



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

**S.I. No. 415 of 2008**



INLAND POST AMENDMENT (No. 79) SCHEME 2008

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An Post, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 70 of the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act 1983 (No. 24 of 1983) as amended by Regulation 8(4) of the European Communities (Postal Services) Regulations 2002 (S.I. No. 616 of 2002), hereby makes the following Scheme:

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Inland Post Amendment (No. 78) Scheme, 2008.

2. This Scheme shall be operative with effect from the 3rd day of March, 2008.

3. In this Scheme:—

“the Principal Warrant” means the Inland Post Warrant, 1939 (S.I. No. 202 of 1939) as amended:-

“Scheme No. 36” means the Inland Post Amendment (No. 36) Scheme, 1986 (S.I. No. 362 of 1986), as amended;

“Scheme No. 78” means Inland Post Amendment (No. 78) Scheme, 2007, (S.I. No. 94 of 2007).

4. Words defined in the Principal Warrant shall have the same meaning in this Scheme.

5. All rates and charges payable upon letters and postal packets in this Scheme pertain to postal packets outside the “reserved area” as defined by the European Communities (Postal Services) Regulations 2002 (S.I. No. 616 of 2002).

6. All discounts receivable upon letters and postal packets in this Scheme pertain to postal packets outside the “reserved area” as defined by the European Communities (Postal Services) Regulations 2002 (S.I. No. 616 of 2002).

7. The first Schedule to the Principal Warrant is hereby amended by the substitution of the entries therein contained inserted by Regulation 7 of Scheme No. 78 by the entries in the First Schedule to this Scheme.

8. Regulation 9 of this Scheme applies to postal packets in respect of which agreements are made with An Post in order to achieve cost savings for An Post and the sharing of those cost savings with senders.

9. There shall be charged and paid upon postal packets posted to which this Scheme applies the rates specified at Item 1 in the First Column of the First

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Schedule to the Principal Warrant. Subject to the terms of the agreement agreed by the sender and An Post and this Scheme, a sender shall benefit from the discount per postal packet specified in the Second Schedule to this Scheme. Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 10 of the Principal Warrant, all postal packets to which this Regulation applies shall bear a prepaid Ceadunas stamp or franking impression approved by An Post.

10. The Fourth Schedule to the Principal Warrant is hereby amended by the substitution for the entries therein contained of the entries in the Third Schedule to this Scheme.

11. The First Schedule to Scheme No. 36 is hereby amended by the substitution of the entries therein contained relating to postal packets weighing more than 50g (as inserted by Regulation 12 of Scheme No. 78) of the entries in the Fourth Schedule to this Scheme.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**  
**RATES OF POSTAGE**

Col. 1 Description of Postal Packet	Col. 2 Rate of Postage (€)	Col. 3 Limit of Size	Col. 4 Limit of Weight	Col. 5 Conditions
1. Letter	0.55 per item (0.54 per item if franked 0.54 if item bears a Ceadunas)  0.95 per item 1.35 per item 1.90 per item 3.00 per item  2.20 per item 2.70 per item 3.85 per item 6.00 per item 7.50 per item  1.00	(1)* <b>Minimum dimensions:</b> 90mm x 140mm x 0.18mm, with a tolerance of 2mm. <b>Maximum dimensions:</b> 162mm x 235mm x 5mm.  (2)* <b>Minimum dimensions:</b> 90mm x 140mm x 0.18mm. <b>Maximum dimensions:</b> 300 mm x 400 mm x 25mm.  (3)* <b>Minimum dimensions:</b> 70mm x 100mm x 25 mm (In roll form: length and twice diameter: 170mm, greatest dimension not less than 100mm). <b>Maximum dimensions:</b> Length, width and depth combined: 900 mm, greatest dimension not exceeding 600mm, with a tolerance of 2mm (In roll form: length and twice diameter: 1040mm, greatest dimension not exceeding 900mm) with a tolerance of 2mm.  *Where a letter falls within more than one of 1(1), 1(2) or 1(3) above, the category giving the lowest rate of postage shall prevail.	51 — 100g  51 — 100g 101g — 250g 251g — 500g 501g — 1kg  0 — 100g 101g — 250g 251g — 500g 501g — 1kg 1kg — 2kg  Each additional 500g	A letter upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage thereon is prepaid shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the deficient postage plus a handling charge of 63c.
2. Literature and articles for the blind	Transmission without charge	As for Letter item.	7 kg	

SECOND SCHEDULE  
DISCOUNTS  
TABLE A  
Machinable Postal Packets

Machinable postal packets are postal packets which are capable of being processed by An Post's automated sorting equipment. The postal packets to which this table applies shall bear a prepaid Ceadunas stamp or franking impression approved by An Post.

