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# AIR MAIL

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For general information about air mail services, see page 6

**SURCHARGE AIR MAIL SERVICES TO COUNTRIES OUTSIDE EUROPE**

Air Letters to all these countries: 6d. (see page 6).

Destination	Rates of Postage					Insured services available Letters (L) Boxes (B) Parcels (P)	Times of Posting at London Chief Office, King Edward Street, London E.C. 4, and approximate time of transmission to principal office from time of posting (Not applicable to Air Parcels)							
	Letters per 1-oz.	Post Cards	Second class mail per 4-oz. (newspaper rates shown in brackets)	Air Parcels per 4-lb.			Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.		
ADEN	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0		L B P		5.0 am		5.0 am	9.0 am			
AFGHANISTAN	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 6			3.30 am	11.30 am	8.0 am	6.0 am	11.30 am	6.0 pm		
ALASKA	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 6		P	As for U.S.A.							
ALGERIA	0 9	5	5 (3)	2 3		L B	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am		
ANTIGUA	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 3			2.0 pm	3.30 pm		4.30 pm	6.0 pm	4.30 pm		
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC	1 3	8	6 (4)	9 9		L B P	3.30 am		6.0 am	6.0 am	3.30 am	6.0 pm	4.30 pm	
ASCENSION			(No Service)											
AUSTRALIA	1 6	9	7 (5)	13 0		P	6.0 pm	2.0 pm	3.30 pm	2.0 pm	8.30 pm	8.30 pm		
AZORES	0 9	5	5 (3)				3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am		
BAHAMAS	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 0		P	2.0 pm	3.30 pm	4.30 pm			4.30 pm	4.30 pm	
BAHRAIN	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0		P	3.30 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	8.0 am			6.0 pm	
BANKS ISLANDS	1 6	9	7 (5)				As for Australia							
BARBADOS	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 3		P	2.0 pm	3.30 pm	4.30 pm			6.0 pm	4.30 pm	
BELGIAN CONGO	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 0			3.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am		
BERMUDA	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 0		L B P	2.0 pm	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	6.0 pm	6.0 pm		
BOLIVIA	1 3	8	6 (4)				2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm		
BRAZIL (except Recife)	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 6			3.30 am		6.0 am	6.0 am	3.30 am	6.0 pm	6.0 pm	
Recife	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 6			3.30 am		6.0 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	6.0 pm	6.0 pm	
BRITISH GUIANA	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 9		L B P		4.30 pm				6.0 pm		
BRITISH HONDURAS	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 3		P		4.30 pm	4.30 pm			4.30 pm	4.30 pm	
BRUNEI	1 3	8	6 (4)	10 6			As for Malaya							
BURMA	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 6		L B P	3.30 am	11.30 am				11.30 am		
CAMBODIA	1 3	8	6 (4)				3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	
CAMEROONS, British	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 0			2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	
CAMEROONS, French	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 3			3.30 am	11.30 am	10.0 am	11.30 am	10.0 am	10.0 am		
CANADA (inc. Newfoundland)	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 6		P	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	
CANARY ISLANDS			Airmail rates as for Spain (see page 5)				3.30 am		6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	10.0 am		
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS			Letter rates as for Europe (see page 5)							6.0 am	5.0 am			
			No air parcel service available											
CAROLINE ISLANDS	1 6	9	7 (5)				As for Hong Kong							
CAYMAN ISLANDS	1 3	8	6 (4)				As for Jamaica							
CEYLON	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 9		L B P	6.0 pm	6.0 pm	12.15 pm	6.0 am	10.0 am	6.0 pm	6.0 pm	
CHILE	1 3	8	6 (4)	10 0		L B	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	6.0 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	4.30 pm		
CHINA (except Kwantung Province)	1 6	9	7 (5)				3.30 am	11.0 am	11.0 am	11.0 am	11.0 am	11.0 am		
Kwantung Province	1 6	9	7 (5)				3.30 am		8.0 am	8.0 am	11.30 am			
COCOS (Keeling Is.)	1 3	8	6 (4)	8 9		P	As for Australia							
COLOMBIA	1 3	8	6 (4)	10 0			2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm		
COOK ISLANDS	1 6	9	7 (5)				As for Australia							
COSTA RICA	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 9			2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm		
CUBA	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 9			2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm		
CYPRUS	0 9	5	5 (3)	2 9		P	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	5.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am		
DAHOMY	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 6			3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am		
DOHA	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0			2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm		
DOMINICA	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 0		P	As for Bahrain							
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 6				3.30 pm				6.0 pm		
DUBAI	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0		P	As for Bahrain							
ECUADOR	1 3	8	6 (4)				2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm		
EGYPT	0 9	5	5 (3)	2 9		P	3.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	9.0 am	5.0 am		
EL SALVADOR	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 0			2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm		
ERITREA	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0				5.0 am			5.0 am	5.0 am		
ETHIOPIA (Abyssinia)	0 9	5	5 (3)					5.0 am				9.0 am		
FALKLAND ISLANDS (inc. Dependencies)	1 3	8	6 (4)									3.30 am		
FANNING ISLAND	1 6	9	7 (5)				As for Australia							
FIJI ISLANDS	1 6	9	7 (5)	14 3			6.0 pm	2.0 pm	8.30 pm	2.0 pm	8.30 pm	8.30 pm		
FORMOSA (Taiwan)	1 6	9	7 (5)				As for Hong Kong							
FRENCH EQ. AFRICA	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 6			3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am		
FRENCH GUIANA	1 3	8	6 (4)				2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm		
FRENCH GUINEA	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 6			3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am		
FRENCH INDO-CHINA			(See Cambodia, Laos and Viet-Nam)				2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm		
FRENCH OCEANIA	1 6	9	7 (5)				As for Australia							
FRENCH SOMALI COAST	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 9			As for Aden							
FRENCH WEST INDIES	1 3	8	6 (4)					4.30 pm				6.0 pm	4.30 pm	

