

## 3.2 MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS ON STAMPS

### IMPERFECT OR DEFACED STAMPS

Imperfect or defaced stamps are not valid for payment of postage. Stamps are cancelled by the Post Office as evidence of service rendered, and the re-use of stamps with intent to defraud is a punishable offence.

### OBSOLETE STAMPS

Postage stamps bearing signs of British Sovereignty are no longer valid for prepayment of postage and are not repurchased by the Post Office.

### REPRODUCTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS, POSTMARKS AND POSTAL FORMS

Unauthorised reproduction of postage stamps and postmarks is prohibited. Information as to the conditions under which reproduction may be authorised can be obtained from the Postmaster General, Hongkong Post Headquarters, 2 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong.

The Post Office Ordinance also forbids the unauthorised manufacture or issue of forms in imitation of postal forms.

Penalties are prescribed for any contravention of the Post Office Ordinance.

### REPURCHASE OF UNUSED OR SPOILED STAMPS

Stamps sold are not refundable or exchangeable but allowance is made under certain conditions for the purchase of unused postage stamps which :-

- (a) have been purchased for postal purposes, or
- (b) have been inadvertently and undesignedly spoiled or rendered unfit for use.

Stamps which have been removed from any material or cut out or detached from stationery will not be accepted. If the stamps are affixed to or imprinted on envelopes or other stationery, the envelopes and so on must be surrendered entire, any confidential matter being obliterated if necessary. No allowance can be made for the value of the stationery apart from the value of the stamps.

Commission is normally charged at the rate of 30% of the face value of stamps repurchased. A minimum charge of \$50 is made. The Postmaster General reserves the right to determine a higher percentage of commission in certain cases. Requests for repurchase together with the stamps should be forwarded to the Director (Finance), Hongkong Post Headquarters, 2 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong for consideration.

### CUT-OUT POSTAGE STAMPS

Embossed or impressed postage stamps/insignia cut out from those postage prepaid envelopes, picture card, postcards or aerogrammes Hongkong Post issued and bearing an indication or statement that such cut-out postage stamps/insignia are not valid on other mail items should not be used and accepted as valid postage prepayment or used in lieu of postage stamps for payment of postage charges.