Type of Postal Packet	POP Letter	Flat	Flat	Flat	Flat
Weight	51-100g	51-100g	101-250g	251-500g	501g-1kg
Presentation of in excess of 2000 postal packets at An Post Mail Centre					
1. Presentation pre-15.00, >0% auto-sort	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.17	0.20
2. Presentation pre-15.00, 85% auto-sort	0.10	0.13	0.21	0.25	0.30
3. Presentation pre-noon, >0% auto-sort	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.18	0.21
4. Presentation pre-noon, 85% auto-sort	0.11	0.15	0.22	0.27	0.31
5. Deferred processing pre-noon, >0% auto-sort	0.12	0.15	0.17	0.20	0.24
6. Deferred processing pre-noon, 85% auto-sort	0.13	0.19	0.26	0.31	0.35
Presentation of in excess of 350 postal packets bearing a franking impression approved by An Post or presentation of in excess of 2000 postal packets bearing a prepaid Ceadunas stamp at An Post office of Acceptance					
7. Deferred processing pre-noon, >0% auto processing	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.17	0.20

For the purposes of this table:

1. A “**POP Letter**” is a postal packet with the following dimensions:

**Minimum dimensions:**

90mm x 140mm x 0.18mm.

**Maximum dimensions:**

162mm x 230mm x 5mm.

2. A “**Flat**” is a postal packet with the following dimensions:

**Minimum dimensions:**

160mm x 250mm x 0.75mm.

**Maximum dimensions:**

250 mm x 350 mm x 18mm.

3. An “**An Post Office of Acceptance**” means those offices designated for the purposes of this Scheme by An Post, in any location.

4. An “**An Post Mail Centre**” means the Dublin Mail Centre, the Portlaoise Mail Centre, the Athlone Mail Centre or the Cork Mail Centre.

5. “**Auto-sort**” means sortation by An Post’s automated sorting equipment.

6. “**Deferred Processing**” means sortation at least one business day after the postal packet enters the public postal network.

**TABLE B**  
**Non-machinable Postal Packets**

The postal packets to which this table applies shall bear a prepaid Ceadunas stamp or franking impression approved by An Post.

Type of Postal Packet	Letter	Flat	Packet	Flat	Packet	Flat	Packet	Flat	Packet	Flat	Packet
Weight	51-100g	51-100g	0-100g	101-250g	101-250g	251-500g	251-500g	501g-1kg	501g-1kg	501g-1kg	501g-1kg
Presentation of in excess of 2000 postal packets at an An Post Mail Centre	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1. Presentation pre-15.00	0.08	0.08	0.16	0.07	0.12	0.06	0.11	0.06	0.11	0.06	0.09
2. Deferred processing pre-noon	0.10	0.13	0.22	0.10	0.18	0.11	0.16	0.09	0.16	0.09	0.12
Presentation of in excess of 2000 postal packets at An Post Office of Acceptance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Pre-sorted pre-17.30	0.10	0.13	0.20	0.10	0.17	0.17	0.26	0.16	0.26	0.16	0.22
4. Pre-sorted pre-noon	0.11	0.16	0.24	0.14	0.20	0.19	0.30	0.18	0.30	0.18	0.24
Presentation of in excess of 350 postal packets bearing a franking impression approved by An Post or presentation of in excess of 2000 postal packets bearing a prepaid Ceadunas stamp at An Post Office of Acceptance											
5. Deferred processing pre-noon	0.06	0.06	0.14	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.07

For the purposes of this table:

1. A “**Letter**” is a postal packet with the following dimensions:

**Minimum dimensions:**

90mm x 140mm x 0.18mm.

**Maximum dimensions:**

162mm x 235mm x 5mm.

2. A “**Flat**” is a postal packet with the following dimensions:

Save insofar as an item falls within the dimensions specified at 1 above:—

**Minimum dimensions:**

90mm x 140mm x 0.18mm,.

**Maximum dimensions:**

300 mm x 400 mm x 25mm.

3. A “**Packet**” is a postal packet with the following dimensions:

Save insofar as an item falls within the dimensions specified at 1 or 2:—

**Minimum dimensions:**

70mm x 100mm x 25 mm (In roll form: length and twice diameter: 170mm, greatest dimension not less than 100mm).