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 \* Air trans... de Janeiro and Sao Paulo only  
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Countries outside Europe—contd.

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	Letters per ½-oz.	Post Cards	Second class mail per ½-oz. (newspaper rates shown in brackets)	Air Parcels per ½-lb.		Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Days
NORTHERN RHODESIA	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 6	P	3.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	12.15 pm	5.0 am	5.0 am	3-5
NYASALAND	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 6	P	3.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	11.30 am	12.15 pm	5.0 am	3-5
†PAKISTAN	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 6	L B P*	3.30 am	11.30 am	8.0 am	6.0 am	11.30 am	6.0 pm	8.0 am	4-5
PALESTINE	(See Gaza and Khan Yunis)												2
PANAMA (Republic of)	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 0		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2-4
PANAMA CANAL ZONE	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 0		As for Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2-4
PAPUA	1 6	9	7 (5)	13 0		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	6.0 am	4.30 pm	7-9
PARAGUAY	1 3	8	6 (4)	9 6		3.30 am	...	...	...	...	...	...	3-5
PERU	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 9		As for Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2-4
†PHILIPPINES	1 6	9	7 (5)	9 9		...	11.30 am	5.0 am	11.30 am	12.15 pm	5.0 am	5.0 am	Variable
PITCAIRN ISLAND	1 6	9	7 (5)	8 0		As for Indonesia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2-3
PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA	1 3	8	6 (4)	8 0		...	5.0 am	...	...	...	...	...	7-14
PORTUGUESE TIMOR	1 6	9	7 (5)	7 3		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3-5
PORTUGUESE WEST AFRICA (exc. Portuguese Guinea)	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 3		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3-5
Portuguese Guinea	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 6	P	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	...	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2-3
PUERTO RICO	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 6	P	As for Madagascar	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
REUNION	1 3	8	6 (4)	8 3		As for South Africa	...	...	...	...	...	...	Variable
§ST HELENA	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 3		2.0 pm	3.30 pm	...	4.30 pm	...	4.30 pm	...	3-4
†ST. KITT'S-NEVIS-ANGUILLA	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 3	P	As for Canada	...	...	...	...	...	...	4-5
†ST. LUCIA	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 3	P	2.0 pm	3.30 pm	...	4.30 pm	...	4.30 pm	...	3-11
ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 6		As for Australia	...	4.30 pm	...	6.0 pm	4.30 pm	...	4-8
†ST. VINCENT	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 3	P	As for Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	9-15
SAMOA, British	1 6	9	7 (5)	15 9	P	6.0 pm	2.0 pm	3.30 pm	2.0 pm	8.30 pm	8.30 pm	2.0 pm	4-7
SAMOA U.S.A. Territory	1 6	9	7 (5)	4 0		...	5.0 am	...	5.0 am	...	...	5.0 am	2-4
†SARAWAK	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 0		...	9.0 am	...	3.30 am	...	9.30 pm	...	2
SAUDI ARABIA	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0		As for Bahrain	...	...	...	...	...	...	Variable
SENEGAL	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 6		3.30 am	6.0 am	...	11.30 am	...	...	...	3-6
SEYCHELLES	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 9		As for Malaya	...	...	...	6.0 am	...	...	2-4
SHARJA	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0		As for Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
†SIERRA LEONE	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 0		As for Kenya	...	...	...	...	...	...	9-20
SINGAPORE	1 3	8	6 (4)	8 9	L B P	...	5.0 am	5.0 am	...	9.0 am	...	5.0 am	3-5
SOLOMON ISLANDS	1 6	9	7 (5)	4 6		3.30 am	11.30 am	5.0 am	11.30 am	12.15 pm	5.0 am	5.0 am	2-3
SOMALIA	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 9		3.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	3-5
†SOMALILAND PROT.	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0	P	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	1-2
SOUTH AFRICA	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 9		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3-5
