

INSTRUCTIONS OF SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

INTERNATIONAL MAILS CHANGES—POSTAL GUIDE 1946—PART II

CHANGE No. 44.

Section 49 on page 30, as amended by Change No. 27, published in the *POSTAL BULLETIN* of April 3, 1947, and reprinted on page 53 of the April 1947 Supplement, is further amended by deleting the entire Section.

(NOTE.—The regulations of the Treasury Department on which the instructions contained in section 49 of part II were based have been revoked. Therefore, effective at once, special treatment of mail articles from abroad which may contain securities is no longer required.)

INSTRUCTIONS OF THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

FORM 3580

Postmasters are hereby instructed to discontinue preparing and sending to the Department reports concerning unrated short-paid matter on Form 3580 during the remainder of this calendar year, or until otherwise directed. This section is by way of an experiment for the purpose of effecting economy in the operations of the postal service.

However, it is desired to emphasize the importance of carefully examining incoming mail to detect irregularities and to rate up and collect the deficient postage on all mail matter which is not fully prepaid. Should the volume of unrated short-paid mail matter indicate laxity on the part of any particular post office, the full particulars should be reported by letter to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Letter and Miscellaneous Mail.

PARCELS EXCEEDING FOUR POUNDS MAILED BY WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS SUBJECT TO POSTAGE

Public Law 239, approved July 25, 1947, has repealed section 5 of the act of June 28, 1944 (published in the July 4, 1944, issue of the *POSTAL BULLETIN*), which exempted the War and Navy Departments from compliance with other sections of that act, including the payment of postage on parcels of official matter exceeding 4 pounds in weight mailed by those Departments and their activities outside of the city of Washington. Therefore, such parcels hereafter mailed are subject to postage at the fourth-class (parcel post) rates.

Postmasters should so notify branches of the War and Navy Departments in their districts and collect postage accordingly.

10-CENT AIR MAIL STAMP

The Department will issue a new 10-cent air mail stamp, intended primarily for use on air mail destined to South and Central American countries, through the Washington, D. C., post office on August 30, 1947.

The stamp will be of the special delivery size, 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally, printed by the rotary process, in black, and issued in panes of 50. The central subject of the stamp is a reproduction of the Pan American Union Building in Washington, D. C. In the upper right portion of the stamp is a modern twin-motor plane in flight, to the left of which is the wording "Air Mail" in dark Gothic. Across the lower border of the stamp, arranged in one line, is the denomination "10¢" and wording "United States Postage" respectively, in white modified Roman.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancelations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., with postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. **Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment.** Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. An outside envelope should not be sent for return of first-day covers. The envelope to the postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers." Collectors should refrain from requesting hand cancelation since covers will be machine canceled so far as practicable. Orders for first-day covers to the Postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., must not include requests for uncanceled stamps.

For the benefit of collectors desiring stamps of selected quality for philatelic use, the 10-cent air mail stamp will be available at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C., on and after August 30, 1947. To insure prompt shipment, mail orders to the Agency should include no other stamp issues. **The Philatelic Agency does not service first-day covers.**

Direct and central accounting postmasters should immediately submit requisitions on Form 3201 to the Department for such quantity of 10-cent air mail stamps as may represent not more than a 3 months' supply. Replenishing requisitions later tendered should be drawn on the basis of actual postal requirements and not initial sales which may be excessive due to philatelic interest in the item.

Postmasters at district-accounting post offices may obtain needed quantities of the 10-cent air mail stamp by requisition on the central accounting postmaster.

Postmasters are cautioned not to place the stamp herein announced on sale before August 31, 1947.

STOLEN MONEY ORDER FORMS

Since April 1, 1947, blank domestic money order forms printed for use at the offices named below have been reported stolen.

Atlanta, Sta. 10, Ga., 130689 to 131000; July 20, 1947.

Berwyn, Sta. 1, Ill., 52276 to 52400; April 10, 1947.

Campton, Ga., 53401 to 53800; April 4, 1947.

Chicago, Sta. 36, Ill., 160448 to 160600; May 9, 1947.

Chilton, Ky., 8001 to 8200; January 6, 1947.

Cleveland, Sta. 52, Ohio, 159803 to 160000; April 13, 1947.

Dogcreek, Ky., 1253 to 1600; July 24, 1947.

DONOVAN, GA., 10401 to 10800; August 2, 1947.

Echola, Ala. (reprint):

9489 to 9491; September 5, 1941.

9512 to 9538; September 5, 1941.

9559 to 9600; September 5, 1941.

Henrietta, N. C., 100071 to 100200; May 23, 1947.

New York, A. P. O. 145, N. Y., 51522 to 51600; October 4, 1945.

New York, A. P. O. 147, N. Y., 92395 to 92400; May 6, 1947.

New York, U. S. S. L. S. T. 25, N. Y. (office No. X6736):

1 to 1600; February 1, 1946.

1801 to 2000; February 1, 1946.

1720; February 1, 1946.

Ralph, Ala. (reprint), 38801 to 39000; February 5, 1941.

San Francisco, A. P. O. 343, Unit 2, Calif., 22001 to 22200; July 18, 1947.

Tucson, Sta. 2, Ariz., 105942 to 106000; June 17, 1947.

Worcester, Sta. 16, Mass., 18630 to 18800; May 9, 1947.

In this connection the attention of postmasters is directed to the instructions outlined in paragraph 23, page 158, of the United States Official Postal Guide 1943, and the provisions of paragraph 2, section 1426, Postal Laws and Regulations.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SOLICITOR

FRAUD ORDER NOTICES

McTAGGART SUPPLY COMPANY, ET AL.

On July 25, 1947, a fraud order was issued against McTaggart Supply Company, and McTaggart Supply Co., and their officers and agents as such, at Detroit, Mich.

HELIOS FOODS, INC.

On August 1, 1947, a fraud order was issued against Helios Foods, Inc., and their officers and agents as such, at Chicago, Ill.

All mail addressed to these concerns and parties should be returned to senders, stamped "Fraudulent—Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General," and no money orders in favor of said concerns and parties should be issued or paid.