Night Mail trains from Paris same day.		7.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
2	6.15 a.m.	LONDON — PARIS — BÂLE — ZÜRICH.	(a) Paris same afternoon. Most of France next morning. (a) Bâle and Zurich same evening if express fee paid. Most of Switzerland first delivery next morning. (b) By Night Mail trains from Bâle same evening. (To Italy, etc.).	Up to 12 hours.	6 p.m. to 6.15 a.m.
3	6.15 a.m.	LONDON—BRUSSELS —COLOGNE.	(a) Brussels, Antwerp, same afternoon or evening. (a) Cologne (Rhine Army), same afternoon. (Civil addresses), same afternoon. (b) By Night Mail trains from Cologne same day.		6 p.m. to 6.15 a.m. 12 noon to 6.15 a.m. 6 p.m. to 6.15 a.m.
4A	6.15 a.m.	LONDON — AMSTER- DAM—HANOVER— BERLIN.	(a) Rotterdam and Amsterdam same afternoon. Rest of Holland same evening or first delivery next morning. (a) Hanover, Berlin, same afternoon or evening if express fee paid. Dresden, Breslau, etc., by first post next morning. (b) By Night Mail trains from Berlin same day.		6 p.m. to 6.15 a.m.
4a	6.15 a.m.	LONDON — AMSTER- DAM — HANOVER —BERLIN AND KÖNIGSBERG TO:— HELSINGFORS. MOSCOW.	(a) Helsingfors or Moscow, morning of second day after posting. (a) Memel, Riga, Reval. Evening of day after posting. (b) Lithuania, Lettonia, Estonia and part of Finland, morning of second day after posting.	3 days. 1½ days. 1 day.	Continuous
5	6.15 a.m.	LONDON — AMSTER- DAM — HAMBURG —COPENHAGEN— MALMÖ.	(a) Hamburg same evening, if express fee paid. Copenhagen, same evening. Stockholm and Oslo next morning and afternoon respectively.		6 p.m. to 6.15 a.m. Continuous
6	6.0 p.m. (exc. Sats).	ROTTERDAM—HAM- BURG — COPEN- HAGEN.	(a) Hamburg, next afternoon. Copenhagen next evening. Stockholm and Oslo morning and afternoon respectively of second day after posting.		Noon to 6 p.m. Continuous
7a	6.0 p.m.	TOULOUSE — CASA- BLANCA AND ORAN. (See Note C).	(a) Tangier and Casablanca evening of second day after posting. (a) Oran, evening of second or morning of third day after posting. (a) Algiers, morning of third or fourth day after posting.	1 day.	Continuous
7b	6.15 a.m.	TOULOUSE — CASA- BLANCA AND ORAN. (See Note C).	(a) Tangier and Casablanca evening of day after posting. (a) Oran, evening of day after, or morning of second day after, posting. (a) Algiers, morning of second or third day after posting.	1½ days.	
NOTE.—Morocco includes Tangier, Tetuan, Larache, and French Zone.					
8	6.0 p.m. (alternate Thurs.)	CAIRO — BAGHDAD. (See Note D)	(a) Baghdad—in about 9 days. (b) Persia N. and W., Teheran, Ispahan, etc., and as far as Bushire.	Up to 16 days.	Continuous.
9	Normally 2.0 a.m. Sats. and Weds.	NEW YORK—SAN FRANCISCO.	(a) Chicago about 8 days. (a) Cheyenne and San Francisco about 9 days. (b) See Note E.	1-2 days.	Continuous.

## Notes.

A.—For postings in the public letter box each week-day, unless otherwise stated.

B.—A packet posted before or after the indicated times at the General Post Office, London, or corresponding times of collection elsewhere in London, would normally fall into an ordinary despatch by which it would reach its destination as soon as or sooner than by the next Air Mail (see paragraph 23).

C.—Packets must be plainly marked immediately below the Air Mail label (or manuscript equivalent) "Par avion de Toulouse." Particulars, so far as information is available, of the periods during which letters may usefully be posted by Air Mail to places in Algeria will be furnished on application to the Secretary, Air Mails, General Post Office, London, E.C. 1.