SOUTHERN RHODESIA	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 6	P	...	4.30 pm	...	...	8.0 am	...	4.30 pm	3-5
SPANISH GUINEA	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 0		3.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	2-3
SPANISH W. AFRICA	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3-5
SUDAN, Republic of the	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0	P	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	10.0 am	6.0 am	4-10
SUDAN, French	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 6		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	1-2
SURINAM (Dutch Guiana)	1 3	8	6 (4)	8 0	L B P	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3-5
†SYRIA	0 9	5	5 (3)	2 9	P	...	4.30 pm	...	...	8.0 am	...	4.30 pm	3-5
TANGANYIKA TERRIT.	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 0	L B P	3.30 am	6.0 pm	10.0 am	6.0 am	11.30 am	9.0 am	6.0 am	2-3
†THAILAND (Siam)	1 3	8	6 (4)	8 3		3.30 am	11.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	2-3
TIBET	1 3	8	6 (4)	8 3		...	...	8.0 am	8.0 am	8.30 pm	8.30 pm	11.30 am	2-4
†TOGO, British Sphere	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 0		As for India	...	...	...	...	...	...	6-14
TOGO, French Sphere	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 6		...	11.30 am	11.30 am	8.0 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	8.0 am	3-5
TONGA	1 6	9	7 (5)	4 6		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	1-8
TORTOLA (British Virgin Is.)	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 3	P	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	...	6.0 pm	4.30 pm	...	3-4
†TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 3	P	...	3.30 am	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3.30 am	1-2
†TUNISIA	0 9	5	5 (3)	2 3		As for Bahamas	...	...	...	...	...	...	3-10
†TURKS & CAICOS IS.	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 0	L B P	3.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	2-3
UGANDA	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 0		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2-3
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 6	P	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	2-3
UPPER VOLTA	1 3	8	6 (4)	4 6		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2-3
URUGUAY	1 3	8	6 (4)	9 0		3.30 am	9.30 pm	...	6.0 am	3.30 am	...	6.0 am	2-3
U.S.S.R. (Asia)	Letter rates as for Europe (see page 5) No air parcel service available					(By air to Moscow)							
VENEZUELA	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 9		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3-4
VIET-NAM North	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 9		3.30 am	...	10.0 am	10.0 am	11.0 am	...	11.30 am	6-9
VIET-NAM South	1 3	8	6 (4)	7 9		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	2-8
VIRGIN IS. OF U.S.A.	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 9	P	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3-4
YEMEN	0 9	5	5 (3)	4 0		As for Aden	...	...	...	...	...	...	4-10
ZANZIBAR	1 3	8	6 (4)	5 3		3.30 am	11.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	3-6

†Times of posting changed since previous issue.

\*Air transmission to Karachi or Dacca only.

§Air mail correspondence is sent by air to South Africa, but the surface outlets both from South Africa and from the United Kingdom are irregular and the air mail route is therefore occasionally slower than the surface route. The Post Office cannot advise on the choice of route.

### EUROPE—LETTER MAIL

Letters, letter packets and postcards for all European countries, prepaid at the ordinary international postage rates, are in general despatched daily by air or surface transport\*, whichever offers earlier delivery. The postage rates, except for Gibraltar and Malta are :—Letters, 4d. for the first ounce and 2½d. for each additional ounce ; Postcards 2½d. For Gibraltar and Malta the rates are :—Letters 2½d. for the first ounce and 1d. for each additional ounce ; Postcards 2d.

Postings should be made as early as possible in the day. At the London Chief Office the latest time of posting (Monday to Friday) for the night mail despatch to the nearer European countries is 8.30 p.m. (9.30 p.m. for Belgium and France, except Alpes Maritimes).

**PAYMENT OF AIR POSTAGE IS UNNECESSARY ON CORRESPONDENCE TO EUROPE AND AIR MAIL LABELS SHOULD NOT BE USED.**

\*There is no air service to Poland for letters (or letter packets) exceeding 2 oz. in weight.