**Maximum dimensions:**

Length, width and depth combined: 900 mm, greatest dimension not exceeding 600mm, (In roll form: length and twice diameter: 1040mm, greatest dimension not exceeding 900mm) with a tolerance of 2mm.

4. An “**An Post Mail Centre**” means the Dublin Mail Centre, the Portlaoise Mail Centre, the Athlone Mail Centre or the Cork Mail Centre.

5. An “**An Post Office of Acceptance**” means those offices designated for the purposes of this Scheme by An Post, in any location.

6. “**Deferred Processing**” means sortation at least one business day after the postal packet enters the public postal network.

7. “**Pre-sorted**” means items pre-sorted according to the required pre-sort specifications supplied from time to time by An Post.



THIRD SCHEDULE  
REGISTERED POSTAL PACKETS

Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
Description of item	Charge	Limit of Weight	Maximum Compensation
1. Postal Packet	€5.25	Up to 100 g	Registration service provides for compensation up to €320
	€5.75	250 g	In respect of postal packets sent to an address in Ireland
	€6.75	500g	(a) For an additional payment of €4.00, maximum compensation to €1,500
	€9.50	1 kg	(b) For an additional payment of €5.00, maximum compensation to €2,000
	€12.00	2 kg	

FOURTH SCHEDULE  
 POSTAL SERVICE — RATES OF POSTAGE (€)  
 More Than 50g

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7
Description of postal packet	Weight	Limit of Size	Volume Requirement	Volume requirement	Volume Requirement	Volume Requirement
Items posted in the Postmail Service	51 — 100g	<p>(1)*  <b>Minimum dimensions:</b>            90mm x 140mm x 0.18 mm.  <b>Maximum dimensions:</b>            162mm x 235mm x 5mm.</p> <p>(2)*  <b>Minimum dimensions:</b>            90mm x 140mm x 0.18mm.  <b>Maximum dimensions:</b>            300 mm x 400 mm x 25mm.</p> <p>(3)*  <b>Minimum dimensions:</b>            70mm x 100mm (In roll form: Length and twice diameter; 170mm, greatest dimension not less than 100mm).  <b>Maximum dimensions:</b>            Length, width and depth combined 900mm greatest dimension not exceeding 600mm, (In roll form: Length and twice diameter; 1040mm, greatest dimension not exceeding 900mm).</p> <p>*Where a letter falls within more than one of (1), (2) or (3) above, the category giving the lowest rate of postage shall prevail.</p>	2,000 — 75,000	75,001 — 250,000	250,001 — 500,000	500,000 +
			0.42	0.40	0.38	0.37
			0.69	0.65	0.63	0.63
			1.96	1.96	1.96	1.96

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7
Description of postal packet	Weight	Limit of Size	Volume requirement 2K — 75K	Volume requirement 75,001K + — 250K	Volume requirement 250K + — 500K	Volume requirement 500K +
Items posted in the Postal Service	101 — 250g	(1)* <b>Minimum dimensions:</b> 90mm x 140mm x 0.18mm. <b>Maximum dimensions:</b> 300 mm x 400 mm x 25mm.	1.04	1.00	0.98	0.98
	251 — 500g		1.32	1.27	1.24	1.24
	501 — 1kg		1.84	1.75	1.71	1.71
	101 — 250g	(2)* <b>Minimum dimensions:</b> 70mm x 100mm (In roll form: length and twice diameter: 170mm, greatest dimension not less than 100mm). <b>Maximum dimensions:</b> Length, width and depth combined: 900 mm, greatest dimension not exceeding 600mm, (In roll form: length and twice diameter: 1040mm, greatest dimension not exceeding 900mm).	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
	251 — 500g		3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55
	501 — 1kg		5.76	5.76	5.76	5.76
*Where a letter falls within (1) and (2) above, the category giving the lowest rate of postage shall prevail.						



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3 March 2008

Present when the Common Seal of An Post was affixed hereto:  
DONAL CONNELL.  
Director



3 March 2008

MICHAEL TYNDALL.  
Secretary

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

This Scheme applies to the Inland Post Service and shall be operative from the 3rd day of March, 2008. It changes the rates of postage for items and certain services outside of the reserved area as defined in the European Communities (Postal Services) Regulations 2002 (S.I. No. 616 of 2002). It authorises increases in the rates of postage and fees charged for Postaim Services above 50 grammes.

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