D.—Packets must be plainly marked immediately below the Air Mail label (or manuscript equivalent) "Cairo-Baghdad." The dates of the next fortnightly despatches from London will be as follows:—(On the evenings of Thursdays) June 25, July 9, 23, August 6, 20, etc. For particulars of the Haifa-Baghdad Motor Service, see the Post Office Guide.

E.—Zone (1). Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa (except Iowa City—see under Zone (2)), Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania (Bellefonte only), Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin.

Zone (2). Colorado, Iowa (Iowa City only), Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming (except Rawlins and Rock Springs).

Zone (3). California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington State, Wyoming (Rawlins and Rock Springs only).

## II.—AIR PARCEL SERVICES TO HOLLAND AND GERMANY (including the British Army of the Rhine).

10. **Accepting Offices.**—Air parcels may be posted at any District or Branch Post Office in London, and at any Head Post Office in the Provinces. In many of the larger towns, such as Manchester and Birmingham, air parcels can also be handed in at one or more subordinate Post Offices. A list of these can be obtained on application at the local Head Office.

11. The special facilities of **Express Delivery**, and (in the case of parcels for Holland but not for Germany) of **Cash-on-Delivery**, and **payment** by the sender of **Customs charges**, are afforded on the same conditions as in the case of the ordinary Parcel Post. Parcels for transmission by air **cannot be insured**.

12. As regards **dimensions**, the **making out of Customs Declarations and Despatch Notes**, **compensation in the event of loss or damage**, **return in the event of non-delivery, etc.**, air parcels are subject to the same regulations as parcels sent by ordinary parcel post. It is particularly important, in the case of an air parcel, that the **relative Customs Declaration and Despatch Note should be completed with the utmost care and accuracy**; otherwise the parcel is liable to delay in Customs clearance and delivery at the other end, and may lose the benefit of transmission by air post. The sender must see that, either before or at the time of posting, an "Air Mail" label is carefully affixed to the parcel close to the address where it will not easily be overlooked.

**The maximum weight for an Air parcel remains for the present unchanged at 11 lbs.**

13. **Route and time of transmission.**—By direct aeroplane from Croydon on weekdays, usually on the day after posting, (i) to **Rotterdam** and **Amsterdam** for delivery there the same evening, and in all parts of **Holland** by the second morning, (ii) to **Cologne** for delivery there the same evening, or onward transmission to any part of **Germany** by ordinary route. Speedy Customs clearance of air parcels is given both in Holland and in Germany, and, even without payment of the extra fee for express delivery, the saving in time of transit by the use of the air post should be from one to several days.

14. As regards the **latest time at which** an air parcel may be **posted** at a given accepting Office, for transmission by the next air parcel despatch from London to the country of destination, enquiry should be made of the local Head Post Office.

15. **Fees** (inclusive of inland as well as air conveyance, but exclusive of express delivery, the fee for which is 6d. per parcel):—

Country of Destination.	2 lb.	For parcels not exceeding:—		
		3 lb.	7 lb.	11 lb.
Holland ... ..	3/-	3/-	6/-	8/6
Germany (civil addresses)...	3/6	6/-	6/-	8/6
do. (British Army of the Rhine and British Commissions)	2/-	5/6	5/6	8/-

## III.—AIR PARCEL SERVICES TO PARIS (SEMI-OFFICIAL).

16. Air Parcels may be posted for **Paris**, but not for any other place in France. Imperial Airways, Ltd., undertakes the clearance of the parcels through the French Customs and their subsequent delivery at any address within the walls of Paris at a combined charge to the addressee of 2 f. 75 per parcel. Delivery in many of the suburbs is also undertaken at a combined charge to the addressee of 6 f. 50 per parcel (see paragraph 17).