### EUROPE—AIR PARCELS

Insured parcels may now be sent by air to a number of European destinations. These are indicated by a § in col. 1 in the table below.

Destination	Rates of Postage		Destination	Rates of Postage		Destination	Rates of Postage	
	First lb.	Each additional lb.		First lb.	Each additional lb.		First lb.	Each additional lb.
1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
ALBANIA ... ..	s. d. 5 9	s. d. 3 3	§GIBRALTAR ... ..	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 3 0	§PORTUGAL ... ..	s. d. 4 3	s. d. 2 9
§AUSTRIA ... ..	4 0	2 3	§GREECE ... ..	5 6	4 3	ROUMANIA ... ..	No service	
§BELGIUM ... ..	2 9	1 3	§HOLLAND ... ..	(See Netherlands)		SPAIN (inc. Balearic and Canary Islands)	6 0	3 6
BULGARIA ... ..	4 6	3 0	§HUNGARY ... ..	4 0	2 9	§SWEDEN ... ..	4 3	2 6
§CORSICA ... ..	4 0	1 9	§ICELAND ... ..	6 6	4 0	§SWITZERLAND ... ..	3 0	1 9
§CZECHOSLOVAKIA	3 9	2 9	ITALY ... ..	4 3	2 3	§TURKEY ... ..	5 6	4 6
§DENMARK ... ..	3 6	2 0	§LUXEMBOURG ... ..	2 9	1 3	U.S.S.R. (Europe)	No service	
§FINLAND ... ..	5 0	3 3	§MALTA ... ..	4 0	3 6	VATICAN CITY STATE ... ..	4 3	2 3
§FRANCE ... ..	3 6	1 6	§NETHERLANDS ... ..	2 6	1 3	§YUGOSLAVIA ... ..	5 0	3 9
§GERMANY ... ..	3 3	1 9	§NORWAY ... ..	4 0	2 6			
(All Zones and all Sectors of Berlin)			POLAND ... ..	5 6	2 9			

†The express service is not available for air parcels for France as such parcels receive special treatment in delivery

### AIR MAIL SERVICES—GENERAL INFORMATION

**GENERAL CONDITIONS :** The normal regulations governing the make-up and acceptance of various categories of postal packets and parcels apply with equal force to items sent by air. Regulations are set out in detail in the Post Office Guide which may be consulted at any post office.

**Air mail label :** A blue air mail label, obtainable free of charge at any post office, must be affixed to each air mail item (except letters, letter packets and postcards for Europe) at the top left-hand corner on the address side; alternatively the indication "By Air Mail" may be written boldly in the same position, but the absence of an air mail label may lead to delay.

**Air Letters :** Air Letters, postage 6d., written on special Air Letter forms, may be sent to all countries. Enclosures are not permitted. The special forms may be obtained at post offices. Privately manufactured forms may be used only if they bear an indication that they have been approved by the Postmaster-General. Forms which do not bear such an indication will be treated as ordinary air mail letters.

**Second Class Mail :** Printed Papers, Commercial Papers, Samples, Small Packets (to those countries which admit them) may be sent by air to countries outside Europe at the rates shown in col. 4 on pages 2-4; special rates apply to Newspapers and Literature for the Blind—see below. There is a minimum charge of 7½d. for Small Packets to those countries which admit them. Second class mail items must be clearly superscribed in the upper left-hand corner of the cover, below the air mail label, for the particular service intended.

**Newspapers :** Publications registered as newspapers at the G.P.O.—and these items only—may be sent at the special rates of postage for newspapers shown on pages 2-4. Such items must be clearly superscribed "Newspapers" below the air mail label.

**Literature for the Blind :** This may be sent by air mail to countries outside Europe at the special standard postage rate of 3d. for each 2 oz.

**NOTE :** There is no Second Class air mail service to European countries. When it is desired that items normally transmissible as Small Packets, Printed Papers, Commercial Papers or Samples should be despatched by air (when this will offer earlier delivery) they must be sent as letters. Packets containing Literature for the Blind for which no postage has been prepaid are eligible for air conveyance provided that they do not exceed 2 lb. in weight. The air mail label is not used in the service to Europe.

**Insured Letters and Boxes :** Insured letters and boxes may be sent by air mail to those countries outside Europe against

which an indication appears in col. 6 on pages 2-4. Insurance fees are payable in addition to the letter rate in the case of insured letters, and in addition to the class air postage rate in the case of insured boxes. Boxes are subject to the minimum charge of 1s. insurance fee. Insured letters are sent by air to those countries in Europe which admit them where this will expedite delivery.

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