

5.8 DIRECT AGENTS BAG SERVICE

CONDITIONS

The Direct Agents Bag service is available to firms who frequently post the following categories of mail to one addressee or agent overseas :

- (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.

The following articles affixed to or combined with the accompanying printed papers are admissible, provided that they are related to the printed papers with which they are being mailed. The weight of each article must not exceed 2 kg. CN22 or CN23 has to be prepared as appropriate.

- disks, tapes and cassettes;
- commercial samples shipped by manufacturers and distributors; or
- other non-dutiable commercial articles or information materials that are not subject to resale.

Canada does not accept or handle direct agents bags containing audio-visual articles or information materials received from other countries.

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.

MAKE UP

The bag or bags for an agent should be made up and handed over to the Post Office as described in BULK BAG SERVICE in this Section. In addition, the sender should affix, under the Post Office bag label, a white label not smaller than 140 mm x 90 mm bearing the full name and address of the agent and the name and address of the sender. The label must be made of sufficiently rigid canvas, strong cardboard, parchment, plastic material or paper glued to wood and must be provided with an eyelet. An additional copy of the white label should be enclosed in each bag for reference in case the bag label becomes detached in transit.

Bags addressed to an agent must not contain any packet addressed to any person or firm other than the agent. The usual limit of weight 2 kg for individual packets may be dispensed with, provided the total weight of the bag does not exceed 30 kg. However, direct agents bags destined for the United Kingdom must not exceed 20 kg.

The senders of all Direct Agents Bags are required to arrange for their agents to deliver the empty mail bags to the nearest Post Office for return to Hong Kong. They will be so returned without charge.

POSTAGE PAID INDICATOR

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

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 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.