

9.7 PRINTED PAPERS

DEFINITION

See under PRINTED PAPERS in Section 4.

RATES OF POSTAGE

See Postage Rates and Services Leaflet.

WEIGHT AND SIZE

The limit of weight is 2 kg for destinations abroad. Packets of books or pamphlets sent abroad may, however, weight up to 5 kg.

A periodical or magazine may be regarded as a book if it is published not more frequently than once a year.

The exceptional weight limit of 5 kg does not apply to commercial publications such as catalogues, price lists, etc.

For size limits, see LIMITS OR WEIGHT AND SIZE in Section 4.

MAKE-UP

See PRINTED PAPERS in Section 4.

ADMISSIBLE DOCUMENTS

The following articles or documents are transmissible as printed papers in the overseas post :-

- Address cards
- Advertisements
- Albums containing photographs
- Books
- Calendars
- Catalogues
- Correspondence courses sent by schools to their pupils and pupil's exercises in the original or with corrections but without any note which does not relate directly to the performance of the work
- Diaries (except when sent as goods)
- Drawings

- Engravings
- Greetings and visiting cards (subject to the conditions published in 'Printed cards' in *Additions and Alterations* under PRINTED PAPERS in Section 4)
- Impressions obtained by means of computer printers or typewriter posted simultaneously in several identical copies
- Maps
- Newspapers
- Notice of various kinds, printed, engraved, lithographed, mimeographed or photographed
- Pamphlets
- Paper patterns to be cut out
- Periodical works
- Photographs
- Pictures
- Plans
- Prospectuses
- Proofs of printing, corrected or uncorrected, with or without the relative manuscript
- Sheets of music (but not perforated sheets intended for use with automatic musical instruments)

The following are also admitted at the printed papers rate :-

- Letter post items exchanged between pupils of schools, provided that these items are sent through the principals of the schools concerned
- Manuscripts of works or for newspapers
- Musical scores or sheets of music in manuscript

ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS, ENCLOSURES, INADMISSIBLE ARTICLES

See under PRINTED PAPERS in Section 4.

LIABILITY TO CUSTOMS DUTY ABROAD

Advertising matter is subject to customs duty on entry into certain countries, notably Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. In some cases books also are liable to duty. Printed matter is not however debarred from transmission at the printed paper rate because of liability to customs duty.

LARGE POSTINGS ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN FIRMS

See under MISCELLANEOUS in Section 4.

BULK POSTINGS

Customers who frequently have large quantities of newspapers or periodicals published in Hong Kong, books, pamphlets, sheets of music (not perforated rolls) or maps, regardless of where they are published, for despatch abroad may make arrangements with Hongkong Post for such postings to be accepted in bulk.

See BULK AIRMAIL SERVICE, BULK BAG SERVICE and DIRECT AGENTS BAG SERVICE in Section 5.

PERMIT MAILING SYSTEM

See PERMIT MAILING SYSTEM in Section 3.