17. The sender, and not the Post Office or the Air Company, is responsible for seeing that the address of any parcel sent by air to Paris comes within the indicated area. If it does not, the parcel will ordinarily be returned undelivered to the sender (*see* paragraph 19). The names of the suburbs of Paris where delivery is undertaken are:—Asnières, Aubervilliers, Bagnolet, Boulogne (not to be confused with Boulogne-sur-mer), Clichy, Courbevoie, La Plaine St. Denis (**not** St. Denis), Les Lilas, Levallois-Perret, Neuilly, Pantin, Pré Saint-Gervais, Puteaux, St. Mande, St. Ouen, Vincennes.

18. **Accepting Offices, etc.**—The regulations shown in paragraphs 10, 11, and 12 above apply. **The latter part of regulation 12 should be particularly observed. Redirection to places beyond Paris is not, however, undertaken,** and the services are **not available** for Cash-on-Delivery parcels or those on which the senders desire to undertake the payment of Customs charges.

19. **Undelivered Air Parcels for Paris.**—In the absence of other instructions, an undelivered air parcel is returned to the sender, who is liable for all charges incurred. These charges will include the cost of return by air, etc., and may also include French Customs charges. In view of the expense to which the sender may be put through the return of an air parcel, he is strongly recommended in every case to show clearly on the relative Despatch Note, and on the cover of the parcel, whether, in the event of non-delivery, the parcel is to be (a) treated as abandoned, or (b) delivered at an alternative address, or, if that is not possible, returned to him.

20. Air parcels may be sent to Paris by "EXPRESS" or "NON-EXPRESS" Service. An "EXPRESS" parcel is normally forwarded by air on the day after posting (*see* paragraph 22), and **delivered in Paris on the same evening or the following morning.** In the case of a NON-EXPRESS parcel the interval between posting and delivery is normally one or two days longer, but should still be substantially less than in the case of a parcel for Paris sent by the ordinary parcel post.

21. **Fees.**—The fees chargeable on such parcels (inclusive of inland as well as air conveyance, but exclusive of the Customs clearance and delivery charge payable by the addressee—*see* paragraph 16) are as follows:—

	For parcels weighing up to 2 lb.	2-5 lb.	5-8 lb.	8-11 lb.
"Express" service ... ..	1/9	3/-	4/6	6/-
"Non-express" service ... ..	1/6	2/3	3/3	4/3

22. **The latest time** at which a parcel (express or non-express) for Paris can be **posted** at any accepting Office so as to reach the London Aerodrome on the following morning may be ascertained by enquiry at that Office. At certain special Offices in central London "express" parcels for Paris may be **posted in the morning** for air conveyance on the same day and **delivery on the same evening or the following morning**—*see* separate London inset.

#### IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

23. When an Air Mail letter is posted at such a time that it will certainly reach its destination earlier if forwarded by the next ordinary Mail, or if the destination in question is served by more than one air route, the letter will be forwarded by the quickest route available, whether air or ordinary. If, however, the sender has indicated by a special marking on the cover of the letter that air transmission, or transmission by a certain air route, is desired even at the expense of delay, such special marking will, as far as possible, be observed. Air parcels for the Continent are transferred to the ordinary route if flying is interrupted for a period by bad weather.

24. On production of the cover, the Postmaster-General is prepared to enquire into any case of alleged **delay** in transmission of an outgoing Air Mail letter or parcel, and to refund the amount of the special Air postage, when it is clear that, through the fault of the Air Service or of the Post Office, there has been no gain by the use of the Air Mail.

25. **Warning.**—The Air Mail Services are liable to be altered from time to time. Alterations will be announced in the Press, and correction slips to this Leaflet will be issued from time to time until a new edition becomes necessary. Any member of the public who wishes to use the Air Mails should make sure that he has a copy of the current edition, and of any correction slips issued.

26. The issue of new editions of this Leaflet will be notified in the newspapers. Up-to-date information regarding the Air Mails, and a copy of the current edition of the Leaflet and of any relative correction slip, can be obtained by applying to the Secretary (Air Mails), General Post Office, London, E.C.1, or at a Head Post Office.