

5.3 BULK BAG SERVICE

CONDITIONS

The Bulk Bag Service is available to firms who frequently post to places abroad :-

- (a) large numbers of newspapers or periodicals printed and published in Hong Kong; or
- (b) books, pamphlets or maps printed and published in Hong Kong.

Articles sent under this service are accepted in bulk, without postage stamps and at a reduced rate of postage. Application to use the service should be made to the Postmaster General, Hongkong Post Headquarters, 2 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong.

Commercial printed papers such as catalogues, prospectuses, price lists etc. may not be posted by the Bulk Bag Service. However, these papers may be posted in bulk and without postage stamps at the ordinary printed papers rate under the Permit Mailing system described in Section 3.

MAKE-UP

The items contained in the bags are subject to all regulations governing the contents and packing of oversea unregistered postal items. The covers of individual items must bear the full address of the recipient. The sender's address, if any, must be located in Hong Kong.

Posters are required to collect the necessary mail bags, labels and bag-ties from the Post Office, to sort the packets into the mail bags so that each bag contains only items for one office of destination, and then to label and seal the bags. Lists of offices of destinations to which articles are to be segregated may be obtained from the Post Office. Each bag should be made up as nearly as possible to weigh 30 kg, but must not exceed that weight, nor must it weigh less than 26 kg. For bulk bags destined for the United Kingdom, they must not weigh over 20 kg. If, after having made up at least one bag within those weight limits for a single office of destination, some items for that office of destination are left over, but are not enough to make up another bag weighing at least 26 kg (or 20 kg for bags destined for the United Kingdom), such items may be handed in to Hongkong Post in an unsealed 'residue' bag. Hongkong Post will accept only one such residue bag with each single office-of-destination consignment. Where the weight of mail for a single office of destination is less than 26 kg (or 20 kg for bags destined for the United Kingdom), the Bulk Bag Service may be used but the bag is charged at the minimum weight of 26 kg (or 20 kg for bags destined for the United Kingdom) per bag in addition to the charge calculated on per item basis.

When the bags have been made up, labelled and tied, the gross weight of each bag, rounded up to the nearest kg, should be written on the bag label. The bags should then be taken to the designated post office for posting.

POSTAGE PAID INDICATOR

The cover of any article posted under the Bulk Bag service must bear a printed or stamped indicator similar to that shown below :-

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| POSTAGE PAID HONG KONG PORT PAYE | Permit No. |
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The indicator must be shown in bold letters in a clearly drawn frame measuring 40 mm x 20 mm. The indicator may be printed or stamped in any colour provided it is distinctive, and not glaring, vivid or dazzling in effect. When it is used on an envelope, the indicator must be printed at the top right within 40 mm of the top edge. An individual Permit Number, which must be incorporated in the indicator, will be allocated to each user upon application for the service.

CHARGES

Countries are divided into different zones according to distance. The postage rates to these zones are shown in the Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.